

VARE INTRODUCES HIS BUDGET BILL

Offered as Counter-Measure to Systems in Proposed New Charter

DIFFERENCE IS SLIGHT

To Be Prepared by Controller, but Subject to Suggestions by Mayor

Harrisburg, March 19.—The Vare budget bill, prepared by City Solicitor John P. Connelly and Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman of the Finance Committee of Council, has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Vare. The measure was offered as a counter bill to the budget system devised by the charter revision committee and included in the charter revision bill. In many respects the Vare fiscal policy differs little from that outlined in the Budget bill.

The measure provides that the City Controller transmit to the Mayor a budget on or before November 10 of each year, and that the Mayor shall send the same to Council. The bill, as specified, shall be prepared by the Controller, but the Mayor may make such suggestions as he deems fit. It is specified the budget shall contain:

"A detailed statement of the estimated receipts, expenditures and liabilities of every kind for the next year, a statement of the requests for appropriation by the Mayor and the various departments, the assessed valuation of taxable property, real and personal, together with the gross amount of the funded and unfunded debt of the city and the net amount thereof, after deducting the accumulated sinking fund and such other funds as are by law deductible therefrom in estimating the city's debt and a statement of the borrowing capacity of the city."

The budget must also contain an estimate of the revenue of the city for each year from sources other than taxation, the tax rate which it would be necessary to levy in order to comply with the requests for appropriations, an enumeration of the public improvements deemed advisable by the Mayor, and which of them and to what extent they should, in the Mayor's judgment, be paid for out of current receipts or from money already borrowed or authorized to be borrowed, or which shall be borrowed or authorized to be borrowed during the coming year. It must also contain a specific statement of all the outstanding mandamus, the amount thereof, showing whether they are for permanent improvements or otherwise, and the methods by which the funds to discharge them should be provided; a detailed statement of the actual financial needs of the city and of the various departments, the total amount of such actual requirements for the coming year, a recommendation of the tax rate to be adopted and levied for the year.

The bill specifies that the budget must contain a full and complete working program for the needs of the city for the ensuing year, and the methods by which the financial requirements therefor are to be met, including apportionment thereof as between actual, current revenue and the flotation of loans and embracing such other matters as may be necessary or pertinent to a developed plan for the ordinary operations of the municipality, for the contemplated improvement of every character deemed advisable to be begun or continued during the year and for the method of providing the funds requisite for all such purposes.

Section 2 of the bill provides that the tax rate must be fixed by December 15 of each year, otherwise the old rate remains in force and public hearing must be held on the bill fixing the tax rate. The act contains a provision similar to that in the Woodward bill, making the deficit of one year a first charge against the taxation income of the succeeding year.

In this connection the bill provides that the City Controller shall not sign any warrants pertaining to appropriations until the total of all appropriations and lawful obligations shall be brought within the sum realized from the tax levy and other sources. Section 5 of the bill specifies that current annual or periodic expenses of the city cannot be liquidated from borrowed money or by loans, except temporary loans.

Section 6 provides that no work shall be authorized or supplies or materials purchased unless an appropriation has been made therefor. Section 7 specifies that where a desired public work extends over the period of one year Council may designate what part of it shall be done in any one year, and the city shall not be liable for more than the amount of the contract so designated.

Thos. Leeming & Co. American Agents, New York

WAR HORROR CAUSED SUICIDE

Effect of Battle Shambles Seen in Soldier's Death in Park

An unsettled condition of mind, due to the horrors of battle it is believed, caused Reginald Bertram Williams, wounded veteran of the Canadian expeditionary forces, to commit suicide.

PHILADELPHIA YANK WINS SERVICE CROSS

James Neely Cited for "Extraordinary Heroism"—Camden Man Honored, Too

Private James Neely, of 1518 South Twenty-second street, and Joseph T. Angelo, of Camden, have received Distinguished Service Crosses for bravery in battle. Their citations follow: Private James Neely, Company F, 146th Infantry, for extraordinary heroism in action near Clerges, France, September 22, 1918. At his position had withdrawn about fifty yards to an established line, a wounded comrade was seen lying ahead, in the position which he formerly occupied. The enemy had just launched a strong counter-attack, but Private Neely, with another soldier, volunteered to go to the assistance of the wounded man. In the face of terrific fire of enemy artillery and machine guns, and the fire of their own comrades, who were resisting the attack, Private Neely succeeded in bringing a man to a place of safety.

DREER'S Lawn Grass Seed

Now is the best time of the year to sow lawn grass seed. Sow seed on the bare places and the thin places, and rake it in. You will be quickly rewarded with a lovely sward that will delight your eye.

Fertilize Your Lawn Now

Top dress it with Bone Meal or sheep Manure or both. These will feed the grass roots gradually until next winter.

