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POLICIES ARE OUTLINED BY NEW MAYOR

Handley Pledges Administration to Law Enforcement—Discourages Sleeping Quarters for Firemen.

URGES CO-OPERATION

Mayor Lawrence A. Handley outlined his policies before the city council Monday night.

Fines and jail sentences, with no suspended sentences for violators of the liquor laws, will await persons convicted in police court of making and selling liquor. "Illicit stills have been numerous," he said, "but the people demand that the law regarding the selling of liquor be enforced."

The mayor discussed the presence of disorderly houses and gambling. "The police will be expected to clean up both," he said. "While we do not intend to enforce blue laws in this city, we do intend to make it unhealthy for criminals of all classes. The officials will stand behind the police in the discharge of their duties." The new gavel presented to the mayor by the members of Company K was dedicated officially.

Many Citizens Present

The council room was filled with citizens. When the mayor finished his address applause broke out in all parts of the room.

More drill and suitable exercise to keep the members of the fire department fit for duty was recommended by the mayor. Sleeping quarters for members of the department will be removed if his recommendation is followed.

At the present time the fire department in the city building is arranged on the platoon system. Each platoon is on duty 12 hours each day.

Should sleeping quarters for the firemen, at present located above the fire house proper, be removed, the space may be turned over to city offices. This was mentioned by the mayor in his address. The need for a mayor's office was also mentioned.

Planning Commission

A city planning commission to zone districts of the city, plan parks and approve new additions, also was mentioned. This will be taken up during the current month.

Need of one or more downtown comfort stations and a new market house was discussed by the mayor. He also emphasized the fact that each councilman was expected to vote in the best interests of the people as a whole, regardless of personal feelings for or against any individual.

Referring to the light plant, he said: "The new superintendent of the light plant should be a trained electrical engineer and an experienced business man. The city should be prepared to pay more salary to get this kind of man. The board of works and a committee of five citizens are giving this matter their attention."

The regular ordinances fixing the salaries of the city officials, which heretofore had carried the salary of the light plant superintendent, omitted this feature this year. City Attorney Kelley explained that this action was taken because it was impossible to tell at this time just what would be the salary of the new superintendent.

Favor Consulting Engineer

Councilman Waldele, seconded by Councilman Waltermann, proposed that a consulting engineer for the light plant be employed at various times during the year to advise with the city regarding the purchase of light plant repairs. Councilman Benn also favored the motion, which was passed.

Joseph Waltermann introduced a resolution requesting the mayor to appoint a committee of three to investigate the light plant coal contracts. Reports that an excessive amount of coal had been purchased, and that the coal was inferior in quality were the basis of the resolution.

The resolution provided that contracts entered into by the light company, and its duly accredited agents for the past six months, should be probed.

The measure was passed. The mayor announced he would consider the matter before naming the members of a committee.

Reid is Appointed

Joseph Waltermann was named a member of the hospital board. The resignation of Lawrence A. Handley as a member of the board of trustees of the school city was accepted with a vote of thanks to him for the work he had done. Walter Reid was named to succeed him. Mr. Reid will fill the place until the expiration of Mr. Handley's term in August.

The appointment of J. Edward Higgins as building inspector was received from the board of works and approved. Official bonds of the police commissioners also were filed with the council. Dr. W. G. Huffman and Dr. F. P. Bueche were elected city physicians by the council.

First action by a new council member was taken by Harry Strate. He said the east approach to the Doran bridge was insufficiently lighted. The matter was referred to the board of works. The condition of the street car tracks at Fifth and Main streets, and the fact that a water spout has been hanging from the C. and O. overhead bridge on Main street for some time was also called to the attention of the board of works and the city attorney.

Informal Meeting

An informal "open meeting" session was held at the close of the regular business of the evening, when members of the council and the mayor invited any citizen present to talk. After some urging, Michael Kelly, former county clerk, and Clem Carr, former sheriff, made short addresses, complimenting the administration on the start it had made on the year's work. "I want to congratulate you as mayor, and all the members of the council,"

1,714 DEEDS RECORDED IN WAYNE CO. IN 1921; MORE SPEED AT END

The quarterly report of Harry Fisher, county recorder of deeds, just completed, shows that a total of 1,714 documents have been recorded with him during the past three months. A total of 6,632 were recorded in the year 1921.

Last year 6,730 deeds were recorded. That business in the recorder's office has picked up in the last six months of the year is indicated by the fact that at the end of December the total recorded was only 98 less than last year, while in August of 1921, the mark was 250 below the previous year's mark at that time.

