

CHARTER CHIEFS TO MEET TODAY

Subcommittees on Revision Expect Bill to Be Ready in Week

SOME RADICAL CHANGES

Political Activity of Officeholders Forbidden Under Penalty of Fine

The subcommittee on charter and the subcommittee on publicity of the Philadelphia charter committee will hold meetings today.

It is expected that the preparation of the new charter bill will be completed by next week and a meeting of the general committee held then to discuss it.

The bill, which is to be introduced by Senator Woodward, is not expected to make its appearance in Harrisburg before February 24.

Fines and imprisonment for municipal officeholders participating in politics will be provided for in the new charter bill, which is now in the course of preparation by the Philadelphia charter committee.

Although the measure has not yet been submitted to the general committee for approval, it became known that the proposed bill to prohibit political activity by police, firemen and other municipal employees will not be introduced in the Legislature as an amendment to the Sherman act or as a special bill.

Can Hold up Officers' Salaries According to present plans of the charter revision committee, prohibition of political activity of municipal officeholders of all classes and grades is to be contained in the new charter. The measure will permit any taxpayer to institute legal proceedings to prevent the payment of salaries or wages to municipal employees who have violated its provisions.

A single-chambered Council of twenty-one members and the measure prohibiting the activity of municipal employees in politics will be the main reforms embodied in the new charter.

There will likely be a change in the system of city financing with power probably given to the city officials to make long-term contracts, and Councils will undoubtedly have greater powers than the present two-chambered body.

The main idea of the Bullitt charter, however, is to be retained—that of centralizing the power of the city government in the Mayor.

Differs Radically From Old The charter revisionists plan to introduce in the Legislature one bill, which they propose as a new charter for Philadelphia. In perhaps a half-dozen respects will there be radical departures from the present charter.

Members of the charter committee have every confidence that the measure will become law.

Since John C. Winston, chairman of the Philadelphia charter committee, Thomas Raeburn White, chairman of the subcommittee on charter, and George W. Cole, chairman of the Town Meeting party, conferred with Governor Sprout in Harrisburg last week, numerous ideas previously advanced to members of the charter committee have been abandoned.

"We are all intensely practical now," said Powell Evans, chairman of the subcommittee on publicity. "We know what reforms the Legislature and the Governor will let us have, and we are going to get them."

DINERS WEAR PAJAMAS

Mattress Dealers "Enliven" Banquet With Slumber Songs

That a drowsy atmosphere might hang over the scene, 125 dealers in mattresses arrayed themselves in brightly-colored pajamas when guests of the Bernstein Manufacturing Company last evening at a dinner in the Bellevue-Stratford.

The occasion was the first anniversary of the placing of a new mattress on the sparklet, and everything was done to carry out the dreamy trademark of the company. Slumber songs were sung and the guests were classified as "Kiddies."

J. J. Keenan, sales manager, acted as toastmaster, and an address of welcome was given by E. A. Bernstein, president of the company. George Perren, a dealer, also spoke. A sketch called "The Sandman's Story" was given, and the affair wound up with a vaudeville act called "The Night Boys' Brigade."



WILLIAM SPRINGFIELD

He is a radio operator and is now at Camp Dix, recovering from wounds and pneumonia. Springfield was on the troopship Otranto, which was rammed and sunk during a fog in the Irish Sea. He was struck in the back by exploding ammunition at the time of the sinking. He was in the hospital abroad for nearly two months. His home is in Gloucester City, N. J.

STORE RELIEF FUND PROSPERS

Treasury Balance Remains Despite Inroads of Influenza To begin its thirty-ninth year with a balance of \$1274, after the influenza epidemic made heavy inroads on its treasury, is the proud record established by the Strawbridge & Clothier Relief Association.

The annual report shows that during the year just ended this organization, totaling 1404 members, paid out \$8025 in sick benefits and \$2500 in death benefits.

William M. Eisenbrey was re-elected president of the organization; John N. Bollen was chosen vice president; Charles W. Garman, secretary, and William E. Lloyd, treasurer. Daniel J. Cummins, George L. Mitchell, Clarence W. Hicknell, Morris E. Weber, Charles A. Higgins, Miss Carrie Schanz, Miss Harriet S. Wislar, Mrs. Nellie Knowles and Miss Clara T. Greaves were elected to the board of managers.

