

### What Mayor Faces in His Lone Hard Fight

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named, or a clerk appointed to a minor position.

"I'll make money this year and it will come clean," said a contractor to a high city official the other day. "Everything I make this year is velvet. I don't have to 'rough up' a percentage on the outside. It's the first time since I have been in business for myself that this has happened."

The minority in Council, led by Councilman Charles B. Hall, who has assumed the leadership, and to whom Messrs. Gaffney, Hetzel, McConch, and the others in his humble submission, are proceeding deliberately in an attempt to obstruct the administration. No pretext is too trivial to afford an attack. These verbal assaults become more violent and vitriolic as the days go by.

Not long since the Municipal Court was granted a demand for \$7500 for stationery in excess of its appropriation. The Mayor approved it. Some time later Council approved an additional expenditure of \$5000 for stationery for the Municipal Court, purchased in excess of its appropriation and in addition to the \$7500 previously given. Mayor Moore again approved the bill.

An appropriation of \$2000 for stationery for the Mayor's office for an entire year was requested.

Instantly this item became a center of cyclonic protest and anger. The minority led by Messrs. Hall and Gaffney. The upshot was that these gentlemen threw up their hands and declared themselves marginal of any further councilmanic interest if such extravagance was to be permitted.

The police force, as constituted at the beginning of the Moore administration, was the most powerful weapon of the Vares machine. Its personnel was imbued with the fact that orders emanated from Vares headquarters and not from City Hall.

The attempt to alter this condition, to eliminate police officials who refused to recognize a source of power and direction in City Hall, has led to the present attack on the Mayor and his forces.

The clamor for a metropolitan police force is one phase of this attack, as the Mayor and his friends well know. And yet, as the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER has pointed out within the last few days, the Vares themselves bitterly fought this proposition in recent years and even Governor Sprout, whose name and influence are being used as a club, refused to consider any change in that direction.

There is gambling in the city. Dope peddlers still flourish, though not as extensively as before, when they were openly protected in their crime.

Yet Mayor Moore knows, and so does every man around City Hall, that these conditions could not exist without the connivance of that element on the force which fostered such evils in former days.

The attempt of the Mayor and the desire of members of his cabinet to sympathize with him to eliminate from the police force the men who are proved guilty of this nefarious thing have aroused the ire and venom of those who profit by it in the past.

Mayor's Purpose

The purpose of Mayor Moore is not only to take the police out of politics, but to wipe out the last vestige of political control over a force that is charged with the protection of the public.

One of the curses of the police system heretofore was the ambivalence of the individual who preyed on the weak and the criminal, the man who had for a patron the lawyer with a shabby reputation, the colleague of the professional hoodlum.

The evil had reached such proportions that these forces had invaded the police department and were accommodated with desks at headquarters.

Today they are deprived of their position. They have been swept out of headquarters.

The voice of every one of the discredited hood is now raised against the administration. They have joined hands with the denizens of the underworld in personal attacks upon it.

The career of Mayor Moore since his induction as chief magistrate has been a series of battles. He is a fighter and has given personal and solemn assurance that he will continue to fight to the end of his administration. There is to be no let-up, he assures me. It is well that this fact be known.

Under no circumstances will there be a yielding, though the conflict reaches a point where he shall be left alone upon his side.

Every day brings fresh evidence of the conditions that still maintain. A former official has been discovered in the work of filling his auto tank regu-

larly from the supply of a public institution.

The head of a bureau, under examination, apparently knew nothing about the office hours, outside business connections or even personnel of one of his most important subdivisions.

A more interesting case is that of a former official who was preparing to install in a city building, which he proposed to use as a summer home—additional comforts and conveniences for himself and family at the city's expense.

Resort Allowed to Run

The wife of a policeman and the mother of children, believing a new seasonally complained recently to a high official of a disorderly house next door to her home. Her husband had reported it repeatedly, but his superior on the force ordered him to mind his own business. This official was a personal friend of the owner of the place; hence, his protection.

These are mere passing incidents. Mayor Moore has broken away from old traditions of his office. Therein lies the trouble to politicians of the old regime. He has traveled too fast for them. To have a business administration, to keep the city clean and worthy of its name, requires, as he has expressed himself, an abandonment of the old system.

The strange anomaly in all of this

is that an element of great moral force in the community is affording encouragement to the enemies of decent government in Mayor Moore's warfare for the moral uplift of the city.

The strict Sabbatarians have threatened his impeachment. All other considerations have been swept aside by them, even the fact that their words and actions are the strongest hands that can be reached out to aid those who would have Philadelphia made an open town in all that the term implies. Recently there have been indications of a desire to help rather than hinder. Members of the clergy are stretching forth their hands in aid of the great battle.

On the highest authority possible I can say that no obstacles, no influence, no group of men political or otherwise, will be able to swerve Mayor Moore

from his purpose to give Philadelphia clean, decent government.

The Mayor earnestly disclaims any desire to build a personal political machine.

It is necessary, however, that the incompetents and faithless be eliminated from a share in the city government. For this reason the reins must be in his hands.

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