97 POLICE OUSTED IN 1920; 2 FIREMEN

Twenty-four Bluecoats Lost Jobs by Yielding to Temptations of Liquor

SALOONS BEING WATCHED

Ninety-seven members of the police force were dismissed from the service in 1920. Of this number twenty-four lost their jobs for being intoxicated on duty.

In that same period, or since the Police and Fire Bureau men have been subject to trial by the Civil Service Commission, two members of the Fire Bureau have lost their jobs for the same reason.

Police authorities, in showing the condition as one which should not cause unfair criticism, call attention to the fact there are four times as many police as firemen, and supplement this by declaring the policeman is almost constantly surrounded by the temptations of good fellowship.

The fireman, they point out also, seldom comes under the searching eye of the public, as in the every-day case of the policeman. When a fireman is viewed by the public he nearly always is at his best—that is, combatting a blaze. No one viewing a fire fighter is paying much attention to his personal appearance, in the estimation of Superintendent Mills.

"When the first cases of men charged with intoxication were brought before the Civil Service Commission," said Superintendent Mills, "the members of the board may have let their kindness get the better of them. For a time they let off with small fines certain men who, generally speaking, were among the best members of the force when sober.

"Several of these men, after being given two or more chances, disregarded their opportunities for improvement, and the commission, believing it was being made sport of, decided to dismiss every policeman proved drunk while on or off duty."

Of the twenty-four policemen discharged for intoxication eighteen were dismissed in 1920 and six since January 1, this year. Only one fireman was discharged in 1920 and one this year for drunkenness. Both the firemen were charged with being intoxicated while off duty.

In order to break up intemperance on the police force Superintendent Mills said last night that a careful check is being kept on all saloons where it is believed the owners dispense drinks to policemen.

Plan to Monopolize Primaries Seen

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"guiding stars of the Legislature, in the matter of votes, are the Philadelphia delegation and the friends of Crow."

EARLY PRIMARY PLAN STIRS JOB COMBINE

Despite denials by supporters of the Vare-Brown-Cunningham combination that any attempt was being made to advance the primary election from September to May, publication of the report today caused a flurry among them.

Several conferences were held at the office of Councilman Weglein. Among those attending was Thomas W. Cunningham, chairman of the Republican Alliance, Councilman Hall and others.

When Mr. Cunningham was questioned about the report he said: "I don't know of any such plan, but I think it would be as fair for one side as it would be for the other." He said, however, that there was very little time elapsing from the September primary to the November election, indicating that he favored the May primary.

Councilman Hall was told of the reported plan and asked whether this was being arranged to hamper the Mayor politically. In reply, he said: "Nobody is interested in what the Mayor is doing politically. Members of Council are, of course, interested in what the Mayor does for the city, but as to what he might do politically, no one is bothering about that."

Politicians in City Hall today noticed that a number of conferences were held in Councilman Weglein's office in place of the usual rendezvous in Councilman Hall's suite.

Much comment was made in political circles today regarding proposed slates for Row officers. When the matter was brought to the attention of Councilman Weglein, he said that State Senator Daix could be his choice for register of wills. He said that the senator's experience especially fits him for the position.

Probers Seeking Arson Ring Here

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is 150 feet 20 feet in size, the men gained entrance to the factory building and went to the fourth floor, Christine said.

Their plan was to roll the celluloid over into corners, and set a lighted cigarette on top of each, escaping before the celluloid was ignited, Skallnick is said to have admitted.

The men were leaning over one of the cones, Skallnik said, when the man who escaped accidentally set fire to one. Alarmed, he fled from the building, closing a door at the exit from the fourth floor. The door locked automatically.

Escape Cut Off

Skallnik, burned about the face and hand by the fire from the celluloid cone, found he could not reach the street and went to the sixth floor of the building, hiding in an empty barrel.

The firemen and police, arriving at the fire, smelled the burnt celluloid and started an investigation. Sergeant Hofmann, of the Fourth and Race streets station, notified his station to send a list to hospitals, requesting that all men who applied for treatment for burns be held.

A search of the building resulted in the discovery of Skallnik.

The fire damage to the factory building was slight. Mr. Fichler said he never saw the man being held before, or had knowledge of any plan to burn the place.

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MRS. RETTA FILLMORE

Witness in the Brines murder trial. She lives near the spot where the body of Elmer C. Drewes was found. Mrs. Fillmore told the jury she heard screams at about 10 o'clock on the night of Saturday, October 16

Seek Bankruptcy in Allentown Case

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ment of their claims. The subpoena will be served on Butterweck in his cell later today.

Mesa, one of the creditors, said he bought a house in Allentown from Butterweck for $4050. The conveyance, Mesa said, was subject to an existing mortgage for $2500, held by the Schuylkill Seminary and in settlement the builder was given $500 in cash and a purchase money mortgage for $1050.

Butterweck assured him, Mesa declared that there were no other liens against the property, but on January 21, the day the builder was arrested, Mesa said he discovered that Butterweck had given another $2500 mortgage on the property to Albert D. Lichtenwalner, which is still unsatisfied.

Mrs. Butterweck, wife of the accused man, was located today in East Texas, a suburb of Allentown.

