

CHARGES OF GRAFT IN CHICAGO AFFAIRS ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION

Three Inquiries Into Scandals Are to Be Made, One by the Grand Jury.

ALDERMEN ARE INVOLVED

Woman Says Part of Salary Went to Mayor's Sister-in-Law; Scandal Has Many Manifestations.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—(U. N. S.)—With countless charges of authority in prospect, with witnesses refusing to attend, with charges and counter charges breaking out hourly, the "petitot graft" scandal entered the stage of authoritative inquiry today.

The council committee on schools, fire, police and civil service was to convene at 9:45 to consider the charge made by Mrs. Louise Osburne Rowe, head of the public welfare bureau, against her one-third of her salary for alleged support of Mrs. Margaret E. Mivalas, Mayor Thompson's sister-in-law. The committee has no power to compel the attendance of witnesses and can take no action except to make recommendations.

Three Investigations Begin.

At 10 a. m. the same charges were to be taken up by the civil service commission. The body that full power to compel the attendance of witnesses and to dismiss any city employee.

While these two investigations of the ramifications of the city hall graft charges are being pressed, State's Attorney Hoyne is expected to take up another line before the grand jury.

The civil service commission has formally asked for the indictment of Alderman Robert M. Buck on its charge that he acted as press agent for the vice trust on salary and that he collected a percentage of the revenues from the vice headquarters. The commission also asks for a grand jury investigation of Alderman Charles E. Merriam and the activities of the Merriam crime investigation 18 months ago.

With the request for the indictment of Alderman Buck, the commission also to State's Attorney Hoyne affidavits from "Mike De Pike" Heller and Thomas Connolly, declaring that Buck was a member of the vice trust and that he profited to the extent of thousands of dollars. These affidavits are supposed to be what Mayor Thompson had in mind when he said he would give out some news that would "blow Alderman Buck out of the water."

In reply to these charges Buck denies the mayor as having hatched a plot against him, declares the affidavits are "false and perjurious" and that the charges are "a deliberate attempt to wreck a man by manufacturing lies against him." He declares that he will prosecute all those concerned in the allegations made against his character.

Mayor Denies Wrongdoing.

Meanwhile the opposition to the mayor in the "petitot graft" scandal has discovered what they claim to be the reason for the alleged assessments on city employees' salaries in the form of a \$50,000 note given by the mayor and some of his friends the day before election, to obtain additional campaign funds. They say that the graft they charge went toward the payment of this note, but that it was maintained long after the note was paid—in fact, that enough was collected to pay it two or three times over.

Mayor Thompson admits that such a note was discounted by the Harris Trust company but asserts that the money obtained was used for legitimate campaign purposes, and that it was paid when due from his personal resources.

Official City Hall Report

PORTLAND HAS NEW PROBLEM, WRITES MAYOR H. R. ALBEE

How to House Men Who Formerly Frequented Saloons Is Topic of His Article.

Professor Ogburn's Visit.

On Monday of this week and after dictation had been given for the following article, a young lad, apparently in his twenties, called at my office and made himself known as Professor Ogburn of Reed college. After suggesting that probably I had never thought of the importance of the large number of men who are being discharged from the saloons, he gave a lengthy dissertation on law enforcement, giving a treatise such as no boy of mine would be allowed to imitate. Notwithstanding the fact that I gave him the information contained in the following article, the lad saw fit to jump into print in an interview, which I accurately quoted, showing a disregard for honesty and fairness unbecoming in one holding a position similar to his.

H. R. Albee, Mayor and Commissioner of Public Safety.

Portland is faced with the problem of how to house its large number of men with time on their hands. With the saloons closed as such, the soft drink parlor and the poolroom have fallen heir to the trade of those who formerly inhabited the places where liquor was dispensed. And now the question has arisen as to how these places, which are admittedly an important factor in our civic life, and to be conducted, so as to be the law, and at the same time be made self-supporting or profitable for those engaged in the business.

Prohibition having been in force for nearly two months, its beneficial results being now quite well known, it is apparent that the hundreds of men who formerly frequented the various large establishments in the north end district, exchanging their money for liquor, are still to be reckoned with. Many of them are here, and are daily and nightly visitors to the resorts where now soft drinks and lunches are served, and where pool games and cards have been allowed.

Places Must Be Kept Running.

I am thoroughly convinced that these places must be kept running. It will not do to force them, through one means or another, to close their doors. It is vital to the interests of the city and to the men themselves to have such resorts; and the more freedom that they be granted, the better.

