

100 PER CENT PROFIT STREET CLEANING HEARD OF

CONTRACTORS PAID \$1,000,000 TOO MUCH, SAYS BUREAU CHIEF

Bases Statement on Amount Collected and Cost of Inadequate Force and Equipment Maintained—"Game of Politics," He Asserts

HE CONTENDS ORDINANCES ARE FRAMED TO FAVOR THE MEN TO WHOM THE WORK HAS BEEN AWARDED

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN
DONALD M. HEPBURN, chief of the bureau of street cleaning, in the Department of Public Works, made a statement this morning that will undoubtedly attract the attention of every public-spirited citizen in Philadelphia. He moreover presented figures in proof of his assertions taken from the records in his office.

The investigations of Mr. Hepburn are in line with Director Winston's expressed purpose of "getting down to business" in the Department of Public Works.

"From the investigations I have made I can say positively that I would be willing to undertake the work of cleaning Philadelphia streets at the price it is now paying and yet save the city \$1,000,000 annually.

"It would be no trick at all. There is not a street-cleaning contractor who has not been pocketing 100 per cent profit, and in some instances more, for years," said Chief Hepburn.

"Do I understand you to say that if a contractor receives say \$500,000 for cleaning the streets in a district his profit is \$250,000?" I asked.

"I do. And understand, please, that this is not a guess. It is based on figures in my possession. Moreover, it is predicated on 300 working days for every year, and if you have given only the most casual thought to the subject you will understand that street-cleaning forces, owing to varying weather conditions, cannot put in a full 300 days in every year.

All Overhead Included

"But there is other overhead beside the mere outlay for labor that must be taken into consideration," I suggested. "There is machinery, its upkeep, tools, and all the necessary paraphernalia that goes with an outfit utilized in keeping hundreds of miles of city streets in good condition."

Chief Hepburn smiled in an indulgent way at the suggestion. To a man of his wide experience, as one of the leading construction engineers whose career for twenty years had been a matter of intimate details and keen foresight in handling and anticipating all sorts of contingencies, it must have seemed almost unaccountable.

"I have taken all that, and more, into account," he said. "All the sprinklers, sweepers, flushers, machine brooms, trucks, wagons, teams and all the rest of it. Likewise the men in gangs who operate the street cleaning machinery, including chauffeurs and machinists. I have estimated on a basis of 300 working days in the year, and I cannot think of a single instance where the contractors, and I except none, are not making 100 per cent profit on their contracts."

"I have considered that there are three months, perhaps, in the year when a contractor cannot use his equipment. There are other periods when it can be used for night work. If climatic conditions are favorable it can be utilized for maybe half of January, February and March. Of what use are sweepers, sprinklers and all other equipment that are available in summer at a time like this?"

Contractors' Fault If They Lost Money

"But it has been repeatedly claimed that street-cleaning contractors are not big money-makers."

"If any contractor in Philadelphia lost money last year on his street-cleaning work, then it was through improper or antiquated equipment or gross mismanagement. After my experience of three weeks in this office I should say that it was gross mismanagement and not a lack of equipment that was the cause. There is no reason under heaven why street-cleaning forces should not consist of experienced men in receipt of good wages."

"It is a question of foremen and superintendents. If these men are inefficient or careless, and are constantly striving to make their job as easy as possible without regard to their employees' interests, then it is naturally to be expected that the work they will acquire the same habit, with a consequent tremendous increase in the matter of expense."

"Street cleaning, I have discovered, is under the Philadelphia system, a game of politics from start to finish. The man from the contractor down to the street sweeper is controlled by the man in the office. I cannot, of course, say this as a result of personal acquaintance of every individual involved in the matter, but all lines of investigation lead me inevitably to that conclusion."

"Without wishing to appear ultra-embittered, I have seen too many men and money and the public be damned."

