

Mayor's Message on Court Budget

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As the Common Pleas Judges have two and a fraction each.

It is proposed to reduce the number of officers allowed what each Municipal Court Judge receives from three (3), which is more than the Common Pleas Judges have. This would reduce the cost to the city from \$54,000 to \$54,000 on this item.

"Line 42, Clerks, one at \$2750," reduced to \$2250.

"Line 43, Clerks, two, at \$2500," reduced to \$2250.

These reductions are made to make the salaries of the Municipal Court officers uniform with the clerks of the Courts of the Common Pleas and Orphan's Court. The clerks of the Court of Quarter Sessions receive higher pay than those of the Common Pleas and the Orphan's Courts, but their salaries are fixed by act of Assembly.

Slashes Stenographic Force
"Line 46, Stenographers, eleven, at \$4000," reduced to nine, at \$4000.

The fifteen Common Pleas Judges are allowed fourteen stenographers at \$4000 per annum, less than one stenographer for each of the Municipal Courts. This item from eleven to nine stenographers, at \$4000 each, allows one stenographer for each of the nine judges in the Municipal Court, and one for the Orphan's Court.

In addition to the nine stenographers, there are also allowed them for copy furnished, and in addition, the court has secured the services of a stenographer to receive stenographic notes, which, according to the city controller's report for 1918, amounted generally to \$104,861.15.

The controller's report for 1919 shows that stenographers' fees were recovered by mandamus through the Municipal Court to the amount of \$24,031.14, in addition to the \$36,841.68, in this item, and to the salaries and the bonuses paid to stenographers on their salaries up to and including \$4000.

"Line 47, Janitors, 16, at \$1200," reduced to 12, at \$1200.

In addition to the 16 janitors provided in the bill for the Municipal Court, Item 84 allows for 16 janitors at \$600." The buildings under the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court could be well taken care of, it is believed, by 12 janitors with the 13 cleaners, or 25 in all.

In the matter of clerks and a variety of other employees, it is impossible, as the budget is made up, to determine their application to any specific branch of the Municipal Court service. The salaries of clerks so vary as to require a particular inquiry as to each clerk to ascertain exactly what his application is. It is believed, as the result of clerks in the department, or unnecessary to an economical administration.

"Line 48, Clerk, 5 at \$4000," reduced to 3 at \$4000.

"Line 49, Clerk, 7 at \$1800," reduced to 5 at \$1800.

"Line 50, Clerk, 13 at \$1200," reduced to 10 at \$1200.

"Line 51, Clerk, 4 at \$1020," reduced to 4 at \$1020.

"Line 52, Clerk, 4 at \$1000," reduced to 4 at \$1000.

These reductions do not apply to the 12 clerks filling clerks, five at \$1200 and seven at \$900, allowed in the bill.

Probation Officers Halted
The bill allows generally for about fifty-one (51) clerks, designated as such in the bill, but cut approximately to fifty-five officers and clerks, eighty stenographers and 300 probation officers, but these do not complete the list.

"Line 57—Probation officer, fourteen at \$2500," reduced to seven at \$2500.

"Line 58—Probation officer, six at \$2500," reduced to three at \$2500.

"Line 59—Probation officer, six at \$1800," reduced to twenty at \$1800.

"Line 60—Probation officer, forty-eight at \$1500," reduced to twenty-four at \$1500.

"Line 61—Probation officer, eighty-eight at \$1200," reduced to forty-four at \$1200.

"Line 62—Probation officer, twenty-one at \$1350," reduced to eleven at \$1350.

"Line 63—Probation officer, twelve at \$1020," reduced to six at \$1020.

"Line 64—Probation officer, six at \$1000," reduced to thirty-three at \$1000.

The total number of probation officers allowed in the bill is 100, cut approximately in half. It is believed that more than 150 probation officers remaining are ample to do the work.

Further than this, the Department of Public Welfare has under its jurisdiction at the present time nearly 1000 children who are more or less permanent charges of the city and are safeguarded by four (4) probation officers—not a sufficient number, as the department believes, but all the Council has proposed to cut from the budget the total number of children at any time under the control of the Municipal Court.

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look after the welfare of 1000 children throughout the year. It is said there are 1000 children in the Municipal Court after the Juvenile Aid Division of the Municipal Court.

"Item A-11. Line 65. Probation officer, one at \$500." This item is eliminated.

It appears that this \$500 per annum probation officer was created by the Municipal Court, which designated the present superintendent of the House of Detention, or who receives a salary of \$2500 per annum as superintendent, and whose wife, as assistant superintendent, receives a salary of \$1800, both plus bonus.

No Double Jobholding
There is no question about the efficiency of the superintendent or of the court superintendent, both of whom appear to be admirably adapted for the work they have to do; but the law as to the holding of more than one office is in the present budget, for personal services, more than \$1,000,000, made up as follows:

Municipal Court, secular pay incl. not including the salaries of profit under the United States, of this commonwealth or who receives a salary of \$2500 per annum as superintendent, and whose wife, as assistant superintendent, receives a salary of \$1800, both plus bonus.

