EDMUNDS REPLIES TO DR. F. W. TOMKINS

Education Board Member Arraigns Clergyman on Five Counts in Attack

HITS BACK ON CHARGES

Charles H. Edmunds, of the Board of Education, replied today to the vigorous attack made on the board Saturday by the Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

"There appeared in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, Dr. Tomkins scathing indictment against the Board of Education," said Mr. Edmonds. "While he does say that 'it is hardly necessary to go into particulars,' for as he alleges the history of the last year alone can furnish facts so eloquent in their appeal that one running backward can read them, he nevertheless does particularize and inserts five counts in his bill.

"One with knowledge of the facts surmises that the doctor drew his scathing indictment while running backward.

"Count 1—

"'*A janitor kept in position in spite of the protest of the people best capable of knowing his fitness or unfitness.*'

"The fact is, the janitor who, doubtless, the doctor has in mind was not 'kept in position,' but, on the contrary, dismissed from service by the unanimous vote of the members of the board.

"Count 2—

"'*Unwillingness to listen to the public command voiced by some of the wisest and best of our citizens specially appointed to a committee to secure better salaries for our teachers.*'

Board Listened to All

"The board did patiently listen to all that the 'wisest and best of our citizens' had to say. One of the 'wisest and best, George Wharton Pepper, it is reported, is a member of the doctor's religious family and in close official church relationship with him. Will Mr. Pepper or any member of the citizens' committee appear as a witness in support of this charge? Will any one of them say that the board did not do all that it possibly could with the means at its command to fairly solve the teachers' salary question? Is the doctor aware of the fact that the decision reached has the approval, not only of the teachers and the 'wisest and best of our citizens,' but, apparently, the public as well?

"Count Three"—

"'*Schools left in such a condition that parents might righteously claim damages for the exposure of their children.*'

"Very severe, if not audacious, count this; but where the evidence to prove it? Is mere accusation, even though made by this eminent divine, proof? To what school does he refer? Where is it located? What parents might righteously claim damages? Does he not know that the board does everything within its power and utilizes all of the resources at its command in caring for the health of the pupils of the public schools? Is his memory so shortened that he has already forgotten that 'the wisest and best of our citizens,' voicing a so-called 'public demand,' advocated most strenuously the transfer of virtually every dollar standing to the credit of the repair fund of one board to the solitary item?

"Count 4—

"'*And a great city, rightly priding itself upon the ability and character of her teachers, waiting month after month for the selection of a superintendent of education, and then, to make the obstinacy, or was it stupidity? worse, a refusal to listen to the voice and advice of the great and successful state superintendent, when finally scourged to activity by the public press echoing the universal public opinion.*'

"Surely this count must have been drawn while the doctor was running backward." A lawyer might demur to it on the ground that it is not only multifarious but contains inconsistent and contradictory charges.

Between Two Forces

"Alas, the board, acting between the opposing forces, as laid in the count, on the one hand the voice and advice of the great and successful superintendent suggesting delay, and on the other hand, the activity of the public press echoing the universal opinion, and scourging the board to activity. Between two such mighty opposing forces what was it to do? Its action in the selection of a superintendent has been commended not only by hosts of teachers and the public press, echoing the universal opinion, but by the great and successful state superintendent as well.

"Count 5—

"'*We want young and enthusiastic men and women on our Board of Education. At eighty a man's usefulness is limited if not ended.*'

"Good night, Mrs. Lingelbach; hand in your resignation and give place to a young and enthusiastic woman. Your colleagues credit you with youth, enthusiasm, preparation for service and unmeasured devotion to the public schools. But the doctor says in the preamble to his bill of indictment, and says it as loudly and positively as he can, 'that the public has a right to demand that many, if not all, of the members resign.'

"The fifth count is so vague and indefinite as to make it difficult to plead to it. What does the doctor mean by young and enthusiastic men and women? At what age in life do youth and enthusiasm vanish? Would he relegate to the scrap heap of human inactivity men and women of his own years? Let us hope not and trust that his prayer like that of the great apostle is that he may not be a castaway.

Age Limit Questioned

"But at eighty, according to the doctor, a man's usefulness is limited, if not ended.