Being one of the first to recognize the necessity of this course, with prohibition made certain in Oregon, I suggested the plan of cheap, but clean eating houses, and have encouraged some of those formerly engaged in the saloon trade to turn their attention to business modeled along the new lines. This a number of them have done.

The Problem to Be Solved.

The problem now to be solved is as to the conduct of the establishments in question. It has long been the practice for them to have card games, and they have been playing for merchandise, such as soft drinks, tobaccos or food. This has now been put under the ban by the municipal judge and city attorney, they holding that it is gambling, under the law, for this to be done. The

Mayor Albee Writes Article for Journal.

Today The Journal prints the second article furnished by a city commissioner in accordance with the offer of this newspaper to the mayor and city council to print two columns of matter daily prepared by them on official topics, which they desire to present for the information of the citizens of Portland. The second article is by H. R. Albee, mayor and commissioner of public safety, and deals with the subject "For Regulation of the Substitute for the Saloon."

The Journal's offer holds good to be used at the pleasure of the city's commissioner.

law specifies that "anything of value," when played for, is gambling.

Proprietors of the establishments coming within this ordinance say they cannot continue in business unless they have the privilege of selling checks, which the men patrons use in their card games, and which are redeemable in merchandise.

Within the past few days this question has been up for frequent discussions. Men and women in various walks of life have expressed their views all agreeing that we must have places where men may go for amusement and rest but none being able thus far to solve the problem.

It is not to be wondered at that many of these places to close their doors. Men and women representing splendid organizations have expressed their opinion that nothing be done to disturb the situation to the extent of shutting these hundreds of men out of shelter.

Remedial Legislation to Be Suggested.

It is not to be wondered at that conditions are arising in this city since the advent of prohibition. It is a revolution in our civic life, having in effect the closing of the saloons, which will be necessary, as time goes by, for us to conform to the new conditions and so to arrange affairs that the needs of all may be met.

While, it is my intention, as I have said publicly on several occasions of late, to check up on the various features growing out of the prohibition, I am inclined to recommend to the members of the council such remedial legislation as will meet the requirements of the advice and suggestions of others.

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and more businesslike way of settling this and other questions relative to our maritime and navigation laws than permitting them to be settled by committees of congress, many of whose members are lacking in technical knowledge.

The proposed board is to consist of the supervising inspector general of the steamboat service, the commissioner of navigation and five members to be named by the president, serving six years, of whom a pair will be appointed from the Atlantic coast, one from the Gulf states, one from a state bordering the great lakes, and one from the Pacific coast. One member, it is provided, must be a marine engineer, while all must have had five years' seagoing experience and equal experience in management and handling of shipping.

Archibute Roosevelt Comments.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Senator Chamberlain has a letter of commendation from Archibute Roosevelt, student at Harvard university, better known as "Archibute," which reads: "Permit me to say that the bill demanding universal training is the one favored here," says the son of the ex-president, "and I think I may fairly add that a very large majority of Harvard university joins with me in thanking you for your patriotism and foresight for introducing it."

The letter from Archibute was called forth by his receipt of documents from the senator's office, bearing on work of the military affairs committee of the house, which was requested by Roosevelt to be sent to him.

Mollala Service Is Denied.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Greater frequency of mail service than three times a week on rural route No. 2 out of Mollala has been denied by the postoffice department. Representative Hawley sought to increase this to six days a week, on the plea that patrons of the route, which was recently formed, were previously enjoying daily service on other routes.

The department rules that the territory must be considered "unpopulated" if it now runs directly to the doors of the patrons, while heretofore it was necessary for them to travel considerable distances to reach their boxes. Application may be made after six months for daily service if experience shows permanent patrons at the ratio of four to the mile and collections and deliveries of 150 pieces of mail per month per mile.

Age Limit Is Reduced.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Secretary Redfield of the department of commerce has approved a new regulation prepared by the board of supervising inspectors of steam vessels reducing the minimum age limit for the issuance of marine licenses from 21 to 19 years.

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the submarine question. He telephoned Representative Flood, chairman of the house committee on foreign affairs, of his intention to "stand pat" on his original demand that Germany agree to scrupulously observe the rules of international law in her new diver campaign and that he will not consider any legislation designed to keep Americans off of armed belligerent ships.

Members of the foreign affairs committee had requested Chairman Flood to suggest to President Wilson that a diver campaign ought to be reached. The president, however, is understood to have refused to discuss any compromise or to receive house or senate leaders at this time.

Engagements Are Cancelled.

President Wilson's refusal to see any more committees was regarded here as denying congress to interfere in the submarine controversy.