Of the 1,714 instruments recorded in the last quarter of 1921, 341 were deeds, 274 real estate mortgages, 439 chattels, 518 releases, 28 assignments, 54 mechanics' liens, three articles of incorporation, four plats, one transcript, and 52 miscellaneous articles.

FRENCH MINISTRY DENIES FRANCE-JAP SIBERIAN AGREEMENT

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Jan. 3.—The French ministry of foreign affairs today issued a formal denial of the alleged Franco-Japanese understanding regarding the occupation of Siberia. Documents purporting to show that France and Japan had entered into such an agreement were made public in Washington last Saturday by a delegation from the Far Eastern republic.

6 SLEEPERS LEAVE TRACK NEAR MACON; PASSENGERS ESCAPE

(By Associated Press)

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 3.—Six sleepers on the Royal Palm limited of the Southern railway from Chicago to Jacksonville were derailed today near Macon, Ga., but reports said none of the passengers were injured.

A wrecking crew succeeded in getting one of the sleepers back on the track and the passengers were transferred to this car and brought to Atlanta. The cause of the derailment has not been determined.

NEGLIGENT

ENGLAND MAY HOLD FEBRUARY ELECTION

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Great Britain may hold a general election in February, it was asserted here today, after a week end during which the newspapers discussed the political situation rather freely. It was declared that Premier Lloyd George favored an election next month but was meeting opposition from an influential group headed by Lord Birkenhead, which desires an appeal to the country at a later date. This group is said to want the government's plan for re-forming the House of Lords to take definite shape before an election is held.

The coalition liberals will meet here in convention on January 21, and Mr. Lloyd George will on that occasion speak on the situation. Keen interest in his address is already evidenced in London.

\$1,000 FIRE DAMAGE AT ROSER RESIDENCE

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A spark from the flue of L. P. Roser's residence, 250 North Twenty-second street, started a blaze inside the attic at 11 o'clock Monday night.

The fire was put out by the city department after it had done about \$1,000 worth of damage.

The department kept the flames from spreading from the roof. Some damage was done to the interior of the house by water, in addition to the loss of the roof. The Roser residence is a comparatively large two story structure.

FIRE DAMAGES NEW NO. 9 SCHOOL HOUSE

Melted tar used in putting the finishing touches on No. 9 schoolhouse south east of the city, caught fire Tuesday morning and caused some damage before it was put out. The city fire department subdued the flames with water.

MARY PICKFORD DIVORCE IS CALLED "WORST OF KIND"

(By Associated Press)

CARSON CITY, Nev., Jan. 3.—Mary Pickford's divorce from Owen Moore was "the worst of its kind and should be the last of its kind," Attorney General L. B. Fowler declared in a closing brief filed in the supreme court here today in his action to have the decree set aside.

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(By Associated Press)

For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau.—Rain in south, and rain or snow in north portion late to night or Wednesday. Colder in north portion Wednesday.

WEATHER OFF 4 CENTS; BANK TROUBLE CAUSE

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—Troubles of the Fort Dearborn National bank had an unsettling effect on the grain market today and with liquidation on the part of eastern interests, wheat dropped four cents a bushel by noon. Midday quotations were \$1.11, May and 14, July as compared with \$1.15 to \$1.15% May and \$1.03% and \$1.04 July at the close on Saturday.

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The owner of the machine did not leave work with other employees last May when a strike of paper makers, which is still in effect, was declared.

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SENATE TODAY IS COMPLETELY CHANGED BODY

Death of Pennsylvania Senator Marks Passing of Group of Strong Men Who Controlled by Force.

PENROSE POWERFUL

(By MARK SULLIVAN)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—It will be said that Penrose's passing makes little difference because he had been ill and more or less out of things for two years, off and on, anyhow. But that will not be true.

What is true is that Penrose slipped out of things two years ago, that his slipping out made a very great difference, and that his death merely makes his passing complete and creates an occasion for pointing out how much it means. It is not merely that Penrose was the last of the barons. It is not merely that there is not a senator left who is also in any sense boss of his state. It is not merely that there is hardly any such thing left in American politics as a statewide boss, in the senate or out of it.

What Penrose's death signifies is that the senate is today a completely changed body, utterly different from the picture of it which the public has inherited from the past.

Six months ago the state of Pennsylvania was represented in the senate by two men who, whatever you might think of their policies, were among the strongest men of their generation. Today, and until Penrose's successor is appointed, Pennsylvania is represented in the senate by one man whose name the public does not know.

