

# City Council in Committee Meeting

## Bills, Including That of Police Magistrate Read and Passed — Magistrate's Bill Totalled \$1356.65 — Report On Relief Shows Cost Higher.

The city council met in its January committee meeting last night in the Mayor's office at the city hall with Mayor Clark, M.P., in the chair. The aldermen present were C. Hedley Forbes, T. Earle Doohan, David McCaughey, H. Ralph Gunter, Ivan McKnight, Warren J. Maxwell, Dr. H. S. Wright and Moses Mitchell.

The bills for the month were read and passed. The bill of the police magistrate for the period from May to December was read per item and passed. The amount of the bill was \$1,356.65. Mayor Clark commented that the bill was higher than during the last term, but this must have been accounted for by a greater number of thefts. Ald. Doohan asked if the council couldn't petition the government to have the law changed respecting stenographer's fees, which, he suggested, were too high. He was assured by the mayor that this could be looked into.

### Report on Relief

The report of relief for the month of December was read by Ald. Forbes. It showed that a total of \$2,819.46 had been spent in December, 1935.

In the same month of 1934 the total expended on relief was \$2,173.71. There had been an increase of 47 dependents in December, 1935, and an increase of 17 heads of families. There had been a slight increase in cost of food and clothing, but a decrease in fuel costs and shelter, the report showed.

### Fire Insurance

The council discussed the matter of fire insurance. It was pointed out that the fire insurance rates were better since the city's purchase of the "booster" pump.

On motion by Ald. McCaughey seconded by Ald. Forbes, it was decided to secure plans depicting the layout of fire boxes, streets, etc., for Fire Chief Karl Walker, who requested that this be done. The cost will not be excessive.

A bill of P. J. Hughes, K.C., city solicitor, for \$169.75 was considered and passed. The council agreed that his fees were "very reasonable."

Mayor Clark was informed by a letter from the sub-district Board of health that those citizens who had been ordered to look after sewerage connections on their premises, should make application for such.

The council was assured that several applications already have been made, the work to be completed by spring.

## Pebbles of Knowledge In Ocean of Mystery

Library shelves groan in sadistic discomfort with books telling people of the wonderful discoveries of the age; but a book that sets out to relate some of the millions of things in nature about which the cleverest scientists still know nothing is quite as interesting a novelty as wisdom teeth in a Plymouth Rock hen. Seems like A. W. Haslett offers such a literary diversion in his "Unsolved Problems of Science," where he starts his first chapter thus: "Scientists do not know (among other things) why sugar is sweet, why a steel girder is not a hundred or a thousand times stronger than it is, or why some summers are dry and others are wet. They are equally ignorant of the nature of the

## K.P. BAND LEADER IS HONORED AT BAND BANQUET

Members of the Knights of Pythias band and invited guests attended a supper last night in Castle Hall given in honor of the K. of P. Band. The gay banquet which started at about 6.30 P.M., was followed by several short speeches. Among those who spoke were E. C. Atkinson, Ald. W. W. Maxwell, Frank VanStone and Walter Burden. A feature of the banquet was the presentation made to W. W. Whittingham, band leader. On behalf of the members of the band he was presented a smoking jacket in recognition of his services. Mervil Fletcher making the presentation. Mr. Whittingham was congratulated on his fine work in conducting the Band through these past several years and the hope was strongly expressed that he would continue to direct the band for many more years.

Speakers of the evening stressed particularly the degree of excellence to which the band had risen under the direction of Mr. Whittingham. They thought that it was a credit to the community as well as to the lodge. John Donovan, member of long standing, who has been seriously ill for the past several weeks, was at the meeting and was cordially welcomed by his fellow bandmen. Following the banquet regular band practice was held.

life, and of the cause of the common cold. The glow worm still lights his lamp more economically than can man; the silk worm's product is still imitable by any textile factory; and no human engineer can convert the sun's energy into living food as every green plant does day by day." It all leaves the reader in the quandary of the Irishman, who, when he first saw Niagara Falls, mournfully protested that, "If all that water was running up instead of down there might be something to start an argument about."

## FINDS GIFTS TO CHURCHES DROP AS INCOMES MOUNT

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Despite the fact that the recent Government report on taxable incomes in this country for 1934 shows that the American people as a whole enjoyed an increased income of 15 per cent over 1933, the National Committee for Religion and Welfare Recovery reports a decrease in the percentage of gifts to churches and charities.

"If contributions were computed on the basis of total income before deductions for family dependents, etc., are made," says the Committee report, "the actual percentage of gifts to church, charity, and kindred benevolences in both 1933 and 1934 would be less than two cents of every dollar, or more accurately, 1.915 in 1933 and 1.822 in 1934."

### Millionaires' Gifts

To the question of whether millionaires give generously, the report replied that some do but most do not. It stated:

"This report gives the total reported income of 32 millionaires as \$69,348,000 from which there were \$12,689,000 of deductions leaving a net taxable income of \$56,659,000. From these totals \$4,184,000 was contributed for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes.

"In terms of percentages this means that the 32 citizens, each of whom enjoyed an income of a million dollars or more, contributed on the average about six per cent of their total income and about 7½ per cent of their net taxable income. Some of our better known philanthropic millionaires doubtless contributed the full 15 per cent and more but on the average the man or the woman with a million dollar income last year gave only \$60,000 of that sum to the religious, educational and social welfare of his fellow citizens while retaining \$940,000 for his own enjoyment, taxes and increment to his capital.

### "Little Fellow" Lags

"A second question arises: 'Is the

poor man or 'the little fellow' any more generous than his millionaire neighbor? The figures given by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue show that the vast majority of taxpayers, 3,568,788, report incomes of less than \$5,000, totalling \$8,731,699,000 with deductions of \$1,246,699,000, leaving net income of \$7,485,000,000. Of this amount \$138,755,000 was contributed to benevolent objects. In terms of percentage this means that the average taxpayer with less than \$5,000 taxable income contributed about 1½ per cent of his total income or less than 1¼ per cent of his net taxable income.