O'BRIEN A MODERN POOH-BAH

Magistrate - Councilman - Typist Must Resign Two Jobs Unless Joseph S. O'Brien, of the Seventh Ward, shall resign his seat in Common Council he will be a triple officeholder. Mr. O'Brien was appointed a magistrate by Governor Sprout, to succeed George A. Persch, resigned.

He also holds the post of special typist in the office of the Recorder of Deeds at a salary of \$100 per month. Mr. O'Brien is forty-one years old and lives at 319 South Tenth street. He is married and has one child. He is serving his second term as Common Councilman. He has been interested in politics for twenty years.

In addition to his political activities Mr. O'Brien conducts a plumbing business and is interested in several building and loan associations.

Sentenced for Assaulting Woman Judge Kates, in the Camden County Court, today sentenced Oscar Lippincott, twenty-three years old, of Camden, from eighteen months to seven years in the county prison for assault and battery. Lippincott was convicted of attacking Jennie Bolang, of Camden, about three weeks ago.

MIXTURE OF LOVE AND HATE IN VALENTINES TODAY

Lovers Get Heart-Burning Missives, but Profiteering Food Dealers Fare Ill

Much Doggerel Hurlled at Former Kaiser—"Massage" and "Sausage" Forced to Rhyme

HEART throbs are much in evidence, for this is St. Valentine's Day. No one had to remind the letter carrier of this, as his burden was overwhelming. Some of the missives he carried were laden with praise for the recipients but others were cruel in their criticism.

Thousands of picturesque Valentines were sent by optimists in the midst of romance. They carried loving messages to fair maidens in poetry and prose, and were adorned with beautiful scenes.

But the other species of Valentine was also much in evidence. These were candid and to the point. Persons with a grudge found them a handy weapon.

Many were leveled at profiteering patriots, others at politicians and a very large number at the former Kaiser.

The baker, the butcher and the grocer who thrived on fancy prices during the last year were forgotten.

This brand of Valentines found the biggest sale in neighborhood stores which cater to the whims of the customers. Here is a sample of the kind received by many butchers today:

Imagine a man with a pig's face sitting in front of a safe full of money and then add this flock of doggerel: "Oh you ogre of blood and beef, You're too fat to move around; The poor will never get relief 'Till you're ten feet in the ground." This effusion is a classic compared

Little Valentines

We Might Have Sent

WOODROW WILSON Columbia for a valentine Unto the President is crying: "Oh, Woodrow, you are surely mine! Now start the Dove of Peace a-flying!"

SECRETARY DANIELS Saint Valentine a navy big Would fain give Secretary Daniels. Remember, as for coin you dig, The dogs of war are water spaniels.

COLONEL HOUSE This valentine, we may surmise, Must be as quiet as a mouse. A sense of duty, stern but wise, Remains the servant of the House.

with others. Some daring Valentine poets in dealing with the butcher, in their mad moments, rhymed "massage" with "sausage."

Those dealing with the former Kaiser were bitterest of all. He was compared to a homeless worm, a discarded snake and other such creatures.

One Valentine depicted the fish getting out of the sea when they heard the Wilhelm was about to sail on the Atlantic.

The custom of sending love missives on this day originated in pagan times and later was honored with the name of a Christian, Saint Valentine. He died a martyr, it is said, about the year 270.

CAMPAIGN WEEK ENDS WITH SUPPER TONIGHT

So Far Only \$33,000 Turned in for Three Beneficiaries

The campaign for money for the budgets of the Business Women's Christian League, the East Central Field Committee of the Y. W. C. A., and the Germantown branch of the Y. W. C. A. will come to a close tonight. A final supper of the three participants will be held at a merger meeting in the Acorn Club, 1818 Walnut street, tonight, when all reports of all the teams will be turned in.

The budgets have not been secured, and the Y. W. C. A. of Germantown will find itself obliged to close its doors when its share of the money collected has been used. No other means of securing the sum come to hand.

The two other partners in the drive are also in a position where they will have to find some other means of raising the needed sum or decreasing their efficiency.

So far the money turned in is but little over \$12,000, the first day of the drive and Wednesday having been the most profitable. Miss Lamm, campaign manager, says that the teams of women who have been working for the budget have done wonderfully well, considering that they are all women who are employed during the day and have had only their lunch hours and a very little other spare time to give to the work.

