

MONEY LEFT WITH CITY

ODD FUNDS IN TREASURY.

Unclaimed Salaries Total \$159,700—Half Million with No Heirs.

The steadily increasing total of unclaimed salaries and wages in the City Chamberlain's office is something that never lacks interest to the men who have to keep the figures on the books from year to year.

The trial balance sheet issued by City Chamberlain Martin last week shows that in the twelvemonth the total has crept up, with little prospect of ever growing less. To-day it stands at \$159,700.80.

"Why don't they go and get their wages?" is an inquiry often heard at the City Chamberlain's office.

The answer is that in most cases there isn't any "they." That is to say, the claimant has died or has moved to distant parts.

The balance due him from the city was so small that he didn't trouble to bother with it while he lived.

It is a little, these unclaimed grists go into the City Chamberlain's hopper, and the pile keeps on growing.

It is hard to say why these unclaimed salary balances should keep coming. The City Chamberlain last week.

"The \$159,000 on the trial balance sheet does not represent a single year's aggregate. It is the aggregate of years.

It really does not increase fast, but in the course of a year there are many small additions to it, and the total at this time is a large one.

"Of course we have to take care of every one of the items making up that large balance. We cannot assume that the fellow who worked one day for the Dock Department as a laborer will get on back to Sicily will come forward and ask for his pay."

"There is some last-of-his-race fellow who holds a modest place with the city. He dies in a back room somewhere without any one paying any attention to him.

He has no one to pay attention to the fact. The remainder of his estate may go into the hands of the public administrator, and the petty balance due him from the city is entirely overlooked.

The city paymaster doesn't know that the chap is dead, and, after holding the balance for a time, it drifts to this office with a memorandum and goes into the unclaimed salaries and wages fund never to come out again."

In addition to the unclaimed salaries and wages held from decade to decade by the City Chamberlain, there are various balances which strike the average man as queer.

From the Bronx came an envelope that looked formidable until the City Chamberlain opened it. It contained 70 cents. It went into a separate account in the ponderous ledgers in the City Chamberlain's office under the heading, "Remembering and Naming Streets, The Bronx."

That was "small business," but it wasn't a maker to a balance that came from the Department of Corrections, where Commissioner Cagney showed his thrift by saving six cents from repairing a steamboat used by his department and turned it over to the City Chamberlain, who had to make a separate entry of it.

Money from the estates of persons who died without leaving a will or heirs is sent to the City Chamberlain's office. He has on hand \$38,425.56 received from such sources.

The public administrators, perhaps after years of search, failed to find an heir. They have turned hundreds of little estates, running from one cent to hundreds of dollars, over to the Chamberlain.

The Board of Elections has a way of selling old ballots and sending the money down to the City Chamberlain. The proceeds of a single sale do not amount to much, as the board knows about how many ballots are going to be used every year, but the accumulation of a few years has raised the fund to \$2,711.72.

For variety there is nothing that can surpass the ledgers in the Chamberlain's office indicating the nature of the balances. The city is vast and its receipts and disbursements are varied. The City Chamberlain's office, as the place of last resort for stray funds, picks up and keeps an array of contributions that cannot be duplicated, perhaps, in any other city in the world.

GOOD CHANCE OF FLOATING YANKEE.

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SIMON ASSUMES RULE

A SHARE FOR FOUCHARD.

Fears of Serious Trouble in Gonaives and St. Marc.

Port-au-Prince, Dec. 6.—Quiet prevailed here to-day, although there were reports of threatening trouble in other towns in Hayti. General Antoine Simon, commander in chief of the revolutionists, who yesterday entered Port-au-Prince at the head of an army of about eight thousand men, issued a proclamation to-day to the people and the army, in which he assumed the title of Chief Executive, and said that he would organize a provisional government, pending the meeting of the National Assembly. In his proclamation he made an appeal to the wisdom of the nation and the discipline of the army.