Ordinances Planned for Contractors

"My investigations have disclosed the fact that ordinances have been passed and contracts framed to accomplish all that I have outlined. I have one specification in mind that is so purely political, and so manifestly in the interest of the contractors, that the attention is that it has not been discovered before. It relates to the number of men employed by street-cleaning contractors and reads as follows:

"The contractor shall employ at all times a sufficient force to clean the streets, alleys, country roads and inlets in a manner satisfactory to the chief of public works, and the contractor who is friendly with the chief can utilize his acquaintance with the chief to his advantage to the number of men he shall employ. The last eight words in that specification are superfluous, and to my mind were inserted for a purpose."

"Am I to understand that all this has been done under a veil of secrecy. That reports of operations and the doing of public contracts are a matter of studied concealment?" I inquired.

"By no means. Figures and reports are available, presumably, to the public. They are on file in a public office, but they have been taken to the matter. The contractors are not to be taken off their guard, particularly when they are presumably 'on the job' and looking after their interests, so why worry?"

"That is another angle on the contractor situation. Suppose a citizen makes an effort to get at the facts and

MAYOR TO ASK RISE FOR POLICE FORCE AND CITY FIREMEN

Would Give Patrolmen \$5 a Day and Others \$200 a Year More

INCREASE WOULD COST CITY \$1,300,000 YEARLY

Three From Each Department Are Commended for Their Brave Actions

Five dollars a day for policemen and an increase of \$200 a year for firemen is the wage that Mayor Moore hopes to give the men in these departments.

This rate is for what may be termed the "privates" and does not apply to sergeants, lieutenants or officers in the fire department. Policemen now receive \$3.55 a day, which includes a 10 per cent bonus and the firemen \$1000 a year.

The Mayor expressed the desire to give the men the increase mentioned today when he received their recommendations and three firemen at City Hall and praised them for their deeds of bravery.

He said he would call a meeting of public-spirited citizens and lay his plans before them to the taxpayers. He met with City Council and the city solicitor to see how funds could be obtained for the proposed increase.

The policemen and firemen were introduced to the Mayor in the reception room by Director Cortelyou. In addition to giving them credit for what they had done, the Mayor explained to the men that he was going to see that they were given the increase that he could talk to the taxpayers through them and let the people know that the policemen and firemen were the poorest paid officials in the city's service.

Work Is Noted

If the public will understand the situation, the Mayor said, we will be able to do more for the city. He told the men that the administration was in sympathy with them, and realized their plight, and that he would do all in his power to see that they were not overlooked.

"We want you and your fellow policemen and firemen to know that we are taking them into consideration," he said. "It is unfair to a great body of energetic policemen and firemen that the occasional crook, knave or pluggish who happens to bob up and obtain notoriety should be taken against the reputable and real men of the service. Director Cortelyou and I want to encourage all loyal and faithful public servants and have them feel that we regard them as associates in the big work we have to do."

Touching again on his proposed plan to bring about an increase in pay he said the proposed advance would cost the city about \$1,300,000 a year more for the police department and about \$500,000 for the increase to the firemen.

The Mayor referred to the plight of the widow and four children left by Policeman Matt Kernan, who died Monday, and said that something would be done for them. He said, however, he did not expect the policemen to help as their burdens were already too great.

Mayor Moore shook hands cordially with the men before they left.

The men honored today were:

Firemen:
Battalion Chief Harry Piper, Truck 4, 319 De Lancey street.
Hoseman Edward Moore, Engine Co. 40, Sixty-fifth street and Woodland avenue.

Hoseman James Fleming, Engine Co. 5, Champlott street and Old York road.
Patrolmen:
Fred Louyinger, Eighth and Jefferson street police station.
John W. Rodgers, Thirty-second street and Woodland avenue police station.

Robert H. Frantz, Eighth and Jefferson street police station.

The six men were singled out from among the many brave men of the police and fire departments for acts of unusual heroism.

Rescued Aged Couple

Battalion Chief Piper went through fire and smoke to the third floor of a burning house at 126 South street to rescue an aged man and woman, lodgers, who had been trapped in their rooms by flames.