"Taking the nation as a whole, from the smallest taxpayer to the largest, the figures show a total income reported by all classes of \$14,708,558,000, which with deductions of \$2,262,296,000 leaves a net declared taxable income of \$12,446,262,000.

### Far Short of Goal

"If the average citizen had contributed to religious, educational, character-building and charitable agencies the full 15 per cent, there would have been a total contribution of \$1,868,429,000, or nearly \$2,000,000,000 which would have done much toward obviating our present enforced taxation for relief purposes."

### UP TO THE MINUTE.

Small Girl Friend to 8-year-old son of auto salesman—Oh, I think you're lots better looking than your daddy. Son—I ought to be. I'm a later model.

### ALL ALIKE

Tommy got a scolding for breaking his new rocking-horse. "Why did you do it, son?" asked his mother.

"Cause," sobbed Tommy, "I heard father say a horse was no good until he was broke."

### NOR LIKELY TO BE

"You ain't got no brains". "Ain't got no brains? Why, man, Ah got brains which ain't never been used".

### EAGER TO BE GENEROUS

Teacher—Tommy, come up here and give me what you've got in your mouth.

Tommy—I wish I could—it's the tooth ache.

## GERMANY HOLDS JEWISH PROBLEM INTERNAL MATTER

BERLIN, Jan. 7.—Germany has issued a sternly worded reply to the recent report of J. G. McDonald when he resigned his post as League High Commissioner for German Refugees. The German reply may be summarized in the charges that the report failed to comprehend the true nature of Germany's racial legislation, or to remember that, as a sovereign state, it will brook no interference in an issue considered purely domestic.

As customary whenever any adverse criticism of Germany's policy is made abroad only a very brief summary or chosen extracts from the document appear in the press here, followed by semi-official comments so that the German people themselves can never judge of the merits of any such case.

### "Begin At Home!"

In Germany's opinion, according to the Deutsche Diplomatisch-Politische Korrespondenz, generally considered to express foreign office views, the League of Nations would do well first to attend to the question relating to minorities and confessions among the League member states themselves, before claiming the right to interfere regarding Germany's way of carrying through its internal reconstruction after the material and moral effects of its post-war breakdown.

This comment also sees a parallel in the explosion of four Germans from Eupen and Malmédy in Belgium and the general failure of the outside world to protest against the violation of international responsibilities, whenever German interests have been concerned since 1919.

### Purely Internal Affair

Should the League of Nations attempt to interfere in this problem as Mr. McDonald seems to desire, present information indicates that the reply from Germany would be that this is purely an internal affair, that Jews do not constitute a national minority according to international law since they have no state of their own but are a racial—"völkische"—minority.

The official statement said in part: "German opinion is that the League has every cause to concern itself with how minorities and confessions are treated within League states before it claim the right to occupy itself with how Germany from the material and moral experience of her collapse, is rebuilding herself.

### They Suddenly Find Voice

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## DICKENS' COMPANION-IN-ARMS

On a letter-head of Sloop Java Head, Somewhere in Southwestern Ontario, "Bay Trader" writes this week: "Being one of many Dickens' lovers, and having read most of his lives, journals, letters and the like. I was delighted to find, while looking through the Cornhill Magazine of 1864, an 'in memoriam' to Thackeray, the founder of the magazine, written by Charles Dickens. In this tribute to Thackeray, Dickens speaks of the grand old man as his 'old companion and brother-in-arms'. Dickens also mentions the fact that Thackeray illustrated his first book. This old magazine, published by Smith, Elder Company, Cornhill, 1864, also contains Thackeray's unfinished novel, 'Denis Duval', with notes and memoranda for future chapters, and right up to the last time corrected by that grand old man and Dickens' companion-in-arms, who then closed his weary eyes and went to his last sleep."

And taking about excerpts from old magazines, consider this bit from a quaint editorial in Chambers's Edinburgh Journal for December 12, 1835: "I never see an unfortunate ass belabored with a cudgel, jagged with a bunch of fruze, thumped on the nose, batted on the flank, or punched on the side by the heels of maybe a trio of little yagabonds who have scrambled on his back, without devoutly wishing that it was now, as in the days of Queen Elizabeth, when, as Hollingshead tells us, 'Our lande did yelde no asses'. From the cruelty with which these unfortunate creatures are treated, one would be led to believe that the inhabitants of this country were altogether indifferent to the sufferings of the brute creation.

... When we consider the ass in his wild state, rearing his proud head, and spurning the ground with his flying hoof, and compare him with the dejected denizens of this country. . . . we can scarcely believe they possess anything in common beyond the name. The ass of England unlike many other asses, has the good see to conform quietly and without ostentation to the circumstances in which he is placed."

"Because Germany finally seeks a compromise of abuses and too foreign elements, people in many parts of the world think they are authorized to make disapproving criticisms and corresponding suggestions to Germany. "The same people, however, have been and remain silent about developments, not expressly compatible with international obligations, concerning the German people from the time of the Versailles Treaty up to the recent election and deprivation of citizenship of persons in Eupen and Malmédy, from country".

### 30,000 New Jobs

With the beginning of 1936 important sections of the Nuremberg anti-Jewish legislation were introduced, particularly as to the departure of non-Jewish servants from Jewish households, and the termination of service of Jewish officials and functionaries, who hitherto have been permitted to hold their positions because either they were war veterans or had been employed since 1914.

According to one reliable estimate, 30,000 "Aryan" housemaids are now deprived of jobs and steps are being taken by the authorities to open a home for them here in Berlin.

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