

HIGH COST OF LAW SEEN IN CITY BILLS

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FAVORITES' FAT FEES

COST OF EXTRA LEGAL SERVICES TO CITY IN LAST FEW YEARS

William Draper Lewis, work on transit lease \$23,500

William M. Hargest, in suit for City against Provident Life and Trust Company \$3,000

Pierson & Shertz, for winning reduction in coal rates for Philadelphia \$1,500

E. Spencer Miller, an old claim \$3,000

The high cost of law to the city of Philadelphia is startlingly shown by bills introduced and about to be reintroduced in Council by outside lawyers and firms who are seeking settlement of claims totaling \$119,560, or only little less than Senator Vark's "moral claim" for League Island Park work.

Taken in connection with the fact that the city has a lavishly equipped and costly law department of its own, the total of outside claims makes the grand total cost for law that Philadelphia will be called upon to pay this year about \$210,750.

Persons familiar with the recent activities of improvement and progress movements in the city remember with pride the record made by former Congressman George D. McCleary, who as City Treasurer declined to take the big salary and fees accruing to him for that service, but left the money for the public benefit.

Another instance of usefulness service that is foregone brought back to memory is the fact that former Mayor Blanton served for years as a member of the Board of County Commissioners and devoted all of his accruing salary to the general good, declining to accept it himself.

HARGEST'S BILL MULTIPLED Deputy Attorney General William J. Hargest was engaged when Michael J. Ryan was City Solicitor to argue the city's suit against the Provident Life and Trust Company to recover personal property taxes in the lower court.

For services rendered the city is obtaining a reduction in electric rates, which meant a saving of millions to the city and to the users of electricity.

Director of Public Works Morris L. Cooke was allowed expenses and fees for legal services. William Draper Lewis was counsel in this controversy.

As this bill has been introduced, it is not included in the present list.

The claim of E. Spencer Miller for services rendered the city some years ago has never been completely settled.

an opposition to it has developed each time it has been presented.

Because of the long wait that most of the attorneys now seeking big payments have had to put up with, the city is not considered an exceptionally good client.

Salary increases planned for men of the Bureau of Public Accounts, money asked by Mayor Smith for the housing plan for Hog Island workmen and for war-emergency purposes, to say nothing of Senator Vark's "moral claim" for \$10,000, are liable to exhaust the city's available surplus, if the attorneys' action are not able to get some quick action on their claims.

PROTEST LEWIS' FEE

United Business Men Oppose Payment of \$25,000

A protest against the \$25,000 fee charged by William Draper Lewis for legal services rendered the city in drawing the transit lease was registered in resolutions passed at the regular meeting of the United Business Men's Association by a vote of 31 to 25 the association favored an ordinance repealing the lease.

An address was delivered at the meeting by William Draper Lewis, assistant City Food Administrator Jay Cooke, on the subject of food conservation.

HIGH WAGES INCREASE THE EATING OF MEAT

Consumption of Cheaper Cuts Greater, While Demand for Expensive Ones Falls Off

Despite the conservation program, the meat consumption of this country has increased during the last year as a result of the high wages being paid.

The increase has been in the cheaper cuts of meat. The consumption of the more expensive cuts and the high-grade corn-fed cattle has fallen off considerably, he explained.

The Government is also compiling cold-storage statistics throughout the country with a view to ascertaining how much of the high grade meats can be stored.

The Philadelphia and Pennsylvania food officials were complimented by Mr. Glasgow on the work they had done.

The administrators were served today with pie and bread baked with 60 per cent of substitutes by Miss Miriam Moses, dietitian in charge of the menu.

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JAPAN PREPARES, BUT MARKS TIME

Tokio Wants Agreement With Powers Before Acting in Siberia

FOES AT VLADIVOSTOK

Released Teuton Prisoners Reported Arming Themselves From Allies' Supplies

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Announcements have been published in Tokio pointing out the necessity for safeguarding the peace of the Far East, according to dispatches received here today.

Some quarters are said to be already apprehensive of the possibility of enemy submarines and airplanes operating from Vladivostok.

"The Government is silent, but there is reason to believe that preparations are completed for enabling the nation to rise to the occasion whenever the necessity demands," said an agency dispatch.

"The Government is believed to have carefully avoided anything inviting the Powers' suspicions of its true purpose."