"Line 66, Stenographer, 7 at \$1500," reduced to 5 at \$1500.

"Line 67, Stenographer, 62 at \$1200," reduced to 40 at \$1200.

Included with the other stenographers in the Municipal Court budget, these two groups of stenographers are regarded as separate from the Municipal Court alone up to eighty (80), which is believed to be in excess of the court's actual needs. The amount asked for these stenographers in the Municipal Court budget is \$72,000, or \$900 each, plus bonus.

"Line 68, Personal services, at \$1500," reduced to 35 at \$1500.

"Line 5, Inspectors, fifty-three, at \$1500," reduced to 35 at \$1500.

These men were obliged to inspect about 50,000 stores, which would be an average of about 1000 stores per year per inspector, which would mean that not more than three stores a day were visited by the inspectors.

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HARDING SEES POINDEXTER
President-Elect Discusses League With Irreconcilables

Marion, O., Dec. 21.—(By A. P.)—A group of members of the irreconcilable camp of the Senate, including Miles Poindexter, of Washington, today called on President-elect Harding's negotiations on his plan for a world peace association.

The conference is the fourth Mr. Harding has held here with senators who fought for the rejection of the Versailles league, and it is understood that the hope that the irreconcilables will add their strength to the plan to be proposed by the next administration.

An appointment list was Governor Edwin P. Morrow, of Kentucky, a bitter opponent of the Versailles ratification of the Versailles treaty.

Children in Mother Goose Pageant
A pageant founded on Mother Goose rhymes was given last night by 150 children of employees at the fifth annual Christmas entertainment of the Edgewood Improvement Co. The entertainment was in the Second Regiment Armory, Broad street and Susquehanna avenue. The pageant was directed by Mrs. P. M. Morrow, one of the 10,000 employees of the manufacturing plant received a toy, fruit candy. The entertainment will be repeated tonight.

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Traveling Fund Reduced
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The Mayor makes no reduction in the salaries of the recorder of deeds, provided for the office of the recorder of deeds. He explains that his failure to cut down the number, necessary as it might seem, was a temporary action to see if the recorder's force could catch up with the vast number of documents which still are to be recorded.

Park Force Is Fared
The item for labor, skilled and unskilled, for the commissioners of Fairmount Park, was reduced from \$400,000 to \$300,000.

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HARDING GETS FIRST Democratic Senator

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assume that he will fail to win La Follette and Johnson, namely, the vote of Senator Shields.

There were some other Democratic senators who were rather indignant that most of them failed of re-election. Still, Senator Walsh, of Massachusetts, and Senator Underwood, of Ohio, are expected to vote with the Mayor's veto, which is interested with all good citizens.

The question of the two-thirds majority because of the failure to win over Reed and the possible loss of Borah, Johnson and La Follette, will depend largely upon the attitude of the Democratic Senator leader, Mr. Underwood.

The most important conferences that remain will be those with Senators Borah and Johnson, of the Republican party, and with certain Democrats, including Senator La Follette, which is to be taken for granted, and which is believed to be sufficient.

"Item 45, traveling and other expenses, officers of Democratic Relations and criminal branches, Municipal Court, \$8000," is reduced to \$6000, which is believed to be sufficient.

"Item 46, printing and stationery, Municipal Court, \$10,000," is reduced to \$7500.

"Item 47, printing annual report, Municipal Court, \$6000," reduced to \$3500.

"Item 48, miscellaneous supplies, etc., not otherwise provided for, Municipal Court, \$2500," reduced to \$2500.

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ABBE, IN CITY, KNEW BIDDLE

Edmund M. Obrecht at Father Fitzpatrick's Jubilee

Abbe Obrecht, of Gethsemane Abbey, Kentucky, the monastery in which James Cornelius Biddle, former tramp worker lived for many years before renouncing his life of celibacy, and—later—marrying, spent today in this city.

The Abbe refused to converse with reporters or to allow himself to be seen by them. It is understood he came to Philadelphia on the invitation of the Rev. Fenton J. Fitzpatrick's connection with St. Malachi's Church, 1429 North Eleventh street.

Abbe Obrecht was well acquainted with Mr. Biddle, to whom Miss Mary Lena Gaines, of Warrenton, Va., was married last week in Washington, as they were together in the monastery for many years.

Mr. Biddle is the son of the late Thomas C. Biddle, of this city, former ambassador to Ecuador.

EVELYN NESBIT PAWNS RING
Then Prosecutes Brother for Holding Back Part of Money

New York, Dec. 21.—(By A. P.)—Evelyn Nesbit, former wife of Harry K. Thaw and of Jack Clifford, the dancer, appeared in West Side Court here yesterday to press a charge of grand larceny she had filed against her brother, Howard, one of the principal witnesses in the Thaw murder case.

