

WALL TO BREAK UP POLICE 'SOFT SNAPS'

Admission From Heads
That Men Do Other Than
Regular Duties

COUNCIL TO GET REPORT

The fact that Councilman Charles B. Hall is the chief factional opponent of Mayor Moore's plan to break up the long-established and politically fostered practice of assigning policemen to "soft snaps" is the description given to assignments of patrolmen to work other than regular street or patrol duty, even though, in many cases, the man so assigned may render valuable service to the city. It is conceded that the custom is highly susceptible of abuse and leads directly to the use of patrolmen at \$5 a day for work which can be done for less.

The custom originated under Organization Mayor. The criticism against the Moore Administration, now that it is admitted by city employees that the system is still in vogue, is that efforts were not made strenuously to wipe it out since Council directed last year that policemen were to do nothing but police duty.

In this connection the question was raised: "Why did not the controller stop payment of warrants for policemen assigned to other than police duty when the budget clearly stipulated pay was to be given only when the men were doing regular police duty?"

Hall Incensed at Removal
It may turn out to be a good thing for the city's service that Mr. Hall was highly incensed when a lieutenant of police in his district, who he happened to admire, was removed when the Moore Administration began to "take the police out of politics." Since that time Mr. Hall has been on the warpath against the police department. Independently of the question whether Mr. Hall would have been so zealous if the Mayor were an adjunct of the Combine, felt that the situation was peculiarly productive of benefit. Mr. Hall's campaign is likely to be more or less immediate results, and when these results are finally obtained, it may be difficult for even an Organization Mayor to go back to the old idea.

Councilman Hall, at yesterday's budget hearing before Council, with Director Cortelyou and Superintendent of Police Mills on the stand, won recognition of his point that policemen were assigned to other than police duties in the face of a resolution that such assignments should not be made. There was a disagreement as to the number: Mr. Hall said 630 policemen were affected, while the Police Department said the total was only 468.

Director Cortelyou said such assignments were necessary, as otherwise certain work would not be done. Mr. Hall's answer was that if the police were returned to police duty the other men would be supplied. The two points developed by independents in this regard were that the Combine might make good on that and then stand right up and the other was that Mr. Hall was waging his fight to prevent the director's getting the additional 450 policemen he said he needs to cope with crime and traffic conditions.

But Mr. Hall's fight showed that policemen were serving as mechanics at least one day a week. The fact that the workers could be had for less; that one patrolman was assigned as chauffeur at \$18.25 a year when a chauffeur proper could be had for less; that the men were assigned as clerks to lieutenants doing work for which house sergeants are paid. These points were admitted and, in fact, brought out by police officials. In the face of the fact that the men were assigned as clerks to lieutenants doing work for which house sergeants are paid, it was testified by Superintendent Mills that the patrolmen had to be detailed for the reason that the house sergeants were not qualified to do their own work.

In short, it appeared that thousands of dollars a year could be saved if certain work could be done by patrolmen at the rate of \$5 a day were done by men hired especially for that purpose.

Will Report on Police
Mr. Hall's charges, which in many instances were substantiated by police officials, made an impression on Councilman Devin, leader of the opposition. He said it was up to the Police Department to make an answer. As a consequence, the Police Department will make a report showing just what regular police assignments and which are assignments which should be taken by mechanics, chauffeurs, messengers and clerks.

The result of this, it is believed, will be that much, if not all, of the "soft-snaps" will be eliminated. One of the gains to be had from this, according to Mr. Hall and according even to some of Mr. Hall's opponents, will be that policemen generally will not feel that some of their duties are being done for easy, and that therefore the morale of the department will be raised. It seems that many of these "soft-snaps" are not doing all that many who have these so-called privileges. They have to work hard and for long hours. But the fact is that the others think they are "clinch" jobs and the effect is the same.

DYING MOTHER CALLS TREADWAY

Dnaware Son is Serving Sentence for Murder of Henry T. Pierce

The mother of Peter DeWitt Treadway is said to be dying in a suburb of Cleveland and calling incessantly for her son, unaware he is serving a long term in the Eastern Penitentiary for killing Henry T. Pierce, a business man, two years ago.

Treadway was convicted of second-degree murder in 1921, and sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment by Judge Audenried. Mrs. Anna Miller, his mother, who married a second time, believed her son was innocent and for that reason the family never told her of Treadway's plight.

A sister of the convicted man appeared today to Warden McKenty asking that Treadway be allowed to see his mother before she died. The warden said the only possible way would be to let Mrs. Miller come and see her son in the Eastern Penitentiary, as the prisoner could not leave the State.

At Prisoner's Request
Treadway, whom Warden McKenty describes as a model prisoner, said it was at his own request that his mother be kept in ignorance of his arrest and conviction.

"I have received a number of letters from my sister, including letters from mother," he said. "My mother never knew I was in jail and for that reason she never visited me. I hope I can see her soon."

