Y WILL HELP FOOD CAMPAIGN

ector Datesman to Use w Ordinance in Conservation Work

OUR PRICE IS FIXED

road powers granted to the Director Public Works by a recent ordinance Councils as to the regulation of the kets of the city will be used as an to the general food conservation ns of the Government, according to ector Datesman, who has announced intention to modernize all the markand institute reforms that are badly ed.

Deceptive signs and misrepresentaons for the purpose of selling goods e prohibited by the new ordinance, as also the use of short weights and asures. By limiting any single inidual or company to space not to ceed that covered by three stalls a onopoly of space in any market is prented. Sanitary requirements are rigid and no one is allowed to sell any live imals or to cure or salt meat or fish except corned beef.

FLOUR PRICE IS FIXED

Flour is the latest staple to be included in the food supplies for which a ir price is announced by Jay Cooke, Philadelphia food administrator. Under he new schedule, winter wheat flour ells at a maximum price of eighty-five ents for twelve pounds.

Included in the cereal list for which maximum price is fixed are spring and inter wheat flour, rye and wheat flour lend, rye flour, whole wheat flour, graam flour and yellow cornmeal. Attenon is called by the Food Administraion to corn flour and hominy, prices or which cannot be fixed until the Janary milling has put new corn on the arket in the form of flour.

HERE ARE NEWEST PRICES

The following are fair prices for taples in Philadelphia today, as determined by a committee of representaive wholesalers and retailers, in conunction with the Federal food administration.

Prices consumers should pay are based on the "cash-and-carry" plan. Credit and delivery prices will be proportionately higher. If your dealer charges, on the terms above mentioned, more than the prices quoted below, buy elsewhere and report him by letter to the Federal Food Administrator, fifth floor, Bulletin Building, Philadelphia.

	Retailer pays	Consumer should pay
FLOUR—	per bbl.	12-lb. sack
Winter wheat	$10.75@11.75	80@85c
Spring wheat patent	10.95@12.25	83@90c
	per bbl.	10-lb. sack
Rye and wheat blend	10.90@11.50	65@68c
	per bbl.	per lb.
Rye	10.25@11.50	6½@7c
	per bbl.	5-lb. sack
Whole wheat	11.25@12.50	35@38c
Graham	11.25@12.50	35@38c
	per lb.	per lb.
Cornmeal (yellow)	5½@5½c	6@7c

Corn flour and hominy not on supply until new corn is ground in January.

	per lb.	per lb.
RICE—		
Fancy head	9½@10c	12@15c
Blue rose	9@9½c	11@15c
Broken	8@8½c	9@11c
ROLLED OATS—		
	per 100 lbs.	per lb.
In bulk	$5.75@6.00	6@8c
	per lb.	per lb.
CHEESE—		
American full, June-Sept. made (box 30@40 lbs.)	25@33c	30@40c
New made (box 30@40 lbs.)	24@25c	28@32c
	per lb.	per lb.
PRUNES—		
Large (20s to 50s)	11@12c	14@20c
Medium (50s to 80s)	9½@12½c	12@17c
Small (80s to 110s)	8@9½c	10@12c
RAISINS—	per lb.	per lb.
Seeded, fancy	10½@12½c	12@16c
Seedless, fancy (1-lb. packages)	12@13½c	15@18c
Bulk one cent less		
EVAPORATED MILK—	per case	per can
Unsweetened, large size	$5.75@6.00	12½@16c
	(4 doz. to case 14-oz. cans)	
Unsweetened, baby size	4.20@4.50	6½@8c
	(6 doz. to case 6-oz. cans)	
CANNED SALMON—	per doz.	each
Pink	$1.90@2.20	18@22c
Red Alaska	2.70@3.10	26@30c

DATE FOR PENN-CORNELL FOOTBALL GAME CHANGE

Annual Gridiron Classic Will Be Played the Saturday Preceding Thanksgiving

For the first time in many years the University of Pennsylvania will not meet Cornell University in their annual gridiron classic on Thanksgiving Day, next fall. The Penn authorities in arranging the 1918 schedule have set the contest with Cornell for the Saturday preceding the day of Thanksgiving.