Some members of the Cabinet favored consulting the Powers after taking action, in view of the gravity of the situation. It may be safely surmised that the Government is strongly impressed with the necessity of preventing a misunderstanding.

Released Austrian and German prisoners are reported to have armed themselves from the Allied supplies at Vladivostok.

CAPITAL AWAITS WORD FROM WILSON ON JAPAN

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The national capital today anxiously awaited authoritative announcement from President Wilson of a widening of the country's war aims.

It had been accepted that the President finally would decide to have American troops from the Philippines, from Hawaii, and from the west coast join with the Japanese army in aiding the loyal Russians of Siberia to counteract the German menace and prevent Germany obtaining possession of the enormous military stores accumulated at Vladivostok, Harbin and along the line of the Siberian railway.

The situation presents some very intricate and somewhat dangerous international problems. Germany has carried on a most insidious propaganda among the neutrals, especially in Norway, Sweden and Denmark, designed to show that Japan has had designs on Siberia and that she has planned to seize this rich province under cover of war necessity.

It is known that this doctrine has been spread among the Russians themselves, especially among the anti-Bolshevik element. Because of this it has been felt that Japan was forced to act alone in any war movements that are undertaken, it might have a serious moral effect on the Allied cause.

The United States, of course, could, although naturally this nation could not put into the field an army that would be as large as that of the Japanese.

ance. But the moral effect of the Stars and Stripes and the golden sun of Japan floating side by side in an expedition which avowedly had for its object the salvation of the invaded territory for the actual inhabitants of that territory would be tremendous, officials pointed out today.

It is because of this feeling that Washington, an apparently the nation at large, today was waiting a new statement from President Wilson. Congressional leaders were impatient that a joint session would be held for and were ready to call it at an hour's notice.

The bill was passed from the White House early today that the President was coming, except that it would not be today. Inasmuch as the bill would go to the Capitol before next week.

It is entirely possible that he will not speak until he has received the complete unabridged text of the recent address of the German Imperial Chancellor, Count von Hertling. But that he already has prepared a new statement of position that deals with the Russian situation is the utter hypocrisy of the German position is known.

DANGER TO ALLIES SEEN IN TOKIO INTERVENTION

By J. W. T. MASON

NEW YORK, March 1.—Military intervention by any of the Allies in the internal affairs of Russia at this time is regarded as a serious danger to the Allies' professions of democracy and "self-determination," and would probably be harmful to the cause of international democracy.

Japan's unhesitating attitude at the conditions of interest on the Russian mainland close to her shores is explicable; but there is no possible danger to Japan in a complete withdrawal from the present process of democratic readjustment in Russia. Japanese trade may suffer, but the principles for which the Allies are fighting include a prohibition against military adventures in search of trade.

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BRITISH PRESS AT ODDS ON ACTION BY JAPANESE

LONDON, March 1.—Commenting on the Japanese proposal to land troops in Russia the Star today said:

"If Japan lands an army in Russia it will be for the benefit of Russia and the world."

The Pall Mall Gazette said: "America is sensitive on questions of self-determination. She may feel uncertain as to how far Japan will observe them after a victory. We do not think there should be any obstacle or reservation. Such issues can be brought to a settlement at the peace conference."

The Manchester Guardian said: "There are vital political objections to any Japanese action at Russia's expense. It is not clear what military service could not put into the field an army that would be as large as that of the Japanese."

REBUKE FOR WORKERS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Lack of Activity Shown Disappoints East Pennsylvania Evangelical Association

NORRISTOWN, Pa., March 1.—Sunday school workers were rebuked at today's session of the East Pennsylvania conference of the Evangelical Association for not showing the activity expected.

"The time was," observed the Rev. W. A. Leopold, of Norristown, "when rebuked could be had from other denominations, but it is not so now. We must get the rebuke from our own Sunday schools and do this better work must be done in the Sunday schools."

A request for a change in the location of a church from Acquiholico to Palmerton was granted. Another request granted was the change from a mission to a self-supporting station of St. Luke's Church, Bethlehem.

A subject referred to the ways and means committee was an abandoned church, at Pleasant Valley, in the Helton charge.

The ways and means committee was also entrusted with the request of a church at Ephrata, which was recently renovated at a cost of \$1000.

The conference ratified the sale of three churches, one at Spring Mills, Center County; another at East Point, Luzon, Tioga County.

On the request of the Rev. Mr. Munson, the mission church at Elizabethville was made an independent church.

