

# CONNELLY TELLS CHARTER PLANS

### Time Not Ripe for City to Clean Streets Itself, He Contends

### WANTS COUNCIL OF 21

### His Committee Decides to Preserve Its Identity for Present

The time is not yet ripe for Philadelphia to own and operate its own street-cleaning plant, according to City Solicitor Connelly, who has just submitted a detailed statement of his ideas on a charter revision to the citizens' committee organized last week to study that subject.

Such a step, he points out, should not be taken until after all municipal employees have been completely eliminated from politics.

His statement, however, favors municipal ownership of a garbage disposal plant. While acknowledging that this project is open to the same objections as a city street-cleaning system, he holds that it is more feasible because it is neither so large nor complicated.

### Single Council of Twenty-one

Other reforms suggested by Mr. Connelly are: Divorce of all city employees from politics. A single-chamber council of twenty-one members, elected at large, with a minority representation assured by restricting each elector to voting for fourteen.

Election of department heads by Council. Abolition of certain existing commissions or control boards, and reorganization of certain bureaus and departments.

In presenting his statement, Mr. Connelly asked that the charter revision be merely tentative and framed as a basis for further discussion by the committee. "If it is shown," he said, "that some of the ideas are unworkable or cannot be fitted into the framework of the city government, then, of course, it is desirable they should be eliminated, but undue stress or undue emphasis should not be placed on the ideas, as they merely are the basis for consideration of the questions involved."

### Charter Ideas Suggested

Mr. Connelly's statement of suggested changes in the charter follows in part: "The thought is suggested that it would be desirable at this time to frame a charter in advance of any constitutional convention, with the idea that the framers of the constitution would have before them the aims, the hopes, the desires and ambitions of the city of Philadelphia. It would not be restricted in such a way as to prevent its growth and a proper spirit of home rule would be accorded to it.

"In the matter of finance a clause ought to be inserted in the charter giving the city, as the basis of home rule, all broad general powers necessary for the development of the city not in contravention of the Constitution or legislative enactment.

### Functions of Administration

"Under this broad general heading of administrative would be considered the present framework of the city government in its executive as well as administrative functions; the elimination of police, firemen and all municipal office holders from politics; including elected positions, subject, however, to money coming in from time to time to meet the requirements of the work. This, of course, would contemplate setting forth in detail by an ordinance of Councils such a plan which ought to be mandatory on the city officials.

"I believe that modern conditions have brought great changes in the garbage question and that the city ought to own its own municipal plant, and provision should be made accordingly.

"I suggest the advisability of a council of twenty-one, elected by the city at large, with the right only for the elector to vote for fourteen members, which would give the right for seven men to be elected jointly, upon the theory of independent lines of representation or minority lines of representation, so there would always be seven men to be elected by the city-at-large, irrespective of the right of voting for the fourteen.

"I would make the term of Councilman co-terminus with the Mayor—at a salary to be fixed. Certain broad general limitations should be placed on Councils by legislative enactment, in order to protect the so-called seven men who are elected and who are supposed to represent us, in what we say, the independent thought of the community. A two-thirds vote would be required on all bills after the annual appropriation bill had been passed, if I would not have this rule of Councils, which would be subject to the will of Councils, but by legislative enactment.

"The chartermen of the respective committees, ranging in their importance, should receive a salary beyond that of the members of Councils.

### Powers of Mayor Limited

"It would be well to take into consideration the responsibility of director to Councils rather than to the Mayor, giving them the right to sit in Councils and be publicly responsible for the conduct of their respective departments, with a limitation on their right to vote, so that by no manipulation could they be in the position of entirely controlling the budget for their own departments, or their own particular purposes.

"If it were deemed advisable, I would have Councils elect the directors. Objection has been made from time to time that too much power is centered in the Mayor. The plan would be to broaden in its scope for the reason that twenty-one men would elect the directors, whose terms would run with Councils rather than to have one man making all these appointments.

