

The men linger
In the soft light of
candles the white
smoke wreathes
above the cloth—

—PALL MALL—



DEED RECORDER'S MEN ON FORCED VACATIONS

Hazlett Makes Clerks Lay Off
Without Pay to Stretch
Appropriation

Enforced vacations will be taken during the next few months by many members of the largest staff of employees of the office of Recorder of Deeds James M. Hazlett. The news of the "lay-off" today quickly spread through minor political circles until the story gained credence that the McNichol workers were being driven from their soft berths as transcribing clerks, etc.

Recorder Hazlett is enjoying the balmy breezes that blow along the southern coast line, but many of his under officials have been shivering with fear that their means of livelihood, will be curtailed here in the North. Their fears were realized today when they were told that they could take a few weeks off without pay in order that the money appropriated by Councils for the office should prove somewhere near adequate to care for all of the many place-holders.

City Could Operate Transit, Says Mayor

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ession. If the lease cannot be consummated upon such terms then the city can handle the matter itself.

"Of course, the equipment of the lines would mean the expenditure by the city of additional millions for this equipment, but by the time the lines themselves are completed the borrowing capacity of the city will have increased to an extent that sufficient money can be made available for this."

The Mayor indicated that a fairly thorough program had been mapped out to provide for the possibility of municipal operation. The bill introduced in the Legislature February 14 by Representative Gans, the Mayor said, was one of the first legislative steps to prepare for such a contingency.

This would make it compulsory for the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company to run the city's cars from the Frankford and Darby "L" lines over the present street high-speed system. Such a bill was introduced, as there is some doubt as to the bearing of the act of June 27, 1912, upon this point.

BILLS' PROVISIONS

The Gans bill that is now before the Judiciary General Committee provides that "It shall be the duty of every street railway corporation in this Commonwealth to construct and maintain, whenever the commission may require the same, such switch or other connections with or between its line or lines of railway and lines of railway owned, leased or operated by any municipal corporation where the same is reasonably practicable, to form a continuous line of transportation and to cause the conveyance of persons and property to be without unreasonable interruption or delay and to establish through routes and service therein and just and reasonable joint rates, fares and charges applicable thereto, and shall not discriminate in the said rates, fares, charges or in any rules or regulations applicable thereto between any such connecting lines."

The resolution introduced in the Legislature yesterday by Representative Beyer, providing for the establishment of a municipal plant for the collection and disposal of garbage as well as giving the city power to clean, pave and repair its own streets, the Mayor characterized as a sister to the probe resolution.

This resolution, which was aimed directly at the Vares, the Mayor would not discuss in detail.

The Mayor placed himself definitely on record, however, as opposed to another bill introduced by Mr. Beyer which would reduce the size of the present City Councils and give each Councilman a salary of \$3000 a year. The Mayor declared against the salary provision particularly.

Another measure put in by Mr. Beyer calling for a constitutional amendment under which it shall be possible for the Legislature to consolidate some of the offices in City Hall the Mayor would not discuss in detail, saying he preferred to wait until he had the bill before him for study.

Although the Mayor spent most of his time fishing along the Indian River, about twenty miles from Fort Stewart where former Transit Director A. Merritt Taylor is stopping, the Mayor said he did not see or hear from the former Director.

BRYAN ON TRAIN

Former Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan came north on the same train with the Mayor as far as Washington. Mr. Smith, however, said he had not talked with Bryan.

"I did feel," he said, "as though I should have gone up, taken Mr. Bryan's hand and thanked him for aiding in my election to my present position."

The city construction program on the high-speed system will be rushed forward as rapidly as possible, the Mayor said, irrespective of what action is taken on the legislation. The fact that the Public Service Commission is withholding the certificates of public convenience for the construction of the various lines, Mr. Smith made it plain, met with his strong disapproval.

"When I learned that the commission had taken no further action toward granting our certificates," he said, "I wired Director Twining to go ahead and advertise for bids as rapidly as he could get the specifications ready. That was the reason for the Director's announcement yesterday that he would advertise for bids on the Broad street tube next week. Now, if we can proceed no further, the responsibility rests with the Public Service Commission and certainly not with us."

