

LOAN ORDINANCE AND CITY BUDGETS IN COUNCILS TODAY

Passage of Bill Authorizing Borrowing of \$11,300,000 on Calendar With Interest Rate Measure.

The ordinance authorizing the negotiation of the \$11,300,000 loan is on the calendar of Common Council for passage today. Twenty-six departmental appropriation bills for 1915 will be presented for action at today's sessions.

The ordinance to increase the rate of interest on city funds on deposit at the banks from 2 to 2 1/2 per cent. is also on the calendar of Common Council with a number of other bills, including a transfer bill to provide funds for operating the city departments until January 1.

Common Council had two sessions, a special meeting at 1 o'clock and a stated meeting at 2. Select Council met at 3 o'clock.

It is expected that the \$11,300,000 loan measure will be passed without obstruction in Common Council today. It will then lie over until the next stated meeting of Select Council for passage in that branch. A stated meeting of Select Council next week will terminate legislative action on the authorization of the loan.

Appropriation bills have already been introduced covering the work in the transit department under the loan for contracts in the Departments of Public Works and Safety. Favorable recommendation of these appropriation bills by the Finance Committee will place them on the calendar for passage and provide work for hundreds of men in the early spring.

The appropriations recommended by the Finance Committee for the various city departments during 1915, compared with the total amounts appropriated during 1914, are shown in the following table:

Table with columns: Department, 1914, 1915. Rows include Mayor, City Commissioners, City Treasurer, Public Safety, Public Works, Health and Charities.

PHILADELPHIAN TO EXPOSE BOX-BOARD PAPER TRUST

Henry Hoffman Will Be Principal Witness Before Federal Jury.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Interest in the Government investigation into the workings of the so-called box-board paper trust today centered in the prospective testimony of Henry Hoffman, an independent manufacturer of Philadelphia, who is expected to give testimony of a most important character before a Federal Grand Jury.

STOPS XMAS TREE SALE

Suspicious Policeman Arrests Curb Merchant in West Philadelphia.

Charles Kelly, 67 years old, who has no permanent residence, lost his job as a Christmas tree salesman yesterday almost as quick as he got it, and landed in the police station of the 15th and Pine streets station after Policeman Reese saw him attempt to make a deal for a tree with a man at the corner of 90th and Spruce streets. He was arrested before Magistrate Harris in the 25th and Woodland avenue station and held under \$500 bail for a further hearing.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. For Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey—Fair tonight and Wednesday, colder tonight; fresh winds. The weather storm has moved down the St. Lawrence Valley and is passing out of the state of observation this morning. It is being followed by a cold air that swept over the Lake region and the Ohio Valley last night and reached the Atlantic coast early this morning. However, its full force has not been felt along the Atlantic slope as yet and it may be expected to reduce the temperatures 10 degrees or more tonight. High barometric pressure over the greater portion of the country this morning, and the temperatures are generally below the normal in all districts this side of the Rocky Mountains, although a reaction to warmer is reported from the Plains States.

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin

Table with columns: Station, Max, Min, Wind, Clouds, Precip. Rows include various weather stations across the country.

MAYOR RESENTS COUNCILS' SLUR IN ORDINANCE PROVISIO

Declares Intimation Against Administration Unwarranted.

A proviso attached to an appropriation ordinance regarding the purchase of materials for the city aroused the indignation of Mayor Blankenburg, who, in a message to Councils today, resented the veiled intimation by this measure against the present Administration.

It is recommended in the proviso that the city, whenever possible, shall invite bids from Philadelphia firms whose plants are located in the city, and that a schedule of such bids and awards, certified by the Finance Committee, shall be sent to the City Controller before he shall sign any warrants.

The Mayor declared the proviso was unwarranted and unprofessional, and with his message regarding the opinion from the City Solicitor, who declared the proviso illegal.

THREE BILLS VETOED BY BLANKENBURG

Mayor in Message Points Out Deficiencies.

Mayor Blankenburg vetoed three bills, including one providing regular per diem employes be paid for vacations, legal holidays and absence from employment when suffering from injuries, sickness or disability of any kind whatsoever.

REMOVAL OF STATE COMMISSION ASKED

Continued from Page One by the Public Service Commission or any commissioner other than those of November 27th, 1914, and of December 10th and 11th, 1914.

That it has been publicly admitted by Commissioner Emory R. Johnson that the Independent Railroad Commission, notified in advance, by the Commission or one of its members, or someone representing them, with their knowledge and consent, of the finding, determination and order in the said complaint No. 315, prior to the public proclamation of the same, or service of the same upon the Railroad, by the marshal or his deputy, at or about 4 p. m., December 12, 1914.

STARVE ALBION GERMAN THREAT

Continued from Page One in the East our "revanche" idea in the West as his aim.

SCORES BRITAIN'S ALLIES. "England thereupon formed an alliance with the yellow race in the Orient, with Russian barbarians in the East, and in the West with the French, who were unable to shake themselves loose from the obsession of the 'revanche'." Thus located between the walls of pan-Slavism on one side and the 'revanche' on the other side, and with England dominating and back into the place assigned to it by England. With these means England set out to destroy or crush Germany and all that Germany stands for, and it has the audacity to proclaim throughout the world that in crushing Germany it and its allies, Russian Tartars, Japanese, Hindus, Senegalese, Turco and all the rest, are fighting for the holiest and highest ideal of civilization. Does the world really believe that?

PROHIBITION VOTE KEENLY AWAITED

Continued from Page One that he intended to vote for the rule but against the resolution.

