

DEFICIENCY BILLS OF CITY TOTAL \$410,106

Councils to Vote on Bill to Pay Indebtedness of Department

\$897,000 TOTAL FOR 1917

City Council for Year Was \$587,000—Will Pay Bills From \$1,697,096 Surplus

The deficiency bills incurred by the city in 1917, according to a list obtained from the city departments and announced by the Finance Committee...

An appropriation ordinance to pay the indebtedness will be introduced in Council on next Tuesday by Mayor Staff...

After providing for the deficiency bills which remain about \$796,000 of the surplus, which could be used to increase salaries of policemen and firemen...

The following deficiencies were reported by the County Commissioners: The Glen Mills School, \$148,750; juvenile support, \$70,125.25; Bureau of Weights and Measures, \$201,327.35...

The following report of deficiencies for last year: City Solicitor, City Controller, sinking fund, Fairmount Park Commission, Register of City and County...

NAVY HOME HERE BEST HOME FOR MARINES

Port Facilities and Nearness to Supply Base Approved by Major General Barnett

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—"Intention of the office of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, as stated by Major General Barnett, commander of the United States Marine Corps, before the House Naval Affairs Committee last week, made public today...

"General Barnett's testimony is as follows: "We have spent more than a million dollars in building a new barracks for one or two minor particulars it does not fill all of the requirements for a permanent post...

"As I stated in my hearing before the subcommittee a few days ago, the improvements and additions to the barracks are progressing and in a short time the barracks should be ready to receive all of our supplies...

THUG SUSPECT HELD; VICTIM COLLAPSES

West Philadelphia Man Beaten and Robbed Near Home May Have Fractured Skull

William Smith, thirty-five years old, fifty-eight street below Walnut, was attacked and severely beaten by two highwaymen a short distance from his home shortly after 4 o'clock this morning...

Smith appeared against two suspects at a hearing this morning, but as he denied one he was suddenly taken ill. He complained of severe pains in his head and nausea...

The police arrested the two men an hour after the attack. They are John H. Glocker, nineteen years old, Walton street above Fifty-eighth street, and Thomas Post, twenty-three years old, Cedar avenue above Sixtieth street...

Smith stopped in a saloon at Sixtieth and Market streets for a few moments about 4 o'clock. He displayed a roll of bills. As he neared his home two men sneaked up behind him, both striking him over the head and face with blackjacks...

Smith was then returned to his home by a patrolman. He was taken to the hospital where he is now recovering. The police are searching for the other man who was seen with the suspects...

Spain Wants Quick Answer

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The Spanish note sent to Berlin protesting against the torpedoing of the Spanish steamer Granada requests an answer within forty-eight hours...

NURSES HERE FROM WEST ON WAY "OVER THERE"



These young women who have been detained in Philadelphia for some time waiting to go to a port of embarkation, were photographed today in front of the Curtis Building.

QUAINT CHARACTER, AGED 104, A SUICIDE

Old Watchmaker, Famed for Eccentricities, Has Final Bout With Father Time

Any person who has read "The Last Leaf" of Oliver Wendell Holmes, description of an aged and well-known character in the city by such a name, Chapman became a friend of life at the age of 104 years and this morning was found dead in his bed at 104 Arch street...

To use a western phrase, Chapman "died with his boots on." The body, discovered this morning by occupants of the old, dilapidated house in which he lived, was fully clothed, the condition of the apparel indicating that it had not been removed for weeks and weeks...

PACKERS MUST PAY P. R. FOR FEEDING CATTLE

Federal Jury Decides Swift & Co. Owe \$4044.76 Under "Twenty-eight Hour Law"

A jury in the Federal Court this afternoon found that Swift & Co., meat packers, owe the Pennsylvania Railroad \$4044.76 for feed furnished to the cattle in transit belonging to the packers.

"Under a federal law, known as the 'Twenty-eight Hour Law,' packers are required to see that cattle are properly fed and watered after they have been in transit for continuous twenty-eight hours."

The packers contended that the bureau's standard furnished luxurious living conditions for the cattle. A test case was brought to the Federal Court to determine if this was a fixed standard as to what constitutes proper feeding, and the railroad followed the suggestions laid down by the Bureau of Animal Industry...

