

JOB DEMANDS BY DIRECTORS BALK REFORM

City Department Heads Are Blamed by Councilmen for Conditions

LOOK TO HIGHER TAX AS EASIEST WAY OUT

Few Remedies Possible Unless Payroll Padding Is Checked or Sincere Absolished

'HOME RULE' SUGGESTED

Finance Committee Chairman Hopes by Legislation to Provide New Methods

Officials Seek Easiest Way to Save City Jobs

Department heads want to place new burden on citizens by demanding increases for short-hour workers.

Every man for himself and his own department, say worried municipal financiers.

Government order to stop work has little or no influence on size of the city payroll.

County offices lead in demands for increases and for new high-paid places.

Chairman Gaffney, of Councils' Finance Committee, after "home rule" for new revenues and new methods of taxation.

"Every man for himself" is the attitude of most of the high-salaried heads of city and county departments, according to worried municipal financiers who have just shelved demands for more than a million dollars until fall.

With balances virtually exhausted, the financial outlook for 1919 is admittedly such as to give ground for the fear of another increase in the tax rate.

Few moves are possible if more jobs are to be added to the nearly 76,000 now provided for, and if policemen and firemen are to be given salary increases. Possible moves involve the abolition of "useless jobs"; the extension of working hours of those at present holding easy berths; new State legislation granting new methods and forms of taxation and an increase in the tax rate.

Chairman Gaffney, of Councils' Finance Committee, favors home rule and has had a legislative committee chosen for work, eight months hence, that cannot affect the possible revenues for 1919. The easiest way is the way already twice resorted to by the Smith Administration—that of increasing the already high tax on realty.

With a hitherto unheard-of income of \$46,528,036 for 1918, the middle of the year was hardly reached until many department heads were back after Councils' Finance Committee for more money for their pet schemes, and in many cases for more places or salary increases. This condition gave rise to the suggestion that even if city could not be run as a business it might at least pattern to some extent along business lines.

Self-Interest Hurts Team Work

The cry of "get down to business" has been raised so often by councilmen financiers that the political powers controlling the government of city and county have been forced to recognize the fact that department heads have been busy furthering their own projects at the expense of "team work." Because of this tardy recognition of the individual playing of departments many of the more recent demands of departments have been held up, along with their efforts to create new places and to hang on to the ones now existing.

In the face of the Government's demand to shut down all but the most necessary work, the payroll, with few exceptions, have been kept up to their usual standard. The exceptions to this rule are where engineers, skilled mechanics, policemen and firemen have gone into Government service and where their places have not been filled. Getting difficulty has been experienced in getting enough men for the police and fire bureaus, as present salaries are no inducement for men to enter these services, where long hours are rewarded with little pay.

Director Twining, of the Department of Transit, has lost some men in this way, but his loan money payroll still shows more than 100 positions for well-paid engineers, inspectors, draftsmen, clerks, etc. Soon the subway work will be abandoned and nothing will be left for the Department but the subway under City Hall, which already is 75 per cent complete, and the completion of the Frankford Elevated line. Any saving in loan money places will not benefit

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Draft Lottery Friday

Fateful to 700,000 Youths

Washington, June 25.—The draft lottery for newly registered twenty-one-year-old men will be staged at the Senate office building at 9 o'clock Friday morning, Secretary of War Baker announced today.

At that time 700,000 young men will learn the order of their call to military service.

All arrangements have been completed for the event. Approximately 1200 lottery numbers will be placed in capsules and drawn from a huge bowl in the conference room of the Senate office building. The drawing will require about two hours.

Thursday was first fixed as the date for the drawing, but the War Department this afternoon announced the postponement.

GEO. A. ZABRISKIE IS NAMED SUGAR ADMINISTRATOR

Will Have Full Charge of Distribution From Refinery to Consumer

Washington, June 25. George A. Zabriskie, of New York, has been appointed Federal sugar administrator for the United States. It was announced by the food administration this afternoon. Mr. Zabriskie will have full charge of sugar distribution throughout the country, from the time the product leaves the refinery until it reaches the consumer.

The sugar shortage, which has reduced the annual national supply to 1,800,000 tons, has resulted in a necessary reduction in consumption.

The new Federal administrator will direct the apportionment of sugar by means of zoning systems, which will insure maximum production distributed with as little delay as possible.

The elimination of unnecessarily long hauls is expected to play a large part in an equitable apportionment of the sugar ration.

A sugar corporation, with sufficient capital, is being organized by the food administration to handle sugar as wheat is now handled.

The Government through its sugar corporation will buy sugar in Cuba, Java and other points and re-sell it in the United States at a fixed Government price. It is not known whether the sugar corporation will buy up the domestic crop.

George A. Zabriskie is a member of the United States food administration board and has had much experience in the handling of the shipping of large quantities of foodstuffs. He is agent for the Pittsburgh flour mills, the largest in the world. As a member of the food administration board, he has had a large part in the distribution of flour. He was born in New York in 1888.

