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WELFARE BOARD**

Usurpation of Power and Direct Violation of Widows' Pension Law Charged.

NO ANSWER TO LETTER.

Kingsbury in Control and Only Eighteen Cases Are "Ready," 5,000 "On File."

By Sophie Irene Loeb.

This is how the Widows' Pension Law, championed by The Evening World, has been treated in New York City:

March 24, 1915—Bill passed by almost unanimous vote of the Legislature.

April 7, 1915—Gov. Whitman signs the bill, with strong letter indorsing creation of Child Welfare Board.

July 1, 1915—Law goes into effect.

Aug. 6, 1915—Nearly four months after passage of the bill Mayor Mitchell appoints Child Welfare Board.

Aug. 13, 1915—Board organizes, but no money available for work.

Nov. 4, 1915—Seven months after bill is passed, Board of Estimate grants \$6,000 for investigations to Jan. 1.

Nov. 5, 1915—Eighteen investigators appointed by Commissioner Kingsbury at \$1,080 per year and approved by the Bureau of Standards.

Dec. 30, 1915—Eighteen cases investigated by the Charities Department and ready for Child Welfare Board to pass upon.

To-day—Applications from 5,000 widows with 15,000 children on file, but no funds for relief.

To-day—Over 2,000 children of widows in institutions paid for by the city at \$2.50 per week who might be at home with their mothers if action were taken in their behalf.

The above summary speaks for itself as to the inactivity of Mayor Mitchell in regard to the thousands of widows and children who were to be cared for by the new Widows' Pension Law. The measure was permissive, and legislators who passed

the bill now claim that this is another evidence that permissive legislation is ineffective.

The only mandatory provision in the law was the appointment of the Child Welfare Board to carry out the law. Even this was ignored and the work of this board is now usurped by the Department of Charities, which has been given control of the investigators.

Thousands of people, including organizations of all political parties and creeds, were behind the movement of the Widows' Pension Law and many of these do not now mince words in their denunciation of the attitude taken by the Mayor toward this humane measure.

Every effort has been made to put before him the facts and give him opportunity for proper remedy, but evidently he has been guided solely by the plans of Commissioner Kingsbury as expressed to the board.

As a member of the Child Welfare Board and the New York State Commission appointed by the Legislature to study the question and frame the law, I sent the following letter to Mayor Mitchell and no response has been received:

UNANSWERED LETTER LAYING CASE BEFORE MAYOR.

Dec. 17, 1915.

My Dear Mayor Mitchell:

It is with genuine regret that I am compelled to appeal to you through writing, of the activities in connection with the Child Welfare Board.

The spirit and intent of the Widows' Pension Law has been grossly violated in this city, and the people behind the movement, after a long siege to bring the law about, are now put in a position of seeking the proper remedy. The only necessity for their long fight was to keep the law out of the realm of charity.

The sum and substance of the whole matter is that the Department of Charities under Mr. Kingsbury has assumed control of the major portion of the work of this board, the very principle that was sought to avoid by the only mandatory clause in the law, the creation of the Child Welfare Board.

The new machinery was set up purposely to test its worth against the old idea of charity methods.

The Board itself realized this and took a firm stand (over Mr. Kingsbury's vigorous opposition) that it should have complete control over all the work and money to be spent for its purpose, so that its responsibilities would be definitely determined.

At my last meeting with you I apprised you of this fact. You promised me that "not a dollar" extra appropriation would be given to Mr. Kingsbury for investigators to carry out this law. That if he could consistently help the investigation prior to Jan. 1, without incurring any added expense to his department, that this would be done only to expedite temporary investigation until Jan. 1, in view of the thousands of cases before this Board.

That promise was not kept. As you know I only went on this board on the assurance that the law would be carried out as it was intended by the people behind the movement whom I represent.

As the matter now stands, Mr. Kingsbury has himself appointed every investigator and they are under his supervision, and he informs us that this is to be the future method of administration even after Jan. 1.

It is with indignation that Senators and Assemblymen, as well as many prominent people and organizations appeal to me against this manner of administering the Widows' Pension Law.