Boys' Brigade Band to Give Concert The Boys' Brigade Band of Baltimore will give a concert tonight at Witherspoon Hall as a feature of the Boys' Brigade conference to be held today and tomorrow in the Oak Park Presbyterian Church, Fifty-first and Pine streets.

CENTRAL HIGH PUPILS FELICITATE PRINCIPAL

Dr. Robert Ellis Thompson Twenty-five Years Head of Institution

Students of the Central High School called at the office of Dr. Robert Ellis Thompson today to congratulate him on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his appointment as principal of the school.

Dr. Thompson was elected principal by the Board of Education in 1894. At that time the Central High School had twenty-eight teachers and 676 students. It was then the only recognized high school for boys in Philadelphia, and occupied the brick building at Broad and Green streets, opposite the present edifice. With the exception of three, all the members of the faculty of Central High School when Dr. Thompson assumed the presidency are either dead or have been transferred to other institutions.

Dr. Thompson was born in Ireland, but came to America in 1857. He was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1885, and in 1888 he obtained his Master of Arts degree. He was chosen at that time an instructor in Latin and mathematics. Later, he taught political economy and history. So prominent did Dr. Thompson prove that in 1878 he was elected to the John Welsh professorship of history and English literature.

Dr. Thompson is a minister of the Presbyterian Church, and a member of the Philadelphia Presbytery. Among his active educational works must be included Dr. Thompson's lectures on the projects for high schools in Philadelphia, Amherst, Princeton, Swarthmore, Bryn Mawr and other institutions. He also delivered the Stone lectures in the Princeton Theological Seminary in 1881. Many theological and works well known to students are of his authorship.

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CRY OF "PRIVILEGE" OVER STATUE ROW

Sculptors' Jury of Academy of the Fine Arts Is Criticized

Dr. E. Tait McKenzie's heroic bronze statue of George Whitefield, the English evangelist, which was rejected by the sculptors' jury of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts because of its weight, is no heavier than many other exhibits at the Academy, according to Harrison S. Morris, former managing director of the Institution.

Mr. Morris, on hearing of the rejection of the Whitefield statue, immediately raised the cry of "special privilege."

"It is perfectly absurd to say that Doctor McKenzie's vigorous and handsome statue of Whitefield is too heavy or too large for exhibition in the galleries of the Academy," declared Mr. Morris. "Those galleries were constructed for just such works and have often been occupied by them."

"I had an experience of twelve years as managing director, and I speak from intimate knowledge. I have heard John Sartain, who built the Academy, dwell on the particular strength of the beams which support it."

"The large marble called 'Jerusalem,' by Story, with its heavy base, must be as heavy as the hollow bronze of Whitefield, and it has been rolled around the galleries for years. The large plaster group, 'Centaurus and Lapithae,' by Lough, an English sculptor, which is now concealed behind an octagonal screen, is five times as heavy as McKenzie's bronze, and it does not break the skylights as they are now 'camouflaged' at the Academy."

Following the Academy jury's rejection of the statue, the art committee of the Art Club has invited Doctor McKenzie to gather a number of his notable works and hold a "one-man show" there. It was explained in art circles that this invitation was not to be considered as a step of retaliation, but, at the same time, it was made plain that the Art Club, with its small rooms, certainly cannot boast the accommodations provided by the Academy.

Held for Theft of Furniture James Scott, Earp street near Second; Theodore Jones, Ellsworth street, and Chris Pitterman, De Lancy street near Third, were held in \$1000 bail each for court by Magistrate Baker today, charged with stealing a load of furniture from the garage of Isaac Kosetzky, 216 Passunk avenue.

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Harry Smith, twenty-two, of Sixth street near Green, will be given a hearing today charged with driving an automobile recklessly, in wrecking a fish wagon and badly damaging another auto. He was arrested by police of the Eighth and Jefferson streets station last night. Smith, who says he is a chauffeur, but refuses to give the name of his employer, first attracted attention when his machine crashed into a fish wagon driven by James Rutherford, of Myzer street and Girard avenue. Following the crash, Smith increased his speed. At Sixth street and Fairmount avenue the Smith machine struck an automobile owned by Joseph Morgan, of Camden.

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