



PATROLMEN TO BE GIVEN HEARINGS ON FEBRUARY 13

Council to Take Up Mayor's Charges Against Three Suspended Men

MAGNELLI GETS COUNSEL

City Solicitor Probably Will Cross-Examine Coppers Who Fight Dismissal

Mayor Daniel L. Keister, at the regular council meeting today preferred charges against Patrolmen Theodore A. Magnelli and Edward A. Schmehl, accusing them of receiving thirty cents from N. S. Moyer, Twenty-third and Brookwood streets, for the return of a stray horse, and against Patrolman Victor B. Bibl, alleging misconduct at police headquarters. The commissioners immediately fixed February 13 to hear the charges against the men. Mayor Keister said he will ask for the dismissal of all of them.

His statement in which he brings the charges against the men for "thirty cent graft" follows: The Mayor's Charge: "I hereby prefer the following charges against Police Constables Edward E. Schmehl and Theodore A. Magnelli: "That about June, 1918, they and each of them, while on duty as police constables did ask and demand from one Noah S. Moyer, of Twenty-third and Brookwood streets, this city, the sum of \$5 for the performance of official services in returning a stray horse belonging to Mr. Moyer, found by them; and did then and there receive in response to their demand, from said Moyer, the sum of thirty cents each, for the performance of such official services contrary to the provisions of Section 6, of Article VII, of the Act of June 27th, 1913.

Bibl Included: "I also hereby prefer charges of misconduct at police headquarters on about January 22, 1919, against Police Constable Victor B. Bibl. "Pending action by city council upon the above charges I have suspended Officers Schmehl and Magnelli and therefore suggest that an early date be fixed for the hearing of testimony."

Upon motion of Commissioner C. W. Burnnett, seconded by Commissioner S. F. Hassler, the following motion was adopted: "I move that February 13, 1919, at 10 o'clock a. m. be fixed as the time, and the Council Chamber as the place for hearing the charges preferred against Police Constables Schmehl, Magnelli and Bibl, by the Mayor, President of public affairs, of which hearing prompt notice shall be given by the city clerk to each of the accused officers by letters mailed to their last address, such letters shall specify the charge made against each officer and advise them that they, their witnesses and their counsel will be fully heard at such hearing."

It is understood City Solicitor John E. Fox, who is now hearing all the facts in the case, will conduct the examination of witnesses for the city at the council session a week from Thursday. Robert Stucker has been retained as counsel for Officer Magnelli, the latter said.

