

REALTY MEN URGE HIGHER POLICE PAY

Students of City Budget Favor Plea of the Faithful Patrolmen.

WOMEN ALSO APPROVE IT

Bankers, Clergymen and Many Others Emphasize Need for an Increase.

Further indorsement of THE SUN's contention that the city of New York must raise the pay of its police patrolmen was received yesterday from representative men and women.

It was especially interesting to get the views of real estate men, for they, more than any other class of business men, study the making of the city budget on which the tax rate is based. It was pleasing to note that most of those whose opinions were sought believed that no matter how the budget was affected the city could not afford to neglect any longer its duty toward its municipal employees.

Robert E. Dowling, president of the City Investing Company, said emphatically that he favored more pay for patrolmen. He reminded a SUN reporter that last year he appeared before the Legislature in this matter and later before the Board of Estimate presented figures which helped to give the patrolmen a \$50 raise. This, he realized, was not enough.

"I think they should get more," he said, "for they are performing harder duties than ever before." Allan Robinson, president of the City and Suburban Homes Company, which owns and maintains model apartments for 15,000 persons in the city, favored an increase for both the patrolmen and firemen of the lower grades. He said his sympathies had been with them for many years, and that Mr. Munsey's suggestion that the city be more liberal in paying the men who protect the city from criminals and fire pleased him. Mr. Robinson vainly urged an increase for the same grades several years ago.

"Our police forces," he said, "cannot be equalled anywhere. The men are intelligent, courageous and fine appearing and should get a larger return for their services."

Favors 10 Per Cent. Increase. Clarke G. Dailey, president of the South Ferry Realty Company, owner of the big South Ferry office building in State street near the Battery, was sure the business men and other residents of New York favored the increase for the blue army, whose reputation is known around the world.

He thought that a 10 per cent. increase for the new patrolmen (\$105 a year) and a smaller increase for the fourth year men was not asking too much of the taxpayers in the light of the service rendered. The extra cost Mr. Dailey said, should be met by some new revenue which the city authorities should find.

Arthur Train, formerly Assistant District Attorney, said: "In view of the increased cost of living and the responsibility they assume I indorse the proposition that the salaries of patrolmen of the New York Police Department should be increased."

Raise Them, Says McCarthy. Thomas D. McCarthy, United States Marshal, commented as follows: "The public ought to join with enthusiasm in a campaign to raise the wages of patrolmen. The men employed in protecting life and property ought at least to have enough to live on comfortably and educate their children, and they do not have enough now even for comfortable living. "I have a wide acquaintance in the Police Department. I know there is no harder working and more efficient body of men anywhere. Considering the cost of living, police salaries here are lower than in any other large American city. Guardians of the peace who have, in addition to their work for the city, seen of such tremendous help to the National Government in the war situation.

deserve more attention from the public than they have been getting. They should be paid commensurately with the importance of their duty. "Look at the big private companies, such as the United States Steel Corporation, the Bethlehem Steel Company, and the railroads, before and after Government control, that have raised the salary scale. Even the Government is increasing wages, while the patrolmen have been raised only \$100 and twenty-four years. For my part I think the arguments for increased police salaries apply equally to some of the other city departments. "I am delighted but not surprised to see THE SUN at work in this good cause. It is a fine example of public spirit directed to a worthy purpose."

Views of Dr. Parkhurst. From Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, who is at his summer home at Lake Placid, came this telegram: "Our patrolmen are a brave and faithful lot. Better pay them too much than too little."

Henry Claws, banker, said: "I think it would be a very good thing to increase the pay of policemen based on the increase in the cost of living. They are a fine body of men, doing valiant work, and are giving our city splendid protection. I certainly think that they should be given a fair return for their service."

A woman who comes often and intimately in contact with the police is Miss Maude T. Miner, secretary of the New York Protection and Protective Association. She is a probation officer in the courts, then as founder of Waverley House, where delinquent women awaiting trial were housed. Miss Miner had many chances to test the fire of the patrolmen. Now, as secretary of the Association, she is still in a position to size up the bluecoat's value in the work of rescuing unfortunate girls and women.

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"Those who know the kind of unselfish and efficient service rendered by the police of our city recognize the need for more adequate salaries," she said. "Ten hundred and fifty dollars a year is not enough, when they have to buy their equipment out of it; and living is now so high. These men are often on duty day and night, going to court early in the morning to arraign prisoners whom they have arrested at night."

Appear in Court on Own Time. "I have seen them come into court so often—and remember, they can't take any of their time on duty to go to court; that must come out of their time off. The police have cooperated finely with us in the New York Probation and Protective Association, helping to obtain evidence against men guilty of procuring girls for immoral purposes, and also in locating and safeguarding young girls."

Miss Miner has no fault to find with the police except that there are not enough women on the force. The Protective Association has been trying hard to get the Board of Estimate to recognize the fact that police in petticoats are necessary for the safeguarding of the young nowadays, and they hope their request for the appointment of twelve women policemen will be granted by the present city administration. Waverley House, by the way, is being used now to shelter alien enemy women while the authorities are deciding what to do with them, and as Miss Miner still keeps in touch with it she knows the value of the force in nosing out sedition.

