

## Hylan Hints He Will Veto Police, Fire Pay Bills

"Where Are We Going to Get the Money?" He Asks as Many Urge Him at Hearing to Sign Measures

Angry at City Employees

Disgruntled Because They Went to the Legislature; Has Tilt With McCue

Proponents of the bills passed by the last Legislature providing for increases in the salaries of about fifteen thousand members of the Police and Fire departments got little satisfaction from Mayor Hylan yesterday when he held a public hearing on these and other bills which have come to him for his approval or disapproval. While the Mayor did not announce what he intended to do with these salary increase bills, he indicated strongly that they would have his veto.

"Where are we going to get the money?" was the burden of the Mayor's query throughout the hearing. His Honor appeared disgruntled over the fact that the police and firemen had gone to the Legislature, instead of consulting the city administration about the matter. He said that the Board of Estimate had given the firemen and patrolmen an increase of \$700 in the last four years.

About five hundred policemen and firemen who were off duty attended the hearing and cheered whenever a kind word was said for the salary increase bills. The heads of the various benevolent associations in both departments urged the Mayor to approve the measures. They were backed up in their appeals by State Senator Martin McCue, Borough President Maurice E. Connolly of Queens, James P. Holland, president of the State Federation of Labor, and Stewart Browne, head of the United Real Estate Owners' Association.

Mayor Cracks Joke

In answer to the Mayor's query as to where the money for the proposed increases was coming from, Senator McCue said he would lop off the heads of certain commissioners and cut into the city departments. He declared he would begin with the Comptroller.

"But you voted to increase the Comptroller's salary, didn't you?" asked the Mayor.

McCue admitted he had, but explained he wanted to be consistent because he had voted for increasing the Mayor's salary. This explanation brought one of the few smiles the Mayor showed during the hearing. He complimented McCue, an ex-prizefighter, as being an "excellent sparrer."

The Mayor greeted coldly Joseph P. Moran, president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, and Albert E. Guinness, president of the Uniformed Firemen's Association, when they spoke in favor of the bills. He asked them why they had gone to Albany instead of coming to the Board of Estimate for the increases. They were both the Mayor insisted upon a frank answer.

"There was no desire to embarrass any one," Moran finally assured him. "We simply wanted to make the salaries mandatory, so that another administration could not reduce our pay."

The Mayor frowned.

Mr. Holland urged the Mayor to "play good politics" and sign the bills, and "put the people on the hill in Albany in the hole." The Mayor replied that it was not good policy to "play politics with the people's money" and that two wrongs never make a right.

Stewart Browne surprised everybody at the hearing by not opposing the increase salary bills. He declared that \$2,500 was not too much for the firemen and policemen of the first grade. He said one good feature of the bills was that they did not go into effect until January, 1922, and the only serious question was where the city was going to get the money. He said he supposed the budget for next year would show an increase of \$50,000,000 and that this salary increase might approximate \$3,000,000.

Other Bills Discussed

Of several police bills discussed at the hearing, one would confer upon the Police Commissioner authority to retire the commanding officer of the detective bureau at an inspector's pay. Representatives of the Civil Service Reform Association opposed its approval as special law, because it was "vicious and permits commissioners to play favorites."

Opposition to a bill concerning the pensions allowed widows and orphans of members of the police force was registered by the Civil Service Reform Association, because policemen would become beneficiaries of the pension fund. The association also disapproved of the bill creating a military police captain which is designed to reward Lieutenant Charles Schofield,

who has long been in charge of the recruits' training school. Several bills covered applications for reinstatement to the police force. They also were opposed by the association and others upon the principle that they were subversive of discipline in restoring men who have been dismissed by another administration.

Chiropractors Aid Veterans  
Free Treatment Offered Disabled Ex-Service Men

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States announced at the local headquarters, 522 Fifth Avenue, yesterday that the New York State Chiropractic Society has offered the services of its members to disabled soldiers. The offer was made by the society in a letter to Captain Reuel W. Elton, Adjutant General of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Any ex-service man may obtain for the asking, through the National Service Bureau's temporary headquarters at 522 Fifth Avenue, the name of the New York Chiropractic Society member in his district, who will render whatever service he is able without pay.