At 8 o'clock this morning the Cuban steamer Otter arrived here from Kingston, having on board General Fouchard and thirty other exiles. After long negotiations General Simon agreed to permit General Fouchard to land, but said that the others must remain on the steamer until to-morrow.

The two revolutionary leaders remained together for some time at General Simon's headquarters, and, after what proved to be an amicable meeting, General Simon proclaimed General Fouchard chief executive of the army, all the forts and the Haytian gunboats firing a salute of twenty-one guns. Following this the Otter's passengers came ashore and were greeted by musketry salutes.

Advices received here indicate that the situation at Gonaives and St. Marc is grave, the movement in favor of General Antenor Firmin having been greatly strengthened at these places. General Firmin is now on his way to Kingston, and will go from that port to Hayti, General Rameau, the Governor of Gonaives, is hated because of the large number of summary executions for which he is considered responsible, and his life is in danger. At St. Marc practically all the authorities, military and civil, with the exception of Governor Camner, are adherents of General Firmin, and the situation is likely to become critical if General Simon attempts to prevent the landing of General Firmin, who has declared himself a candidate for the Presidency.

Cape Haytien, Dec. 6.—General Leconte, the Minister of the Interior, arrived here this morning on the steamer Cheruskia, but all demonstrations were suppressed by the authorities. General Leconte went to his home under a guard of soldiers, and troops are now stationed in that quarter to prevent trouble.

PLOT TO KILL THE SHAH.

Notices Condemning Him to Death Posted in Teheran.

Teheran, Dec. 6.—Proclamations of the secret revolutionary organization have been posted, condemning the Shah to death for violation of the constitution.

AMERICANS INDIGNANT.

Charge of Failure to Give Protection on the Yangtze.

Peking, Dec. 6.—Reports have been received here that the Americans in the Yangtze River territory are indignant on account of the withdrawal of the American gunboats, which went to Manila with the Pacific fleet for target practice, leaving no protection for Americans during the recent insurrection at Nanking. Because of this the American Consul General at Hankow, William Martin, was compelled to ask the British representative to look after American interests at Nanking.

Since the authorities have received detailed reports of the revolutionary conditions which prevailed in that territory they recognize that if the rebels had succeeded in taking Nanking an insurrection would have broken out in at least three or four other places, which would have put the American residents in great danger.

An edict just issued commands that the sons of the Manchu and Chinese nobility be sent abroad for naval training.

BREAKS INTO HER HOME.

Wife Enters Front Door as Brother-in-Law Flees Over Fences in Rear.

Euclid avenue, Brooklyn, was disturbed late Saturday night by the sound of breaking glass and loud words of strife. As some one broke into the front door of No. 360 a man ran out of the back door and jumped two fences before he stopped his flight. It was Mrs. Clara Bohner Nobis, wife of Charles V. Nobis of Victoria Park. Some dress-makers, at No. 490 Pearl street, Manhattan, who made all the noise getting into her home. The fleeing one was her brother-in-law, Alfred Nobis.

Patrolman James Ladley, of the Liberty avenue station, arrested Mrs. Nobis on a charge of disorderly conduct. She told Magistrate Hyland yesterday morning that her husband, who owns a motorboat and an automobile and belongs to several clubs, had locked her out of their home. He said he had been a divorcee suit, naming Rudolph Reusch, his chauffeur, of No. 59 West 109th street, as correspondent. He also said Mrs. Nobis had drawn a revolver last Wednesday night, threatened him and his brother and broke a lot of crockery and glass before she subsided. Later that night, he said, he had called in Dr. P. V. Costello, of No. 136 Euclid avenue, because, he said, he became ill after taking a drink of water which he found in the bathroom and which contained poison. Nobis was placed in charge of the probation office until December 8.

WROTE TO PRESIDENT; OUSTED.

Trainmen Objected to Expression in Patrick H. Grace's Letter.

Binghamton, N. Y., Dec. 6.—Because he wrote a letter to President Roosevelt, Patrick H. Grace was turned down to-day by the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, who elected T. F. Walker to succeed Mr. Grace as financier of the lodge. Mr. Grace had been elected to that office annually without opposition for twelve years.