"And they are certainly a tremendous help in solving the girl problem," she said. Woman Suffragists Approve. If anybody knows the police the suffragists do. It was the Police Department which gave them the necessary impetus for the reorganization of street meetings they held in their strenuous campaign days. It was the good natured bluecoat on the corner to whom they appealed when rowdies tried to break up their gatherings, and seldom did he fail them.

Any of the suffragists will tell you that the great majority of bluecoats were for them in the contest, and took a most intelligent interest in it. When the great suffrage parades were held it was the cooperation of the police and their presence at the head of the columns that helped to make the demonstrations the imposing things they were. "On one occasion, and one only, did the police fail in protecting parading suffragists, and that was in New York—it was in Washington. And when

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, then head of the National Suffrage Association, now chairman of the woman's section of the Council of National Defense—when she got up to speak after that most interesting and pleasant experience of the suffragists at the hands of the mob in the national capital in 1915, she declared that 'our New York police would never be guilty of such negligence of duty.' Our Best Friends, Says Miss Hay. "The New York police are and always have been our very best friends," "Big Boss" Mary Garrett Hay of the New York City Woman Suffrage party said yesterday. Miss Hay was surprised when she heard that patrolmen were paid so little.

"Only \$1,050 a year the first three years, and they have to buy their equipment out of that," she repeated. "And the highest patrolman can ever get is \$1,500. Well, I am astonished that they are not paid more. I didn't know we were so niggardly."

"New York city has the best policemen in the world, and they should be paid better salaries. They should be paid enough to enable them to keep up a fair standard of living and to shield them from the temptation that comes to those who have a hard time to make both ends meet, the temptation to make money on the outside."

"The policeman stands out in all weathers, he is exposed to cold and heat and storm. He often risks his life to protect men, women and children. Yes, he certainly deserves the modest raise he is asking of \$100 a year."

What Mrs. Catt Thinks. Miss Hay besides being chairman of the New York City Woman Suffrage party, which is continuing its organization for educational work, is president of the Women's City Club, which takes municipal affairs for its field in the public work it does. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president

of the National Woman Suffrage Association, is as strong for the police as Miss Hay is.

"Men occupying the responsible position toward the community that the police hold ought not to have their pay beset with economic difficulties or shadowed by the temptations that come when there isn't money enough for the family to live upon," Mrs. Catt said yesterday. "And in these days of this high cost of living \$1,050 isn't enough for a man with wife and children. Certainly not enough if he has to buy a patrolman's equipment out of it. Statistics show that. Every recent survey that has been taken of living expenses teaches that a family can't live according to a decent standard and keep within what a patrolman has for his own when he has bought his uniform, bedding and all he must buy."

"Suffragists all have a very kindly feeling toward the police for the cooperation and protection they have given us in our work for the vote, and any assistance we can give them in their attempt to get a living wage will gladly be rendered."

Clubwomen to Back Move. Mrs. John Francis Yawger, president of the New York City Federation of Women's Clubs, said that the "Fed" took quite a part in abolishing fixed posts, and she believed it would be equally interested in urging adequate salaries for the patrolmen.

"Their salaries aren't what they should be," she said. "I know what they have to buy out of those salaries, for I saw a good deal of them and their life in the station houses during the fixed post fight. They not only have to buy their blankets and sheets and pillowcases and so on—they have to pay for their laundering. They've got to be shaved every day so they will present a good appearance; they must have their shoes blacked frequently. A policeman has many expenses, and if he also tries

to support a family on \$1,050 a year—well, with clothes costing twice as much as they did a few years ago and food out of sight, I simply don't see how the patrolmen manage.

"Of course the people don't want the taxes raised. And the city is already bonded as far as it will stand. But to give the patrolmen of the five grades an advance of \$100 a year would not cost a terrible amount of money, and it seems to me it might be squeezed out somewhere. We're extravagant in many ways; let's economize somewhere that the men who are protecting our lives and property, the policemen, and the firemen too may be better paid."

MANUFACTURERS TO CONVENE. Business Men of Six States to Meet Wednesday. A war convention of manufacturers of six Eastern States, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Delaware, will meet Wednesday in the Hotel Traymore, Atlantic City.

The "keynote" address will be delivered by Warren C. King, president of the Manufacturers' Council of New Jersey—Louis Tracy, novelist, will describe the organization of England's defenses against raids from the sea. Representatives of the American Government will discuss topics of great concern to manufacturers. Col. Austen Colgate is chairman of the reception committee.

Army Needs 50 Tailors at Once. Fifty tailors, sailmakers or fabric workers are wanted at once for the service of the United States Army. Men may be either under or over the draft age, but must be well qualified for their work. Applications should be made in writing to Capt. R. B. Clayton, department aero office, 104 Broad street. They will be sent to the aviation field at Mitchell, L. I.

ASKS MORE PAY FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Donegan Says Faithful Workers Have Been Treated Niggardly.

