SHORTAGE ALLEGED IN POLICE AID FUND

Beneficiary Association Meets Today to Consider Complaints of Non-Payment

TWO WIDOWS COMPLAIN

A meeting of the Police Beneficiary Association will be held in Room 243, City Hall, this afternoon, to investigate an alleged shortage.

The meeting was brought about by complaints received from families of police who died in the service that they have not received the insurance they were entitled to.

The association, which is in no way connected with the Police Pension Fund, was founded many years ago to afford aid to the widows and families of men dying in the service.

Up to the time of former Director Porter's regime, the system was for each member to confribute fifty cents at the time of the death of another. The money thus raised would be paid to his beneficiary. At that time so many died in one month that another system was decided upon.

The claims which precipitated today's meeting arose from the allegation that in many cases instead of giving this money to the survivors it was paid back in premiums for others members to the insurance company.

Hiram Horter, treasurer of the association, today said:

"This talk of scandal and that today's special meeting is a sort of indignation affair, is nonsense. The meeting is called for reorganization and to see if we can not find some way of a bad situation.

"We will always face a deficit due to two causes. One is that many of our members are ex-policemen who live as far west as California and as far north as Maine. The other is the lack of interest on the part of the younger men on the force, which is preventing them from joining our association.

Blanket Insurance Policy

"Our blanket policy with the Aetna Life Insurance Company, of Hartford, is with the association. That is, when a member dies, it is the same as far as the insurance company is concerned as if the association died. They pay the benefit to us. Then we have to take out a new policy. In order to do this we have to pay up all the premiums. As many of our members are far away, their premiums do not always arrive on time and it is necessary for us to use the money from the policy just paid in order to get a new one. A sort of a legitimate robbing Peter to pay Paul. The result is that the individual beneficiary often has to wait some time for the money.

"Then the premiums are graduated according to age. The younger men do not have to pay as much as the older. For instance, we have one member eighty-four years old whose premium amounts to $47.00 a month, whereas he only pays the association $3.50, the same as any one else. As we always pay every cent as it comes in to the insurance company we never have any surplus. If more young officers could be persuaded to join, much of this difficulty would be removed. As it stands now we have more old members than young ones with the result that the deficit is bound to grow larger unless we can find some way out at this afternoon's meeting."

Among those who claim to have suffered in this manner is the widow of John Noon, a lieutenant who died March 31. In accordance with custom, she should have received the money about May 21. She alleges that the money was properly paid to the association, but that she never received it. A similar case is that of the widow of David Irons, a traffic patrolman, who died May 14, and no money has yet been paid.

Hiram Horter, treasurer of the association, could not be found this morning, but is expected to be present at the meeting this afternoon. It is said he makes a complete denial of the charges of a shortage and says the delay of payments can be explained satisfactorily this afternoon. Thomas L. Murray, president of the association, and Richard Bodkin, secretary, said there was nothing in the matter and that the right man to see was Hiram Horter. They also added that they understood all the delayed claims would be paid after today's meeting.

Horter, who used to be a clerk in the Bureau of Police, is at present a tipstaff in Common Pleas Court No. 1. Murray is a patrolman of the Fifteenth street and Snyder avenue station. It is understood that many of the delegates who will attend the meeting from the various districts will make a demand to return to the old system of fifty-cent contributions.

That the association had been hurt by secret propaganda and the stories of instability circulated about it was admitted by Detective Warner Townsend, one of the delegates, this morning. He said many of the younger officers were refusing to join, and unless something was done quickly to stop the talk about the organization it would be necessary to raise the assessments.

In College at Thirteen

BETTY JANE HAMILTON
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WOMAN HURT IN CRASH

Drivers Held in Bail After Motorcars Collide

Annie McGovern, forty-four years old, of 311 North Marshall street, was severely injured whe ntwo automobiles collided at Tenth street and the Roosevelt Boulevard, at 2 o'clock this morning. Her shoulder blade was fractured and she was cut and bruised. She was taken to the Jewish Hospital.

She was riding in an automobile driven by Frank Short, a soldier, of Camp Dix. Other passengers were William J. Sweeney, also of Camp Dix; Annie Cahall, of Franklin street near Vine, and Mary Carroll, of Marshall street near Vine.

William Davis, a farmer, of Newtown, was driving the other automobile. He was allowed to sign his own bail bond for $300 to appear at a further hearing, September 23, before Magistrate Price, of the Twenty-second street and Hunting Park avenue station. Short was held in $500 bail for a further hearing, and Sweeney, Annie Cahall and Mary Carroll were each sentenced to five days in jail.

DRUGGIST LEFT $110,000

Many Charitable Bequests in Will of R. M. Shoemaker

Richard M. Shoemaker, president of the firm of Robert Shoemaker & Co., Inc., wholesale drugs, whose will was probated today, left an estate of $110,000. Charitable bequests consisted of $500 to each of the following: Presbyterian Home for Aged Couples, Presbyterian Home Missionary Society, Philadelphia Home for Infants. The residue goes to brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces.

Other wills probated were those of Annie B. Cloud, 2420 Spruce street, $30,000; Katherine Collins, 963 Thompson street, $6600; Charles F. Gragor, 237 South Forty-fifth street, $10,000; William Gilmour, Monmouth, N. J., $13,800, and Nora Looney, died in Atlantic City, $8500.

Inventories of the following estates were filed: Jay F. Garber, $10,056.43; Elizabeth Hopkinson, $27,261.64; Annie B. Paullin, $20,465.16; James S. Williams, $11,083.96; Samuel H. Ihling, $53,073.58.