Presidential Secretary Tumulty has cancelled all of the president's engagements for today and tomorrow, and the keeping of the cabinet meeting tomorrow.

President Wilson has taken personal charge of the negotiations with German ambassador Von Bernstorff, and Secretary of State Lansing and intends to bring the matter to a head at the earliest possible moment.

Situation No Worse.

Chairman Flood is using every possible effort to prevent his committee from being forced to report on the McLemore resolution warning American passengers to keep off belligerent ships. Speaker Clark and others are standing behind Flood, not desiring to embarrass the government.

All I can say is that the situation is no worse than yesterday. We are watchfully waiting, and are hopeful that nothing will occur in the house to embarrass the administration.

Representative Webb, leader of the

opposition to the president's stand, is trying to force immediate action on the McLemore resolution.

"Other people," said Webb today, "may be trying to prevent a Democratic split, but we believe it is our duty to take steps to keep the United States out of war, regardless of party or anything."

Congress to Keep Quiet.

"Congress," said Senator Stone today, after a conference with leading senators and representatives, "will not take any action to embarrass either President Wilson or Secretary Lansing while diplomatic negotiations are in progress."

"If congress is to take any action it will be delayed until all diplomatic efforts are exhausted."

Opponents of President Wilson were circulating about the house today sounding sentiment and seeking to strengthen their lines.

Following a conference with Speaker Clark and Representative Flood, Representative Shackelford of Missouri, a member of the house committee on foreign affairs, said:

"It is impossible to say what the day or hour may bring forth. The situation is most grave. We are seeking all the light we can get."

President Wilson this afternoon visited a "safety first" exhibit in the downtown district.

It is reported that Germany's latest submarine plans will not be put into operation March 1, as originally planned.

Authorities Scout Lynching Threats

Victor Innes and Wife, They Assure, Will Have Fair and Impartial Trial in Courts of Georgia.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 24.—(U. N. S.)—Officials today scouted the idea that an attempt would be made to lynch Victor E. Innes and his wife, should they be returned to Georgia from San Antonio to stand trial for larceny.

"There is absolutely no danger in bringing Mr. and Mrs. Innes here for trial," stated Solicitor Hugh Dorsey. "The courts will give them a prompt

and fair trial, and the judgment of the court will be respected. There is no danger of mob violence."

Marshall Neims, brother of Beatrice Neims and Mrs. Eloise Neims Dennis, whom Innes and his wife are charged with abducting, will go to Texas to hunt up witnesses to be used in the trial here. As Innes and his wife were acquitted at the murder charged in Texas as courts they can be tried here only on the charge of larceny after trial.

Jackson Politicians Busy.

Medford, Or., Feb. 24.—Twenty-seven candidates for public office have filed in this county, including the seven candidates for district attorney filed with the secretary of state. Three of the latter are Democrats and four are Republicans. Of those filed for county officers, 17 are Republicans and three are Democrats.

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CHAMBERLAIN'S BILL ABOUT LIEU LANDS APPROVED BY HOUSTON

Washington, Feb. 24.—Secretary of Agriculture Houston has given his approval to Senator Chamberlain's bill, E. 5442, providing that persons who conveyed lands inside of forest reserves to the United States under the act of 1897, but failed to secure lieu lands in return, may now be permitted to receive a reconveyance from the United States or to select other lands of equal value.

This bill will apply to those who failed to get lieu lands recorded before March 3, 1905, when the act of 1897 was repealed, or whose selections were after that date rejected. It is deemed only just, says Secretary Houston, that the identical land conveyed to the government should be returned, or that choice of other lands should be allowed.

The bill proposes an exception to the right to demand a reconveyance in cases where it is found that the land is needed as a part of the national forest, in which cases lands of equal value are to be offered.

BOARD OF MARITIME CONTROL IS OBJECT OF BILL BY M'ARTHUR

Washington, Feb. 24.—Congressman McArthur today introduced a bill creating a board of maritime control to regulate the construction, equipment, manning and operation of all vessels in the merchant marine, fishery industries, including the steamboat inspection service and the bureau of navigation.

The purpose, he says, is generally to revise the navigation and shipping laws, concerning which he has conferred with shipping men of wide experience. He also says it is intended as a substitute for the administration ship purchase bill, providing an expert board that will be in position to advise congress concerning legislation affecting shipping affairs.

Since this board would have to approve all plans for vessels constructed in the United States, it is expected that it will cause the repeal of the La Follette seamen's bill, he said.

The board proposed to be created by his bill will take up all matters of this kind and make intelligent recommendations. This will be a better

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