DREER 714-16 Chestnut St. Philadelphia

UNITED STATES WAR COST

Expense Fourteen Times Greater Than in Civil War

Washington, March 19.—The total cost of the war to the United States from April 6, 1917, to June 30, 1919, will be \$30,205,000,000. This is three-fourths of the size of England's war expenditure, \$46,640,000,000; one-fourth larger than the debt of France, approximately \$23,400,000,000; twice as large as the debt of Italy, \$16,000,000,000; and fifteen times the war debt of Canada, \$2,000,000,000.

Mawson & DeMany 1115 Chestnut Street

Entire Stock of Furs 1/2 and 1/3 Off

IN ADDITION TO THESE UNPARALLELED SAVINGS YOU CAN ALSO SAVE THE WAR TAX ON FURS, NOW IN EFFECT. 10 PER CENT MUST BE ADDED TO ALL FURS MANUFACTURED AFTER FEBRUARY 26TH—EVERY FUR IN THIS SALE WAS MANUFACTURED BEFORE THAT DATE.

Table with 2 columns: Fur Scarfs, Fur Sets. Lists various fur types and prices.

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United States fourteen times as much. Upon an estimate for the whole Civil War period, fixed in 1879 at \$6,100,000,000, the war just closed cost five times more.

Government's Widow Sealed Hagerstown, Md., March 19.—Mrs. William T. Hamilton, widow of the Governor of Maryland, who served about forty years ago, was scolded severely in a bath in the Bennett Hotel in Baltimore. She was taken to a hospital. Two daughters are with her.

STRAWBRIDGE & CLOTHIER

Special Announcements for To-morrow (Thursday)

Now is the Time to Buy for Spring

Never were the American people in general better able to buy the things they need than they are now. There is evidence of this in the stirring activity throughout this Store, and there are many signs indicating that a steadily increasing activity is to be looked for as the season advances.

This Store is completely ready for the great demands that will be made upon it; our spring stocks are now at flood tide, but new things are coming every day, and we shall keep the ever-flowing, ever-changing stream of spring merchandise fresh and full for weeks to come.

Nevertheless, it will be wise to BUY NOW whatever you need and whatever you see that pleases you among the countless new articles of apparel and dress accessories here now, for the FASHIONS ARE AUTHENTICALLY CORRECT, the variety unexcelled, the values the best the season will afford. SPRING IS HERE, and there's no good reason why you should not have the full season's service from your new clothes.

Wilton Rugs Under Price

We still have an excellent assortment of desirable designs and colorings in this collection of Wilton Rugs at REDUCED PRICES—the savings ranging from 10 to 40 per cent. But such an opportunity cannot last indefinitely, and we strongly advise you to see these standard American Rugs to-morrow:

Table with 2 columns: Royal Wilton, Fine Wilton. Lists rug sizes and prices.

A Special Lot of Dobson's Wilton Rugs, 9x12 feet \$45.00

Wall Papers at Reduced Prices

Thousands of rolls of Wall Paper are now marked at ABOUT HALF THE FORMER PRICE for quick clearance. Among them:

House Dresses in Extra Sizes, Special

Excellent values in neat, comfortable House Dresses for women who wear sizes 48, 50 and 52:

Newest Styles in Spring Suits for Young Men

Young men and men who desire to keep young—men from twenty to twice twenty—will find the new and youthful models in varied assortment here, at the Store that gets the new things first, and gets them right.

Young Men's Flannel Suits, special at \$25.00

About two hundred Suits, of blue and dark green flannel; single-breasted and double-breasted; not every size in each model, but all sizes from 35 to 40 inches chest-measure in the collection. Worth much more than this price—\$25.00.

Spring Days Call for Women's Spring Suits and Dresses

A group of moderately-priced Suits and Dresses, each one a charming interpretation of Fashion in her best phases:



Serge or Poplin Suits, \$25.00

Several smart models, belted or semi-belted, of men's-wear serge or poplin in black, navy blue, tan or shades of gray. Some Suits are plaited; others embroidered or trimmed with flat silk braid and bone buttons.

Blue or Black Serge Suits, \$35.00

Women's Suits of men's-wear serge, belted styles featuring the new plaited effects, with rows of flat silk braid for trimming. Other models are on close-fitting lines, smartly tailored, flaring slightly from the waist.

Serge or Tricotine Suits, \$47.50

Distinctive Suits in navy blue or black, including beautifully tailored models on semi-fitting lines, conservative in cut; also semi-belted styles and Suits with the new box coats, slashed and braid-trimmed, with vests of pongee or duvetine.