Countless Fill Shoes

Neither this successor of Knox or the successor of Penrose can possibly fill their shoes, even if Pennsylvania should take pains to send good men, and even under the most favorable circumstances, otherwise until they have had several years of experience and enough time to reach, under the seniority rules of the senate, positions of power and responsibility.

This case of Pennsylvania is extreme, but it merely happens to be conspicuous at the moment. Much the same sort of change has come to the other states gradually, without the public noticing it.

There are a few strong individuals in the senate, but there is no group of strong men who act together, who have a sense of collective responsibility for running the country, or actually do run it.

The phrase that Cox made a slogan of in the last presidential campaign—"The Senate Oligarchy"—is a joke. There is no such thing.

There is no senator or group of senators who, either through strength or personality, or by virtue of official authority, are able to crack the party whip or otherwise enforce discipline and achieve collective action. The senate today has little more discipline than a town meeting.

THREE GROUPS. The big Republican majority is divided roughly into three groups: The farm bloc, composed of men like Kenyon and Capper; the remnant of the old guard, like Lodge and Curtis; and a middle-ground group led by men like McCormick and Lenroot. What the senate happens to do about any particular matter is determined by the loose shifting attachments of men at the outer edges of these groups.

Specifically, Penrose's death will bring an important change in the chairmanship of the important finance

CITY HEALTH BOARD PROGRAM DEFINITE FOR COMING YEAR

Tentative plans for the work of the city health board for the coming year will be discussed by members of the board in the council room at the city hall at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening. The board will be organized into its various departments.

Although there was no public statement forthcoming Tuesday evening regarding the future policies of the board, a very definite program is in view for the coming year.

"In assuming the duties of the health officer of the city, I am cognizant of the importance attaching to the responsibilities devolving upon the board of health," said Dr. C. E. Duffin, secretary of the board. Dr. S. G. Smelser and Miss Ruth James are the other members of the board.

"While I realize that health conditions here are, and have been, up to standard, there always is a chance for improvement. The policy of the board of health will be courtesy, efficiency and economy."

The various departments of the health board to be organized Wednesday evening are the ash and garbage collecting agencies, the dairy, meat and sanitary inspection systems.

WOULD MAKE FRANCE PAY HER U. S. DEBTS BECAUSE OF ATTITUDE

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The administration would be directed on a resolution introduced today by Representative Reavis, Republican, Nebraska, to demand repayment by France of money loaned to her by the United States during the war. Mr. Reavis in a statement said prompt payment of the debt should be insisted upon because France has indicated her intention of expending "large sums of money on increased naval armament."

The resolution did not mention France by name, but in his formal statement Mr. Reavis stated that it was directed at France because of her stand at the armament conference on the submarine question.

RETIREE JAMES HAYES FROM RAIL SERVICE

(By Associated Press)

James J. Hayes, conductor on the Grand Rapids and Indiana railroad, running between Fort Wayne and Richmond, went on the pension list on January 1st.

Mr. Hayes has worked on the Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad, now the Grand Rapids division of the Pennsylvania, for nearly 42 years. He is 69 years old, and has not quite reached the retiring age, but because of poor health he is unable to continue his railroad work. He has been running for years on the Richmond end of the road out of here. He entered the service March 11, 1889, as brakeman. In February, 1882, he became conductor and eight years later passenger conductor.

FAIR CONVENTION OPENS ITS SESSION

(By Associated Press)

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 3.—The annual convention of the Indiana Association of County and District Fairs opened here today. Representatives of fair associations and other agricultural societies from all over the state were present.

Today's meeting is preliminary to the annual meeting tomorrow of the Indiana Board of Agriculture, at which time the election of eight new members of the board will be held. Contests for places on the board are expected.

Celebrate Requiem Mass For Late Baron Rosen

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Nicholas (Russia) Cathedral today for Baron Rosen, former Russian ambassador at Washington, who died in this city on Saturday. The casket was taken to the Cathedral last night after private memorial services at the family's apartments and lay in state until time for the mass to begin.

After the ceremonies, the remains were taken to Fresh Pond, L. I. where they were cremated.

Weather Forecast

MOORE'S LOCAL FORECAST

Rain tonight; Wednesday rain or snow. Colder by Wednesday night or Thursday.

The gradual eastward movement of the Rocky Mountain storm is the reason for the above forecast.

FOR INDIANA, BY THE UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU

Rain in south, and rain or snow in north portion late to night or Wednesday. Colder in north portion Wednesday.

TEMPERATURES FOR YESTERDAY

Maximum 34

Minimum 11