

CITY'S BUDGET MAY REACH \$216,000,000

Estimates Call for \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000 More Than This Year.

PUBLIC HEARINGS SOON Some Departments Have Not Submitted Their Requests for 1918.

The city budget for 1918 will be between three and five millions of dollars larger than the budget for 1917, according to the preliminary requests made during the past month by the various city departments to the tax budget committee of the Board of Estimate, which under the law passed by the recent Legislature must receive departmental estimates for the next year by August 1.

A number of departments have not yet complied with their estimates, but from those departments which have submitted their requested appropriations for 1918, the 1918 budget will be considerably higher than the budget for 1917, which was \$211,115,916.82.

The bureau of personal service, contract supervision and municipal investigation will at once begin careful analysis of the estimates. This committee consists of Robert B. McIntyre, supervising statistician and examiner; Leonard M. Wallstein, Commissioner of Accounts; Albert E. Hull, assistant to the President of the Board of Aldermen; Thelen Adamson, director of the bureau of contract supervision; George L. Terrell, director of the bureau of personal service; Mrs. Mathilde C. Ford, secretary to the committee on education; Paul C. Wilson, assistant secretary to the Mayor; J. W. F. Bennett, consulting engineer of the Borough of The Bronx; and George W. Tillson, consulting engineer of the Borough of Brooklyn.

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BUSINESS BOOMED BY WAR DEMANDS

Activity Reported in Many Sections—Wages High, Labor Scarce.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—General business activities, reflecting in many localities the Government's military preparations, coupled with some signs of conservatism because of future uncertainties are reported from all twelve Federal reserve districts. A summary of the reports to the Federal Reserve Board published today follows:

CONSCRIPTION WINS IN CANADIAN TEST

Measure Will Pass Senate and Become Law Next Week.

OTTAWA, Aug. 4.—The Canadian Senate last night advanced to second reading the conscription act, thereby insuring its passage through Parliament and making certain that it will become a law.

Plan Season for 22d Regiment

The ex-members of the Twenty-third Regiment of Brooklyn are making elaborate preparations to give the regiment a big send-off when it leaves for Spangdahlem, S. C. The committee has had some difficulty in locating some of the old members. If any such men will send their names and addresses to the Veterans Association, care Twenty-third Regiment, Armory, they will be kept posted as to what is going on.

GERARD GIVES OUT KAISER'S SUPPRESSED NOTE ON WAR

Ex-Ambassador to Germany in Philadelphia "Public Ledger" Publishes Letter Giving Wilhelm II's Version of How Struggle Began.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 4.—The Public Ledger will publish tomorrow in the first installment of ex-Ambassador James W. Gerard's book "My Four Years in Germany," which records the American diplomat's experiences at the German court until the entrance of the United States into the great war, the autograph facsimile of a cable letter written in English by Emperor William to President Wilson on August 10, 1914. In the facsimile reproduction words and phrases appear crossed out, interlined and underlined in the Kaiser's own handwriting, and the letter is addressed personally to the President as Wilhelm II's version of how the world war began.

Because of Emperor William's "calculated indiscretion" embodied in an interview in the London Daily Telegraph on October 25, 1908, and later authenticated by the German Foreign Office in Berlin with the comment that it was intended by the Kaiser "as a message to the English people," the German Emperor bound himself to subject henceforth any expression of the imperial views to the advice of the Ministry and the Council of the Empire.

On this account, and by official request in Berlin, Ambassador Gerard suppressed this cable message to President Wilson, which the Kaiser in August, 1914, gave him for publication.

It now appears by special permission of the President a document dated later than Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech in the Reichstag of August 4, 1914, which gave the then German official account of how the war began, and dated also after the German declaration of war against France. Differing materially from the previous official German versions of the war, the facsimile, and dated also after the imperial receipt to the President will be regarded by future historians as the world war as a unique original document.

