

FIREMEN PLAN VISIT TO MAYOR

New Zest Added to Campaign for Fair Play and Better Pay

TAX OBSTACLE REMOVED

Firemen to Lay Conditions Before Mayor in Person
Campaign committee of firemen plans to take up conditions within bureau and request for betterment with Mayor Smith.

Plans for a campaign even more active than that heretofore, were being arranged by the committee in charge of the efforts of the firemen of Philadelphia to obtain a betterment in living and working conditions.

The settlement of the tax rate question, they feel, has released the members of the Council's Finance Committee from one of its most serious problems, and placed Chairman Gaffney and his associates in position to take up other matters, among which is the solution of the firemen's question.

Assurances have been received recently by members of the campaign committee that with the tax rate out of the way, the firemen would have first consideration at the hands of the Finance Committee. At this time, therefore, the firemen are determined to prosecute without any lessening of vigor the utmost pressure they can bring to bear upon the Councilmen to effect the fulfilling of this pledge.

Every Councilman approached on their behalf has assured the firemen that their cause is a righteous one, and that failure to care for them in a proper manner for so many years is one of the most flagrant cases of neglect and unrequited service in the city's annals.

By cautious and judicious conduct of their campaign, the firemen through their committee, have rested upon this promise until the tax rate problem has been finally disposed of. That obstacle removed, the committee today set about to concentrate its "artillery fire" in the direction where they believe it will prove most effective and decisive.

A personal appeal to Mayor Smith is one of the measures under consideration today. The Mayor has not been approached directly by the firemen. Petitions and letters asking relief for them have been addressed to him by the foremost citizens and property holders of Philadelphia, but these voluminous appeals were submitted at a time when the Mayor was immersed in deliberations over the tax rate, and was in no position to give them the consideration they deserved.

It is now proposed to have a delegation of the firemen themselves call upon the Mayor and to lay before him in person the details of the attack on the bureau, the preponderance of public sentiment that supports their request, and to solicit his influence with councilmanic leaders on their side.

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MUMMERS WILL GET 46 PRIZES OF \$5385

Chairman Baizley Announces Council Has Appropriated \$7000 to Welcome New Year

Forty-six prizes, aggregating \$5385, will be awarded to the New Year shooters who will participate in the next annual pageant on Broad street.

An announcement to this effect was made yesterday by Common Councilman John H. Baizley, chairman of the joint councilmanic committees on the New Year celebration, at a meeting of the representatives of the various New Year Associations at 29 South Sixteenth street.

It is planned to have the 1917 municipal welcome conducted on a scale more elaborate than ever before. In order to revive the interest in the mummery and their unusual celebration, the councilmanic body has passed an appropriation of \$7000 for the occasion.

Forty-six clubs have already taken permits to parade. The list of prizes announced are:

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Councilman Baizley has called a meeting of the captains of the mummery clubs in the City Hall on December 12, when they will draw lots for the positions of the clubs in the line.

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MAYOR TO USE POWER TO AID COX CANDIDACY

Smith Expected to Declare for Vane-Brumbaugh-Magee Speakership Aspirant

Mayor Smith is preparing to use the power of his administration to help the candidacy of Edwin H. Cox, the Vane-Brumbaugh-Magee candidate for Speaker, in the factional war against the Penrose forces for control of the Legislature that convenes the first week in January next.

The Mayor within a few days, according to friends of his administration and of the Vares, is expected to bring pressure to bear upon the Penrose-McNichol members of the House from Philadelphia in an effort to swing them to Cox.

The Penrose leaders concede twenty-four of the city's forty-one representatives to the Vares, and the Governor's and the Mayor's entry into the fight is expected to swing at least six more into line against Penrose.

The Mayor as yet has not publicly indicated what his attitude will be, but members of his administration and some of the anti-Penrose leaders in the city are pointing to the fact that the Mayor took part in the conference in the executive mansion last week, at which it was decided definitely to fight the candidacy of Richard J. Baldwin, Delaware County, the Penrose-Grundy candidate for Speaker, as showing what his attitude will be. They expect him to make a statement within a very few days outlining his position and calling upon both factions to unite behind Cox.