Governor to Hold Film Censor Bill Hearing Tuesday  
Will Listen to Argument on Teachers' Loyalty Test Same Day; Bill to Check Improper Dancing Signed

From a Staff Correspondent  
ALBANY, April 20.—Governor Miller to-night announced that he will give hearings next Tuesday on the following measures:

The Lusk-Clayton bill creating a state motion picture censorship commission and the Lusk bills requiring public school teachers to undergo loyalty tests and empowering the Board of Regents to regulate courses of instruction given by private institutions of learning.

Governor Miller also announced he had signed some non-controversial measures, among them the following:

The Cotillo bill, regulating public dance halls and giving a commissioner power to revoke licenses where proprietors permit immoral forms of dancing.

The bill abolishing the State Military Training Commission, thus saving the state about \$600,000.

The measure giving reformatory officials authority to permit inmates of the institutions of which they are in charge to attend the funeral of last illness of a near relative.

The Knight bill, which authorizes the incorporation of companies in the operation of buses in New York City and gives the Transit Commission power to grant certificates of necessity for the operation of such lines.

The bill which gives the commission the power to permit the Nassau & Electric Railroad Company to discontinue the issuance and acceptance of transfers on its Church Avenue line.

The amendment to the State Income Tax law, providing that in cases of a debt incurred on or before January 1, 1919, no more than its fair market value shall be deducted.

The measure prohibiting the use of the state's coat of arms on motor vehicles not state property.

Secretary of State Lyons to-day received the nine concurrent resolutions adopted by the Legislature and which in one respect or another would amend the state constitution. Of the nine proposals seven are to be submitted to the electorate this fall. They include the following:

The Baumes-Martin resolution, which would give World War veterans civil service preference in appointments or promotions.

The Pearson resolution, providing that no person who cannot read or write the English language shall be eligible to exercise his or her franchise rights.

Permission for Westchester and Nassau counties to adopt the commission form of county government and discontinue boards of supervisors.

Increasing the pay of members of the Legislature from \$1,500 to \$3,000.

## Roger Bacon's Cipher, Showing He Had Telescope, Is Explained

Scientists Assert 13th Century Monk and Philosopher Also Was Acquainted With Microscope; Tell of Facts Learned by Decoding Manuscript

PHILADELPHIA, April 20.—The first public explanation of the key discovered to the cipher code used by Roger Bacon, the thirteenth century philosopher-monk, which has revealed that Bacon knew of the telescope, microscope and scientific facts hitherto supposed to have been unknown until centuries after his death, was made here to-night before the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Addresses were made by Wilfrid M. Voynich, of London and New York, owner of the Roger Bacon manuscript, in which the key to the code was found; Professor Rosaline Newbold, of the University of Pennsylvania, who is working on the cipher, and Professor C. E. McClurg, also of the University of Pennsylvania, who is assisting Professor Newbold.

"At present it is only possible to conjecture the extent and importance of the discoveries," said Professor Newbold, "but in its earliest stages and it is not certain that the whole manuscript can be read, but a study of the drawings alone proves their importance."

"The manuscript falls in four divisions," Professor Newbold continued, "dealing respectively with plants, the heavenly bodies, the generation of animals and the preparation of drugs. The common link connecting all four probably is Bacon's interest in the prolongation of human life. Plants are discussed because of their medicinal properties; the stars because they determine a man's character at his birth and influence him throughout life; embryology because of the bearing upon later life of all factors influencing conception, and pharmacology because drugs are essential to the cure of disease."

The evidence of certain discoveries is found in the drawings of the second and third sections.