"This is indeed a bold, if not a rash, statement. Perhaps the doctor may be on the sunny side of eighty; if so, he's playing safe. France in her life and death struggle with Germany didn't believe that the usefulness of her 'Tiger,' Clemenceau, an octogenarian, had ended, and she gave over into his hands full leadership in her affairs of state.

"Men now sit in the Board of Education who for many years have faithfully and at large personal sacrifice served the public, receiving as compensation, as ex-President Edmunds recently said upon retiring, criticism from inappeasable citizens. The newly elected superintendent may hopefully enter upon the service to which he has been called with the confident assurance that he will have a board united in the determination to work with him and not against him.

TWO SOUGHT FOR MURDER

Brothers-in-Law Accused of Second Killing in Feud

Two brothers are being sought today by the police in the second murder in a family feud which occurred Saturday night when Mrs. Assunti Taddeio, a young and pretty woman, was killed in her home, 3408 North Eleventh street. Her throat was cut.

Police of the city have spread a net for Antonio and Andrea Taddeio, the brothers, who were seen to leave the house, the police say, after the murder and have since vanished. Dominick Taddeio, who was arrested after the crime as the woman's slayer, has been virtually exonerated by the police.

Dominick Taddeio is now awaiting action by the grand jury, being accused of the killing of his brother Edward Taddeio, who was shot dead in the yard of the Taddeio home on October 31. Dominick, the police say, killed his brother in a quarrel, charging him with paying undue attentions to his wife, the woman who was killed Saturday. Dominick was later released on a writ of habeas corpus in $2500 bail.

Grandmother Buys 41 Pairs of Shoes

Deep Water Point, N. J., Feb. 14.—A grandmother of a family of the old-fashioned size, living near here, went shopping Saturday after she saw a list of bargains in a newspaper. Among other things she fitted out her sons, grandsons and granddaughters with new shoes, her order totaling forty-one pairs. The merchant gave her wholesale rates.

WASTE IN INDUSTRY TO BE ELIMINATED

Hoover Selects Committee of Engineers to Make National Assay

COUNCIL NOW IN SESSION

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 14.—A two-day conclave of engineers and technologists from all sections of the country began here today with the announcement by Herbert Hoover, president of the American Engineering Council of the Federated American Engineering Societies, of the appointment of a committee on elimination of waste in industry.

The appointment of this committee, according to Mr. Hoover, marks the beginning of what is officially styled by this council as a great national assay of waste, in which from 100,000 to 200,000 engineers functioning through the council will attempt by studying the nation as a single industrial organism to locate the weaknesses in the country's production system.

A preliminary survey, it is announced, has already been organized and the different elements making for production waste, such as labor conflict, decrease in individual productivity, lack of co-ordination, and many other sources of industrial failure will be brought under the close scrutiny of the organized engineers of the nation with the aim of solving pressing economic problems.

Mr. Hoover, who is president of the American Engineering Council, is also a member of the committee of which he is one of the principal sponsors. He will take a leading part in the assay of waste which the committee will conduct for the council.

The committee, it was announced, has already started work and a nation-wide plan, described as the most ambitious movement in the direction of solving economic problems ever undertaken by American engineers, will be put in operation from the New York and Washington headquarters of the council at once. The scope of the undertaking will, it is expected, be outlined tonight by Mr. Hoover, which he is to make following the dinner given by the council, and which will be attended by prominent engineers from every industrial center, including special delegations from the engineering centers of New York state.

An announcement by the council further said: "The Federated American Engineering Societies, in which the national and local engineering societies of the nation are coalescing, is organized for public service.

"At the initial meeting in Washington, November 19, 1920, it indorsed a plan drawn by President Herbert Hoover and authorized him to name a committee on elimination of waste in industry, to make an engineering assay of waste and to propose constructive measures by which industrial standards may be improved.

"Unemployment, intermittent employment, strikes, lockouts and restrictions of output are waste. Disuse and misuse of machinery and equipments and losses of manufacturing materials are likewise waste. Stabilization of industry is a crying need and also an engineering problem. Labor, capital, management and the consuming public stand to gain if common constructive action can be taken to lessen the illness of men, idleness of productive equipment and the utilization of material."