The football schedule which has been drawn up is expected to be ratified this afternoon at the meeting of the Athletic Council. The schedule for next season has undergone several big changes. Michigan will not be played, the Cornell date has been changed, and Georgia Tech will be played near the close of the season instead of the beginning.

The proposed schedule follows:

Franklin and Marshall.
Bucknell.
Swarthmore.
Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh.
Lafayette.
Dartmouth.
Georgia Tech.
Cornell.

WANT 50,000 RECRUITS TO MAN MERCHANTMEN

Enlistment Station Opened on Fourth Street—Registered Men Are Eligible

Fifty thousand men are wanted at once to join the merchant-ship service. The call for the recruits was issued today by the United States Shipping Board. Those who are of draft age are eligible to enlist.

The men who pass the examination will be trained to man the fleet of ships now in the course of construction at American shipyards. The ships when completed will be used to war on enemy submarines. An enlisting station has been opened at 108 South Fourth street.

WILL EXPLAIN INCOME TAX

Internal Revenue Agents Assigned to Cities of First District

Representatives of the Internal Revenue office will be sent to the various cities in the First District of Pennsylvania to aid persons unfamiliar with the law in making their income tax returns to the Government. These men will sit in the various cities on dates which will be announced later, according to an announcement made by Collector William Lederer.

Internal Revenue office was temporarily transferred to Mr. Lederer's office. Revenue Agent J. N. Shawhan took office temporarily on Saturday pending the renewal of Mr. Lederer's

Court Recess Ends Jan. 2

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Chief Justice White today announced that the Court's Christmas recess will end Wednesday, December 19, to

Casualties

FILL DRAFT QUOTAS AS WHOLE IS PLAN

Division of Cities Into Districts Causes Unfairness, Declares Major Murdock

To prevent men in the divisions that follow Class 1 under the new selective service regulations being called in one section before all of the men in the first class have been disposed of in other districts, Major W. G. Murdock, in charge of State draft headquarters in Harrisburg, has advocated the calling of registrants to fill quotas from cities as a whole.

Major Murdock in a letter to Adjutant General Beary, of this State, says: "In many districts which are purely residential, such as Logan, in Philadelphia, practically every man needed to fill the district's quota will have to be married men; in other districts having a large alien population practically every American in the district will be required. It seems to me that it would be far more equitable to consider cities as a whole, in order that uniformity will exist in the selection of men from the different classes.

"It certainly would be unfair for one district to fill its quota from Class 1, while another would have to fill its quota from Class 2 or Class 3. This would simply mean that some married men are being penalized for living in a certain district. I do not know whether the method prevailing in the first draft of having each local district fill its quota can be changed or not, but it is a matter that should be called to the attention of the Provost Marshal General."

Departing from the prescribed method of mailing the questionnaires to registered men, Local Board No. 6, whose headquarters are at the station house at Twelfth and Pine streets, instead is mailing a double-leaf notice to the men in its district, stating their duties under the regulations and fixing a definite date for them to appear and make out the questionnaire under guidance of the advisory board.

The order numbers are divided into groups, consecutively assigned to successive days with the exception of the Sunday, Monday and Tuesday preceding and including Christmas Day. Thus, 1 to 800 are attended to tomorrow night; 801-1300, December 19; 1301-1600, the 20th; 1601-1950, the 21st; 1951-2300, the 22d; 2301-2700, the 26th; 2701-3200, the 27th; 3201-3600, the 28th; 3601-4000, the 29th; 4001-4450, the 30th, and 4451-4974, the 31st.

Clinton R. Woodruff, chairman of the board, said today that the questionnaire was so heavy that considerable expense in mailing would be saved by using the folder and requiring the men to come to the headquarters to get the questionnaire, when they could also make it out and file it with the board, all in one operation. All of the work will be done under the observation of the advisory board and will thus obviate correspondence between the board and the registrant relative to correcting mistakes.

In the notice the registrant is advised to bring an interpreter if he does not speak the English language.

The list of volunteers placed on the advisory board by Mr. Woodruff is as follows: Walter S. McInness, A. W. Shields, F. Markoe Bivinine, Thomas Heath, W. Barclay Lex, Dr. Thomas S. K. Morton, H. J. Rebman, Frank Mergenthaler, Hubert J. Horan, Jr., Theodore B. Heath, S. Boyer Davis, H. Hare Davis, Dr. Ellston J. Morris, Morris W. Gates, L. Irving Belchner, John W. Brock, Charles E. Bartlett and John C. Bell. The last three are the appointees of Governor Brumbaugh.