I understand that Mr. Kingsbury assumed this control through claiming to the Board of Estimate that he could do it cheaper and used as a cloak the section of the law that advocates the incurring of "unnecessary expense."

Mr. Kingsbury cannot duplicate our work. We cannot duplicate his work. This is a new kind of such outdoor relief, and such outdoor relief has never before been given by the Charities Department.

It is a mere subterfuge on his part to give out added patronage in the way of salaries. He is attempting to now carry out the bill as put before the Legislature, which was defeated before it went any distance.

This bill called for a Widows' Pension Law to be administered by the Department of Charities with an "Advisory Board" to the Commissioner of Charities. This is practically what he is now doing.

The spirit and intent of Section 152 that "investigations when consistently possible to be made by the board or by the authorities entrusted with similar work and without incurring any unnecessary expense" means only this—that if some case being investigated by the board be found to have already had supervision or of record in any other department the Board of Child Welfare should use it without duplicating that work; or, in the event that some investigations in other departments are idle that their services shall be utilized "without incurring unnecessary expense."

**USURPATION OF POWER AND VIOLATION OF LAW.**

I call your attention to the specific requirements of the law that the appropriation for this board is definitely stated that "authorities are authorized to appropriate and make available for the Board of Child Welfare and to include in the tax levy for such county or city, such sum or sums, as in their judgment may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this article; such moneys to be kept in a separate fund to be disbursed by the proper county or city fiscal authorities on order of the local Board of Child Welfare and upon proper vouchers therefor."

Giving the Department of Charities moneys against this separate fund for Child Welfare Board purposes is against the law. Further it is not even within the province of the Board of Child Welfare to agree to public moneys being expended from this separate fund for their purpose, the exact wording being: "It is further provided that no Board of Child Welfare shall expend or contract to expend under the provisions of this act or otherwise, any public mon-

ey's not specifically appropriated as herein provided."

If it be admitted, as it must, that extra help was necessary, then the money should have been appropriated to the Child Welfare Board, because in making the appropriation to Mr. Kingsbury's department two illegalities will follow: (1) The amount appropriated is not kept as a "separate fund," and (2) it will be paid out on Mr. Kingsbury's orders instead of the "orders of the Local Board of Child Welfare and upon proper vouchers therefor."

Mr. Kingsbury, an ex-officio member of this board, has thus sought to usurp its powers. Our board by a vote asked him for a written statement as to his ability to take over this work in view of the present overwhelming work of the Charities Department.

He answered that he could do it, in spite of the well known fact that he is months behind in his own investigation.

According to the Widows' Pension Law, the board is under the

supervision of the State Board of Charities, and I have a letter from them practically forbidding any investigating being done, except by the Child Welfare Board itself.

I tried my best to show you this letter. For over two months prior to your illness I endeavored to see you without success, despite your statement to me that I could see you "at most any time."

When I failed to see you I presented the whole thing to Mr. Rousseau, showed him the letter of the State Board of Charities, and urged him to convey the entire matter to you.

His personal opinion agreed with my attitude entirely; that it was for the best interests of the public and the city administration that the work of the Child Welfare Board be kept entirely within that body.

And all I have for my efforts to adjust the situation is a letter dated Oct. 29 from Mr. Rousseau saying "I hope very shortly to

telephone you to come and see the Mayor."

I therefore sincerely regret my inability to explain personally. Perhaps if your illness had not occurred I might have been able to see you. But so insistent have been the disapprovals of the public from all sides on this matter, a typical one which I inclose, that I am called upon to present my position, which would have been a matter of public record long since, but for the personal consideration for you which I have never failed to exercise as long as possible. Should you wish to have any further information I shall be glad to give it to you.

With personal good wishes, I am,  
SOPHIE IRENE LOEB.

**Opening of the Colony Club.**

The first entertainment given in the new Colony Club at Park Avenue and Sixty-second Street took place yesterday afternoon, when Miss Ruth Draper gave monologues in aid of the Speedwell Country Homes Society in Morristown. Afterward tea was

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