Two spectacular acts of heroism are to the credit of Hoseman Moore, which were the more unusual because neither was based on fire. For one of them, performed three years ago, he was awarded the Cameron gold medal, given annually to the firemen credited with the most heroic deed of the year.

On an August day in 1917, Andrew Linkai was one of a gang of workmen engaged in repairing a line in a smelter which jutted beyond the roof at the right-hand corner of City Hall. They rigged a plank over the courtyard and below, and from the end of the plank a rope dangled. People in the courtyard had stopped to watch the workmen on the plank. Suddenly he swayed, lost his balance and fell. The crowd gasped in horror. He brought up suddenly as he shot down toward the courtyard. His foot had caught in a snag at the end of the rope. He spun violently for a moment, then swung head downward.

Swung to Window

Hoseman Moore was one of those passing through the courtyard at the time.

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DONALD M. HEPBURN
Chief of the street cleaning bureau, who said today that the city's street-cleaning contractors were overpaid \$1,000,000 annually

ADA HUFF SHED; "DEAD HUSBAND" APPEARS IN COURT

Nurse, Unable to Furnish \$1000 Bail, Goes to Jail to Await Trial

"ADOPTED" BABY AND HER MOTHER WATCH HEARING

William Nagle Denies Marriage to Prisoner—His Bride of Year Accompanies Him

The strange world of deception in which moved Miss Ada Huff, alleged abductor of the Leonard baby, collapsed about her feet at the hearing before Magistrate Ronney at Central Court today. She was held under \$1000 bail for court.

The tangled web of deception which the nurse had woven to deceive the mother of ten-month-old Genevieve Leonard and her own foster-parents at North Water Gap entangled the mere slip of a girl in its meshes.

Eyes beaming and her face wreathed in smiles, Mrs. Ruth Leonard, of 918 North Bamberg street, the real mother of the child, confronted the nurse with her deception.

Miss Huff had expected that, but she was not prepared to face William C. Nagle, the man whose name she had assumed, and who, she told her parents, had been her husband and the father of the child. She told her parents when she showed them the Leonard baby to substitute her own child for the real one, that the child's father, William Nagle, had been killed by a live-wire, while working in New Jersey.

Nagle Appears With Wife

A few minutes before the hearing began, Nagle, who lives at 1809 Cayuga street, entered the courtroom with his pretty wife, to whom he has been married for more than a year.

Faced on every hand by evidence of her deception, Ada Huff, who had spent the night in a City Hall cell following her arrest at North Water Gap, where she had spirited the child, stood with her hands meekly folded and eyes downcast as a witness, on after another, took the stand and related her original story, that she was the child's mother.

If she experienced any emotion as the man, whom she had "adopted" as her dead husband, took the stand, her face did not betray it. Not once did Miss Huff allow her eyes to wander to the other side of the courtroom, where Mrs. Leonard coddled the ten-month-old child.

The baby, dressed in white clothes and a white-ribbed blanket, with new kid shoes, which, it is said, Miss Huff had bought for her, snuggled close to its real mother's breast, oblivious of courts and laws.

John H. Hodge, who had been concerned only about the contents of a milk bottle, which it was assimilating at a rapid rate. Anon, the baby would prattle inarticulately, and the mother would hold it all the while the prosecutor, but she was so fearful that the court officials might take it away again.

The hearing did not last long.

Wilson's Party Control Strengthened by Health

Physicians Expect Full Recovery Early Next Month—Democrats and Republicans Both Want Delegations Uninstructed

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger

Washington, Feb. 11.—President Wilson's physicians say privately he will be fully restored to health early in March. By that time they expect the Executive to resume his old activities, as the arterial impairment from which he suffered at the end of his western tour in Nebraska has almost completely recovered, has been more rapid than was expected.

The improvement in the President's health is tending to strengthen his control over his party's plans this year. This has been a week of important informal conferences among the Democrats here. Former Secretary McAdoo has been in town. Bernard Baruch, also here, and his associate, Cummings, chairman of the Democratic national committee. Mr. Baruch announced on Monday that he was in favor of sending uninstructed delegates to the Democratic national convention at San Francisco. Mr. Baruch is close to both President Wilson and to Mr. McAdoo.