Some of these men will be on duty from 2 to 10 o'clock in the afternoon and evening, sitting in relays. They will answer the puzzling questions that are bound to arise on the part of the registrant and which even an ordinarily intelligent man would hesitate over, according to Mr. Woodruff.

Today the first responses to the new draft questionnaires, some of which were mailed to registrants in all of the fifty-one local draft districts on Saturday, are expected by the draft boards.

TOWN MEETING PARTY SCORES LEGAL POINT

Supreme Court to Hear Argument on Change of Tribunal in Election Contest

RULE FIXED FOR DEC. 26

Increase of Bail Bond Involved in Proceedings for Investigation of Vote

The Town Meeting party has won another victory in the election contest. It was announced today that the Supreme Court had handed down a rule to show cause why the contest should not be conducted before Judge Carr, in Common Pleas Court No. 4, instead of in Common Pleas No. 2. This rule was signed by Chief Justice J. Hay Brown, and sets argument for December 26. Meanwhile all other procedure is stayed, including the filing of the bonds of those who are contesting the election.

Henry J. Scott, counsel for the Town Meeting party, applied for the rule on Friday and it was granted on Saturday.

The rule also commands Judge Carr to show cause why he should not consider whether the original bond of $5000 fixed by him in each of the election contestants' cases is not sufficient.

After Judge Carr had fixed this amount of security in the proceedings, counsel for the Republican party went before Judges McMichael and Ferguson in Court No. 2 and had the bond increased to $75,000 in each case or an aggregate of $225,000.

When Judge Carr was subsequently given one of the $5000 bonds by Town Meeting counsel he refused to accept it, contending that under the rules of the court the matter had been given over to the election judges, who had increased the amount of bond and that he was powerless to interfere.

It was contended in the petition for the mandamus that the jurisdiction of Judge Carr cannot legally be interfered with by any court of coordinate jurisdiction, and that none of the Judges of the Common Pleas has the right to assume jurisdiction.

In their petition to the Supreme Court the petitioners said: "Such security is greatly in excess of the probable costs, enormous, exorbitant and unreasonable in amount, and your petitioners will be unable to furnish security in said sum, and the effect of the action of judges of Common Pleas Court No. 2 in requiring such a bond, and of the said action of the Honorable William Wilkins Carr in refusing to consider the sufficiency of the bond tendered him is to deny the petitioners the right to contest said election which rightfully belongs to them under acts of Assembly."

In addition to the names of the Town Meeting row office candidates at the last election, the petition also includes those of George D. Porter and Howard R. Sheppard.

Leopold C. Glass, of counsel for the Republicans, who was present when the order was announced this morning, said a full and sweeping answer to the rule would at once be prepared.

F. A. JONES DIES IN BATTLE

Organist of St. Mark's Church Victim of Wounds in Action

A cablegram received by the clergy of St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church, Sixteenth and Locust streets, brings the news of the death of F. Avery Jones, who died as a result of wounds received in battle, it is believed in the recent battle of Cambrai.

Mr. Jones, who was the organist at St. Mark's for nine years, was an Englishman and enlisted in a London regiment in the spring of 1915. Last December he was wounded by a sniper, but in a letter to a friend, George A. West, of Germantown, he said that he had recovered and had gone back to the trenches. Mr. Jones was thirty-four years old and unmarried. A requiem service will be held for him in St. Marks on Wednesday morning at half past nine, the Reverend Eliot White officiating.

ROBBER LIVED 2 WEEKS IN HOUSE OF VICTIM

Man Captured After Chase Is Blamed for Burglaries in York Road Section

Captured shortly after an attempt to rob the country home of Mrs. John Milton Colton, at Abington, Charles B. Snell, who says his home is in Cincinnati, is held without bail at the Abington police station pending an inquiry through which, it is expected, he will be connected with at least five other robberies in the York road section.

Snell, it is alleged, had broken into the country place of C. Leonard Harrison, on Meetinghouse road, Abington. This house is unoccupied for the winter and Snell, the police say, had been using the beds and equipment left in the home for at least two weeks.