WILL CALL JULY DRAFTS

Reclassification Adds About 300,000 Men to First Class

Washington, June 25.—The first large call for military service for July is expected to be issued tomorrow by the Provost Marshal General.

From present indications about 300,000 men will be added to Class I through the reclassification of Class II men by local boards. It was unofficially announced at the provost marshal general's office today.

In Washington, D. C., alone from 2500 to 3000 men have been added to Class I through the reclassification of Class II men. The population of 400,000, and it was stated that the same percentage would hold for the rest of the nation.

CALLAUX TO GET COURT TRIAL

Former French Premier Not to Face Military Tribunal

Paris, June 25.—It is persistently rumored in "well-informed circles" that former Premier Callaux, accused of incompetence in the Boeo Pasha affair, will not be brought to trial before a court-martial.

The report is that Callaux, who has undergone a preliminary trial in the hands of the examining magistrates, probably will be tried before the High Court of France for sedition.

EIGHT GET CITY JOBS

Salaries of New Appointees Range From \$1300 to \$4800

CITY appointments today include James V. Spicer, eighty-third street and Eastwick avenue, engineer, Bureau of Police, salary \$1500; Thomas Brogan, 1318 Mascher street, engineer, Bureau of Police, salary \$1200; John R. Henrichs, 2156 Sedgley avenue, engineer, Bureau of Water, salary \$1300; John Curry, 513 S. Lawrence street, messenger, salary \$1100; Joseph S. Donnelly, 18 Clemons House, University of Pennsylvania, salary \$4800; Walter W. Brantley, 4333 Frankford avenue, apprentice, Department of City Planning, salary \$1400; Walter W. Brantley, 2545 East Norris street, assistant teacher, Board of Recreation, \$900.

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Burleson Also Opposes Bone-Dry Amendment Before Senate Committee

DANIELS IN FAVOR OF IT

Shipping Board Head Feels Proposed Law Would Affect Workers

Pertinent Remarks on Bone-Dry Amendment

"Don't experiment with a nation's destiny; don't take any chances."—Hurley.

"This is no time to have patience with fanatics; we must get down to hard cases."—Burleson.

"Liquor never promoted efficiency anywhere."—Daniels.

REPORT EX-CZAR SLAIN BY 'REDS'

Unconfirmed News From Petrograd Says He Is Bolshevik Victim

GERMAN FORCES LAND

Unconfirmed reports from Petrograd were in circulation here today that the former czar had been killed at Ekaterinburg by the Bolsheviks.

Dispatches from Petrograd declare that the Menshevik and social revolutionaries of the Right are expected to control the coming Soviet election, despite the professional politics being played by the Bolsheviks.

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Must Satisfy Vital Needs of Fatherland. Foreign Secretary Tells Reichstag

NO PLEDGE ON BELGIUM

Permanent Separation of Courland, Esthonia and Livonia Called 'Impossible'

Berlin, June 25. "Germany and her allies wish to live within the frontiers traced by history, with positions beyond the seas corresponding to our greatness and richness and our capacity for organization," declared Dr. Richard von Kuhlmann, the German Foreign Secretary in an address before the Reichstag, defining the war aims of the Central Powers.

The Foreign Secretary also said that the German allies want freedom of trade to all parts of the world, and that they do not wish to bind our hands while our adversaries do not express themselves, added Dr. von Kuhlmann.

"Regarding Belgium we do not wish to bind our hands while our adversaries do not express themselves," added Dr. von Kuhlmann.

"We hope that our enemies will understand it is a dream and an illusion to hope to fight successfully against the German people, and that they will find the moment has come to make peace offers corresponding to the situation and satisfying the vital necessities of Germany," he said.

A permanent separation of Courland, Livonia and Esthonia is impossible, the Foreign Secretary said, adding that diplomatic recognition of these States is highly desirable.

A settlement of the Polish question is the chief task of the future, continued the official. He said that the Central Powers are not prepared to make any pledge on Belgium.

von Kuhlmann made reference to the conference of the allies at the Central Powers at German grand headquarters at which a new agreement between the powers was drawn up. He said that both monarchs desire a broader alliance.

EXULT IN BROTHER'S VALOR

Four Sisters of Corporal Geise Celebrate Citation for Bravery

Mahoning City, Pa., June 25.—Corporal William Geise, of this city, who was killed in France, was born and raised in this city. His parents are both dead. His four sisters and one brother, all residents of this city, are celebrating the good news of his bravery.

Corporal Geise enlisted June 25, 1916, during the Mexican trouble and was assigned to the machine gun company of the Twenty-third Regulars, stationed at Fort Slocum, New York. He was promoted to corporal in July last, and crossed to France with his regiment in September, 1917. He worked in the mines before joining the army.

AUTO UPSET KILLS MAN

Three Others Injured in Wreck Near Williamsport

Williamsport, June 25.—One man is dead and three others are injured as a result of a motorcar accident just west of this city. The dead man is Daniel Sweeney, of this city, and the injured are Charles A. Fink, of Newberry, and H. C. Fink, of Williamsport. The car was driven by Fink, who was seated alongside of Sweeney. The car was overturned, turning the car sharply. Fink, in an effort to keep it from going off the road, turned the wheel sharply, striking the car against a tree, turning it over. The injured will recover.