One hand written correction in particular appears at the close of the German Emperor's cable letter in which he substitutes for the word "knowledge" the word "news"; it makes the most important sentence read: "Instead, he [Sir E. Grey] declared England had to defend Belgian neutrality, which had to be violated by Germany on strategic grounds, news having been received that France was already preparing to enter Belgium, and the King of the Belgians had refused to guarantee the neutrality of his country's freedom."

HIS PRISON GROUCH WRECKS OWN HOME

Wife Says Jail Made Collins, Wireless Inventor, a Misanthropic.

Serving a term in the Federal penitentiary for using the mails to defraud, Archie Frederick Collins, inventor of the Collins wireless telephone and chief promoter of the Collins Wireless Telephone Company and the Continental Wireless Telephone and Telegraph Company, has come back to freedom, according to his wife, with his disposition ruined. His wife, Mrs. Evelyn B. Collins, formerly of 44 Riverside Drive, says that she can no longer live with him and yesterday there was filed in the County Clerk's office a suit for separation.

WRITES NOTE, TURNS ON GAS

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XRAY TESTS FOIL WAR TUBERCULOSIS

Photographs Made of 69th Men to Keep Unfit Out of Ranks.

ONLY A FEW AFFECTED

Method Urged to Prevent Latent Cases From Becoming Burden on Nation.

An interesting test of the use of the X-ray in detecting tuberculosis among soldiers has just been completed by the State Department of Health under the supervision of Dr. Hermann M. Biggs. Of the Sixty-ninth Regiment, 1,039 members were photographed by the X-ray in a successful attempt to show that this method is the quickest and most efficient for determining the presence of the disease.

A report on the tests has been made to Gov. Whitman and to the State Council of National Defense at Albany, with authorization of which the experiments were conducted by lung specialists and Roentgenologists. It is hoped to so thoroughly prove the value of this method that it will be adopted by the Federal medical authorities as a means of ridding the army of men who would break down under the strain of trench warfare and become only unfortunate victims of their patriotism, but also a tremendous financial burden to the nation.

Canada's Experience Aids.

The experience of Canada has shown that the X-ray is the means of saving the State millions of dollars. The ordinary method of making tests for tuberculosis cannot be applied to an army because of the great length of time it would entail to examine such tremendous numbers of men, and after Canada entered the war she found that hundreds of her soldiers were laid aside by tuberculosis. The expense to the Government of care and pension allowance would amount to at least \$1,000 annually for each man who was laid aside by tuberculosis. The expense to the Government of care and pension allowance would amount to at least \$1,000 annually for each man who was laid aside by tuberculosis.

Time for Making Plates.

Thus the total time for making, developing and reading each plate was about thirty minutes. The report states that the plates were made by means of a few mechanical improvements.

LIQUOR RECOVERING.

Injury Probably Will Keep Him Out of Active Service.

Because of incorrect reports regarding the condition of Lieut. P. Trubee Davidson, son of Henry P. Davidson, president of the Red Cross War Council and a partner of J. P. Morgan & Co., who was seriously injured a week ago in a fall while training for the Aviation Corps, Mrs. Davidson made the following statement yesterday:

HERE ARE 1,830 ARMY JOBS.

Good Positions Offered Men in U. S. Service.

Five hundred clerks, 400 stenographers, 150 storekeepers, 50 cooks, 100 bakers, 30 butchers, 200 teamsters and 400 skilled laborers are wanted at once for the United States army. Applicants can enlist for the period of the war. The only requirement is that they be physically fit between the ages of 18 and 45 years and within the new requirement for height and weight, which is 5 feet 1 inch and 130 pounds.

British Schooner Goes Ashore.

St. JOHN, N. B., Aug. 4.—The British schooner Ada Tower is ashore on the west coast of Africa, according to a dispatch received here today. She sailed from an American port. The Tower registers 538 tons and is owned in Parrsboro, Nova Scotia.

MITCHELL TO NAME PERKINS FOOD HEAD

Mayor Asks Enabling Act From Legislature to Make Appointment Legal.

APPROVED BY WHITMAN

As President of Palisades Interstate Park Commission He Is Barred by Charter.