The Mayor declared that his vacation

BUSINESS MEN OF NATION READY TO DO THEIR BIT IF WAR COMES

Prepared to Co-operate With Government in Purchasing Supplies for Army and Navy and Raise Industrial Efficiency of Country to Highest Point

CLEVELAND, Feb. 28.—With the German-American situation seemingly approaching a climax, America's business men and manufacturers are hastening "to the colors" today, prepared to back Uncle Sam from first to last, Bascom Little, chairman of the national defense committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce, declared today.

Several of the business men's committees destined to co-operate with the Government quartermasters in buying supplies for the army and navy already have been appointed, Little announced. A poll of the business interests of the country has found them standing at attention, awaiting instructions and eager to help, he said.

Little is the man Uncle Sam has delegated to swing business into line and win co-operation between the Government buying stations and the nation's industries. The national defense committee has been asked through Secretary of War Baker to co-operate with the army quartermasters in the purchase of supplies.

knowledge, and it is undesirable for the Government to lose their services in the military branches for which they were trained, when another man with business training alone could do the buying as well," he said.

Asked what were the plans of the national defense committee in its co-operation with the army quartermasters, Little said, with emphasis, that the committees of five business men appointed to "sit in" with quartermasters at the eighteen Government purchasing stations would "seek not to interfere."

"We will appoint men familiar with the industries of the various sections," he said. "They will act purely in an advisory capacity. If we find we can't be of any help, we will get out."

AGAINST "KRUPP INTERESTS"

"The first thing to guard against is a 'Krupp interest' in war—large amounts of private capital invested in plants which can only sell their production on a war market," Little said, adding that the natural aim of such capital would be to create a war market.

"The way to avoid this menace, he said, is to have Government-owned plants manufacturing the specialized equipment munitions, such as armorplate and artillery shells, produced in plants working on a shift, about one-third of the peace time requirements. This production could be more than doubled during war by working three shifts, he said.

Little said the Government cannot expect private concerns to manufacture as cheaply as Government-owned plants, because they must provide not only a profit, but a higher rate of interest on their capital, as well as allow for depreciation and the risk of idle specialized equipment.

The perils of the munitions manufacture, Little pointed out, are many, largely because they were not equipped to make the specialized army rifles. He advocated the transformation of the Rock Island (Ill.) Arsenal into an enormous Government rifle plant.

Factories now manufacturing munitions for the allies, Little said, would be unable to throw their aid quickly to this movement, in case of war, because the United States munitions differ in essential details from those of any other country. The time required for adaptation would range from thirty days to two years, he said, with the average well over one year.

CO-OPERATION THE KEYNOTE

"Unless the Government and private industries get together—learn how to co-operate—the Government will enter into threatened hostilities facing a tremendous handicap," Little said, outlining the munition situation today.

"The safety of the Government lies in the widest possible production of munitions in peace time product plants. But this wide production cannot be had if the Government pursues a short-sighted policy of munitions an undesirable business. It must be made an attractive business."

"The Government should become the most valuable peace time customer of every plant that can be educated for the national service in time of war. It should be realized that once these plants have installed specialized equipment to produce munitions this equipment must be kept employed at a sufficient profit to offset the depreciation of the equipment. The Government's attitude of aloofness must be changed to one of friendly interest in the success of the producer."

Little said he believed the first important step to this end would be the establishment of a centralized purchasing department entirely apart from the administrative departments of the army and navy. He deplored the theory of the present system of purchasing through eighteen widely scattered offices.

"The officers detailed for this service—distasteful to them in many cases—are men of highly specialized technical military

in the South had done him worlds of good and that he now felt in the pink of condition.

"When I first reached Walton," he added, "I could not sleep, but a few days fixed me up and now I feel fit as a top to meet whatever may come along."

Both Mrs. Smith and their son, Fred, who comprised the Smith party, likewise gave evidence of enjoyment of their visit.