Mr. Grace wrote his letter asking about Mr. Taft's stand on labor on the paper of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and in it used the exhortation, "What we are anxious to know." The lodge members say that he had no right to use the word "we" in such a connection. Over that started the fight that resulted in the rejection of Mr. Grace to-day.

OLDTIME SHOWMAN DIES IN OHIO.

Bellefontaine, Ohio, Dec. 6.—Judge H. P. Ingalls, eighty-six years old, the last of the oldtime showmen, such as P. T. Barnum, Adam Forepaugh and John Robinson, the elder, died from old age this morning at his home in Huntsville, this county.

Ingalls was first to exploit the Siamese twins and was later in partnership with Barnum & Bailey, formerly superintendent of the old Philadelphia Museum, the Cincinnati "Zoo" and was proprietor of the first sidewalk with the Forepaugh circus. He was decorated by Queen Victoria, to whom he presented Captain Bates and his wife, the Nova Scotia giants. He discovered Mollie Christine, the two-headed girl. He was a companion of "Tony" Pastor and "Dan" Rice.

BANKERS' TRUST COMPANY REPORT.

The report of the Bankers' Trust Company, submitted in compliance with the call of the Superintendent of Banks for statements of condition of state banks and trust companies on November 30, shows total deposits of \$36,822,899, an increase of \$1,000,000 over the first of the year; and surplus and undivided profits of \$1,505,000. Loans are \$21,500,000, and the cash holdings are \$3,600,000.

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CHANGES AT ALBANY COST OF ELECTIONS.

Speculation on Organization of Senate and Assembly. Expenditures by County Committees—Some Vague Reports.

Albany, Dec. 6.—With the opening of the legislative session of 1909 scarcely a month ahead, there is much speculation as to organization and committee assignments among the 201 legislators recently elected to serve in the Senate and Assembly. No opposition has developed to the re-election of James W. Wadsworth, Jr., of Livingston, as Speaker of the Assembly for another year. Lafayette B. Gleason, of Delhi, and Ray B. Smith, of Syracuse, will probably be elected clerks of the Senate and Assembly respectively. Charles R. Hotelling, of Seneca, Albany County, is a candidate for re-election as sergeant-at-arms of the Senate, and Frank W. Johnston, of Buffalo, is expected to be re-elected to a similar position in the Assembly.

In the Senate only twenty-one of the fifty-one members were re-elected, and there will necessarily be many changes in committees. Senator John Raines, of Canandaigua, who probably will be re-elected temporary president of the Senate, will continue as chairman of the Committee on Rules. Senator Thomas W. Grady, of New York, will be the minority representative on the committee, and Senator John B. Aldis, of Norwich, who, it is expected, will be named as Chairman of the Committee on Finance, will probably be the third member.

Senator George A. Davis, of Erie, the present chairman of the Judiciary Committee, is also the ranking member of the Committee on Cities and the Committee on Canals. Inasmuch as Senator Edgar T. Brackett, of Saratoga, who for several years headed the Judiciary Committee, will return to the Senate at the next session after an absence of two years, it has been suggested that his old place may be given him, and Senator Davis assigned to the chairmanship of the Cities Committee, made vacant by the election of Senator White to the Lieutenant Governorship. Senator Harry D. Hinman, of Binghamton, has also been mentioned for the Judiciary chairmanship, or for a place at the head of railroads or taxation and retrenchment. Senator George H. Cobb, of Watertown, is next in line for the chairmanship of the Committee on Railroads, and Senator William T. O'Neil, of St. Regis Falls, will be the ranking member of the Committee on Taxation and Retrenchment if Senator Aldis, the present chairman, is made chairman of Finance.

Few changes are anticipated in the chairmanships of the Assembly committees. Of the thirty-six committees, the chairman of twenty-eight have been re-elected. Edwin A. Merritt, Jr., of St. Lawrence, the present majority leader, is expected to be re-elected. Speaker Wadsworth to the chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee, which carries with it the leadership in the majority on the floor of the House. Jesse S. Phillips, of Albany, who was a candidate for majority leader at the last session, will probably be continued as chairman of the Committee on Judiciary.

