

REFORM IN CIVIL SERVICE IS URGED

Clinton Rogers Woodruff Points Out Defects of Present System

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEETS

Minneapolis, June 21.—The fourteenth annual assembly of Civil Service Commissioners began here this morning with delegates present from nearly every State in the Union.

Perhaps the first phase of the present status of the public service is its increasing complexity.

Referring to President Harding's recent utterances regarding the necessity for increased efficiency in the department of the Government, Mr. Woodruff expressed the hope that his policy would be followed by Governors and Mayors throughout the entire Nation.

As one result of the conditions described by the President, said Mr. Woodruff, "we find that the official records of the United States Civil Service Commission, the Congressional Joint Commission on Reorganization and other agencies reveal conditions such as these:

"About 50,000 men and women employed by the Government at less than a living wage.

"As many as ten or twelve different rates of pay for the same work.

"Hundreds of positions vacant because the salaries are too low to tempt applicants.

"No future for employees appointed on merit, because the best positions are filled by political patronage.

"No need of special time trying to find out which of these several conditions is the more subservient of sound public service.

"No citizen concerned about the welfare of his community wants the service to be thus broken down.

"No taxpayer wants to see his money continuously put into an old and worn-out machine; and certainly no employer wants to continue to work under the inequalities, injustices and degrading conditions that now exist.

"As one means of improving these conditions, Mr. Woodruff continued, the National Federation of Federal Employees is asking for legislation covering the following points:

"First, Reorganization of all positions in the Civil Service everywhere throughout the United States.

"Second, A salary scale which fixes pay by the skill and training required for the work, with a minimum rate of not less than 40 per cent of living as determined by official investigations.

"Third, Appointments and promotions on proved qualification, determined and regulated by the United States Civil Service Commission.

"Fourth, Removal of inefficient employees in accordance with standards of efficiency controlled by the Civil Service Commission.

"Fifth, Opportunity for advancement of pay within a grade, according to efficiency.

"Sixth, Equal compensation and equal opportunity for promotion irrespective of sex.

"Seventh, A uniform efficiency rating.

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system, to be established by the Civil Service Commission, with records accessible to employees and provision for appeal to the Civil Service Commission.

"Eighth, Transfers between departments at higher rates of pay.

"Ninth, Administration of the salary provisions by a central agency, which can keep the classifications up to date."

BURY TWO SOLDIERS TODAY

Captain Blispham Black and Frank Smith Are Honored

Funeral services for two victims of the war were held today.

One Philadelphia fighter buried today is Captain William Blispham Black, of the United States Marine Corps, who was killed while leading his company of the Ninety-fifth Infantry of the Sixth Regiment, on September 12, 1918.

Captain Black fell in the St. Mihiel sector. The funeral services were held in St. Mark's Church, Sixteenth and Locust streets. Interment was in Woodlands Cemetery.

The other is Frank Smith, who served overseas with Company E, 103d Engineers, of the Twenty-eighth Division. Services were held at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, and military burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Carson Heads Bar Association

Hampton L. Carson, former Attorney General of Pennsylvania and prominent attorney in this city, has been chosen for the second time as president of the American Bar Association, filling the position made vacant recently by the death of William A. Blount, of Pennsylvania. Mr. Carson is the only man to be twice elected to the office in the history of the organization.

Community Sing Tonight

Motion pictures and a community sing will be the features of a free entertainment to be held tonight at the Community Center in the First Baptist Church, Seventeenth and Sansom streets. The center extends its hospitality to strangers in the city, itself a "homey" place with "club privileges." Edith G. Haynes is director.

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STILLMAN'S CHUM TO AID WIFE'S SUIT

Intimate Friend of Banker Will Testify in Accused Woman's Behalf

RICH OFFER THEIR HELP

New York, June 21.—From the inner councils of Wall street have come surprising offers of assistance to Mrs. Anne U. Stillman in the herculean struggle to clear her name of charges brought by James A. Stillman, deposed head of the National City Bank.

These proffers have been made not by business enemies of Stillman, but by men who have associated with him almost daily in the street, at the Knickerbocker Club, on golf courses and elsewhere.

Two of the men who have offered to do all they can to aid the plucky defendant in the case of "Stillman vs. Stillman" are nationally known figures.

Another, according to rumors freely circulated yesterday in John H. Prentice, of 23 East Sixty-ninth street, wealthy member of the firm of Clark, Dodge & Co., 51 Wall street.

For several years "Jack" Prentice has been known as Jim Stillman's most intimate chum. They cruised, fished, zolled and "played around" together constantly. The relationship even extended to business matters.

Ordinarily at this time of year the two friends, "Jack" and "Jimmy," were accustomed to slip across the Canadian border for a brief but crowded woodland vacation. This year the Canadian border was closed.

But Prentice, it was said yesterday, has remained for another purpose. This is said to encompass a trip to Poughkeepsie and testimony on the stand before Referee Gleason that may prove the alleged son, Jay Ward Leeds, of these witnesses is a woman who wrote to Mrs. Stillman yesterday.

AMONG other ideas, we have a cracker-jack name waiting for some new laxative.

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P. R. T. Attorney and Witness Disagree on Figures of Overcrowding

BALLARD IS REBUKED

Cautious comment by Fred Ballard, counsel for the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co., brought a reprimand from Public Service Commissioner Clement today during a hearing of a complaint against the company by the Philadelphia and West Chester Traction Co.

The latter company objects to the turnback of alternate elevated trains at Sixty-third street.

At the request of the complainant, C. B. Cook, an engineer, made a statement purporting to show the number of passengers carried daily from Delaware avenue to Sixty-third street and sought to give the seating capacity provided in subway-elevated trains.

Mr. Ballard declared the statement misleading. He also asserted the testimony was not in accordance with the request which had been made. Mr. Cook said it was in accordance with conditions.

At this point Commissioner Clement informed Mr. Ballard the hearing was no place for controversy and said he would not permit it.

Mr. Cook said an average delay of one minute and thirty seconds was caused at Sixty-third street by the turnback at Sixty-third street. At times during the day, irrespective of rush hours, scores of persons were compelled to stand in the cars, he added.

As the Philadelphia and West Chester Co. had previously contended that failure of the P. R. T. to run all cars

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DR. HARTWELL NO BETTER

Surgeon Poisoned During Operation Still Near Death

No improvement was noted this morning in the condition of Dr. J. H. Hartwell, 2302 North Broad street, who is lying between life and death in the Anderson Hospital, 1709 Green street, as a result of self-sacrifice in saving the life of a patient. Every effort is being made by physicians to save the plucky surgeon's life, but the sinister drowsiness and the high fever have so far failed to respond to treatment.

A week ago, while performing an operation for appendicitis, the doctor cut his right thumb slightly through his rubber glove. Although aware that the injury might mean death to him, due to the fact that he was handling a diseased appendix, his professional ethics drove him to save the life of his patient first. He did this.

Two days later a heavy drowsiness and high fever became noticeable to his colleagues, and the fight for his life was on. Everything that modern medical skill can accomplish is being done for Dr. Hartwell, but none of his attendants feels confident enough to say he will recover.

NEAR DEATH AFTER FIGHT

Mine Drill Fractures Skull of Mahanoy City Man

Mahanoy City, Pa., June 21.—Lying in a pool of blood, with his skull fractured and his right ear nearly severed, John Letush, aged fifty years, was found today by the William Penn highway today. He was removed to the local hospital and will probably die.

The State police arrested John Marnush, who, they say, confessed to assaulting Letush with a mine drill during a fight. Marnush is being held without bail.

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