RED CROSS MAKES ITS APPEAL



Miss Esther Whitman (large picture) is one of the active workers of the Red Cross annual membership roll call. Mrs. J. T. Beardwood and Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin are shown at the booth opposite Broad Street Station today.

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NOTED ZIONIST HERE TO PLEAD FOR JEWS

Dr. Shmarya Levin, Recently From Near East, Will Address Mass-Meeting Tonight

TITHING SOCIETY REVIVED

Dr. Shmarya Levin, a leader in the international Zionist movement, will address a mass-meeting of Philadelphia Jews at the B'nai Shalom Building, Fifth and Pine streets, this evening.

Dr. Levin arrived a few days ago from Palestine, where he has been active for some time in the Zionist movement. He is well acquainted with all phases of life in the Near East and will tell of the position occupied by the Jews in Syria and Turkey. He is an orator and writer of note and has come to this country to enlist the aid of American Jews in the movement to rehabilitate the Jewish national home in Palestine.

The meeting will be the first annual gathering of a Jewish tithing society known as the Near East Tithing Society, which leaders in the Zionist movement have revived to meet the expenses of relief work among the Near East Jews.

Many of the prominent Jewish families in Philadelphia are interested in the movement and have pledged themselves to contribute to the fund.

SWARTHMORE HAS DRIVE
Students of Swarthmore who have started on a drive for \$2000 to be used for philanthropic purposes were given suggestions today by Benjamin H. Low, who is in charge of the campaign of the Welfare Federation.

DO YOU WANT A USED AUTOMOBILE? The largest selection of used cars in the city is at the "Used Car Exchange" at 10th and Market streets.

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SECOND TRIAL SET FOR CHANDLER MEN

Partners Will Face Charges by Philadelphia Brokers in \$4,000,000 Crash

EIGHT INDICTMENTS STILL

Fred T. Chandler, Jr., and Earl Mendonhall, acquitted yesterday of charges of fraudulently converting and embezzling stock in connection with the \$4,000,000 failure of Chandler Brothers & Co., brokers, will be haled into court again November 27 to stand trial on other indictments growing out of the failure.

Encouraged by their victory in the first trial, both defendants feel they will be acquitted by the second jury they face to face perhaps in even less time than the first panel took to reach its decision.

"I am feeling this morning after our acquittal," Mr. Chandler said at his home in Lansdowne this morning. "We feel that the State quite naturally selected its strongest case for the first trial. There isn't much to the remaining indictments, we believe. We were acquitted because we deserved to be. The jury found that we had not committed a crime and the knowledge that we have been cleared is, of course, quite gratifying."

Mr. Chandler said he did not care to discuss the second trial as he felt that to do so might be improper.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case yesterday, after the jury had deliberated fifty minutes, ending a trial lasting five days.

There were twelve indictments against the defendants, three of which the Assistant District Attorney had nolle prossed yesterday. Most of the remaining eight are based on charges made by Philadelphia brokers affected by the Chandler failure. The next trial will be on four of the indictments.

PINCHOT IS SEEKING ABLE PROSECUTOR

Man of Scarlett Type Is Wanted as Attorney General in State Cabinet

MAY HAVE TO "CLEAN UP"

A prosecutor of the type of the late James Scarlett, who fought successfully through the Capitol graft trials, nearly a decade ago, is being sought by Governor-elect Pinchot for Attorney General in his cabinet.

The names suggested for this place have included those of Owen J. Roberts and Joseph H. Taulane, former Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Roberts was the prosecuting counsel when the independentists in the Moore-Pinchot case were tried in the Moore-Pinchot case. Mr. Taulane has a wide reputation as a prosecutor and a cross-examiner.

The Governor-elect has not yet decided on one for his cabinet and, with respect to the Attorney Generalship has not discussed it with any one. The subject came up in political circles today through Attorney General Pinchot's announcement that he would elect in arguing the hard coal tax before the Supreme Court in Washington. This led to the idea that Mr. Pinchot was looking for a prosecutor.

The belief that the Governor-elect wants a tried prosecutor for Attorney General has deep significance as indicating that there will be actual delivery of the goods in "cleaning up" the mess at Harrisburg; and that where crime has been committed against the Commonwealth, determined efforts will be made to send the guilty to jail.

It has been intimated in certain quarters that the experts investigating conditions in the State capital on Monday, when Mr. Pinchot's cabinet members met on State Finance for the first time, were looking for a prosecutor in the interest of the Forester, but it is understood that he will be offered some other post; probably that of the State Auditor.

Another place of gossip which flitted through the lobby of the Bellevue-Stratford today was that John S. Fisher, former State Banking Commissioner, would not be named Attorney General. Fisher had been mentioned for the position, but the best indications are that he will be disappointed. Mr. Fisher withdrew in the first place because he was not a member of the Forester, but it is understood that he will be offered some other post; probably that of the State Auditor.

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PROGRAM NON-POLITICAL

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