A letter of regret was read from the Rev. William Yost, Cleveland, O.; the Rev. J. K. Earl, Sinking Springs, Pa.; and the Rev. J. G. M. Swengel, Altoona, Pa. The Rev. Mr. Swengel, a retired clergyman, told the conference in a letter that he had preached twenty-five sermons recently for which he was paid \$16.

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SERRB CABINET CHANGE WON'T AFFECT POLICY

Political Parties United on War, Despite Differences on Internal Affairs, Officials Say

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Resignation of the Serbian Cabinet is in no way to be taken as indicating a less vigorous prosecution of the war, according to Serb officials here today.

Political parties in Serbia, it is said, though divided on internal questions, are united in their plans for carrying on the war to a victorious conclusion. Division on home affairs is considered responsible for the withdrawal of the present Cabinet. The Government party, it is pointed out, was only slightly stronger in number than the combination of the opposition parties which made a change in the Cabinet necessary.

The new Government, it is asserted, will continue Serbia's policy of war until a lasting peace can be obtained, and its aim will be in complete harmony with those of its allies. Appointment of the new Cabinet is expected shortly.

MAY ASK RECEIVERSHIP

Shareholders of Oil Company Call for Financial Statement

LANCASTER, Pa., March 1.—At a meeting here of stockholders of the American Independent Oil Company, having headquarters at East Indiana, Pa., the officers were directed to prepare a full financial statement for presentation at a later date. It will then be decided whether a receivership shall be asked.

About \$200,000 worth of stock was sold in Lancaster County and \$60,000 in eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware. In Lebanon alone there are a hundred stockholders.

The company was organized by J. C. W. and C. W. MacGregor, of Indiana, Pa., who received each \$20,000 in cash and \$250,000 worth of stock for the being plant and their good will, most of which they sold. The only assets in sight are the refining plant at Pittsburgh and stores at Indiana and Lancaster, where oils are sold. The Lancaster store does not pay.

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'ONLY ONE REPUBLICAN PARTY,' AVERS HAYS

New Chairman Optimistic for Future—Progressive Leaders Declare Faith in Him

NEW YORK, March 1.—"The parties are already united. There is only one Republican party," declared Will H. Hays, chairman of the National Republican Committee, when asked here today if his visits to Progressive and Republican leaders had the object of bringing about a final reunion.

"We have much work to do," he continued, "for the good of the country, and we are going to do it."

The statement was given out after a meeting between Hays and Senator Johnson, of California.

"We have entire confidence in this young man," said Johnson, following the meeting, "and also faith in what he will accomplish. We are all with him."

Plans of Hays to meet former President Taft at the latter's home in New Haven probably will fall through. Hays expects to leave the East tomorrow for Indianapolis. Taft is on a speaking tour. It was said arrangements may be made for Taft and Hays to meet on the train which will carry Hays back to Indiana.

Former Progressives and old guard Republicans joined today in greeting Hays at a luncheon at the Bankers' Club here. William H. Wilcox, former chairman of

the committee, invited the Hays.

George Wickersham, George Sims, T. Coleman Du Ross, Frank Cook, A. T. Hart, Governor Cassin, Indiana; Jacob K. Squire, Jacob A. Stoner, Charles E. Hughes, Henry D. Ford, F. J. H. Crane and Fred Stanley were among the guests.

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Advertisement for EL PRODUCTO cigars, featuring a large illustration of a cigar and the text 'For real enjoyment' and 'MILD HAVANA FILLER'.

Large advertisement for Mawson & DeMany fur store, located at 1115 Chestnut Street. Text includes 'Every Fur in Stock Must Be Sold During Our Great Removal Sale' and 'Prices are Reduced One-third, One-half and Even More Than Half'.

Advertisement for Geutings Women's Boots, featuring the text 'Final Clean-Up Women's Boots AT GEUTING'S' and a large price tag of '\$4.90 Formerly \$7.50 to \$10.50'.

Advertisement for Glyco-Iodine, featuring an illustration of a man and the text 'Guard Against Infection' and 'The natural inclination of most people is to belittle the dangers lurking in minor flesh-exposing injuries.' It also includes a list of ailments it treats.

Advertisement for fur coats and sets, featuring a list of items and prices such as 'Scarfs', 'Beautiful Fur Coats', and 'Sets'. It also includes a note about purchases being reserved until next fall.