It is proposed to organize the engineers of the country on a territorial basis, each state having an engineering organization, with the American Engineering Council, the executive organ of all.

N. J. LABOR FIGHTS STATE POLICE BILL

Assembly Almost Certain to Authorize Creation of Constabulary in Near Future

RULING ON UTILITY BODY DUE

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger

Trenton, Feb. 14.—Even its opponents anticipate passage of Senator Case's state constabulary measure by the Senate this week. Organized labor pins its hopes on House members to defeat the bill for cavalrymen to patrol the state highways. A vote may be taken tomorrow.

Propagandists for the constabulary have been aided in their campaign by the unprecendented lawlessness in certain northern counties. Legislators hitherto sympathetic with labor's protest against a state police force evidently are experiencing a change of heart. Some feel there are sufficient guarantees in the Case bill to make certain that the state police will not be called upon for riot duty unless exceptional circumstances warrant such action.

Organized labor leaders are attempting to forestall action on the cavalrymen bill with the alternative of county motorcycle policemen. If there is prospect of a compromise, it is more than likely it will develop in the House should the Senate approve the Case bill and forward it to the other legislative chamber for consideration.

Senator Case is opposed to the American Legion's suggestion for selection of state policemen after civil service tests. He feels that the civil service scheme would not dovetail with the military restrictions hinging about enlistments and discipline. The soldiers are only anxious that the constabulary privates shall be selected after due consideration of the qualifications of former service men.

Republican leaders have mapped out a good-sized program for both houses this week.

Settlement of the Public Utility Board controversy seems near. The Court of Errors and Appeals is expected to say tomorrow whether Governor Edwards acted legally in dismissing the old board.

If the highest court sustains the Governor the Republicans must choose between confirming nominations already before the Senate or adopting the Wallworth bill for a new three-headed board.

There is no chance, however, of the trolley corporations getting their tenent fare increases by default, although suspensions orders soon become void. There is every prospect that a legally recognized board will tackle the fare increase applications within a fortnight.

House Leader Rowland will bring up for vote his Assembly reapportionment measure. It is the Republicans' plan for county representation in the Assembly until 1931, based on the 1920 federal census. The bill proposes that Hudson shall have eleven instead of twelve assemblymen and that Morris county's representation be reduced from two to one. Bergen and Union counties, showing the greatest percentage of increase in population, would each receive an additional representation, making four assemblymen from each county.

State inquiry into the causes for prevailing prices of coal will be sanctioned by the House probably this week. The proposition is embodied in a joint resolution which has passed the Senate and is awaiting Assembly vote. Senator Mackay, of Bergen, introducer of the resolution, wants to be chairman of the investigating committee.

RELIGION IS CHANGING

Dr. Grammer Says Period of Reconstruction Is Under Way

Dr. Carl E. Grammer, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, when asked regarding the statement made by Dr. Simon N. Patton, former professor at the University of Pennsylvania, that religion has lost ground, and Philadelphia is affected by a trend toward worldly things said:

"On the whole, I think that statement is correct, and people have less enthusiasm about their religion than heretofore. But it is a natural condition, following the strenuous years of war and the pendulum will swing back.

"We are facing a period of reconstruction, theological reconstruction included, and have not sufficient courage as yet to meet it, but we are gathering strength. This need for theological reconstruction retards all other readjustments.

"Churchgoing has been affected very little by this trend, and in my church is increased."

CARUSO ON UPGRADE

Tenor's Secretary Denies Rumor of Relapse

New York, Feb. 14.—Bruno Zirato, Caruso's secretary, in reply to a query about a reported relapse of the tenor, said last night:

"I don't know anything about it. He has had two physicians every day."

"What is his condition?," he was asked.

"Fine," he replied. "Certainly, he is improving."

GRUENBERG URGES NEW CONSTITUTION

Research Bureau Head Says This and Budget Would Put State First

CRITICIZES COMMISSION

Revision of the state constitution and adoption of the proposed budget system, which he says would place Pennsylvania ahead of any other state, was urged by Frederick P. Gruenberg, director of the Bureau of Municipal Research, speaking yesterday afternoon in White's Auditorium before the Friends of Young Democracy.