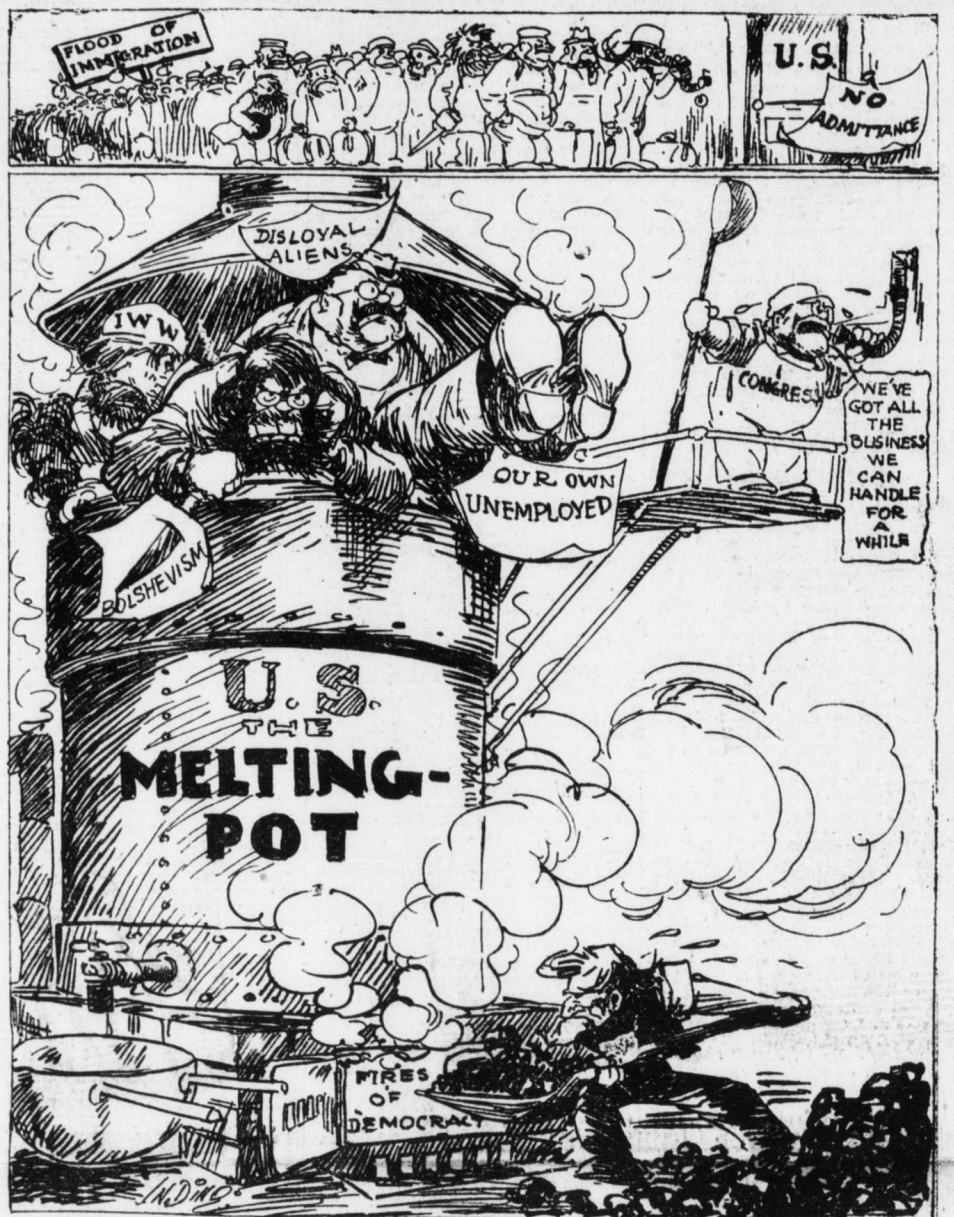
No Probe Likely: Members of council said that unless specific charges are made by Magnelli or Schmehl against other members or officers of the force no investigation will be made of the charge by them of "rotten" conditions. Mayor Keister said he would welcome such charges before council, so that the commissioners and he could investigate them. Magnelli, who came into the council chamber today a few minutes after the charges by Mayor Keister were read, said he will not have anything to say about conditions on the force until his own case is decided.

City Treasurer C. E. Weber reported a balance February 1, of \$188,133.85; receipts last month, \$13,251.47; expenditures \$31,830.62. Upon the recommendation of the city solicitor the commissioners agreed to settle an appeal from viewers' awards to George Hain, made after Greenwood street was graded. The action will be settled for \$150 without court trial.

Investigation Pending: Pending an investigation of legal requirements about loan ordinances the measure introduced by Commissioner W. Lynch for a bond issue for a \$50,000 bond issue for a year, was not passed finally. Ordinances which were passed finally provided for the purchase of a new auto truck for the city mechanic; purchase of 2500 feet of cable for underground extensions and placing of additional lights.

Commissioner E. Z. Gross was directed to advertise for bids for furnishing gasoline to the city. He said a large refining company submitted the same price for a supply as last year, but the councilmen decided it was necessary to advertise for bids and award a contract.

Not Closing Down the Plant--Just Catching Up on Back Orders



SHOPMEN NOT TO BE ASSESSED FOR MISTAKE IN PAY

Government Officials Cannot Find Solution to the Problem

ERROR IN CALCULATION

Union Men Declare Mistake Was Made at Expense of Labor

Pennsylvania and Philadelphia and Reading railroad shopmen will not be obliged to repay any of the \$2,500,000 overpayments alleged to have been made to piece-work employees of the Allegheny region through a misinterpretation of a Federal Railroad Administration ruling, is the consensus of opinion among railroad officials in Philadelphia.

Slightly less than 5,000 shopmen on the two railroads in Harrisburg and vicinity will be affected. Most of them will be big winners as a result of the error in the alleged overpayment.

The government will now have to stand the loss sustained, as no practical way has yet been devised for collecting it from the men to whom it was paid. Consequently it will have to be charged to profit and loss in the wage accounts of the railroads.