The prisoner has openly admitted, Chief of Police Lever says, that he has "pulled off at least fifty jobs" in the last eighteen months. He says he operated in the suburban district north of Philadelphia to a point as far distant as Bethlehem, but he declines to name or locate any of the houses he robbed.

The suburban police expect to connect Snell, in addition to the looting of the Harrison place, and the attempt to get into Mrs. Colton's house, with these robberies:

Home of Jerome H. Louchheim, on Washington lane.

Church of the Immaculaate Conception, at Jenkintown.

The Rittenhouse residence, in Noble.

Jenkintown public schools.

Snell was captured after a two-hour hunt by four policemen from the Abington Station. An attempt had beeen made to force an entrance into the Colton house at 3 o'clock in the morning. Mrs. Colton telephoned to the Abington Station, and Motor Policemen William Kenney, Streeper, James Kenny and Russell were assigned to the case.

Footsteps in the snow were traced for some distance from the Colton house, leading toward the the Harrison property. Two hours afterward Snell left the Harrison house, carrying, it is alleged, a number of antiques which he had packed up, and he was captured less than a quarter mile from the property by Streeper and William Kenney.

Later in the day members of the Rittenhouse family reported to Chief Lever that their house on Rydal road, a few hundred yards away from the Colton property, had been entered during the night and a number of articles stolen. From the Louchheim house several weeks ago money and valuables totaling more than $500 were taken. The poor box at the Jenkintown church was looted about the same time, and the telephone house and the teachers' desks at the [illegible]

EXHAUST JURY LIST IN GUNMAN'S TRIAL

Eight Men Chosen When End of Panel Is Reached—Court Orders New Drawing

The first panel of eighty talesmen in the trial of Jacob Sguiglia, alias Mascia, imported New York "strong arm" man, for the murder of Detective Eppley, in the "Bloody Fifth" Ward primary election, was exhausted at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Eight jurors had been chosen by that time, when Judge Carr, of the Court of Oyer and Terminer, ordered a ne wpanel of sixty names drawn for tomorrow. Of the eighty names used today thirty-two were excused before court opened for illness or other causes.

The trial attracted wide attention, because of the manifold results of the killing, September 19—the arrest of Mayor Smith and eight political followers on murder conspiracy charges, and the determined fight of the Town Meeting party to oust the Republican Organization from power in city politics, events which brought nation-wide disgrace to Philadelphia.

Forty-eight talesmen were examined before these eight were selected:

LOUIS KINSLEY, foreman, manufacturer, 6124 Jackson street, Forty-first Ward.
W. T. McDONALD, purchasing agent, 2021 North Nineteenth street, Thirty-second Ward.
G. QUINN, retired paint and varnish manufacturer, 2415 North Ninetieth street, Twenty-eighth Ward (the Mayor's "home" ward).
JOHN McKERNAN, U. R. T. driver, 2829 Lee street, Thirty-third Ward.
JACOB FRANZIESER, butcher, 1931 South Twenty-first street, Forty-eighth Ward.
JOHN GLAZIER, building construction superintendent, 5016 Pridge street.
WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM, lithographer, 1263 South Twenty-fourth street, Thirty-sixth Ward.
THOMAS WATSON, Jr., ball stitcher, 5947 Norwood street, Forty-second Ward.

McDonald was substituted by mutual consent of the prosecution and defense when J. L. Howder, an insurance agent, 837 North Sixty-sixth street, who had been selected as juror No. 2, asked to be excused on account of illness.

Need of another panel was evident before the selection of jurymen had progressed far. Only one of those excused for illness—Theodore Knoll, 12 Pine street—was a resident of the Fifth Ward.

All talesmen bearing German names were challenged. Assistant District Attorney Taulane, for the Commonwealth, challenged Herbert Aldrich, a real estate man, 6426 Hegeman street, when it was learned that the talesman had served as a juror in the noted Clay case. Elmer Wier, a rigger, 2151 Spencer street, Forty-second Ward, was challenged by the defense when he admitted he was an active Town Meeting worker.