"I believe in constitutional revision," said Mr. Gruenberg. "Democracy is best served by forward looking progressive changes. I do not belong to a group in the state of which I always think as the 'Bourbon.' They have adopted the attitude that change is undesirable and look with distrust upon any legislation that would change the order of things.

"There is the germ of liberalism in several of the members of the committee on constitutional revision. The committee did a poor job in some directions, but a surprisingly good one in others. Nearly all of them were judges but the poorest thing they did was in the parts dealing with the judiciary. It was perfectly atrocious. But they did effect a few improvements over the present system of the judiciary. If the revisions are adopted patronage will be taken away from the judges.

"My principal criticism of the work of the commission is that it did not have the vision or courage to put in a graduated instead of a uniform system of taxation.

"If the budget system recommended is adopted and intelligently used it will not only make for efficiency, but it will aid democracy. It will place this state ahead of any other state in regard to efficient financial administration."

Mr. Gruenberg said the proposed abolition of the magistrate system was a step forward. The initiative, referendum and the recall and a single chamber of legislature were desirable changes for which he said the committee revising the constitution was not yet ready, but he predicted that they would come in the near future.

AIRMEN SEEK LOST FLIER

Major Heffernan Leads Expedition Into Mexico

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 14.—(By A. P.)—Major Leo J. Heffernan, commander of aviation at Fort Bliss, took the air today for Sanderson, Tex., where he is to direct the search for Lieutenant Alexander Pearson, who has been lost since Thursday.

Major Heffernan will organize flying expeditions to the Big Bend district, into Chihuahua and into counties east of those searched the last three days.

U. S. 'CENTER' MOVES WEST

Population Now Radiates From Owen County, Indiana

Washington, Feb. 14.—(By A. P.)—The center of population as disclosed by the 1920 census is located in the extreme southeast corner of Owen county, Indiana, 8.3 miles southeast of the town of Spencer.

During the last decade the center of population continuedto move westward, advancing 9.8 miles in that direction and about one-fifth of a mile north from Bloomington, Ind., where it was located by the census of 1910.

The bureau attributed the westward movement in the last decade "principally to the increase of more than 1,000,000 in the population of the state of California."

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ST. VALENTINE'S Day means heart-shaped gift-boxes of candy and today I saw the most attractive red satin boxes filled with the most delicious chocolates and bonbons at $3.50. They hold two pounds of candy—Kruse's candy, which needs no word of commendation on my part. There was a smaller red satin box filled with chocolates and bonbons at $2. Both boxes had huge bows of red ribbon. A heart-shaped box at $1.50 held a pound and a half of candy. You'll find these delightful gift-boxes at both of Edouard D. Kruse's stores, 109 South Eleventh street and 4903 Baltimore avenue. For the Valentine party you'll like the cream hearts in red, pink and white, and the tiny clear red hearts, which lend a touch of bright color to the Valentine table.

IT IS quite important, when buying a washing machine, to consider just what you'll expect it to do, after you have given it a place in your own laundry. You'll expect it to wash your clothes clean — rag rugs as well as georgette blouses. You'll expect it to wash without wearing or damaging the delicate pieces. You'll expect the clothes to come from the machine unwrinkled, ready to iron, with buttons intact. And if you would have these expectations fulfilled I'd advise you to buy a Laun-dry-ette. It is the only machine which eliminates the necessity of using a wringer. It washes the clothes by the vacuum cup process. The Laun-dry-ette is on exhibition this week at the store of J. Franklin Miller, 1612 Chestnut street.

NO matter how much silver one possesses, it is always quite possible to use more. One values it because it lasts, because of its decorative possibilities, because of its usefulness. Hence it is always a most appropriate and much-appreciated gift. Whether you happen to be buying it to add to the family chest or as a gift, you want to be certain that you are buying silver of a weight to withstand the years of usefulness for which it is destined, and the only way of being absolutely certain of this is to buy of a reliable silversmith. One can feel such certainty when purchasing at the store of Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company. You will find at this store a most interesting collection of silver tea and dinner services, besides many individual pieces.

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