The Baldwin headquarters have announced that three rural legislators, Henry T. Albee, Potter County; John A. Fitzgibbon, McKean County, and C. J. Goodenough, Cameron County, have pledged their support of the Penrose candidate. The Democrats have injected themselves into the preliminary maneuvers over the speakership by making the definite announcement that they will place their own candidate in the field. The announcement came from A. Mitchell Palmer and puts an end to talk of either faction's bringing about a bipartisan deal on the speakership. There are thirty-nine Democratic members of the House, and their votes probably could win for either faction.

In the meantime, the Democratic probe of election frauds in the Vane-Brumbaugh-Magee campaign is being brought up again today. The Democratic City Committee meets this afternoon to act on the recommendation made two weeks ago that a congressional investigation be asked.

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UNA NUOVA AVANZATA DELLE FORZE ITALIANE

Violenti Duelli di Artiglieria Sono in Corso dalla Valle dell'Adige al Mare

COMINCIA L'OFFENSIVA?
Le Forze Teutoniche nella Rumania Sono Attaccate Dappertutto dalle Truppe dello Czar

ROMA, 4 Dicembre.
La notizia che si hanno dalla fronte italo-austriaca, fanno prevedere che il generale Cadorna e' sul punto di iniziare una nuova vigorosa offensiva contro le linee austriache del Carso, offensiva che sarebbe in stretta relazione con le operazioni degli alleati per venire in soccorso della Rumania.

Vi e' però chi dice che si possa anche trattare di una offensiva da parte delle forze austriache, ma questa ipotesi e' scartata generalmente, giacche' non si crede che lo Stato Maggiore austriaco voglia o possa impegnarsi in due offensive nel tempo medesimo, quando ha anche da parare l'offensiva del Carso, offensiva che sarebbe in stretta relazione con le operazioni degli alleati per venire in soccorso della Rumania.

Il fatto e' che violenti duelli di artiglieria sono in corso quasi dappertutto sulla fronte del Trentino al Carso e che le batterie italiane hanno ostacolato movimenti di truppe sulle retrovie nemiche. Intanto il generale Cadorna ha attaccato le linee nemiche sul Carso, su di un breve tratto della fronte, allo scopo di radriizzare la sua fronte di battaglia, e vi e' riuscito. Ecco il testo del rapporto del comandante supremo italiano, pubblicato ieri sera dal Ministero della Guerra:

Sulla fronte del Trentino si sono avuti violenti duelli di artiglieria particolarmente nelle valli dell'Adige, dell'Astico e del Brenta. Sulle pendici settentrionali di Val d'Assa e del Monte Sologgio si sono avuti piccoli scontri di fanteria.

Sulla fronte delle Alpi Giulie l'artiglieria nemica e' stata particolarmente attiva nella zona di Piava e nella regione da un punto ad est di Gorizia. Due al mare. Le nostre batterie ripresero efficacemente al fuoco nemico ed ostacolarono movimenti di truppe sulle retrovie austriache.

Sull'altopiano del Carso le nostre truppe, attaccando le linee nemiche, radriizzarono la nostra linea avanzando per circa 300 metri su di una fronte di un chilometro. I nostri aeroplani hanno bombardato i posti nemici a Dornberg ed a Tabor, nella valle del Frigidio (Vipacco). Tutte le nostre macchine fecero ritorno alle loro basi senza danni.

Un telegramma da Zurigo dice che il Ministero della Guerra austriaco annuncia che una battaglia di artiglieria e continua giorno e notte sulla meridionale della fronte del Carso. Mentre la battaglia per il possesso di Bucarest continua tuttora, la Russia sta facendo sforzi per dirottare l'attenzione del comandante teutonico e salvare la capitale della Rumania. Le forze dello czar non soltanto attaccano le forze teutoniche sul Carpazi meridionali, ma escertano una forte pressione sulle truppe di von Falkenhayn anche dalla Moldavia dove pare siano giunte in buon numero. I russi hanno conquistato Kiribaba e cercano di guadagnare verso le retrovie nemiche nella Transilvania.

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NEWSPAPER MAN, FORMERLY OF PHILADELPHIA, DIES IN NEW YORK

Word was received here today of the death of J. Raymond Parks, a former newspaper man of this city, in the office of Dr. J. L. Hunt, 149 West Seventy-first street, New York city. Mr. Parks was news editor of the New York Evening Journal, and lived at 208 Riverside Drive. Before going to New York he was connected with several newspapers in Philadelphia, and was well known here. He was thirty-nine years old and is survived by a widow. At one time he was city editor of the "Item."

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