Thomas O'Neill, a clerk, 1621 South Lawrence street, First Ward, was called and admitted that he knew both Carey and Stern. After several questions had been asked him he was finally excused [illegible]

THERE IS A BRISK "CURB MARKET" IN COAL THESE DAYS

A bushel of coal is the limit to a customer at the yards of Walter T. Bradley & Co., Ninth and Thompson streets, and hundreds of Philadelphia families are seizing the opportunity to get the precious fuel even in this quantity. The snow makes it possible for them to use sleds in hauling it away.

SUCCESS AFIELD CALLS FOR SUPPORT AT HOME

General Waller Appeals to City Business Club to Uphold Government in War

Business men must make up their minds to stand solidly back of the Government in its prosecution of the war, no matter what news of reverses to the Allied arms may come from the front, said General Littleton W. T. Waller, commanding the Atlantic base of the United States Marine Corps, in an address today before the City Club of Philadelphia at its luncheon in the Adelphia. Only by the coordination of the efforts of those at home with the forces in the field could success be won, Charles H. Ashcraft, president of the club, presided.

"You must make up your minds that the war must be met with grim determination," said General Waller. "We can have no seesawing about the matter, up in the air one day and down the next. There must be no hysteria. We must be prepared for news of reverses, for reverses are bound to happen at times. But you need not worry about that. Our men will 'stick.' The question is, will you 'stick' behind them?

"Will you do all you can to help the President? There is no need of fear that our men abroad will not do their duty. It's the people at home to be feared for. The coordination of effort between you and the men in France is the one thing to lead to success. You can't have one group doing one thing over here and another group doing something else over there. And there is much to be done here. Don't think because you have helped the Red Cross that's all you can do. We must make ready to care for the maimed who return from the war. We must find for them some avocation which will enable them to live without being wholly dependent on the pension they receive. Even now the War Emergency Unit is endeavoring to carry on instruction for men in service so that they can help themselves even if blinded. And more must be done.

"Never forget that these men over there are dying for you. They are dying for an ideal, it is true, but first of all they are dying for you. Don't lose sight of that. Ideals come second. The first thing is your safety. The war must be stopped, and it must be stopped on the other side of the Atlantic, for, if it is not, it cannot be stopped here. And it must be stopped, not in Belgium, not in France, but in Germany!"

RECRUITS CALLED TO COLORS

Registrants Who Passed Physical Examination Notified to Report

An important telegram regarding recruiting has been received at the United States army recruiting station, 1229 Arch street, from the War Department. It reads:

All registrants who applied for enlistment at the recruiting office, 1229 Arch street, before noon, December 15, and passed their physical examination successfully, can now apply to the recruiting office for the completion of their acceptance papers, when they will be forwarded to the recruiting depot at Fort Slocum or Washington barracks for enlistment, as soon as word arrives from these depots that these men can be taken care of there. Also, where enlistment at the recruiting station was authorized before noon, December 15, enlistment will now be completed as rapidly as possible at this station when such men report.

SALE OF CHRISTMAS EFFECTS

Stands Erected for Annual Offering of Trees, Etc., Around City Hall

Erection of stands for the annual sale of Christmas trees, holly, flowers and other Yuletide effects began today around the four entrances of City Hall.

Seventeen vendors and florists have rented space for the week before Christmas yielding the city about $250, as compared with $600 at this time last year. Most of the stands will be at the east entrance, four at the west, with a few on the north and south plazas. The space is allotted by the Bureau of City Property at a rate of $1 a front [illegible]

BORAH WOULD REVOKE RECESSES FOR HOLIDAYS

Declares It Duty of Congress to Remain at Work and Solve Railroad Situation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Declaring that he could not conceive of Congress leaving the railroad situation in its "present turmoil and chaos," Senator Borah, of Idaho, gave notice in the Senate this afternoon that he would move to reconsider the resolution adopted for a recess until January 3.

"The railroad situation is one of the discouraging things about our progress in the war," said Senator Borah. "The most magnificent Christmas present Congress could give the American people would be a solution of the railroad problem. Our duty is to remain here until the transportation policy is settled."

In answer to a question by Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania, Senator Borah expressed the opinion that the President has not sufficient power under the act of August, 1916, to take over the railroads. He said he believed additional legislation, fixing the compensation to be paid for the use of the railroads, would be necessary.