CONDUCTOR IS KILLED UNDER FREIGHT TRAIN

William G. Gramm Dies Before Medical Attention Can Be Given Him

Thrown under his train in the West Morrisville, Pa., freight yards late yesterday afternoon, William G. Gramm, 2110 Moore street, well-known conductor on the Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was so badly injured that he died before medical attention could be given him. He was 67 years old.

Gramm's crew was making up a train in the western end of the yards when he endeavored to board the moving cars. He slipped and was thrown beneath the cars. His left foot was cut off, but internal injuries suffered when he was rolled about by the train caused his death. His head and body were badly lacerated and bruised.

He was taken immediately from beneath the cars, placed on an engine and taken to the Trenton, N. J., hospital, but died before he arrived there. The body was brought to Harrisburg this morning and turned over to Undertaker Charles H. Mauk.

WOMAN TO RUN FOR MAYOR

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Mrs. Leonora Z. Meder, lawyer, clubwoman and former city commissioner of public welfare, to-day announced her candidacy for mayor. She said she would run as a nonpartisan.

Y. CAMPAIGN FOR MEMBERSHIPS IS WELL UNDER WAY

Prominent Businessmen Aid in Canvass For 1,500 New Members

SHOW TO CLOSE DRIVE

Reports of Team Captains Will Be Received at Supper Tomorrow Night

Men prominent in the business world of the city are to-day taking part in the campaign to secure 1,500 members for the Central Y. M. C. A. The campaign was officially launched last night with a supper held in the "Y" assembly rooms. Reports received at noon to-day from captains of various teams indicate that the drive is well under way and it is believed there will be little difficulty in reaching the goal. "It will mean a little hard work," said General Secretary Robert B. Reeves, commenting on the outlook, "but we'll reach the top."

The campaign was opened last night with a supper held in the assembly room of the "Y" building. C. W. Burnnett, chairman of the membership committee and captain of team No. 1, presided. Addresses were made by J. William Carruthers, state secretary of the "Y"; J. Wil-

son, president of the "Y"; and J. J. Williams, secretary of the "Y".

HOUSE APPROVES DRY AMENDMENT AFTER A SHORT, SHARP DEBATE; SENATE IS BELIEVED FAVORABLE

Hun Hand in World Conference

Paris, Feb. 4.—The Berne Socialist conference, to which many Socialist bodies in Europe have failed to send representatives, in the outcome a German plan to help Germany retrieve her military defeat and escape the payment of just indemnities in the belief of Charles Edward Russell and William English Walling, speaking in behalf of the Social-Democratic League of the United States.

WILSON HASTENS TO HAVE LEAGUE PLANS APPROVED IN PEACE

Supreme Council Agrees That Questions Raised by Premier Venizelos Concerning Greek Interests Shall Be Referred to Commission of Experts

Paris, Feb. 4.—The Supreme Council at its meeting to-day agreed that questions in the statement of Premier Venizelos concerning Greek territorial interests in the peace settlement should be referred to a commission of experts whose duty it would be to make recommendations for a just settlement.

Paris, Feb. 4.—While less than two weeks remain before the date set for his return to the United States, President Wilson is hopeful that his plan for a League of Nations will be ratified in plenary session of the Peace Conference, thus putting it in the way to be registered in treaty form within the time limit. He is therefore concentrating his attention upon that work and is determined that nothing shall be permitted to obstruct the progress of the commission of which he is chairman.

Desire Speed in Peace: There is a growing feeling here that the treaty of peace should be speedily perfected, now that the principle of the League of Nations and many of the details of its construction have been agreed upon. Arthur J. Balfour, the British Foreign Secretary, is engaged upon a proposition to fix the territorial boundaries of the defeated nations at once and promptly conclude peace with the enemy as so constituted. The program would then be to go on with the settlement of the other questions remaining to be solved under the rules of the Society of Nations.

Truce While Probe Works: The allied commission which leaves for Poland next Saturday to adjust controversies between the Poles and Czechoslovaks over the Teschen coal fields has arranged a truce between the two nationalities pending the arrival of the commission.

Automobile Bandits Hold Two Brooklyn Surface Cars; Three Rob the Conductors

New York, Feb. 4.—The operations of automobile bandits in New York took a sensational turn to-day when five armed men in a green touring car held up two surface cars on the Brooklyn Rapid Transit system in Flushing and Elmhurst, suburban districts of Brooklyn.

Wilson Naval Program Approved by Committee; Another 3-Year Program

Washington, Feb. 4.—Insistence by President Wilson upon the administration's policy of a naval expansion led to the unanimous approval of another three year construction program.

