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CARRIED TO COURT.

Allegheny Councils Demand a Legal Investigation of Charges of EXTORTION AND PERJURY, And Other Accusations Against Messrs. Wyman and Pearson.

NO FRIEND COMES TO THE RESCUE.

The Mayor's Plea to Be Heard by the Finance Committee is Ignored.

LOWE'S FREEZE-OUT SCHEME BLOCKED

Mayor Wyman, and ex-Mayor Pearson, of Allegheny, must meet their accusers in court. Councils last night ignored Mr. Wyman's final plea to have the charges against him referred to the Finance Committee, and by a unanimous vote in both



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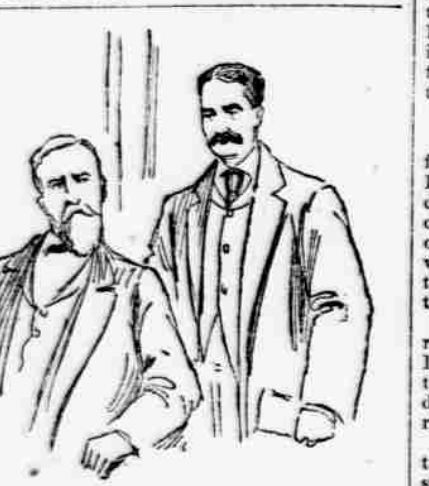
branches adopted the recommendation of the Auditing Committee to have the City Solicitor commence legal proceedings. Following are the charges that the accused officials must answer:

In order to formulate the charges contained in the report of the auditors, and for the reason that it has been stated that no charges have been preferred against ex-Mayor Pearson and Mayor Wyman, and for the reason that ex-Mayor Pearson is quoted in the public prints as giving as a reason for not appearing before the Auditing Committee, and in order that no excuse may be urged in the future, I hereby charge that ex-Mayor Richard T. Pearson, in the discharge of his official duties as Mayor of Allegheny, has been guilty of the crimes of embezzlement of extortion and with making oath to the correctness of reports which were untrue, that the reports did not include certain sums of money collected by him due to and belonging to the city of Allegheny. I also charge Mayor James G. Wyman with the crimes of embezzlement and extortion, and with making oath to the correctness of reports which were false, in that they did not include certain sums of money due the city from him.

R. H. GILLFORD, M. D., Chairman of Auditing Committee.

Did Not Debate the Question.

The action of Councils to have the charges against Wyman and Pearson referred to the courts was taken without a dissenting voice. The resolution of the Auditing Committee was called up by Chairman Gillford and seconded by Arthur Kennedy. Debate followed for no one responded. The roll was called and everyone said aye. Previous to that a communication was read from Mayor Wyman denying the jurisdiction of the Auditing Committee, and stating that the Finance Committee was the proper tribunal to hear his



Arthur Kennedy speaking at a public meeting.

case. It was listened to with attention and at the suggestion of Arthur Kennedy was held over until the Auditing Committee's report should be acted upon. After that there was not a man in the chamber to raise his voice in behalf of the city's Chief Executive. His communication was not afterward referred to. It was signed by Mr. Wyman as Mayor of the City of Allegheny, and was perhaps the first official document so totally ignored. The letter follows:

Wanted the Finance Committee to Act.

ALLEGHENY, PA., Nov. 19.—To the Honorable President and Members and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny: GENTLEMEN—For the past several weeks I have noticed frequent published interviews with different members of the Auditing Committee reflecting upon my administration as chief executive of Allegheny City; both my former and present administrations, and alleging that there is in my hands various sums of money which should be paid into the treasury. These publications have been brought about largely through the zeal of reporters anxious for news items and the personal animosity to me of some of the members of the Auditing Committee. Many of these charges were made and published in the newspapers during my last candidacy for Mayor, and were disbelieved then by the majority of the voters of Allegheny, and I do not think now are believed by a majority of the people. I have gone to such an extent that no matter how indifferent I might be individually to these allegations, I cannot ignore the fact that as the Mayor of Allegheny City it is my duty, in keeping with the dignity and importance of the office, to meet and answer them. I have denied them publicly and privately in various ways, but it seems that greater prominence was given to my predecessors and has been given to my denials of them. I am conscious of having tried to discharge my duty to the city of Allegheny as its Chief Executive. I have made mistakes, but I believe that the following are the only ones that are of any consequence. I have no recollection of any of the charges set out by your predecessors and the advice of counsel. It is needless in this communication to go over the various terms that have been charged against me, they are so numerous and so varying in detail that it would be im-

DEATH OF FLORENCE.

America's Popular Actor Fails in His Plucky Fight With Pneumonia.

THE END A VERY PEACEFUL ONE.

Hosts of Friends All Over the Entire Country Will Feel a Personal Loss.

OUTLINE OF HIS BRILLIANT CAREER

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 19.—William J. Florence, the popular actor, the hail fellow well met, the friend to everyone, died in his room at the Continental Hotel at 8:30 this evening



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He died peacefully, after a brief illness, and was surrounded by a large number of friends. He was a native of Philadelphia and had spent most of his life in that city. He was a member of the Actors' Equity Association and had been active in its affairs for many years. He was a very popular actor and had a long and successful career. He was a very kind and generous man and was loved by all who knew him. His death is a great loss to the theatrical world and to the city of Philadelphia.

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