ALBANY, Aug. 4.—George W. Perkins is to be appointed by Mayor Mitchell as Commissioner of Markets for the city of New York. Mr. Perkins is head of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission and the New York city charter prohibits a State official from holding a city office at the same time. Mayor Mitchell has asked Gov. Whitman to request the Legislature to change the city charter so that Mr. Perkins can continue to hold his State office and also act as a city Commissioner of Markets. Gov. Whitman has agreed to do this. The Legislature convenes next Wednesday night.

In his letter to the Governor Mayor Mitchell says: "I desire to appoint George W. Perkins Commissioner of Markets for New York city under the law that has just been enacted. He is willing to accept the position, but there seems to be some objection to his doing so because he is president of the New York Palisades Interstate Park Commission, and under the charter of the city of New York no one holding a State office can hold a city office. The office of the president of the Palisades Park Commission carries no salary, but that does not seem to remove the difficulty."

Is Anxious to Remain.

"Mr. Perkins is not willing to resign from the Palisades Park Commission. Realizing the extent and importance of the project, he has a great deal of sympathy with his feeling in the matter. The fact that the State has just appropriated \$2,500,000 more for its further development, and that the City of New York and the State of New Jersey are contributing a like sum, places a further moral obligation on the gentlemen who are members of the Park Commission to see that this money which has been entrusted to their custody is properly expended."

"Mr. Perkins is willing to accept the position of Commissioner of Markets provided he can retain his connection with the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, and without compensation and in a spirit of the best sort of public service, should be exempt from the clause in the Charter of the city of New York which precludes their holding a State or Federal position."

Ready to Serve at Once.

"If you agree with me in this view you will be willing to send a special message to the Legislature just convening asking that members of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission be exempt from the provision of the New York City Charter in this respect? "If you will do this and the Legislature will enact the necessary legislation I can appoint Mr. Perkins as Market Commissioner and he will accept and enter upon his duties at once."

The Governor replied: "Upon the physical fitness of American soldiers during the war, the nation's mission to make the world safe for democracy. Heads of the medical establishments in the armies of our allies are unanimous in their statements as to the necessity of having United States troops free from tuberculosis either in active or quiescent form. The report of the medical commission, which is a most gratifying and unmistakable picture of actual conditions in the chest cavity."

The sixty-ninth made a good showing, judging from the 600 plates examined. Of these only twenty-two were a fraction more than 3 per cent. were found with tuberculosis sufficient to disqualify them for military service. In addition, there were three men who showed old lesions or lung changes, indicating arrested tuberculosis.

Widely Known Theatrical Folk Present at Artist's Funeral.

Many prominent theatrical folk attended services held yesterday at 11 A. M. at the Campbell Funeral Church, Broadway and Sixty-sixth street, over the body of Raphael Kirchner, noted artist and designer, who died Thursday at the French Hospital.

Among them were Charles Dillingham, Florence Ziegfeld, Joseph Urban and many of the cast of the Polites and the Century companies, including George Darlington, Dorothy Leeds, the Fairbanks Twins, Peggy Hopkins and Lillian Tashman. A number of prominent women whose portraits Mr. Kirchner had painted also were present. Immediately after the funeral the body was taken to the New York and New Jersey Crematorium for incineration. On Friday, at Mrs. Kirchner's order, a death mask was made in wax and a bronze bust will be made later.

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ABRAHAM STRAUS

THE WEATHER FORECAST—Tomorrow, Fair. Store Opens 9 A. M. Closes 5 P. M. Daily. Saturday at Noon. Private Subway Entrance, Hoyt Street.

Women's Serge and Satin Taffeta Fall Dresses, \$12.98, \$15 and \$17.98

New points of interest in the well-nigh indispensable little Dresses of taffeta that serve now as well as later. A model with a bodice all soutache embroidered, relieved with a bit of colored stitch embroidery. Waist-line fashion with a sash belt and a pleated skirt.

At \$12.98—New Models in Serge, Satin, Crepe de Chine, Taffeta

August Corset Sale Offers \$1.25 Warner Rust-Proof Models 79c.