Lovely Silk Dresses, \$30.00

A wonderful collection of Women's Dresses suitable for any daytime occasion—Crepe de Chine Dresses, tailored effect with draped skirts; models of taffeta silk in short- or long-waisted styles embroidered in chenille or silk; Crepe Georgette Dresses handsomely beaded, as sketched, or lovely models of taffeta and crepe Georgette combined, in navy, Belgian blue, henna, gray, taupe, white, flesh color or black—\$30.00.

Silk Dresses, \$18.75 and \$19.75 Taffeta silk models with a graceful irregular tunic, at \$18.75. Also Crepe de Chine Dresses plaited in straight-line effects—\$19.75.

Women's Wool Dresses, \$16.50 to \$25.00

Among the Black Silks—Black Satin de Luxe, special at \$1.65 Black Crepe Meteor, special at \$3.00

Here are two of our most fashionable and desirable Black Silks at less than present market value—plenty of the fine Satin de Luxe, but a limited quantity of the Crepe Meteor, the latter of fine quality, heavy weight, 40 inches wide.

OTHER POPULAR BLACK SILKS AND SATINS Satins—Heavy, yet soft and lustrous Satin Duchesse, for suits and coats; 36 and 40 inches wide, \$2.50 to \$5.00 a yard. Softer Satins for dresses—Satin Souple, Satin Lumineux and Satin de Luxe, \$2.00 to \$3.00 a yard.

A Special Purchase of Men's Madras Neglige Shirts, \$1.65

Secured from a reliable manufacturer at a liberal price-concession and passed on to our men customers at the same rate of saving. These are the comfortable soft styles, and are in brand-new stripes for the spring season.

Men's Four-in-hands Unusual at \$1.00

Of rich, long-wearing silks, in almost limitless variety of carefully-chosen patterns. Men of good taste will appreciate the correct style and superior workmanship of this fine Neckwear, and men quick to recognize unusual value will appreciate the price—\$1.00.

Sapphires Sparkle in New Coiffure Combs

There is the charm of the unusual in these lovely new Coiffure Combs and Pins set with imitation sapphires in effective designs—a pair of Mercury wings, or a graceful bow-knot, perhaps. Combs and Pins in many styles are of pearl, amber, demi-amber, dark and black imitation shell—Combs, \$4.00 to \$25.00 each; Pins to match, \$2.00 to \$13.00 each.

Suits and Dresses for Large and Stout Women—Our Specialty

Hirsch's A Charge Account Will Prove a Great Convenience

We will open an account with every responsible person Apply Second Floor

The Greatest Values Ever Offered in New Spring Suits, Dresses and Dolmans

Reduced! \$5.00 Straw Trimmed Hats \$3.00

WITHOUT question "Hirsch's" are showing the finest selection of well made, up-to-the-minute styles in all Philadelphia.

Special! \$1.75 Sateen Petticoats \$1.00 \$3 Slip-on Sweaters \$1.98 \$1.50 Nainsook Nightgowns 98c

Silk Georgette and Crepe de Chine Waists \$2.98 Skirts of French Serge and Wool Poplin \$3.00 and up to \$10.98

Women's Spring Suits \$14.98 and up to \$19.75

Women's Spring Dresses \$6.98

HIRSCH'S—HOME OF STYLE AND ECONOMY

Golden Special To-morrow

200 Women's Capes and Dolmans At \$15.75

There's only one word that properly expresses the value—EXTRAORDINARY. Truly a Golden Special lot, made expressly for this occasion, to be sold at a real saving of very nearly one-third.

Women's Linen Hand-Initialed Handkerchiefs, Special, 25c each

The last of a large purchase, made months ago—Imported All-linen Handkerchiefs with hand-embroidered initials and one-eighth-inch hemstitched hems, sheer or cambric weight. Exceptional value—25c Each, or \$2.70 a Dozen

Boys' Spring Suits and Top Coats in Great Variety

The stock which we have assembled for this season's choosing is by far more varied than ever before. Every garment has been carefully selected with all due consideration to workmanship and fabric in order that it may uphold the high standards of quality which have always been maintained under our Seal of Confidence.

The New Suits and Top Coats are Mixed Cheviot Suits, in medium, dark and light shades; for boys of 7 to 17 years. At \$12.00 and \$15.00, Mixed Cheviot Suits, in every desirable color and shade, all with full-lined knickerbockers, and tag collars, at \$8.50. For Sizes 8 to 18 years. At \$16.50 and \$18.00, Suits of handsome homespun in rich grays and browns; sizes for boys from 8 to 18 years of age.

These Lots of Economy Interest to Parents Boys' Suits at \$10.50 Boys' Suits at \$13.00 Boys' Suits at \$15.50

Blue Serge Suits at \$14.50 Blue Serge Suits at \$17.50

Wash Suits—\$1.95 and \$2.75 A variety of good fabrics. Sizes 13 to 8 years.

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