The committees for which new chairmen will be chosen are Railroads, Taxation and Retrenchment, Excise, Internal Affairs, Fisheries and Game, Soldiers' Home, Military Affairs and Printed and Engrossed Bills.

COST OF FOREST FIRES.

Expense in State Over \$780,000—177,476 Acres Burned.

Albany, Dec. 6.—Forest fires in New York State during the present year burned over 177,476 acres, destroyed property valued at \$648,566.75 and caused an expenditure of \$780,000 for fire fighting forces, according to estimates given in a statement issued to-day by Commissioner James S. Whipple, of the State Forest, Fish and Game Commission. In the forest fires of 1903 the losses totaled more than \$85,000. The Commissioner says in his statement:

"When it is considered that the drought this year was the most prolonged, taxation and retrenchment for months, and that there were twice as many fires as in 1903, it must be conceded that much better work has been done this year than in 1903. The great number of incipient fires started by railroad engines, which were put out without material damage, are attributable to the thorough fire department established this year, for the first time by the department on the railroads. At the same time it must be admitted that there must be a radical change in many respects, or we can never prevent reasonably safe in the enjoyment of the great forest preserve of the state.

If it shall be thought proper to eliminate the opportunity for fires along the right-of-way of railroads by change of fuel, and that is accomplished, much of the danger would be eliminated. With that done, it would seem that a system of fire protection may be established, aided by the enactment of fire laws for the public, and the setting of fires, that will fairly insure excellent results. In the larger cities, getting voters to the polls covered a multitude of vague disbursements."

HOPES FOR THE PUBLICITY BILL.

Representative McCall Outlines Course Which Senate Might Follow.

Washington, Dec. 6.—With the statement that it would go a long way toward obtaining the passage of the publicity bill, which now depends on the action of the Senate, and that the publicity organization would continue, whenever necessary, to urge its consideration by that body, Perry Belmont to-day made public a letter from Representative McCall, of Massachusetts. Mr. McCall says in his letter that the retention of the Chamberlain amendment, in his opinion, will cause the bill to be killed at the session. He calls attention to the fact that the Republican and Democratic national committees have acted practically as if the bill were law. Regarding procedure, he advises that the Senate deal with the House bill, passing it, if possible, in its original form reported by the House committee. The bill would then return to the House, go into conference and could be acted on by both houses at this session. He refers to a letter of Mr. Taft to Senator Burroughs in favor of such legislation.

THE RUSSIAN LOAN OF \$225,000,000.

Budget Committee of the Douma Authorizes the Government's Request.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 6.—The budget committee of the Douma has adopted the bill authorizing an external loan of \$225,000,000. The president of the committee announces that the government has consented to a public discussion of the bill in the Douma.

URGENT CALB POWERS FOR CONGRESS.

Defeated Candidate Threatens to Tell Secrets of Goebel Murder.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 6.—The re-entry of Caleb Powers into the political arena against Captain B. B. Golden, candidate for Commonwealth's Attorney, almost resulted in bloodshed on several occasions, during the campaign which closed yesterday. Golden and his friends threatened to tell hitherto concealed facts of the Goebel murder. Golden is a brother of Wharton Golden, who turned state's evidence after the Goebel killing, and testified that Powers was the leader in the alleged conspiracy. Captain Golden also assisted the prosecution in the Powers trials.

By the defeat of Golden yesterday Powers's friends say that he assumes the leadership of the 11th District, and that he will defeat Congressman D. C. Edwards for the nomination two years hence.

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Advertisement for CELESTINS Natural Alkaline Water featuring the text: 'Bottled under the direct control of the French Government at The famous Spring at VICHY FRANCE. Standard cure for Dyspepsia, Stomach Troubles and Gout. Relieves Uric Acid. Ask your Physician.'

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