UNCLE SAM TURNS VALENTINE MAKER

Many a Patriotic Swain Will Send a Thrift Stamp to His Lady Fair

There is to be a new fashion in valentines this year. No longer the bleeding heart pierced by cupid's burning arrow, twined about with filmy, lily-scented curls of clinging rose vines and surmounted with musky verses in which "love" rhymes with "dove."

Instead, the up-to-date, practical and patriotic swain this year will inscribe to his lady love a neatly engraved and handsomely engraved war-savings stamp good as maturity for five perfectly good dollars in Uncle Sam's money, and warranted to put at least one Hun out of business.

The movement to push the sale of "Twenty-eight Hour Law" valentines is being encouraged by the war savings committee, and the response which is being accorded it indicates that February 11 will see a big sale of the "baby bonds."

In spite of the fact that the price of the valentines is advanced one cent today there was no falling off in the sales reported to the committee, and gratifying returns continued to come in. Two weeks remain for the establishment of the 10,000 agencies allotted to the Philadelphia district, a large number of which are already in operation.

The activity of mercantile and industrial establishments in pushing these agencies has been most noticeable, but the committee feels that much work is to be done yet in getting agencies established in the residential districts.

"Thrift Week," in which a determined "drive" for War Savings Stamp sales will be made, begins tomorrow. Among the big concerns that applied for agencies today were W. Allee Bureau, the Edward Ives Tube Works, the Shannon Hardware Company and John Wilder & Bros.

Quick action on the part of the firemen prevented Caskey & Keen's fire foundry, at the southwest corner of Sixth and Berks streets, from probable destruction early this morning. The firemen answered an alarm turned in by a watchman and quickly extinguished the flames before they had gained much headway. The damage amounted to about \$500.

HOSPITAL UNITS PROVE EXPENSIVE

California Nurses and Physicians, Here Two Months, Cost \$40,000

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Chemicals and drugs have been active in civilian, military and export lines, the latter being hampered by the lack of shipping. Crude oil is high, but chemicals tend to decline.

Foodstuffs have been in good demand, with flour and sugar some two percent higher. The sugar supply is gradually increasing. Canned goods are in fair supply. The bank notes some upward movement in the price of wool, whether there should be further regulation of food prices or whether there should be a continuation of the present plan of selling goods at the usual profit above cost, regardless of what the goods can be sold for in the market.

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SUSPENSION OF WORK DISTURBED BUSINESS

Building at Standstill as Result of War, Federal Reserve Bank Reports

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CURBSTONE MEETINGS VAINLY ATTACK P. R. T.

President Mitten, the Company, the Service and the War Are Hotly Denounced

ONLY POTENTIAL RIDERS Would-be Passengers on 19th Street Receiving Same Treatment Accorded Northeast and W. Phila.

The inadequate trolley facilities and their tendency to become worse instead of better, the apologies offered by President Mitten, of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, and Mr. Mitten's promises to try to do better were denounced this morning at a curbstone meeting at Nineteenth and Green streets.

The situation cannot be said to have been discussed "pro and con." There were no speakers on the "pro" side; everybody was against the situation as it now exists.

Everybody blamed the P. R. T. and some blamed the war as a contributing cause of the city's swollen transit problem. The speakers promised to try to do better were denounced this morning at a curbstone meeting at Nineteenth and Green streets.

It was a sort of continuous meeting, it was interrupted occasionally by a string of trolley cars that would absorb all the waiting passengers. The men and women who wanted to get to the city to work appeared and by the time another group of cars had arrived the speakers would be talking to a group of potential riders, each giving his or her own critical view of the situation, and each promising to do his own colorful job to describe it.

There was much comment on the Grand Jury criticism of the P. R. T. and some indignation was expressed at the Grand Jury for not being more critical.

"It seems to think the war is to blame for our transit situation," said one man, "but I have been in Chicago, New York and Cleveland and a few other places in the last month, and they all seem to have got on to some scheme of reasonably decent car service, war or no war."

The situation for persons who want to get cars for work along Nineteenth street above and below Green has been growing worse and worse in the passing weeks. One man says the only way he can reach work in time is by waiting twenty minutes for a car that will stop for him or walking north until he comes to a point where the cars will stop.