### Would Divorce Bureaus

"Another question is whether some bureaus that are today performing very great public functions, such as the Electric Bureau, the water filtration department, the bureau of public safety and made a distinct department of its own.

"A great deal of criticism has been made that the Mayor has too much power. He appoints the directors, and in turn the bureaus chiefs, and those under him. Should these powers be taken from the Mayor? Should the power of selection of directors be lodged in Councils? Should the Mayor be made an executive in the larger sense of the word? It is not an extremely serious question and will be considered.

### Inadvisable for the city to do its own street cleaning. Such a step should not be taken unless there was complete and absolute elimination of police, firemen and all municipal employees from politics. While this, it is true, applies also to garbage, this is not as large nor as complicated.

### Borrowing System Wrong

"The right of the city to issue short-term notes, which would be a first lien on the city, and the funds thereon, after to be repaid, in substance, this would be a first lien on the city. At the present time you can borrow \$1,000,000 for a period of four months. The practice has been to borrow this at the end of the year, which overlaps into the succeeding year, and there is a first lien of charge against the bond of the succeeding year.

"In his speech I would have a six months' obligation, upon certificate filed by the Controller, showing that certain taxes or some in arrears due, and that up to \$0 per cent of these funds a note would be issued for a period of six months, with the right to renew it from time to time. This would then give Councils money to enter into contract obligations and release the city of the moral obligation which which ties up the surplus of the ensuing year.

"A provision should be inserted in the charter giving the city the right to issue bonds to cover the cost of such garbage. The city is not to do its own work—street cleaning, electric light, gasoline or anything else in connection therewith not exceeding the year's income. Under this arrangement the city might make a better bargain, but it would have to be safeguarded carefully so abuse could not creep in and so there would not be such a debt within the meaning of the law as to hamper its borrowing capacity.

"Under this bond it might be well to consider the desirability of abolishing commissions or, at least, curtailing now. I have no criticism to make in this connection but an only dealing with the subject now, with the thought in mind that all power ought to be lodged in the municipality.

### Centralization of Power

"In this connection I would deprive the Park Commission of the right to condemn property. I would deprive any power, except the municipality, of the right to levy taxes. I would deprive any officers of the right to create offices, excepting by constitutional ordinance. I would not, under present conditions, as I view the situation, disturb the board of revision of taxes nor the board of voters, from political or in a sense, semi-judicial work—the board of revision of taxes—there is more or less of an interlocking of interests.

"Criticism has been made from time to time as to the mandamus bill. I do not know exactly what this means except that it is the payment of money by the city for various positions created, or for damages in accident cases, or for property taken. Whether or not a bill can be passed curbing the powers of a court from issuing its writ of mandamus for anything under its own immediate jurisdiction, I very gravely doubt.

# U. S. RAIL CONTROL PLANNED

### Permanent Program Puts Roads Under Commerce Commission

Washington, Dec. 5.—A bill placing the railroads of the country under permanent Government control and operation under direction of the Interstate Commerce Commission instead of Director General McAdoo, has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Smith of Georgia. The measure has the support of the Democrats in the upper house.

The Smith bill amends the act of March 3, 1918, which authorized the President to take over the railroads so as to place them under the commission and to provide for their operation under unified and co-ordinated national control and not in competition for an indeterminate period.

### 16 NURSES PASS TEST

#### Qualify for Bureau of Health Positions at \$900 a Year

Sixteen young women have qualified at the civil service examination for city nurses in the Bureau of Health, at \$900 a year. They are:

- May A. Clarke, 4020 Barine street; Rhoda W. Bookbinder, 40 North Fifteenth street; Mary R. Black, 2222 Sanson street; Catherine M. Butler, 1501 West Allegheny avenue; Cecelia H. Gandy, 1117 North Twelfth street; Reba L. Doherty, 504 South Fremont street; Lydia E. Boyer, 3411 Angora terrace; Elizabeth A. Nune, 6023 Sanson street; Anna Mae Krisher, 6109 Argyle street; Sara A. Cochran, 3210 Chestnut street; Florence Levarina, 4147 Jefferson street; Julia M. Abern, 2341 South Twenty-second street; Amanda L. Shuler, 2602 South Fourth street; Dolis Murray, 917 North Eleventh street; Eunice Verbill, 2125 North Twenty-ninth street.

