

CITY'S TAX RATE MAY GO OVER \$2

Increased Demands of Departments and Unpaid Bills Seem to Require Advance

PARING PROCESS IS BEGUN

With Mayor Smith silent on the subject of the 1920 tax rate, members of Council's finance committee freely admit that at least a twenty-cent increase over the present city rate of \$1.75 will be needed to carry departments through the coming twelve months. This will be independent of the increase allowed for educational purposes.

This estimate, they say, is low and based upon the fact that home buyers will face additional tax burdens because inflated prices paid by victims of rent gougers will have the effect of forcing up valuations all over the city.

Chairman Gaffney, of Council's finance committee, declines to commit himself on the probability of a tax rate increase in advance of a study of the department budgets now in the hands of Mayor Smith. Controller Walton is likewise silent. Others who think will be the startling totals and who are familiar with deficits and mandamus needs are less reticent.

Added to the present city tax rate of \$1.75 is the sixty cents for school purposes. An increase of ten cents in the school tax rate was agreed upon by an amendment to the school code last spring, and this additional burden will be felt next year for the first time.

SS Rate Possible

The grand total, unless material cuts are made in the demands for the various departments, would require a combined city and county rate of between \$2.75 and \$3. These sums are so unusual and excessive that efforts are now being made to bring the whole of the city increase to within twenty cents over the \$1.75. The success or failure of the scheme lies in the care that will be exercised in the "paring" process now under way.

In the probable event of a third increase in the tax rate under the Smith administration the reason given will be the increases planned for policemen and firemen and other classes of city employees. No reference will be made to the fact that millions are needed to make up this year's deficiencies and to provide for mandamus items long ignored.

An increase of twenty cents in the municipal tax rate will provide about \$3,000,000 additional income to meet outstanding obligations and provide for pay increases. This addition, if it is finally decided upon, will give the city total revenues of about \$51,000,000 to pay the debts of the present administration, which will be included in next year's bills, and to provide for current expenses during 1920.

Consider Safety Budget

Daily conferences are being held by Controller Walton, Mayor Smith and Chairman Gaffney over the various departmental budgets. The most important one being considered is that of the Department of Public Safety.

Director Wilson is asking for more than \$4,000,000 over his record-breaking figures of the present year. For 1920 he wants \$14,052,662.24. He is asking \$8,278,949 for the police bureau and \$3,208,440 for the fire bureau. He wants 500 more patrolmen and general increases bringing their salary basis to \$1400 a year for first year men and \$1600 a year for the men now receiving \$3.50 a day. These figures are lower than the proposed scale for New York, which ranges from \$1350 to \$1800. The director asks \$200 more for each man in the fire bureau. Chairman Gaffney and Mayor Smith are both pledged to increase and these estimates are likely to stand.

Other unusual items for which money must be provided include \$2,000,000 to cover a planned temporary loan to pay old bills and \$2,500,000 for mandamuses which are now outstanding.

"DRY," THEY SAIL FOR ITALY

Prohibition Prompts Many to Leave Country, Says Report

Prohibition, it was said today, was the real reason 1200 Italians sailed yesterday from Philadelphia for Italy with the savings of years.

When the Italians went aboard the Caserta they made immediate search for the winemakers. There they were able to buy large glasses of wine, white or red, for ten cents. And they lost no time in buying. As they drank, they spoke the Italian equivalent of: "This is the life."

"This hits the right spot." After each observation, all joined in a chorus of "good, good, good." For they were "good, good, very dry." A well-known Italian said that there was no doubt that prohibition in this country was causing the Italians to go back to Europe.

"They are fond of wine," he said, "and they miss it when it is kept from them."

BANK CRASH KILLS WOMAN

Widow Who Lost All in North Penn Dies Insane

Mrs. Frederica Augusta Craner, an aged depositor of the North Penn Bank, who was driven insane by the looting and collapse of that institution, died yesterday in the Philadelphia General Hospital.

The money she had deposited in the bank represented the balance of the insurance of her late husband and was to be used to pay for admission to a home for the aged. She lost \$1462 in the crash.

Shortly after the closing of the institution she became insane and was taken to the charity hospital. Her death yesterday was directly traceable to the looting of the bank, physicians say. Mrs. Craner lived at 3015 Coloma street.

Seek Missing Woman Here

Mrs. Edythe V. T. Scott, who disappeared from her home at Sag Harbor, L. I., on Sept. 10, is being sought in this city. She is twenty-five years old, has dark hair and eyes and on the day of her disappearance was wearing a dark brown silk dress, brown shoes, gray turtin and coat. A woman answering her description was seen to board a train for this city.