Registration Day

To-morrow registrars will sit at all the regular polling places in Harrisburg to enroll all voters who have not been listed, so that they can vote at the special Senatorial election February 25.

Walter Sheaffer, the courageous young resident of Dauphin, who spent his last cent to learn to fly and to get to France to help fight the Hun from midair, and who has kept in touch with Telegraph readers ever since by his celebrated letters, will be featured in a patriotic meeting at the Orpheum theater next Monday evening, when Shaffer, who will be the principal speaker, will give a highly interesting talk on his experiences in the French blue uniform.

Prohibition Gains Support of Pennsylvania Assembly After Short Campaign

NO TIME WILL BE LOST IN GETTING MEASURE TO SENATE

The joint resolution ratifying the prohibition amendment was passed by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives to-day by a vote 110 to 93, four members being absent or not voting. The resolution was at once messaged to the Senate, whose law and order committee will give a hearing on it on February 18.

Result Applauded: The speakers for the resolution were: John W. Vickerman, Allegheny; H. M. Showalter, Union; R. L. Wallace and Charles G. Jordan, Lawrence, the latter the only doctor of divinity in the House. Against the resolution were William T. Ramsey, Delaware; David Fowler, Lackawanna, and William Davis, Cambria.

Liquor People Glum: Messrs. Vickerman and Jordan declared the ratification of the amendment was a matter that Republicans had to undertake and eulogized Governor Sproul as "splendid."

The result was announced amid much applause as soon as the roll had been verified. When the resolution reached the Senate it went to the Law and Order Committee. The hearing was asked by the Union Trades Liberty League which presented a remonstrance declared to be signed by 641,569 persons against the ratification of the amendment.

The consideration of the resolution by the House was marked by seven speeches, four favoring the measure and three against it. The measure of the House was crowded with people from all over the state. Most of the members of the Senate and many state officials and attaches of the State Government and former legislators were present and frequent outbursts of applause occurred during the addresses. The speakers for the resolution urged that Pennsylvania join the procession of "dry" states, while those who spoke in opposition asserted that the amendment would be prejudicial to interests of labor and that Pennsylvania should not follow the lead of the South. The references to the attitude of labor were answered by two members from Lawrence county who said that labor was favorable to the amendment. Governor

WAGE RAISE REFUSED TROLLEY MEN

New York—The Federal War Labor Board, sitting here, to-day refused to increase the wages of the motormen and conductors of the Reading Transit and Light Company, Norristown division, of Reading, Pa., on the ground that the company already had made voluntary increases which were equitable and just.

CONNECTICUT SENATE VOTES "WET"

Hartford, Conn.—By a vote of 20 to 14, the Connecticut Senate this afternoon refused to ratify the Federal Prohibition amendment.

REDS WANT EAR OF ENTENTE

Paris—The Russian Soviet government will take "all measures" to bring about an agreement with the entente, according to a wireless message sent out from Moscow on Sunday. It complains that the Bolshevik authorities had received no "formal invitation" to the Princes Islands conference, the only word regarding it being a wireless message "containing press news."

RATE JURISDICTION CHALLENGED

Harrisburg—The authority of the Dauphin county court in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania action to prevent the federal authorities from increasing the telephone rates in Pennsylvania, was challenged before Judges Kunkel and McCarrell to-day by Roger L. Burnnett, United States district attorney for the Middle District. Counsel for the state held it did not appear that the U. S. had any interest in the case and that at all events the Bell Company had proceeded in violation of the law of the state in trying to enforce the rates laid down by the postmaster general.

MONROE DOCTRINE TO BE SAFE IN PEACE

Paris—The American delegates to the Peace Conference, it is said, are satisfied that the project for a Society of Nations, as it will emerge from the committee now handling the subject will not conflict with or impair the vitality of the Monroe Doctrine.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Lester J. Keadle, High Field, Pa., and Myrtle E. Tomp, Sants, Md.; Lete Haden and Estlin Pearl, Steelton; Webster C. Giesler, Hummelstown, and Ella M. Wheeler, Steelton; Melcher Fedlic and Lena Pfarr, Harrisburg, R. D. 3.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Rain this afternoon and probably to-night; lowest temperature tonight about 35 degrees; Wednesday fair and colder. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain to-night; Wednesday colder and probably fair; moderate south to west winds.