To Obtain a Lawyer

"I will say nothing about this trouble until we obtain a lawyer," Mrs. Butterweck stated. "Mr. Butterweck is near a physical and mental collapse in the jail and is under a doctor's care."

Dissolution of the Butterweck Construction Co., the name under which Butterweck conducted many of his building operations, will be sought today by his partner, Floyd E. Woodring.

Woodring is said to have been brought to financial ruin through his business partner's methods. His home at 234 North St. Cloud street, which he purchased for $3600 from Butterweck at the latter's solicitation and believed unincumbered, it has developed was mortgaged for $3000 to Louisa Traud at the time of the sale. Woodring has retained George W. Aubrey as his counsel to bring action to dissolve the construction company partnership.

Aubrey also represents Miss Katherine Kramlich, a former bookkeeper in Butterweck's office. Miss Kramlich bought a home at 230 North St. Cloud street off Butterweck in July, 1919. The records show that three months later Butterweck gave a mortgage on the Kramlich home to a party named Fried.

Mrs. Stella Wiggins with her husband and seven-week's-old baby, occupies the house at 220 South St. Cloud street. The couple were married following Mr. Wiggins' discharge from the navy, in which he served during the world war as a seaman on the transport Leviathan.

Gave Savings of $2000

While her husband was away in the service of his country, Mrs. Wiggins was employed in Philadelphia as a bookkeeper. When the couple were married she had saved up $2000 from her earnings and this was paid to Butterweck for their home, and a first mortgage of $2500 given.

"The lawyers tell us they have found five or six mortgages on our home when we thought we owned it clear," Mrs. Wiggins said today. "I don't know what we'll do. We have been waiting for some one to tell us to get out."

Fred H. Sterner, general manager of the Treyler Lumber Co., interested with Butterweck in some of his building operations, admitted today that some of the bonds given by Butterweck in his name as security and guarantees are genuine. These he said he would meet at the proper time.

J. Thomas Schantz, Butterweck's assignee, in examining his business transactions, could not give a definite figure for the losses to date. He hopes to be able to realize on the sixty houses Butterweck had under construction.

MEET TO ELECT BISHOP

800 Lay and Clerical Delegates Attend New York Session

New York, Jan. 26.—(By A. P.)—More than 800 lay and clerical delegates of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York convened here today to elect a successor to Bishop Charles Sumner Burch, who died December 20. Preceding the official opening of the assembly a memorial service for the late bishop was held in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

Among the clergymen mentioned for nomination for the post are The Rev. Dr. William T. Manning, of Trinity Church; the Rev. Dr. Ernest M. Stires, of St. Thomas', and the Rev. Dr. Charles Slattery, of Grace Church, this city; Dean Edmond S. Rousmaniere, of St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston, and Bishop Nathaniel S. Thomas, of the missionary district of Wyoming.

Test of War Aircraft Urged

Washington, Jan. 26.—The navy general board has been instructed by Secretary Daniels to institute an investigation into the probable design of "the type of ship that will form the main strength of the navies of the world of the future," and particularly into the possibility of aircraft and improved submarines displacing capital surface vessels, it was learned last night. The board's orders are to conclude the investigation in time to report early in February.

Threat by Brines to "Get" Drewes Told

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neighborhood for $500. The commonwealth will contend that he bought this car and was trying to sell it to Drewes for $1800.

"What was Brines' manner when he talked ti you?" "He had a look on his face as if——"

Mr. Gray leaped to his feet with an objection. Mr. Gordon insisted that he wanted to show by the "look" that Brines was angry.

"Would his honor be able to tell by the look on Mr. Gordon's face now that he was angry and would kill a man?" said Mr. Gray.

"Yes," snapped back Mr. Gordon, "when I look at you."

Mr. Gray laughed. "You have good reason to be angry when you look at me."

Brines "Looked Angry"

The court overruled the objection.

"Yes," answered Malloy, "he looked angry."

"What business dealings did you have with Brines?" he asked. "He offered to sell me a .32 calibre, Colt automatic."

Picking up an automatic which was laying on the table before him, the one found in Brine's abandoned car, Mr. Gordon went to the witness box and held it up.

"Was it a gun like that?" "Yes," said the witness.

"When did this occur?" "Friday evening, September 18."

Under cross-examination the witness said he never met Brines before the map selling trip. Malloy said he had come to Philadelphia as the result of a visit of a detective from the district attorney's office. He said that the first visit was about three weeks ago. The detective was Charles Dickerson, who visited him three times. Malloy said he never met Drewes.

Concerning the debt between Brines and Drewes, Malloy said that Brines had said to him: "What do you think of a college chum with whom you have been going to school for years who has beaten you out of $75 or $100?" Then Malloy explained that he was not interested in the quarrel between the two and he never inquired how it came about.

Mr. Gray then asked the witness: "Did you ever learn that Drewes had represented to Brines that he was paying to the map house a certain percentage of receipts for the maps when, in fact, he had paid the map house much less than he had said?"

Witness said he had never been told that.

Mr. Gray here brought in a reference to the service of Brines overseas to which Mr. Gordon objected.

"We all know why he is doing that," said Mr. Gordon.

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