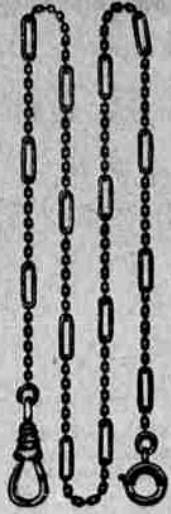


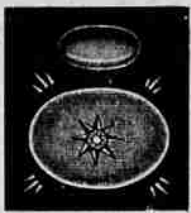
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COMMISSIONS GET ANALYSIS

Washington, D. C., December 20, 1915.—The commission form of government is in effect in 81 of the 204 cities of over 30,000 inhabitants. Civil-service regulations are applied to the appointment of policemen in 122 such cities, including all those of more than 300,000 inhabitants. Policemen are employed in 26 cities. Municipal prohibition prevails in 15 cities, state prohibition in 17, and county and parish prohibition in 3. In 15 cities certain saloons are licensed to sell malt liquors only. These are a few of the significant and interesting facts which will be brought out in a report under the title of "General Statistics of Cities, 1915," to be issued in the near future

by Director Sam L. Rogers, of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, and compiled under the direction of Mr. Starke M. Grogan, chief statistician for statistics of cities.

The Commission Form of Government now prevails in no fewer than 81 of the 204 cities estimated to have 30,000 inhabitants or more in 1915. These cities are scattered throughout 26 states, in addition to the District of Columbia, ranging from Massachusetts to Washington and from South Carolina to California. Five of them are in New England, 27 in other northern states east of the Mississippi, 16 in northern states between the Mississippi and the Pacific coast states, 9 in the Pacific coast states, and 24 in the South.

The largest city at present operating under the commission form of government is New Orleans, whose population is estimated at about 365,000; but Buffalo, recently voted to inaugurate this system on January 1, 1916. Next in order are Washington, D. C., with nearly 350,000 inhabitants,

Portland, Oregon, with about 260,000, and Denver, with about 250,000.

In these cities the commissions range in size from three to seven members. Those in St. Paul and Omaha have seven members each; those in San Diego, Cal., and Fort Worth, Tex., six each; and that in Huntington, W. Va., four. All the other commissions are composed of either three or five members the great majority having five. The salaries paid municipal commissioners range from \$500 a year in Jackson, Mich., and Springfield, Ohio, to \$7,000 a year in Birmingham, Ala., and their terms of office vary from one to four years.

Dayton, Ohio, has a commission of five members, which decides matters of general policy, and a "city manager," appointed by the commission, who looks after the administrative work. The presiding officer of the commission receives \$1,800 per annum, the other members \$1,200, and the city manager \$12,500.

The larger cities still cling to the older form of government by mayor and council. In all, 123 cities of over

30,000, including all having more than 400,000 inhabitants, are governed in this manner. The mayors' salaries range from \$100 per annum in Flint, Mich., to \$15,000 in New York City, and their terms of office from one to four years.

Police Departments.
A total of 51,045 police officials, patrolmen, detectives, and civilian employees are engaged in the work of maintaining peace and order in the 204 cities. Of this total, 5,586 are officers exclusive of detectives, 34,320 are patrolmen, 3,303 are detectives, and 3,015 are civilian employees. Of the patrolmen, 31,294 are unmounted and 1,804 are mounted on horses, 708 on motorcycles, and 514 on bicycles. Park policemen number 248, and policemen detailed at municipal buildings and courts, 390.

New York has 526 mounted policemen, Philadelphia 435, and Chicago 186. No other city has as many as 100. In New York City 135 of the mounted police ride bicycles, but Chicago and Philadelphia rely entirely upon the horse and the motorcycle. Washington, D. C., has 61 bicycle policemen—far more than other city except New York; and its total number of mounted policemen, 101, is greater than that of any other city except New York, Chicago, and Philadelphia.