The brother, she testified, withheld a portion of \$1500 which he had received in paying one of her rings valued at \$35,000. The brother admitted he kept part of the money, but declared he did so because his sister had failed to return the loans he advanced. The case was postponed until tomorrow.

COLBY IN RIO JANEIRO
Secretary of State Returns Visit of President of Brazil

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 21.—(By A. P.)—Bainbridge Colby, the American secretary of state, arrived here this morning on board the battleship Florida from the United States.

Mr. Colby, who is accompanied by General Cronkhite and Admiral Hansett, representing the United States Army and Navy, respectively, came to Brazil to return the visit of President Pessoa to the United States. The Florida sailed from Newport News, Va., December 4.

PLANE AFIRE: CREW UNHURT
Machine Sent in Search of Missing Balloon Destroyed

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 21.—(By A. P.)—One of the two army airplanes which were to have searched the Adirondack region for the missing naval balloon today was destroyed by a fire which broke out here for Glen Falls this morning and was forced to make a landing at Westerlo Island, about two miles south of here.

The plane was destroyed, but Lieutenant F. B. Johnson, pilot, and Sergeant George Sleke, observer, are reported to have escaped injury.

POLICEMEN ASK DELAY
Want Hearing Postponed Until After Federal Trials

Counsel for Thomas B. McElroy and Harry J. DeLonge, patrolmen of the Fourth and River streets, who were suspended from the force December 10 on charges of being members of a gang of bandits, today petitioned the civil service board for a postponement of a hearing before that body on the ground that damaging evidence might be brought out which might be used against them in federal court in the course of the next few weeks.

RESIDENCE SET ON FIRE
Incendiary Tries to Destroy House in New Salem, Fayette County

Unlabeled, Pa., Dec. 21.—A fire broke out last night in New Salem, three miles from here, when he used an oil-burner in an attempt to destroy the residence of G. W. Geertz.

The fire was discovered by members of the family, who were preparing to retire, and was extinguished without any material damage. Citizens action, who saved and patrolled the town, hoping to find some trace of the incendiary.

NEW YORK MOURNS FOR DEAD BISHOP

Funeral for the Rev. Charles S. Burch to Be Held in Cathedral Thursday

By the Associated Press
New York, Dec. 21.—Funeral services for the Rt. Rev. Charles Sumner Burch, bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of New York, who died suddenly of heart disease, will be held Thursday afternoon at the cathedral of St. John the Divine. The full plans have not been completed.

The bishop died suddenly yesterday afternoon of heart disease, caused by the debilitating effect of laryngitis. He died in the apartment of Mrs. Alice M. Douglas, 550 Riverside drive, to which he had evidently turned for aid when sudden weakness seized him while he was walking northward in the drive.

Near 127th street Bishop Burch felt himself weakening from the effects of his illness and made his way to the apartment of Mrs. Crawford Douglas. She said she had been administering throat treatments to the bishop for the last twelve days and had treated him similarly a year ago last July. Mrs. Douglas also nursed the bishop when he was ill last year.

After the treatment yesterday Mrs. Douglas said, Bishop Burch told her he felt better, but a trifle weak from his walk. They had talked about fifteen minutes, she added, when the bishop arose from his chair and fell to the floor.

Physicians were hurriedly summoned, but the prelate died before they arrived. Death was declared to be due directly to heart disease. The bishop's body was removed to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

GOMPERS URGES AMNESTY
Free Espionage Act Violators, His Advice to Senate

Washington, Dec. 21.—(By A. P.)—Favorable action by Congress on the resolution asking immediate action for prisoners held for violation of the espionage act was urged before the Senate judiciary committee today by Senator Gompers, sponsor of the measure, and officials of the American Federation of Labor headed by Samuel Gompers.

Mr. Gompers told the committee the espionage act was "offensive to all men who know what freedom means," and that all European countries had given full amnesty to prisoners in similar cases. Asked by Senator King if the resolution would free men who advocated heart disease, the bishop's body was removed to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

Asked if the "draft dodgers" would be freed, "the veteran labor leader said he was not sure as to that, but he did not think so."

REDRAFT EDMONDS BILL
Would Have Deferred Penalties on All Uncollected Taxes

Washington, Dec. 21.—The House ways and means committee voted today to recommend for redrafting the Edmonds bill proposing to defer the date when penalties would be effective for failure to pay federal taxes.

Representative Garner, Iowa, explained that as the bill was reported to the House, it would defer penalties on all uncollected taxes of this and previous years, although it was intended to apply only to taxes on this year's incomes and profits.

Representative Garner, Texas, said this instance should warn the committee not to "report out innocent-looking little resolutions without giving them the same consideration as those which appear to be important."

HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITY
OUR Christmas business is not good. In an effort to make it better we have reduced all Christmas merchandise 25 per cent, among which are inexpensive articles from France and Italy, suggesting refinement and good taste. Prices beginning at One Dollar.

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