Use of Telescope Proven

"A drawing in the second section, the late Professor Eric Doolittle asserted, was a drawing of a nebula, and he declared that the man who drew it must have had a telescope, as he correctly depicted features invisible to the naked eye. The legend attached to this picture says the object was seen in a concave mirror, and gives its location in the sky. The location is that of the great nebula Andromeda."

"This is the first record of the use of the telescope," said Professor Newbold.

"The embryological section contains

of various drugs appeared in several lists.

Copies of telegrams found on the prisoner led the police to believe that he had been using the name of M. H. Miller as well as Gordon. He has been staying at the Hotel Aberdeen.

Convict, Bullet Removed From Brain, Would Stay in Prison

OSKINING, N. Y., April 20.—Roman Leondowski, from whose brain a bullet was removed three weeks ago in the prison hospital here, was able to walk outdoors to-day for the first time since the operation.

Dr. Amos O. Squire, prison physician, regards him as completely cured of the depression and mania of which he had been a victim. Leondowski says he likes it at Sing Sing and would rather stay here than be sent back to Danmore to be discharged.

La Guardia Predicts City Bankruptcy in Ten Years

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Tenants File Protests Against Rent Raises

Mayor's Board to Act on Complaints; Majority of Increases Range From 33 to 50 P. C.

The report that landlords throughout the city were going to demand exorbitant increases in rents from tenants on May 1 next was confirmed yesterday by Julius Pendleton Wilson, chief counsel to the Mayor's Committee on Rent Profiteering.

"We are receiving a large number of complaints from tenants from every part of the city," he said. "The majority of these show that increases ranging from 33 to 50 per cent are being demanded by the landlords. In a few cases the demands have been 90 per cent and 100 per cent increases."

"Now that the rent laws have been declared constitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States, the committee is going to try to bring landlords and tenants together for the purpose of reaching an amicable settlement of disputes in each of these cases."

"There will be no sentiment in these conferences. Everything will depend upon the figures submitted by the landlord, after they have been verified. If the facts warrant it, the tenant will be urged to pay sufficient increase as may be needed to meet carrying charges, interest on the equity and a small percentage for depreciation."

"We also will take into account the expense of necessary repairs and decorating. Any attempt at evasion, however, will be met. This has chiefly taken the form of transferring the equity on paper and by manipulation, the equity appear the landlord has a greater equity in the property than he really has. By doing this some landlords have sought to benefit from the 10 per cent of the equity we have been allowing."

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000,000 a year through charter revision and businesslike administration. He predicted that the city, which is now spending about \$1,000,000 a day to run itself, would be bankrupt within five or ten years unless there is radical revision of the charter.

"No business could possibly survive if it were to operate in the same manner that the city government is compelled to operate to-day," he said. "Money is wasted right and left on account of cumbersome and unscientific administration, duplication and overlapping of governmental functions. I would completely change the county governments, combining the County Clerk, Register and Commissioner of Records in one department."

"The charter should be so framed that the power of administration runs evenly with the power to provide funds. I am confident that the constitutional limitation keeping the city's expenditures, not counting debt service, within 2 per cent of its assessed real estate valuation is wise and wholesome and I know that the city can be run within that limitation. I think that the commission to investigate and recommend charter changes has a splendid opportunity to do something useful for the City of New York."

Clergymen Cheer Verdict Indorse Acquittal of Rev. Rhine-smith on Misconduct Charges

Clergymen attending the final session of the Newark Methodist Episcopal Conference, in Newark, N. J., yesterday, arose and cheered when the Rev. Herbert Rhine-smith, of Haverstraw, N. Y., was acquitted on charges involving his character. It is said that his accuser, the Rev. William E. Palmer, may face counter-charges of malicious persecution.

The adjournment of the conference was held up awaiting the findings of the committee investigating the charges against Mr. Rhine-smith. Previous investigating committees had found that rumors concerning Rhine-smith's character were not sustained. Considerable interest had been evidenced by those attending the conference in the action of this new committee. When Bishop Wilson announced the Rhine-smith verdict the clergymen arose and cheered.

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