The highest paid patrolmen are those of San Francisco, who are ungraded and receive \$1,464 per annum, and the lowest paid—disregarding those in the lower grades in a few cities—are in Williamsport, Pa., where patrolmen are ungraded and receive \$756 per annum.

The longest term of service necessary to attain the highest grade is found in Savannah, Ga. In this city the patrolman serves five years at \$900, five at \$960, and five more at \$1,020, and thereafter receives \$1,080. In Terre Haute, Ind., and Charleston, S. C., the maximum rates of pay—\$1,080 and \$1,020, respectively—are reached after 10 years of service.

Among cities of 100,000 or more, the longest term of service necessary to attain the highest grade is found in Washington, D. C., where, after three years of service at \$900 and five more at \$1,080, the patrolman finally receives \$1,200 per annum.

The most common length of daily shift or "tour" is eight hours, but in some cities it is considerably greater. In 12 cities there are two daily tours of 12 hours each. In all but 9 of the cities the night force is equal to or greater than the day force. In 19 cities there are short periods during the day in which no patrolmen are on duty. In several cases these gaps between tours are two hours in length, and in one case—Quincy, Mass.—there are no patrolmen on their beats or posts between 4 a. m. and 8:45 a. m.

Methods of Appointment and Retirement.

Public interest in the efficiency of police departments is doubtless responsible for the fact that no fewer than 122 of the 204 cities of 30,000 and over, including all those of more than 300,000, apply civil-service regulations to the appointment of policemen, 135 provide some form of retirement and pension system, and a still larger number prescribe age, height, and weight limits. In 93 cities retired employees receive half the salary they were drawing at the time of retirement. A number of other cities pay a fixed compensation amounting to as much or more than this, while still others employ a sliding scale based on length of service.

Police Women.

Police women are now employed in 26 cities. Chicago has 21; Baltimore, Los Angeles, and Seattle 5 each; Pittsburgh, 4; San Francisco, Portland, Ore., and St. Paul, 3 each; and Dayton, Ohio, Topeka, Kans., and Minneapolis, Minn., 2 each. Fifteen other cities have 1 each. Their pay ranges from \$625 per annum in Dayton to \$1,200 in San Francisco.

Method of Regulating Liquor Traffic.

Prohibition by State law prevails in 17 cities of 30,000 and over 4 each in Georgia and Tennessee, 3 in Kansas, 2 each in Oklahoma and West Virginia, and 1 each in Maine and North Carolina. Municipal prohibition is in effect in 15 cities—8 in Massachusetts, 2 each in Illinois and California, and 1 each in Pennsylvania, Iowa and Washington. County prohibition has closed the saloons in 2 Michigan cities and parish prohibition has closed them in 1 Louisiana city. There are thus 35 cities in which total prohibition prevails. In addition, there are 8—4 in Ohio, 2 in Colorado, and 1 each in Pennsylvania and Illinois—in which partial prohibition is in effect through the operation of what is known as the "district" system, under which certain districts or sections of the city may, by popular vote, abolish their saloons, while other sections retain them.

The largest city which has adopted prohibition independently of state or county action in the matter is Cambridge, Mass., whose population is estimated at between 110,000 and 111,000. The largest city in which the saloons have been closed by state enactment is Atlanta, Ga., with approximately 180,000 inhabitants.

In 124 of the 169 cities in which saloons are licensed, they are limited as to number, and in 91 as to location; and in 28 cities, 16 of which are in Pennsylvania, there are no restrictions as to either number or location. In some cities the limitation as to number is definitely stated; in others it takes the form of a provision to the effect that the number of saloons shall not exceed 1 to every 250, 500, 750, 1,000, 3,000 or 5,000 inhabitants. The 250-inhabitant limit is employed in the 5 Wisconsin cities of Milwaukee, Racine, Superior, Oshkosh, and La Crosse; and the 5,000-inhabitant limit prevails in Chicago and Danville, Ill.

The limitation as to location takes a variety of forms, among which the most common is the provision that no saloon shall be allowed within a cer-

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