FOLLOWING THE ADOPTION OF THE RULE, Representative Hobson addressed the House in favor of nation-wide prohibition. Mr. Hobson prefaced his argument with the biblical text, "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." He asserted that "this resolution placed squarely before Congress the greatest question and the most difficult problem that has confronted Congress and our people since slavery."

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Thief Takes Bluecoat's Christmas Gloves Out of His Pocket.

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LOSES \$100; THEN HIT BY AUTO

Mrs. Thomas, of Germantown, Hurt While Looking for Handbag.

Trouble came in two-fold form today to Mrs. Henrietta Thomas, of 222 West Rittenhouse street, as she was about to go on a shopping tour. She lost her hand bag containing \$100 and jewelry while in a Germantown avenue store, and on crossing Chelton avenue near Price street, she was struck by an automobile and knocked down.

WOMEN SERIOUSLY HURT

One Hit by Trolley Car—Auto Strikes Another.

Two women were seriously hurt today while crossing streets during the Christmas traffic rush.

475 MEN STAND IN BREAD LINE AT INASMUCH MISSION FOR COFFEE AND PLACE TO SLEEP



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75 MEN IN BREAD LINE

Receive Food and Coffee at Inasmuch Mission.

Four hundred and seventy-five hungry men stood in the "bread line" at the Inasmuch Mission, Locust street near 10th, this morning and were fed with bread and coffee.

Anthony J. Drexel Biddle addressed 650 men who crowded the chapel and dining room of the Mission last night and described his own conversion six years ago. As those members of his audience were passing into the free sleeping quarters of the Mission for the night, Mr. Biddle gave them cheer.

DIRECTOR HARTE REQUESTS TOYS FOR SICK CHILDREN

Appeals to Department Stores to Send Discarded Playthings.

Director Harte, of the Department of Health and Charities, has requested the department stores to send discarded toys from their Christmas counters to the Municipal Hospital for Contagious Diseases and thus brighten the Christmas of the youngsters suffering from scarlet fever and diphtheria.

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FRANCE TO WAGE MERCILESS WAR, PREMIER STATES

Cabinet Chief Vows French Vengeance Against Germans in Speech to Enthusiastic Parliament.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The French Government has only one policy: that is the prosecution of the war against Germany until absolute victory has been won. Europe liberated and peace guaranteed. Premier Rene Viviani set this forth in an emphatic fashion today, when the French Senate and Chamber of Deputies met in extraordinary session to take steps for the successful waging of the conflict.

The speech of the Premier was interrupted many times by cheers. Among the Senators and Deputies were many who had returned from the front and attended the session in their uniforms. The seats of many of those who have been killed in battle were covered with flowers and mourning insignia.

Full responsibility for the war was placed upon Germany by the Premier, and he declared it was clear to the world. The Premier's speech was: "This communication is not the customary declaration in which the Government which presents itself for the first time before the Parliament, defines its policy."

"At this hour it has no other policy than a combat without mercy until the definite liberation of Europe is accomplished by peace accomplished by absolute victory."

"All the documents published by the nations involved, and even the sensational speech made yesterday at Rome by one of the most illustrious representatives of noble Italy, demonstrate the error of my former long time, has been determined to attempt to force peace."

"Any one of these documents would be sufficient to make it clear to the world that when, at the suggestion of the present government, all the nations were asked to suspend their military preparations and to begin negotiations at London on July 31, 1914, France and Russia adopted the same attitude. It is not the action the resort to arms by all the nations became inevitable."

"The day of definite victory has not yet come," continued the Premier. "We must not let our courage and our courage for the tank. This country must subscribe in advance to all the sacrifices. Our allies know this, the nations disinterested in the conflict know this, and it is in vain that a campaign based upon new lies is made to suppress in them the sympathy which we have acquired."

KLONDIKE QUEEN'S HUSBAND TOLD PATHETIC WAR TALE

C. E. Carboneau, Known Here, Held in New York for Observation.

C. E. Carboneau, believed to be the Charles Edward Carboneau who was arrested here several years ago on the charge of "kidnapping" his sister-in-law, Anne Mulconey, from the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, is held in a sensational divorce suit brought by his wife, Beulah Mulconey, known as the "Queen of the Klondike," has been sent to the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel for observation as the result of what his doctor calls a nervous shock.

ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

William Miller, Who Killed Doylestown Police Chief, Faces Jury.

The fate of William Miller, alias Broncho Miller, the Doylestown youth who shot and killed Chief of Police John Kolbe, of that borough, some time ago, will be determined by a jury this afternoon. Miller was placed on trial yesterday afternoon before Judge William C. Ryan at Doylestown, and the prosecution concluded its case last night. District Attorney Calvin Boyer, who is pressing for a first-degree verdict, said this morning that the case will be closed today, and that the Judge's charge, delivered in the early afternoon, would permit the case going to the jury for consideration, with a verdict extremely likely late this afternoon.

THIEF GETS \$679 IN GEMS

Crawl Fifty Feet Along High Window Coping to Effect Robbery.

A daring thief crawled more than fifty feet along the coping of the fourth-story window of the residence of John J. Harkins, at 228 Walnut street, to steal a window and obtain jewelry valued at \$679. The thief was seen by a neighbor at 10:30 p. m. and was seen to enter the window at 11:15 p. m. and was seen to leave at 11:45 p. m. The thief was seen to enter the window at 10:30 p. m. and was seen to leave at 11:45 p. m. The thief was seen to enter the window at 10:30 p. m. and was seen to leave at 11:45 p. m.