PROMOTIONS FOR POLICE

Patrolmen Become Street and House Sergeants

Announcement was made today of the promotion of the following policemen at the City Hall: Patrolman John S. Allen, Twenty-sixth District, to be street sergeant; William Bernard, traffic squad, to be house sergeant of the new Forty-second District; Patrolman James E. Cross, Germantown, to be patrol sergeant; Patrolman Robert J. Greer, Tacony, to be house sergeant; Patrolman William Crelan, Germantown, to be street sergeant; Patrolman Charles Knapp, East Girard avenue, to be street sergeant; Patrolman Thomas Mason, Seventh and Carpenter streets, to be street sergeant; Patrolman William J. Whalen, Twenty-ninth District, to be patrol sergeant; Patrolman Thomas Whalen, Second and Christian streets, to be patrol sergeant; Patrolman James F. Wilson, Thirty-ninth street and Lancaster avenue, to be house sergeant; Patrolman David J. Roberts, Twenty-ninth District, to be street sergeant of the new Forty-second District.

RED BANK FARM AS HOME SITE

The United States Government owns a large farm along the Jersey side of the Delaware river, opposite League Island Navy Yard. Many believe that the proposed new town to house the workers at the Hog Island Ship Yard will be built on this farm, which is located just below the Red Bank battle monument. There is much other vacant land in the neighborhood which, it is pointed out, is also available to hold several thousand homes suitable for workmen. It is only a short distance across the river to the Hog Island plant.

GUARANTEE TO P. R. T. STIRS BUSINESS MEN

Sidney M. Earle, for United Association, Voices Opposition to Pending Lease

OPPOSE PRESENT ACTION

Statement Intimates Change of Front in Director's Advocacy of Dividend Clause

Sidney M. Earle, chairman of the transportation committee of the United Business Men's Association, today said that that association was opposed to the making of any lease between the city and Rapid Transit Company for the operation of the high-speed transit system that guarantees the company a dividend. The present lease draft now before a councilmanic committee makes such a guarantee.

Mr. Earle issued a formal statement setting forth the position of the association. It follows:

"As chairman of the transportation committee of the United Business Men's Association, I would appreciate the privilege of addressing the public through your valued columns and say that our organization of more than 25,000 members has no partisan play in relation to the leasing of the contemplated high-speed system, nor any objects save the securing of a fair contract to the city and equitable treatment for our citizens. The development and leasing of these high-speed lines should be a utilitarian project, the greatest good to the greatest number, and not a lease made largely in the interest of comparatively few stockholders as against the hundreds of thousands of our citizens.

"We as an organization believe it is unwise and are on record as opposed to the making of any case or letting any further contracts at this time, by reason of existing conditions in our country.

"We have been consistently opposed to making a lease with the Philadelphia Rapid Transit or any company that guarantees a dividend. Indeed, we are surprised that Director Twining advocates such a plan.

"Therefore, the United Business Men's Association reaffirm their position that they are opposed to the making of any lease that guarantees any dividend, and we still further oppose the making of any lease at this time."

COAL SITUATION CRITICAL

Gloucester Plants and Water Works Find It Difficult to Operate

The one hundred cars of soft coal on the South Gloucester siding of the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad Company, which have been envied by the manufacturing plants for the past three weeks, are the property of the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad Company. The coal is to be used to supply the big power house of the company at Westville and other places to keep the electric trains running.

The railroad company will not sell any of the coal and manufacturing establishments as well as the water works department of Gloucester are finding it difficult to keep the plants running. The Gloucester authorities have had many inquiries as to the ownership of the coal.

Metropolitan Opera House
NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT
DEC. 20th, at 8.15
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Entire proceeds to American Red Cross
Concert under direction of Southern Penn Chapter
Prices, 75c, $1.00, $1.50, $2.00
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COUNCILS MAY IGNORE DEMANDS OF FIREMEN

Workers in Other Bureaus Given Precedence in Pay Increases

The demand of employes of the Fire Bureau for a flat increase of $150 a year is likely to be entirely ignored by Councils, due to precedence being given the demands of the Bureaus of Police, Water, Electrical and Survey. To give the police the $1,134,000 asked for in the smaller of the two bills now under consideration would almost wipe out any balance left after the regular 1918 budgets are cared for.