Route 22 cars absorbed the waiting crowd on Green street, persons waiting for Route 16 taking No. 22 because they did not know when they would get a No. 16. The three cars, terminating at 7:58, 8 and 8:01 1/2. There was no car then until 8:08, when a Route 16 appeared. It was the first in the line, and it was late, and it failed to stop. Right after it were four more Route 16 cars. All passed without stopping at 1:15, 1:18, 1:21 1/2, 1:24 1/2.

For thirteen minutes there had been no Route 16 cars and then there were five in six and one-half minutes, but not one of them stopped.

"I call them banana cars," said one factious gentleman who had preserved a sense of humor and evidently didn't care where he would be "called down" for being late, "I call them banana cars because they are in bunches."

"Yes, and again at that," said another, who looked somewhat angry, "evidently a man whose employer expected him to be at his desk on the dot—evidently he had to get there."

"That's right," said another, "they're banana cars, all right. They come in bunches, but I wouldn't care so much if there were only bunches enough. But there aren't."

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ORGANIZATION MEN IN CONFERENCE ON JOBS

Political Leaders Here Discuss Appointments on Income Tax Tabulation

Political conference with the different union leaders of the local Republican Organization were held here today at the Philadelphia Hotel. The conference was presided over by Mayor Hartranft, Secretary of the Senate, Senator William E. Crow, state chairman, who was expected here, didn't arrive.

During the day Mr. Snyder and Senator Hartranft conferred with the different union leaders of the local Republican Organization were held here today at the Philadelphia Hotel. The conference was presided over by Mayor Hartranft, Secretary of the Senate, Senator William E. Crow, state chairman, who was expected here, didn't arrive.

ASK COURT TO ENJOIN STRIKING WEAVERS

Franklin Worsted Mills Move in Kensington Walkout, Police Guard Mills

Application for an injunction to restrain striking cloth weavers from entering the Franklin Worsted Mills in Kensington was filed today in Common Pleas Court No. 5. The case will be argued next Monday.

The application was made by Edwin M. Abbott, attorney for the Franklin Worsted Mills, of Kensington, one of the companies affected by the suit, in which the strikers are enjoined from entering the mill.

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RAIL CONTROL BILL AGREED ON

Measure Limits U. S. Rule to 18 Months After War Ends

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The Senate Interstate Commerce Committee today agreed upon the railroad control bill. It will be reported to the Senate Monday.

The bill, which was passed by the House on January 28, contains the following provisions: Limits the period of Government control to eighteen months after the close of the war.

Grants rate-making power to President and the Interstate Commerce Commission as an appeal court. Fixes the compensation on the three-year average earnings basis. Permits the President to turn back to private ownership any roads he may desire upon July 1 next.

After July 1 all roads under Government control will be operated under Federal direction until they automatically pass back to their owners eighteen months after the close of the war.

The language of the bill is modified to give the President authority to deal with short-line roads in the interim which the three-year compensation standard could not be fairly applied.

The committee today voted to stand by the Federal Government's control clause after Judge G. W. Anderson, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, one of the framers of the original bill, offered a compromise which would let the Interstate Commerce Commission have the right to review any rate order by the President and to recommend any modification.

Anderson contended before the committee that the President should have the power on this matter to fix rates during the war emergency, and his suggestion left the final power to the President.

Senators who opposed the three-year compensation basis as being too liberal also contended that the control was limited to the war emergency.

The committee has stricken from the bill the section bringing rail employees under the Federal workmen's compensation act. Under the bill they have the right to sue the rail corporation for personal injury.

D. T. PIERCE QUITS HOG ISLAND POST

Information Department Head to Go to France for American Red Cross

Daniel T. Pierce, who organized the information department of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation, which is carrying forward the Hog Island work, has resigned his position as head of the information department of the American Red Cross.

Mr. Pierce announced the resignation in an interview with the Evening Public Ledger. He denied there was any relation whatever between his resignation and the German propaganda campaign against the Red Cross.

Mr. Pierce said he had not yet resigned his position with the American International and refused to say he would resign, but he intimated that he would be taken for granted that he would resign, but he intimated that he would be taken for granted that he would resign, but he intimated that he would be taken for granted that he would resign.

Regarding his new work, Mr. Pierce said he would go into detail no more than to say that the information department of the American International had been organized by Henry P. Davidson, chairman of the membership committee of the American Red Cross. He decided to go into detail no more than to say that the information department of the American International had been organized by Henry P. Davidson, chairman of the membership committee of the American Red Cross.

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