

ADD 20 MEMBERS TO COUNCIL, PLAN

Dunn Will Offer Bill in House to Amend Charter and Rip Out Present Body

\$3000 SALARY PROPOSED

By a Staff Correspondent

Harrisburg, March 14.—Representative Dunn, chairman of the Philadelphia delegation in the lower chamber, announced today he favors a Council of forty-one members for Philadelphia. Dunn said he would offer a bill to amend the city charter and rip out the present Council of twenty-one. News of Dunn's intentions developed when Philadelphia legislators read of Mayor Moore's plan to extend the terms of one-half the membership of the present Council, so as to provide for continuity of administrative policy.

The Mayor's proposal in this connection, as well as other items on the city administration program, is expected to be offered tonight.

Dunn said he would make the salaries of the proposed Council of forty-one, \$3000 a year instead of the present figure of \$2500. The twenty-one members of the present Council, he said, should receive a Council of forty-one, at \$1000 a year each, would cost \$121,000 a year, or a net increase of \$18,000.

Would Change Elective System

Dunn would have the Council elected by legislative rather than senatorial districts as is now the case. Further, he would have half elected for two years and half for four years. He would rip the present Council out of office and fill the places under the new system in the coming autumn election.

"A Council of forty-one," said Dunn, "would fit the needs of the city better than the present Council of twenty-one. If we had forty-one members, there would have been none of the close votes which have marked the present Council. The long delay in deciding upon the removal of the employees of Council, for example, would have been eliminated.

"Under the present system the whole city is not properly represented. For example, my district is as big as the city of New York—the island of Manhattan—and it has within its limits twenty-two small communities. Yet two of the three councilmen for the district come from one ward, the Third-third. These two are Councilmen Patton and McKinley.

Sterling to Press Ripper

A move will be made this week by Representative Sterling to have his bill replacing the Board of Education by a small unpaid and elective body reported out of the education committee and placed on the calendar for passage. Governor Sprout will hold a hearing next Wednesday on the Dixie-Weglein bill, providing for short-term loans for street paving. The bill in its present form is opposed by the charter revision committee, of which Thomas Raebun White is chairman. Richard Weglein, president of City Council, will urge the Governor to sign the measure as it now reads, despite objections raised to the effect that if the present measure becomes a law it will be plunged into litigation.

Philadelphia may fight the Eyre bill, which would permit motor vehicle fees, dedicated to the State Highway Department, to be used for the payment of salaries and traveling expenses of employees necessary in the judgment of the highway commissioner. They say that if these fees are not used exclusively for state road maintenance, then the

Interstate Toll Bridge Hearing

Harrisburg, March 14.—Pennsylvania legislators will meet with members of the Pennsylvania and New Jersey joint commission in this city Wednesday to discuss the money needed for maintenance of toll bridges over the Delaware. Plans for purchase of additional bridges, for which funds have been asked, have been made.

N. G. P. Bill Up This Week

Harrisburg, March 14.—Adjutant General Beary's bill for amendment of the state military code to comply with the 1920 national defense act will go to the Legislature this week. It will bring the Pennsylvania Guard organization, so far as state law is concerned, in accord with the latest War Department orders.

Many Jitney Hearings Listed

Harrisburg, March 14.—More jitney hearings are listed for the Public Service Commission this week than known for a long time. Many of them will be in Philadelphia. A list for western Pennsylvania is being prepared for Pittsburgh for March 24.

Plan Fathers' Associations

Plans for the organization of Fathers' Associations in Boy Scout troops are expected to be made at meetings of troops beginning tonight. Troop 121 will meet tonight at Eighteenth and Diamond streets to take up the Fathers' Association idea, and to hear a lecture on first aid. Meetings in all districts will be held tomorrow night.


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ABSENTEE CLERKS DRAW STATE PAY

Sergeants-at-Arms in Assembly So Seldom on Job They Appear as Strangers

PHILADELPHIANS ON LIST

By a Staff Correspondent

Harrisburg, March 14.—Assistant sergeants-at-arms of the House and Senate and other employees who work are listed over the "exposure" of the fact that Edward J. Cook, Republican city committeeman from the Eighth, Senator Penrose's home in Philadelphia ward, has been carried on the list of Senate employees and apparently has not done any work. Cook is on the official directory of employees as an assistant sergeant-at-arms.

"I have never seen the gentleman," replied Charles S. Stain, of Delaware county, sergeant-at-arms, when he was asked about Cook. "I have him on my list, but he has never showed up. I wired him once to come up here and report for duty, but I never got a reply of any kind. There is another I have never seen, Eugene J. Maginn, 2728 Girard avenue, Philadelphia, chief assistant to the sergeant-at-arms.

"There are others on the list who spend about one day a week here or else merely come here to draw their pay checks. The employees who actually work are glad, they say, to have the facts come out.

Robert E. Degroff, of Bradford county, one of the few assistant sergeants-at-arms, who works, said: "Those of us who work are pretty

INSURANCE HEARING FIXED

Bills Designed to Codify Laws Before Joint Committee

Harrisburg, March 14.—Members of the insurance committees of the two houses of the Legislature will hear tomorrow arguments on various provisions in the three bills designed to codify the insurance laws of Pennsylvania. The bills are in the hands of the Senate committee on insurance and represent the work of a state commission which studied the subject for three years.

Half a dozen new "revenue raisers" are expected to make their appearance tonight, being projects of individual members, the state administration disclaiming any hand in their preparation. Such bills must originate in the House.

BRITISH CUT NAVAL ESTIMATES LITTLE

Budget Provides £82,479,000 Net. According to Figures Submitted to Commons

£1,372,000 LESS THAN 1920

By the Associated Press

London, March 14.—The British naval estimates for 1921-22 amount to £91,180,889 gross, and £82,479,000 net, it was announced by Lord Lee, of Fareham, first lord of the admiralty, today.

In a statement explaining the estimates Lord Lee said they were based on the government's policy of maintaining a "one-power standard."

In 1920-21 the gross estimates were £97,500,181 and the net estimates were £84,373,300. This year's figures show a reduction of £4,608,312 gross and £1,372,000 net.

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