

MAYOR HAS NO TIME TO PROBE POLICE CHARGES

Admits He Would Be Kept Busy Investigating Nasty Rumors

ALL TO BE LET SLIDE Not Sure Magnelli Will Be Given Hearing on Floor of Council

Harrisburg's police force will not be thoroughly investigated that it may be either given a clean bill-of-merit or reorganized and improved and a more morally decent members of the force reared.

Mayor Daniel L. Keister has no time to probe the more reputable rumors, he stands pat on his decision to inaugurate no investigation of charges of woefully gross misconduct unless specific charges are made against members of the force.

No Time For Probes His attention was called to some of the particularly odious reports and rumors that are being circulated, are not to receive the attention of the Mayor of Harrisburg. Specific charges must be made before he will stir himself, the impression that he created to-day.

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One particular case, said in connection with the actions of a man supposed to be a guardian of public safety, was called to the attention of the Mayor. He was told that the Mayor was to be investigated regularly operating two automobiles, with their stands in Market street and frequently engaged by persons of loose character, and that he was to be investigated for several hours during which he is supposed to be on duty, at this "stand," the charge is too indefinite for the Mayor to take any action.

All "Work Overtime" Quoted as "Work Overtime" remark could not lead one to believe that he had heard of the situation and to whom the "he" concerning whom he spoke referred, the Mayor said that he was referring to no particular member of the detective force, and that each member spends such extra time in the performance of his duties.

POLAND'S PLACE AFTER PEACE IS DECLARED IS BEFORE PARIS CONGRESS

Fate of Germany's Colonies Still Is Holding Board

TASKS ASSIGNED SMALL NATIONS League of Nations Not Lost Sight of at Table

Paris, Jan. 29.—The Supreme Council of the Peace Conference had before it for consideration on assembling this morning the Polish question and the instructions to be given the Allied mission to Poland recently authorized and about to leave on its eastward journey. The program called for the appearance of Polish and Czechoslovak representatives before the council to present their views.

Differ With Wilson The hearings have progressed to the stage where the existence of views greatly at variance with those of President Wilson's fourteen points have been disclosed. This development has determined the American delegates to urge the council to keep the rival claims within the bounds of fairness.

Plan looks to international control of the colonies, nationalities and tribes by individual powers or by agents to be known as "mandatories" of the league of nations. These agents are to derive all their powers from the league and to act entirely on the lines of policy dictated by that body.

President Wilson himself answered this argument by saying the American plan contemplated that the mandatory power would be held to act entirely on the lines of policy, other expenditures would be made only when authorized by the league, unless the colony was able to finance itself out of its own resources.

Wilson Offers Sharp's Post in France to Another Than Vance C. McCormick

Paris, Jan. 29.—The appointment of a new ambassador to France to succeed William Graves Sharp is still undecided. President Wilson has offered the post to a man who has not yet signified whether he will accept it. This man, it may be said, is not Vance C. McCormick, who recently resigned the chairmanship of the Democratic National Committee.

Germany Disbands Army London, Jan. 29.—A German wireless message received here says: "On January 28 the whole of Germany's western army had been transferred to demobilization centers, and about 500,000 of the total of 9,000 of the eastern army."

MAY REDUCE TAX FROM FIVE TO FOUR MILLS

Fund For New Courthouse Is Proposed by County Controller Gough

Suggestion Made That Returned Soldiers Could Be Profitably Employed

Submitting the 1919 budget for the County Controller Henry W. Gough estimated that with the increase in the assessment of property, it may be possible to reduce the tax rate from 5 to 4 mills and provide enough revenue for the ordinary expenses during the year.

First Large Building Permit of Year Issued

The first large building permit for this year was issued today to Metzger and Fisher, contractors from Philadelphia, for the construction of a large one-story brick and concrete building for the Atlantic Refining Company, to be located at 2207 North Seventh street.

Butter and Potatoes Are Falling in Price

Chicago, Jan. 29.—Victims of the high cost of living found further satisfaction to-day in the trend of produce prices. Butter at wholesale dropped three to four cents since yesterday and potatoes declined five to ten cents a bushel.

Hun Coal Miners Are Urged to Work So That Presses Can Print Money

Berlin, Jan. 29.—The Vorwarts publishes an appeal to the striking coal miners from the workmen's council in the government printing offices: "Coal miners! Comrades! Furnish us with fuel for printing."

Child Run Down by Autoist Who Flees, Dies

Katie Schmidt, seven years old, who was struck by an automobile in the Herr street subway last Saturday, died yesterday at the home of her parents, 1232 Herr street. The driver who ran down the child sped up his machine and made his escape. Funeral services will be held to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SEVENTEEN TAKEN IN RAIDS TODAY BY THE STATE POLICE

Two of the three men who attempted to hold up and rob R. W. Lerch, wholesale liquor dealer of Highspire, and who shot him through the neck when he refused to throw up his hands, are believed to have been taken in a wholesale roundup of negroes at the Locust Grove camp, in which seventeen were taken by two members of the State Police at New Cumberland today.

MARRIAGE LICENSES Lloyd W. Cook, New Holland, and Mary D. Gochenour, Adams county; William F. Reimeyer and Missa Shope, Harrisburg; William Berry and Miriam Burns, DuBois.