There is little doubt that managers of the Democratic machine, like managers of the Republican machine, seek uninstructed delegations and wish to postpone the choice of a candidate until the convention meets.

The object of the Democrats is to keep control of the Democratic situation in Wilson's hands as long as possible. The President wants this and authority is disposed to quarrel with him. For the time being in effect Wilson's hands are off and it is a free field. In the end he will probably take hold and pick the candidate.

This plan favors Bryan to an extent, but where it is necessary the Democratic organization will put up favorite sons in Nebraska. "Peerless leader." Where favorite sons are out of the question, an effort will be made to secure uninstructed delegates as against Bryan.

The test of this policy will come in the two Dakotas. If Bryan shows strength that the organization does not credit him with, this plan may have to be revised. The decision was reached on the report of an official of the Democratic national committee who has just returned from the Dakotas. If Bryan shows strength that the organization does not credit him with, this plan may have to be revised. The decision was reached on the report of an official of the Democratic national committee who has just returned from the Dakotas. If Bryan shows strength that the organization does not credit him with, this plan may have to be revised. The decision was reached on the report of an official of the Democratic national committee who has just returned from the Dakotas.

Keeping the situation in Wilson's control does not mean in the general opinion that he is a candidate. Although the President has almost recovered his health, no one believes his arteries will stand the strain of a campaign, or of four years' more service in the White House.

But Mr. Wilson wants to keep power in his hands as long as possible. He is that sort of man. And the choice of a Democratic candidate is unusually difficult. There are two leading Democratic possibilities, Mr. McAdoo does

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HINES TO ANSWER RAILMEN WITHOUT ADVICE OF WILSON

Will Act on Wage Demands and Then Make Report to President

CONFERENCE POSTPONED TILL THIS AFTERNOON

Situation Considered Grave as Strike on Nation's Railways Looms Up

By the Associated Press
Washington, Feb. 11.—Director Hines will make answer to the wage demands of the 2,000,000 railroad workers on his own responsibility and from the standpoint of the railroad administration, and will then report to the President, it was said today at the White House. Mr. Wilson then will approve or disapprove the decision.

Heretofore the President generally has passed upon wage decisions before the railroad administration's answer was given to the union representatives. No reason was assigned for the departure from the usual custom in this case.

In the light of the urgent demands of the trainmen and the strike called off by officers of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, both railroad administration and government officials regard the situation as extremely grave.

President Gets Memorandum

Mr. Hines has held a long conference with Secretary Tamm, who has submitted a memorandum on the subject to the President. Mr. Wilson still has this memorandum before him.

Conferences between Mr. Hines and the brotherhood officers were to have been resumed this morning, but at the appointment the other side was ready to go ahead, and the meeting was postponed until 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The committee of ten, representing the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, arrived here today from Detroit and immediately went into conference with J. B. Malloy, vice president of the union, and its other representatives in the wage negotiations with Mr. Hines.

Members of the committee refused to discuss the strike order or any phase of the wage controversy. They were expected to attend the regular conference of the union officials with Mr. Hines later in the day. Railroad administration officials said they had not been asked by the maintenance men to employ for a private meeting with Mr. Hines.

The result of the conference today probably will determine whether the railroad transportation system will be tied up by a strike before the government surrenders control.

Trainmen Press Demands

W. G. Lee, president of the trainmen, continued to press the demands of his organization, which has served a thirty-day transportation system, to the satisfaction of the existing wage contract and has taken a strike vote said to be largely in favor of cessation of work if the demands are not met.

While the maintenance men are not supporting the trainmen "aggressively" a strike by one union, it is pointed out, would affect traffic seriously, as the maintenance men states forbid operation of trains without full crews.

DEVELIN GRAVELLY ILL; WORRY PARTLY CAUSE

Criticism Aggravated Condition of Councilman, Down With Bronchial Pneumonia

Friends of Councilman James A. Develin believe that worry over councilmanic affairs is partly responsible for the gravity of his condition.