Final revision of the annual appropriations of all county departments will be completed by Councils' Finance Committee today and if time permits some of the departments under the Mayor, together with their salary requests, will be considered. The present program calls for a report on Thursday of increases for the Bureau of Police. Demands approximating $100,000 more than the increases already allowed Water Bureau mechanics will have to be disposed of in the near future. These have the backing of the Benevolent and Protective Association of Water Bureau Employes that includes in its membership two-thirds of the Water Bureau workers.

To add to the troubles of the councilmanic financiers city detectives have joined the ranks of the men seeking pay boosts. Their demand, although the last submitted, is also likely to be given precedence over the demands of the Fire Bureau, as the firemen apparently have few to champion their cause in Councils.

Many desertions from places in the Electrical Bureau have made evident the fact that the $36,000 in increases asked for this important branch of the service will have to be allowed if the service is to be maintained on an efficiency basis. The same is said to be true of the Water Bureau, and, to add to the seriousness of this situation, open threats of a wholesale walkout have been made to city officials.

In letting the big salary increase questions go until last the financiers today faced the question of allowing the few increases asked in the county budgets that have yet to be revised. The seventeen county offices have asked for a grand total of $19,536,968.78 as compared with the $15,174,018.88 allowed them for this year. The cutting down process will result in an increase of approximately $5,000,000, so that, aside from the usual expenditures, there may be a sufficient balance left to increase the pay of men of the Bureau of Police.

Budget items as approved for both city and county total approximately $45,300,000 and revenues in 1918 will approximate $46,528,030. The difference, together with a number of balances resulting from the late letting of street cleaning and other contracts, is the amount available for all classes of salary increases and all emergency expenditures during the next twelve months.

DECLINE TO DRINK WATER

Saloonkeepers Only Persons in Gloucester City Cheerful over Situation

The city water in Gloucester City which is supplied to the homes there is very muddy and unfit for drinking purposes and the only people in the city who are not complaining are the thirty-two saloonkeepers. The condition of the water has increased the sale of beer, as many are drinking this liquid to quench their thirst. The State and Gloucester Boards of Health have advised the residents not to drink the water unless it is boiled first, because much of it was pumped from Newton Creek, a polluted stream. Two of the artesian wells at the pumping station are out of commission and there is so much waste throughout the city because the water is allowed to run to prevent the pipes from freezing that it is impossible to keep up the supply with water from the wells, and it was necessary to open the valve leading to the creek.

Church people say that milk is too dear to drink. There are several private pumps in the city and they are in big demand. Saloonkeepers are carrying water from the pumps to put over the bar as a chaser with whisky.

TREASURY AGENT AIDS BOND SALE

B. F. Polk Confers With Director Cassatt on New Campaign Plans

STAMP DEMAND HEAVY

Mollie Sends Her Mite and Proud Grandfather Adds to Boosts Day's Total

Five thousand agencies in Philadelphia is the goal of Robert Kelso Cassatt, who is directing the thrift-stamp campaign in Pennsylvania. About 1000 banks, stores and clubs are now selling the thrift stamps and certificates, but 4000 more are wanted.

Pennsylvania's quota of the $2,000,000,000 the Government seeks to borrow by the thrift-stamp plan is $118,719,020.

The demand for stamps was great at headquarters today, but it must be greater, said Mr. Cassatt.

Mr. Cassatt was in conference today with B. F. Polk, sent here by the Treasury Department to give advice in the campaign. Several new schemes to increase sales may be adopted.

Mr. Cassatt urges the giving of thrift stamps and war-saving certificates as Christmas presents.

His suggestion follows close on the heels of the direct appeal made by President Wilson through Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo for every man, woman and child in Philadelphia and throughout the State to invest at least $20 in war savings stamps.

Members of the committee directing the campaign here, realizing that $20 means a great deal to many individuals, have, however, pointed out the advantages that persons who answer the President's appeal will derive. In addition to helping the Government win the war, investment in this novel form of saving, which can be done on the "installment plan," without any hardships, will teach many persons the value of thrift, how to save a part of their earnings and provide against the inevitable "rainy day."

Can a better Christmas present than war-savings stamps be thought of, they say, in asking the support of every Philadelphian. The stamps as a present, it was said, directly help friends or members of the family, some one of whom, perhaps, is now in France helping to support the ideals of America, in preparing against hardships ahead.

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