Of well-boned white coutil in a long hip model, that molds and holds the figure in fashionable contour.

Also these other well-known, long-tested makes that are enough less to induce women who appreciate this offering to buy for the future.

\$3 C. B. à la Spirite Corsets at \$1.49 \$6 and \$7.50 Redfern Corsets at \$2.98

A slender figure model with low bust and medium hip. Also a medium full figure model with elastic at the back and a graduated front steel.

\$4 Redfern Corsets at \$1.98 Low bust model with medium hip. Of white coutil, with free hip and the back well boned.

500 Pairs of Women's \$3.95 to \$6.95 White Pumps \$2.95

\$3.95 to \$6.95 being the prices at which they have been sold until Saturday at noon. Every pair this Summer's style; in fact, eight of the smartest of this season's styles. In white buckskin, white canvas, white canvas with calf trimmings and white French buck. Some with turned, some with welted soles. All covered Louis heels.

Every woman's size in many of the styles, although not a full size range in any particular style.

All-Silk Georgette Crepe 40-in. Wide—Very Special \$1.27 Yd.

Here is a sale of all silk Georgette Crepe that establishes a record in both color, assortment and quality. It would not have been possible at this time had we not received a very big discount from the makers.

There is a fine sheer quality in both street and evening shades, such as the following: Pink, Maize, Light Blue, Flesh, Helio, Nile, Salmon, Champagne, Tan, Gold, Old Rose, Light Grey, Silver Grey, Delft Blue, Old Blue, Copenhagen, Reseda Green, Medium Grey, Steel Grey, Beet Root, Wine, Plum, Wistaria, Artillery, French Blue, Ivory, Medium Brown, Golden Brown, Bottle Green, Light, Medium and Dark Navy, Midnight Blue, White, Negro, Cream and Black.

Fine Sale of 39-in. All-Silk Crepe de Chine \$1.25

A very unusual value, beautiful all-silk, lustrous quality crepe de chine, in fine range of colors, also black; fine for blouses and dresses.

\$1.98 Striped Gros de Londres, \$1.29 \$1.39 Natural Shantung, \$1.19

Excellent grade of silk, rich colorings; 35 inches wide; 33 inches wide. Other grades, 79c., 89c., \$1.00.

\$1.49 Oyster White Shantung, \$1.19 All silk grade; 34 inches wide.

Men's Fancy Suits Made of All-Wool Fabrics \$12.75

Real all wool Suits at this price are a decided rarity under present fabric conditions. Small lots chiefly, one to a half dozen of a style. Some from our own stocks that have sold for higher figures. Some from manufacturing friends at corresponding price advantages.

In each regular size a good assortment for choice in one style or another, a few stouts and longs. Blue serges, too, fast color, and of a quality that is bringing a higher price to-day in most stores, as well as a few two-garment Suits of wool crash or weather-proofed mohair.

1,080 Men's White Shirts Regular \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50 Grades 75c.

All with stiff laundered cuffs in plain negligee and plaited bosoms. The product of a manufacturer who makes nothing cheaper than \$1.50 Shirts.

More than one retailing house has been seeking his season's overplus, but by good fortune it has come to us on all his white linens of stiff cuff styles. Sizes 14 to 20. Madras and fine count cambrics are the materials.

1,800 Fancy Silk Four-in-Hands, 29c. Instead of 50c. 600 Boys' Fancy Madras Shirts, 85c.

Of a quality that will stand wear. (Collar attached.) A Shirt for service. Made of an excellent quality of madras, in woven through and through patterns of flat color; in light and well covered grounds. Well fitting collar attached. Coat model; double French cuffs.

A Fine Sale of \$8.10 "Neverbreak" Trunks \$6.29

Covered with canvas and bound with vulcanized fiber. Iron bottom, fancy paper-lined, with five hardwood slats which are protected by wrought iron corners and clamps. Excelsior lock and two large-size end bolts. Has hinged cover, two-compartment tray. Regularly \$8.19.