

FIREMEN PRAISE EVENING LEDGER

Resolutions Formally Com-
mend Progressive and
Courageous Stand

"CHAMPION OF CAUSE"

Underpaid and Overworked City
Employees Show Appreci-
ation of Support

Philadelphia's Bureau of Fire has been demonstrated an underpaid and under-manned, but never as ungrateful. In the present campaign which the members of the Bureau of Fire are waging to enlist public support for their efforts to obtain a betterment of working conditions the Evening Ledger, single-handed, has been the champion of their cause among the newspapers of Philadelphia.

Appreciation of the value of this assistance in placing their case before the people of Philadelphia has prompted the unanimous passage of the following resolutions by the members of the Bureau of Fire:

Whereas, The system in vogue of the Bureau of Fire has been continued since the organization of the bureau in 1871, and for over forty-five years no change in the working force, either in the method of operating fire alarms or the hours of service rendered by the men, have been changed in any manner, and, further, no increase in salary has been given the men for more than fifteen years.

Whereas, Efforts have been made from time to time by the men of the bureau to induce the authorities to have the necessary changes made for the betterment of the service in the bureau and make the condition of the men more tolerable, only to meet with failure and disappointment. Such changes would have been to the decided advantage of the city had they been made.

Whereas, During the last six months a number of the bureau have conducted a campaign to bring to the notice of the public the real condition existing in that branch of the city government in their efforts to obtain better working conditions and for a fair compensation for the services rendered to the city, to which the public has generously and nobly responded.

Whereas, The Evening Ledger, of this city, upon taking notice of the efforts of the firemen to attract the attention of the public investigated the merits of their claims, recognized the fact that they were just, fair, logical and reasonable, and, further, that the interests of the city would be greatly enhanced if the authorities would recognize the appeal of the firemen and at once make possible their petition, took up their cause by conducting a wonderful campaign of publicity, such as only a great paper can do in presenting strong and forceful facts from day to day—and is still doing so—which has awakened the interest and thereby won the general public over to the cause of the firemen.

And whereas, By reason thereof the authorities have promised to respond to the appeal of the firemen and to the

citizens in their behalf and in the very near future make the proper provisions to enable the officials of the Fire Bureau to put into effect the changes which will place the bureau upon a higher and better plane and make the condition of the men more tolerable. Therefore, that at a meeting of the representatives of the members of the Bureau of Fire held at Firemen's Hall, 804 North Tenth street, on the evening of December 2, 1916, wherein every fire station in the city was represented, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Evening Ledger be commended for its broad and wide-awake policy in taking up meritorious cases wherein the citizens of Philadelphia are interested and for its fearless manner in championing the cause of righteousness and justice.

Resolved, That the Evening Ledger be congratulated in having courageous and energetic men on its editorial and reporterial staffs.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to the Evening Ledger, its editors and reporters for the hearty support given to the members of the Bureau of Fire and their committee in presenting the cause of the firemen so shy and so strikingly to the public of Philadelphia.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Hose and Laddermen's Association for perpetual record of the campaign and of the efforts of the Evening Ledger on behalf of the firemen therein.

And further resolved, That the secretary of the Hose and Laddermen's Association, on behalf of the entire Bureau of Fire, be directed to send a copy of these resolutions to the city editor of the Evening Ledger.

IWYN W. ROEBERBAUGH,
Recording Secretary, Truck No. 13,
Fifteenth street and Baltimore avenue.

The firemen's campaign committee, of which Battalion Chief John J. Meskill is chairman, the citizens' committee, headed by William C. Lynch, which presented a petition signed by nearly 3000 business and professional men, taxpayers and property owners to Mayor Smith, are working with redoubled energy and active co-operation to secure favorable action through popular support.

In addition to members of the Methodist Preachers' Association, who have set apart December 17 as "Firemen's Sunday" in their churches, efforts are being made to make the observance general among clergymen of other denominations. The matter of adopting "Firemen's Sunday" will be brought before the Baptist ministers at their weekly meeting on Monday, and the Presbyterian pastor, as well as those of other creeds, will be asked to co-operate in the movement. The plan outlined is to have the pastors, through their sermons or in other suitable ways, bring to the notice of their congregations the condition of the city's firemen and solicit their interest in behalf of the campaign.

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