Mr. Develin is ill with bronchial pneumonia at his home, 6052 Overbrook avenue. He went home last week with a severe cold, and Sunday serious illness developed.

Mr. Develin is an independent in Council. Last Thursday at a Council meeting he blocked the administration's program of councilmanic jobs by offering an amendment cutting down the number of positions.

Immediately there started gossip that Mr. Develin's action was the start of a definite break between the Mayor and men on whose support he had depended.

Mr. Develin's friends say he felt that he was thus put in a false position; that he is sincere in his work in Council and not an obstructionist, and that the criticism to which he felt he was unjustifiably subjected contributed to a breakdown. Mr. Develin is described as "one of those men who take their worries home with them."

YOUNG MAN URGED FOR PENN PROVOST

Alumni Say Age Should Be Between 40 and 55—Six Prospects Mentioned

PENSION FOR DOCTOR SMITH

Among Men Suggested for Provost at Penn

Alumni of the University of Pennsylvania favor a young man as the next provost, to succeed Dr. Edgar Fahs Smith, with particular emphasis on the age between forty and fifty-five years.

Some believe he should be an alumnus, others a man not necessarily of this city, but well known nationally, an administrator, a business man.

Joseph G. Rosengarten, of the class of '52, College, believes that the man should be an administrator and that there should be a larger administrative staff for the new provost.

"I don't think that we should go outside for the provost," he said. "We should have some one who knows the University's needs from within. I think it should be some one who has made his mark in the University, or who has had university connections."

There are George Wharton Pepper and Dr. George de Schweinitz—but it probably too much to expect them to give up professional practice—and John Cadwalader. I suppose the provost should be a young man.

"Broad-Minded Man"

"No fads or whims, but a broad-minded man," is the requirement urged by Horace Stern, '90 College, '02 Law. "The man should be a scholar and at the same time a man who has thought and expressed himself on public questions, a man who knows the difference between radical vapors and free discussion."

"The University ought to scour the country for the best possible intellectual and public giant available. It doesn't matter, to my mind, whether he comes from Texas or Philadelphia. No business organization in Philadelphia confines itself to choosing Philadelphians for its big offices; it gets the best it can find, wherever he is. If the University were a training school for Philadelphia lawyers, or Philadelphia doctors or scientists, then there should be a Philadelphia provost, just as the city needs a Philadelphian for Mayor. But the University is a training school for the country and it should select its provost from the same 'broad field.'"

A business man, according to Earl Mendenhall, '00 College, and W. P. Humphreys, '09 College, is the special need of the University at this time.

"The provost should be an alumnus and a Philadelphian because most of the University's financing is done here and money is the University's greatest need at this time," said Mr. Mendenhall. "Philadelphia is still provincial and it takes a Philadelphian to get money from Philadelphia."

Governor Sprout the Type

"Governor Sprout, although not an alumnus, is the type of man. No dean of the present departments should be chosen, because he is too wrapped up in his own department, and no professional man, because he is too narrow."

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PEACE DOVE GOES OVER BASEBALL

New York Litigation Dismissed. Carl Mays Reinstated and Yanks Awarded 3d Place

ARBITRATION BOARD NOW

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

Chicago, Feb. 11.—At an early hour this morning the official hatchet was buried with due pomp and ceremony in the gallery of watching scribes stifled a few yawns and the official American League war was officially settled for good and all. The three musketeers, meaning Huggert, Comiskey and Frazee, shook hands with the loyal five, which consisted of Connie Mack, Jim Dunn, Frank Navin, Phil Ball, and Clark Griffith. William M. Richardson, and Colonel Huston on the sidelines helped the cause along by doing likewise.

At exactly 1:45 a. m. Chicago time, peace was declared in the Johnson circle. There was no celebration nor any congratulations exchanged. Both sides conceded something, but the subsequent meetings, which occupy a final afternoon, it looks as if the Johnsonites captured the verdict by the score of 3 to 1. This, as can easily be seen, differs from the old figures of 5 to 3.