JOSEPH P. GAFFNEY Candidate for the smaller Council, who today outlined some of the big problems that will face the new body.

A. O. H. HERE HITS LEAGUE

County Body Adopts Resolution Saying Ireland Is Mistrated

The opening session of the biennial convention of the Philadelphia county branch of the Ancient Order of Hibernians was held last night in the auditorium of the A. O. H. clubhouse, 1696 North Broad street. President P. J. McGovern presided. He announced the division had reported the receipt of \$20,000 in contributions to the Irish freedom fund.

A lengthy resolution offered by John O'Dea, national secretary of the order, was passed unanimously. After expressing the "conviction that the violent repression of representative government" in Ireland "vitally concerns the cause of representative government everywhere," and declaring it to be the "duty of free citizens to extend their active aid to the victims of armed injustice," the resolution opposes the "adhesion of our government to the so-called covenant of unions unless the right of self-determination is explicitly guaranteed by reservations." It pledges assistance "to the cause of Ireland" until it is "vindicated by complete independence." It also extends the greetings of 17,000 members to "President, Eamon De Valera and calls upon them to make preparations for taking part in the meetings scheduled in connection with his visit to Philadelphia on October 1.

LEGION NEARING GOAL

Want 20,000 Members During Present Drive

The 20,000 mark, the approximate goal of the American Legion membership campaign in this city, is sure to be passed during the week, according to Romain C. Hassrick, secretary of the Philadelphia county organization.

Three membership rallies were held in West Philadelphia last night. They took place in Kingsessing Recreation Center, Fifty-third street and Chester avenue; Sherwood Recreation Center, Fifty-sixth and Christian streets, and the P. R. B. Branch, Y. M. C. A., Forty-first street and Parkside avenue.



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GAFFNEY EXPLAINS GREAT CITY NEEDS

Says Council Must Extend Water, Sewage and Transit Systems

Extension of the water and sewage systems; better streets and greater transit facilities are among the most needed improvements with which the new City Council must wrestle, in the opinion of Joseph P. Gaffney, one of the councilmanic nominees from the First Senatorial district.

Mr. Gaffney for the last six years has represented Congressman Kane's home ward, the Twenty-sixth, in the lower branch of Council. He is one of the three nominees for a small Council from the First Senatorial district. He, more than any other man, is responsible for the city's finances as they exist today.

With the advent of the Smith administration Mr. Gaffney was chosen to head the powerful finance committee—an honor vainly sought by older and more experienced members. For four years he has guided the deliberations of the body that, directly and indirectly, has dealt with nearly \$200,000,000 in revenues and about \$140,000,000 in loan authorizations.

Made Deliberations Public One of the first moves made by Mr. Gaffney was to throw open to the public all deliberations of the finance committee. Before his regime a small subcommittee, behind closed doors, had been accustomed to deal out the city's incomes.

"I have always stood for open discussion of finances and city matters generally," said Mr. Gaffney today. "Things must be done in the open or I will have nothing to do with them. I am especially interested just now in working out a simple budget system by which the financial needs of the de-

partments can be passed upon by the existing Council. I have stood and will stand for an improved water supply.

Money Must Be Found "Money must be found for needed extensions and this is, perhaps, the most vital project of the future. Sewers are imperatively needed and work is now under way on a general sewage disposal system. Money will have to be found to continue this undertaking.

The problem of the future is equally as difficult as in the past, and I predict that the men who have to wrestle with them will come in for their full share of criticism.

"Among the questions that will face the new Council, second in importance to the water situation, are improved streets and highways and completion of the transit system, now barely in its first stages. "Transit seems to have been more or less lost sight of, but we certainly have devoted much time and attention to its development during the years of the present administration."

"I am in favor of spending up work on the transit lines and something should be done at the first opportunity. All that was said in favor of rapid transit years ago is doubly true of the present and will be even more true of the future if nothing is done."

War Veterans Guests at Banquet

Two hundred and fifty members who served in the war were guests of honor at a banquet given by the St. Boniface Church branch of the Catholic Knights of America last night in St. Boniface's Hall, Market and Diamond streets.

Speeches were made by the Rev. Joseph H. Wick, the Rev. Joseph Clark, one-time chaplain in the army, and Dr. J. Kiefer. Five hundred persons attended.

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