HOTELS, WILLING TO TAKE CHANCE, APPLY FOR 1919 LICENSES

Only One Dealer Fails to Ask Court For Renewals Despite Prohibition; Brewers Refuse to Give Up

Applications have been filed for liquor licenses for 1919 for all retail, wholesale, bottling and brewing places which held licenses last year, with but two exceptions; one because the license was revoked for failure to comply with liquor traffic laws and the other probably because the holder does not intend to continue the sale of intoxicants after March 1.

VOTERS WILL BE REGISTERED FOR FEB. ELECTION

Registrars will sit in each of the polling places in the city on February 5 for a special enrollment of voters for the election February 25 when a successor will be elected to Lieutenant Governor Edward E. Beideman to represent Dauphin county in the State Senate.

Polk Proclaims Nation "Dry" on January 16, 1920

Washington, Jan. 29.—Ratification of the prohibition amendment to the federal constitution was proclaimed formally to-day by Frank L. Polk, Acting Secretary of State. The proclamation is dated to-day, but legal authorities of the department say ratification was accomplished when the thirty-sixth state acted favorably on January 16, and that under the terms of the amendment it

WILL PROBE FORD DEFEAT

Washington—Favorable report on the resolution for immediate investigation of the Michigan Newberry-Ford senatorial campaign was ordered to-day by the Senate Contingent Expenses Committee on a strict party vote.

HARRISBURG—WALTER SHAFER, DAUPHIN'S WIDELY-KNOWN AVIATOR, ARRIVED HOME LATE THIS AFTERNOON.

NEW PHONE RATES HELP UP

Harrisburg.—The Dauphin county court to-day on petition of Attorney General Schaffer issued a preliminary injunction restraining the Bell Telephone Company, of Pennsylvania, from charging the increased telephone rates ordered by the Federal authorities. The hearing was fixed for next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS HOLDS ON

Washington—John Skelton Williams, of Virginia, was nominated to-day by President Wilson for another term as comptroller of the currency.

DEMANDS WITHDRAWAL OF YANKS IN RUSSIA

Washington.—Another demand for immediate withdrawal of American troops from Russia was made in the Senate to-day by Senator Johnson, of California, in vigorously criticizing the Russian course of the United States and the Allies.

ORATORY BARRED AS HOUSE VOTES ON PROHIBITION

Both Sides Agree Speeches Shall Be Barred on Monday Evening

ON FIRST READING TODAY

Final Passage Is Scheduled For Tuesday Morning of Next Week

There will be no speeches in the House during consideration of the resolution to ratify the prohibition amendment," said Chairman B. F. Bungard, of the House Law and Order committee to-day. "This is by agreement of people on both sides."

Provision whereby legal proceedings, including action in equity brought against any state officer in his official capacity or in relation to his duties, shall not abate by death or retirement from office, is contained in a bill read in the House by Mr. Dawson, Lackawanna. Courts are authorized to continue such actions upon petition filed within a year.

MAYOR ENTERS DENIAL Philadelphia, Jan. 29.—Mayor Thomas B. Smith, of Philadelphia, to-day flatly and unequivocally denied from the witness stand that he ever conspired with any person to violate the law prohibiting office holders from interfering in politics. Mr. Smith is on trial charged with that offense and also with misconduct in office, and his defense opened to-day, he being the first witness.

Haverford Flashes She Is Near With 2,096 Soldiers From Fighting Zones

Philadelphia, Jan. 29.—Bringing home 2,096 troops from France, the liner Haverford to-day flashed by radio that she will pass in the Delaware Capes about 5 o'clock this evening and reach her dock about 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. She sailed from Brest on January 15 with sixty officers and 1,836 men of the Sixty-first Regiment, Coast Artillery, and a large contingent of colored casuals. In addition, she has on board thirty-seven sick and wounded soldiers. The returning soldiers will parade from the dock to the Broad Street Station of the Pennsylvania Railroad, where they will board waiting trains for Camp Dix. There they will be mustered out of service. These are the first troops who fought in France to be landed at the port and elaborate preparations have been made by the peace jubilee committee to give them a hearty welcome.

GERMANY FEARS LOSS OF PRESIDENT'S AID

Sentence From Wilson Speech Disquiets German Circles; Press Says Nation That Started War Is Not Desired in Future Community of Powers; 'Lovely Beginning of League'

Berlin, Jan. 29.—President Wilson's speech of Saturday last before the Peace Congress contains the following sentence, as transmitted to Berlin and here retranslated from the German: "The United States would have a feeling that it could not take part in guaranteeing these European adjustments unless this guaranty included the permanent surveillance of the world peace by the associated nations of the world."

The official text of the passage in President Wilson's speech of Saturday, alluded to in the foregoing, as transmitted from Paris Saturday night, heads as follows: "If (the United States) would feel that it could not take part in guaranteeing these European settlements unless the guaranty involved the continuous superintendence of the peace of the world by the associated nations of the world."

MINERS OPEN OWN STORES Shenandoah, Pa., Jan. 29.—The United Mine Workers of America are starting co-operative stores throughout the region. Commencing to-day they open a wholesale and retail store here and will shortly have a store in every town in the region.

And He Has the Nerve to Complain



THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Thursday; colder to-morrow, with light frost; temperature about 26 degrees.

The Susquehanna river and all its branches will continue to fall slowly. A stage of about 5.2 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Thursday morning.