HEARS OF TRAGEDY IN AIR

Aviator Hears of Mother's Death While 4000 Feet From Ground

Wilkes-Barre, June 25.—News of the death of Mrs. E. A. Boyle, of Kingston, reached her son, Lieutenant Frank Boyle, 4000 feet in air at Fort Omaha, Neb. Arriving here today to attend the funeral of his mother, Lieutenant Boyle gave proof of the efficiency of America's air preparations.

A member of a unit soon to go into observation work in France, Lieutenant Boyle was in the air when a telegram reached the camp, bringing the news of his mother's death. The signal corps sent a message and the mar. Major receiver in Boyle's balloon told the young officer of the dispatch.

FIXING A. E. F. PAY DEFECTS

Board of Officers Will Provide Soldiers' Spending Money

Washington, June 25.—Defects in the present pay system of men overseas will soon be remedied.

An official board of officers of the American expeditionary forces has completed a study of the problem and intends to bring it before the War Department. An American soldier will have a certain amount of spending money without delay and have it checked off on an individual pay book.

Big Steel Vessel Launched

New York, June 25.—The Galeburg, a steel cargo vessel of 7500 gross tons was launched yesterday at yards of the Standard Shipbuilding Corporation, Miss Alice Beadley, daughter of the Mayor of Galeburg, Ill., was the sponsor. The vessel was named in honor of E. N. Hurley, chairman of the United States shipping board.

Further U. S. Advances Reported by Pershing

Washington, June 25.—Further advances of American troops Monday near Chateau-Thierry was reached by General Pershing today.

"Local operations continued in the Chateau-Thierry region, where we made further advances, capturing five machine guns and other materials," the communique said.

"A German counter-attack against our lines near Torcy broke down with heavy losses under our rifle, machine-gun and artillery fire. As the result of a raid executed by the enemy against our troops in Lorraine, several of our men are missing."

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GERMANS DREAD ANOTHER DRIVE

Teuton Soldiers Deeply Depressed by Failure of Their Offensives

London, June 25. The Germans lost heavily in a raid carried out this morning by British troops between Fletre and Strazelee. They put up a fierce resistance and more than one hundred of them were killed in their trenches in the close fighting, as well as by the British bombardment. Fifty prisoners were brought back and three machine guns were captured.

Other small raids were made by the British elsewhere, resulting in prisoners being brought in.

The enemy is not happy, either, with his present conditions in the line or with the prospects of another offensive, which many of the Germans believe they will be called on to make soon. It is obvious that the great hopes they had before March 21 have frittered out, owing to the way their army has been checked and held on all sides.

The most optimistic of them still believe they have a last supreme chance of gaining a decision this year, but I doubt whether this belief is widespread among the men in or near the line.

Their health does not seem of the best just now, and they are said to be suffering to some extent from a kind of influenza, to which they are perhaps rendered more liable by their restricted rations. Dysentery also has touched them, according to information that has reached us. This sickness is not, in my opinion, accountable for the delay in launching a new offensive, but may have some effect on the fighting quality of the enemy.

The weather will not help him. It has been raining steadily, and seems likely to continue wet. Given another bogged as in the old days of Flanders and the Allies will gain further time while their reserves grow in strength.

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PURSUIT AND CAPTURE CONTINUE OF PIAVE

Latin Line Has Progressed Beyond Points Prior to Enemy Thrust

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Great Quantities of War Booty, Including Many Skodas in Hands of Allies

London, June 25. The Italians have started a counter-offensive in the mountain region, it was learned from an authoritative source this afternoon.

The Austrians are making a strong resistance, but the Italians have gained.

Italian forces are preparing for a great drive against the Austrians in the Trentino, and expect to repeat the disaster inflicted upon the enemy along the Piave, official Rome cables declared today.

The Italian armies on the Piave front are now advancing beyond the lines which they held before the Austro-Hungarian offensive began about ten days ago. Capture and slaughter of the foe keeps up unabated.

Fighting continues with the Austro-Hungarian rear guard forces being vainly to stem the Italian advance.

It is unofficially reported that a great Austro-Hungarian army has been cut off in the zone east of the Piave and that it must surrender or be annihilated.

Six thousand prisoners have been counted by the Italians up to date, and huge stores of booty have been captured, including many big Skoda guns.

Italian infantry and cavalry continue to pursue hotly the retreating Austro-Hungarian army, decimating ranks that stand up to oppose them. (This dispatch concerning the mountain offensive does not show the extent of the Italian counter-drive. British forces already have made appreciable gain on the Asiago front, in conjunction with Italian operations along the Piave. It is possible that General Diaz, knowing the Austro-Hungarian position, contemplated a renewal of their southward from the mountains, and their action.)

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On account of the rapidity of the Italian advance and the general confusion, which always follows quick operations only meager news have come from the fighting so far.

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