Ban on Job

The American League magnates met at 5:30 p. m. and put on an endurance contest. It was agreed when the morning session adjourned yesterday that an informal discussion would be held later this afternoon, and if Ban Johnson wanted to be present he was welcome; if not, the owners should worry, but Ban was on the job and stuck through to the finish.

After everything was over the members pledged themselves to secrecy and no official statement was given out. In brief, this is what happened:

It was unanimously agreed that the New York club drop all litigation which has been instituted against Johnson and his associates in the league, and the differences between the opposing factions settled once and for all.

Second, Carl Mays was reinstated.

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YOUTHFUL MAIN LINE AUTO BANDITS PLEAD GUILTY

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JURY BLAMES INADEQUATE LAW FOR FATAL FIRES

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NEW ENVOY TO ITALY

Robert Underwood Johnson to Succeed Ambassador Page

Washington, Feb. 11.—(By A. P.)—Robert Underwood Johnson, of New York, author and editor and one of the founders of the League to Enforce Peace, has been selected by President Wilson as ambassador to Rome, to succeed Thomas Nelson Page, of Virginia, who resigned several months ago. The President is expected to send the nomination to the Senate within a few days.

EMBARGO ON N. Y. EXPRESS

Companies Can Accept Only Medical Goods and Food

An embargo has been placed on all express packages except medical goods and foodstuffs to New York city, on account of the impassable condition of Gotham streets, according to a statement made today by the American Railway Express Co. here.

The recent storms, according to an official of the company, have put the streets in such a condition that neither teams nor autotricks can make deliveries, and the American Railway Express terminal in New York is accordingly crowded to the limit.

"The embargo will last until the streets are cleaned and the congestion remedied," declared the company official. "It applies only to New York city proper."

KENTUCKY OPERATORS BOLT

Refuse to Submit to Decision of U. S. Coal Commission

Washington, Feb. 11.—(By A. P.)—After the coal strike settlement commission had agreed today to render a decision as to making the 14 per cent wage increase retroactive to October 1 in the Kentucky fields, the Kentucky operators' association refused to submit to the jurisdiction of the commission and withdrew from the hearing.

This was the first refusal of operators in any field to accept the commission's decision. The representatives of the mine workers presented their side of the case, but President Robinson did not indicate whether the commission might pursue, in view of the refusal of the operators to give their views.

Claim of the Kentucky miners that the award should be made retroactive was based on the contention that the mines in Kentucky were operated on virtually a 100 per cent basis throughout the strike.

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BASEBALL FANS!

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Bob Maxwell (YOU KNOW BOB)

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MAYOR PLANS TO TAKE CERTAIN POSITIONS FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mayor Moore plans to invoke the new city charter to take from the county commissioners, who are controlled by the Vane interests, the right to appoint job hunters to places which conflict with the work of other city departments.

This was announced this afternoon following a conference between the Mayor and Director Tustin, of the Department of Public Welfare.

Men close to the administration denounce what is an apparent effort of the Vane to hustle their constituents into jobs as appointments, which conflict with the work of other city departments.

The county commissioners today, almost at the very hour when the Mayor was holding his conference, made public a list of appointments, which contained the names of six men appointed to such jobs. Of the six, four had been forced out by the advent of the new administration.

When you think of writing, think of THE EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER.

SHELL HITS SHIP; 1400 DIE

Transport Fired on by Bolshevik Sinks With All on Board

London, Feb. 11.—A Moscow wireless dispatch today says:

"According to a message from Novorossisk, when the volunteer transport Karantin with officers and officials and their wives and children aboard, numbering 1400, left Mariupol (in the Russian province of Yekaterinoslav) on the approach of the Bolsheviks, the volunteer army, accused at being left behind, fired on the ship."

"A shell pierced a boiler and the transport sank with all aboard."

FLETCHER NO LONGER ENVOY

President Accepts Resignation of Ambassador to Mexico

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