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Sproul Tells Highway Chief Chester Tragedy Calls Attention to Need

EXECUTIVE IS 51 TODAY

Rigid investigation of all county bridges throughout the State was asked today by Governor Sproul in a recommendation to Louis Sadler, Commissioner of Highways.

That was the first step taken by the Governor on his arrival at his Philadelphia office after several weeks' vacation. The Governor's action was prompted by the disaster in Chester last Saturday, when more than twenty persons were drowned by the breaking of a footway on the Third street bridge.

"While there has been considerable progress," said the Governor, "in the building of roads and other thoroughfares of the State, it appears that not enough attention has been given to the endless number of small bridges.

"Before returning from my vacation, I made a survey of many of the bridges in the northern part of the State.

Many Bridges Inadequate

"I discovered that a large proportion of the bridges, built many years ago, are wholly inadequate for the demands of modern traffic.

"Among other things I shall recommend that a sign be placed on every county bridge telling the tonnage it will bear safely, and cautioning drivers of all vehicles against passing over it with too great a load.

"Not long ago, in the course of my travels, I saw a thirty-four-ton truck crossing a small bridge. Of course, my recommendation is only the beginning of the movement, and regulations will have to be passed to correct present conditions."

The Governor did not criticize any individual for the Chester disaster. He said, however, that it called attention to the importance of bridge inspection, which had been somewhat lost sight of.

Regarding the primary election next Tuesday, Governor Sproul, who today is observing his fifty-first birthday, said that nothing was more important, he believed, than the selection of candidates for the proposed Constitutional Convention.

Pleased With Candidates

"I am greatly pleased," he said, "with the high standing and caliber of the men who are in the field as candidates, and I feel sure, from what I know of most of them, that good results will be obtained should the people decide upon revision."

The Governor reiterated his remarks of some time ago concerning the Constitution generally. He called attention to the fact that while most of it was exceptionally good, it had its limitations, which might be improved by revision. These limitations, he pointed out, had not obtained when the Constitution was drawn up, but had been created by changing conditions.

As he is empowered to appoint the original members of the Constitutional Revision Commission, the Governor said he would do so. They will serve with such delegates as may be elected by the people.

"I sincerely hope," remarked the Governor, "that the citizens when marking their ballots will not overlook this very important part of the election."

The Governor looked in exceptionally good health as the result of his vacation. He was bronzed and appeared to have taken off considerable weight. His eyes were sparkling.

He confirmed his appearance of good health by saying that he had never felt better, and expected to do a lot of work. He had not been back at his desk ten minutes when he began writing his recommendations in regard to bridges to Commissioner Sadler.

The Governor was asked to venture a prediction as to the outcome of the MacDade-Johnson fight in Delaware County. He held up both hands laughingly and said: "Oh, you'll have to leave me out of that."

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TWINING CRITICIZES P. R. T. 'TURNBACK'

Method of Operation of Trains on 'L' Not Justified, Transit Director Says

HURTS BUSINESS OF CITY

The "turnback" system in operation on the Market Street Elevated line was condemned as an interference with the efficiency of the city's business by William S. Twining, Director of Transit, testifying before Commissioner Clement of the Public Service Commission, this morning.

The Director, who was the chief engineer for the P. R. T. when the elevated-subway system was planned, said the road was not designed to have a turnback system functioning as it does now.

The hearings are on complaints made by the Philadelphia and West Chester and the Philadelphia and Western Railways that the turning back of trains at Sixty-third and Second streets interferes with passengers.

"When we designed the road," Director Twining said, "we expected to turn back trains below Chestnut street, but at no other points. The present system does not comply with the railroad's duty to the public. It interferes with business, and anything which tends to reduce the efficiency of business should be avoided.

"The road was designed to serve the lines converging at Sixty-ninth street and to distribute passengers at the points along the route. The whole principle of design did not contain the idea of transferring passengers between the accepted terminals of the line."

Mr. Twining advocated greater car service.

HARDING BEFRIENDS ALIENS

President Halts Deportation of 300 Armenian Immigrants

New York, Sept. 16.—(By A. P.)—President Harding has temporarily saved 300 Armenian immigrants from being deported back to Turkey, according to Representative Isaac Siegel, who said today the President sent a wireless message from the Mayflower yesterday, ordering their deportation suspended pending a conference at Washington Monday. Mr. Siegel said the President was deeply interested in the plight of the Armenians.

The problem of deportation of immigrants who have exceeded the monthly quotas under the new law will be threshed out at the conference.

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EDUCATION CALLED GANG POLITICS CURE

Dr. Broome Says Russia Is Example of "Follow-the-Leader" Menace

IS CONSTITUTION DAY

Education as a foe to gang politics was advocated this morning to the pupils and faculty of the Philadelphia High School for Girls by Superintendent of Schools Broome, on the occasion of a celebration of the 134th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States of America.

Dr. Broome said that the effect of following a leader blindly was seen in the "suicide of Russia," and added that education is gradually winning the fight against "similar characters in America who go to the polls and do exactly as their leaders tell them."

Mayor Moore was the principal speaker. He reviewed the history of the Constitution, explaining that with the exception of England this country has lived longer than any other under one Constitution.

He told the pupils that he hoped they would always be proud of the fact that they were Philadelphians, "regardless of local conditions and stories of vice and crime." He said that it was needless to worry about any propaganda against the Constitution, and that it would never be attacked with success by any force within the United States.

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