### Patrolman Finds Lost Babies

Patrolman McElmerton found two lost babies with two hours' start. One, a six-month-old baby, was found on a street near Broad and Arch streets, and the other, a two-year-old, picked up a six-year-old and Marked at 8 1/2. Criticism has been made from time to time as to the mandamus bill. I do not know exactly what this means except that it is the payment of money by the city for various positions created, or for damages in accident cases, or for property taken. Whether or not a bill can be passed curbing the powers of a court from issuing its writ of mandamus for anything under its own immediate jurisdiction, I very gravely doubt.

# IL PAPA LIETO DELLA ANDATA DI WILSON

### Il Municipio di Roma Prepara Solenni Onoranze al Presidente

Roma, 4 dicembre. Il Municipio di Roma prepara solenni onoranze al Presidente Wilson. Un comitato si è formato per organizzare le onoranze che si svolgeranno nella settimana prossima.

Il comitato, presieduto dal sindaco, ha nominato una Commissione per preparare un elaborato programma per le onoranze che avranno luogo in Campidoglio, in occasione della venuta del Presidente Wilson.

Il giornale "Il Popolo Romano" ha oggi annunciato che l'Italia s'è unita in un'alleanza con la Francia e l'Inghilterra.

Il Ministro per gli Affari Esteri, On. Sonnino, ha oggi inviato una nota al Console per tutte le "Ente" Rumene, promettendo che l'Italia sosterrà sul tavolo della pace le nazionali aspirazioni della Rumania.

Alta convenzione tenuta, oggi, dal partito Socialista riformista, si deliberato di richiedere l'abolizione del segreto diplomatico, l'organizzazione di una lega delle nazioni ed il riconoscimento del diritto al popolo per la propria determinazione.

È stato annunciato che il velleo "Rosalba", in rotta alla volta di Fiume, urto' una mina ed affondò nell'Adriatico. Della furma composta di 143 uomini, soltanto trenta si salvarono.

È stato ufficialmente annunciato che, durante la permanenza in Roma, il Presidente Wilson e sua moglie alloggiarono al Quirinale negli appartamenti

che un tempo aspiarono l'imperatore di Germania. Tali appartamenti sono stati rimodernati e la sala usata dall'imperatore come sala del trono è stata trasformata in sala di ricevimento.

### Homes for Geman Soldiers

Hindenburg Promises Men Government Will Provide for Them  
Amsterdam, Dec. 5.—The Berlin Tages Zeitung says Field Marshal Hindenburg has addressed the following proclamation to his troops:  
"The preliminary work for a land settlement on a big scale is in progress and will be pushed forward as rapidly as the shortage of coal and building materials will permit. The returning war-wearies will first receive the thanks of the country for more than four years' work in a thousand battles in which they were unbeaten."

### Movie Men Protest Crawl Films

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 5.—A syndicate in the country formed a 140-000 alliance and protested vigorously against Government management of George C. Kays.

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La flotta destinata a salutare il Capo della Repubblica Americana si sta adunando nel porto di Brest. Il leader Reaker. Le corazzate americane sono le più grandi che conti la marina Americana.

Le navi procederanno sino a 1500 miglia dalla costa per incontrarsi col George Washington.  
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### SAYS 200 PUPILS DRINK

Passaic School Principal Declares Children Get Liquor Easily  
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Miss Smith, who has conducted an investigation as to where the children received the intoxicants, reported that they told her it was easy to obtain gin, beer or whisky at any saloon in Passaic. The conditions, according to Miss Smith were discovered when several little girls fell asleep at their desks and could not be aroused.

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