SCHNEIDER JOINS IN PLEA

Meeting Hears of Man Who Has Told for 17 Years at Same Wages.

At a meeting of several hundred county employees in the County Court House yesterday Register James A. Donegan declared that the city of New York had been far from liberal with its "tried and faithful servants," and that under present living conditions it was almost impossible for many of them to "make both ends meet."

James B. Brown, who presided, and Eugene B. Schwartz said that Frank A. Munsey, proprietor of THE SUN and EVERETT SUN, is doing great service in his editorial advocacy of higher pay for city policemen and firemen. Their remarks were loudly applauded.

Joseph Shapiro said that many members of the Civil Employees Association of New York County, under whose auspices the meeting was held, were moving from the apartments they once occupied to the cheapest sort of living

places—driven out by the increased cost of living. Unskilled laborers who earn big wages now were, in turn, so Mr. Shapiro said, moving into the higher priced apartments.

"William F. Schneider, the County Clerk, as well as other county department heads, believe with me that you should all receive increases in pay," said Register Donegan. He referred to one man who, he said, had been in the county's employ for seventeen years. When he began the man's salary was considered moderate, but it had not been increased, while the cost of living had gone up tremendously. Mr. Donegan said: "It seems wrong that the members of the Board of Estimate should have the right to hold up increases recommended by officials who, like ourselves, are the responsible heads of departments," continued the Register. "We are in favor of taking steps to better things in that respect."

"Let an appropriation be made by the city of the amount needed by each department for each year. Then let your county official distribute salaries as his judgment shows to be right and just, so long as he keeps within civil service limits. There are men whose faithful services should be specially recognized. There are some shirkers everywhere. Let there be an incentive for faithful service."

Hugo G. Eiche Hangs Himself. Dependancy caused by illness is believed to have been the cause for the suicide of Hugo G. Eiche, president of G. B. Seely's Son, Inc. in his apartment at 24 West Fifteenth street yesterday morning. The body was found suspended from a pipe in the bathroom, fully clad except for a coat and vest. Friends said his business affairs were in good condition. He was 53 years old and a native born American. He was a member of the Apollo Club of Brooklyn. A wife and two sons survive.

CARDS FOR GERMAN WOMEN.

Will Be Issued When Alien Females Register June 17.

Under regulations issued by Attorney-General Gregory United States marshals, postmasters or police chiefs are required, between June 17 and June 26, to register every German alien woman in the country, recording fingerprints and photographs and providing the registrant with an identification card which must be carried on the person of the holder for the duration of the war. Women who fail to comply may be interned, imprisoned or deported.

American women who have married German aliens are required to register unless they have taken steps to get a return of their original citizenship status. Police stations in cities of 5,000 or more are designated as registration places, and in other areas post offices are registration points. Cards will be issued to registrants within fifteen days after data is taken.

PUPILS TO OBSERVE FLAG DAY.

Stars and Stripes Will Be Saluted by Children Friday.

Flag day will be observed Friday in all public schools. City Superintendent Eittinger issued instructions yesterday to all teachers regarding the celebration. He suggested that the pupils be lined up in front of the school buildings to salute the colors. "The significance of the day should be made clear to the children," he said. "Impress upon them that the soldiers of the United States are making the supreme sacrifice under this flag in a war for humanity, for civilization and for liberty. Proper observance of the day will help foster public sentiment and will be an inspiration both to the pupils and to the public."

Stern Brothers advertisement for Navy Blue Dress Silks. Includes store addresses (West Forty-second and West Forty-third Street) and a list of items with prices: Printed Georgettes & Voiles, Crepe Chiffon, Printed Foulards, Crepe de Chine, Satin Messaline, etc.

A Sale of Laces advertisement. Features Real Irish Crochet, Real Filet Lace, and Picot Edging. Prices range from 15c to 9.75 per yard.

A Noteworthy Clearance of Women's Tailored Suits advertisement. Offers a wide choice of styles and materials at reduced prices, from \$16.50 to \$75.00.

Smart Negligees advertisement. Made of dainty Summer materials in entirely new effects. Two attractive specials for Monday only: Soie du Monde Breakfast Coats and Crepe de Chine Slip-over Robes.

STERLING PIANO advertisement. Features a portrait of Charles A. Sterling and text describing the quality and variety of their pianos. Includes contact information for The Sterling Piano Co. in the Sterling Building.

Rugs for Summer Homes at Right Prices advertisement. Offers Reversible Wool Terry Carpets, Plain Color Home-spun Rag Rugs, and Heavy Oval Shaped Rag Rugs. Also mentions a shipment of Chinese Rugs.

SUMMER FROCKS advertisement. For Misses and Young Women. Selection of smart styles developed in fancy and novelty striped voiles. Includes prices for Misses' Sport Suits and Misses' Organdie Frocks.

A Clearance of Reed & Willow Furniture advertisement. Commences Monday on the Fifth Floor. Includes prices for various furniture items like Willow Arm Chairs, Willow Tea Wagons, and Cane Chaises Longues.