"SALARY BILLS FIRST" IS MAYOR'S STAND

Financial problems that arose while the Mayor was in Florida occupied his attention today when he returned to the city to find many of his Cabinet members anxious to confer with him as to ways and means of providing for deficiency bills, salary increases and for supplies, the prices of which have gone soaring to unprecedented figures. The one thing that he insisted upon, after going over the situation, was that the salary bills go through Councils without a hitch.

Hardly had the Mayor reached the city when he was informed that the Civil Service Commissioners had completed an equalization scheme that will include all employees in county offices as well as in city departments who receive less than \$1000 a year. To revise the pay of the "little fellows" in city departments will cost approximately \$380,000 and the Civil Service Commission report shows that over \$100,000 will be needed to treat with equal justice the low-paid employes in the county offices.

The \$660,000 which it was sought to conserve to raise the pay of employes receiving less than \$1000 a year is all that is in sight. The changes as recommended to the Mayor by the Civil Service Commission will require approximately \$500,000. So certain pre the Mayor and his financial advisers that sufficient money is in sight to provide for salaries that it is likely that \$50,835 will be transferred from the fund in which the surplus is resting for other

SENATE REVENUE BILL FIGHT NEARING END

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The fight in the Senate over the emergency revenue bill, designed to raise approximately \$450,000,000 to meet the treasury deficit and pay preparedness expenses, neared an end today. Beginning at 8 o'clock tonight, the Senate will vote on amendments and expects to reach a vote on the bill proper before midnight.

The final passage of the revenue bill is not in doubt. Those in charge of the measure estimated it would have a majority of at least sixteen votes.

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SPY PLOT CASES DEFERRED

Action Against German Suspects Halted to Await Indictments

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—After a statement by Federal counsel that indictments were expected to be handed down by a Grand Jury on Friday in the alleged German spy plot cases, United States Judge Sessions adjourned until Friday the cases of Albert A. Sander and Karl W. Wunnenberg, of the Central War Film Exchange.

The two men were arrested here recently on a charge of conspiring to violate the neutrality law by organizing a military expedition and sending newspaper men to England to act as spies to gather military information for the Central Powers.



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\$1 EGGS PREDICTED BY POULTRY EXPERT

Allentown Man Tells Farmers
They Should Force City to
Pay Price

POTTSTOWN, Pa., Feb. 28.—W. Theodore Wittman, a State poultry expert of Allentown, in an address at a farmers' meeting in North Coventry, Chester County, started the audience with a prediction that "people are going to pay \$1 per dozen for eggs before the next year passes, and it's up to the farmer to make them pay it."

Mr. Wittman's prediction made the farmers smile with joy, but it made others who are now paying forty-eight to fifty cents per dozen frown. Mr. Wittman scolded the consumers in these sentences: "If the farmer worked only as long as the fellow who buys the eggs, there might be room for the yelping, but the man in the country is working eight hours before the man in the city starts, and continues to labor eight hours after the other stops. You hear the people yelping and the newspapers talking about boycotting the dealers, and they don't know what they are talking about. Just let them try to produce eggs themselves and they'll find that the farmer ought to have three cents apiece for eggs in summer and twice that in winter."

COMMON-LAW MARRIAGE/ LEGALIZED IN NEW YORK

Court of Appeals Re-establishes Old
Act—Many Couples Face Bigamy
Charge Under Decision

ALBANY, Feb. 28.—Hundreds of children, seemingly born out of wedlock, have been given the shield of legitimacy by a decision of the Court of Appeals restoring the legality of common law marriages since 1907, made illegal by a bill passed in 1901, and subsequently repealed in 1907.

By reviving the common law marriage the court has made marriage a mere matter of civil contract, and many men and women who register in a hotel as man and wife or live as such are legally married.

Repeal of the law and the court's decision which diverts its legality back to 1907 may involve hundreds of New York citizens in bigamy.

The decision of the jurists also gives legality to marriages performed by aiders and abettors since May 1, when an act took effect which deprived them of that authority. Misunderstanding of the law has caused many persons to wed with aiders officiating, although they had no legal authority to do so.

Yale & Towne Company Pays More

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The Yale & Towne Company has declared a dividend of 2 1/2 per cent, payable April 2 to stockholders of record March 23. Books do not close three months ago 1 1/2 per cent was declared.

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