

MAY RETIRE ALL VETERANS AMONG THE CITY POLICE

Rumor Says Ringer Will Introduce Resolution in Council This Week—Refuses to Make Statement.

Police Commissioner Ringer will introduce a resolution in city council this week calling for the retirement of all men on the city police force who are over 50 years old and have had more than 20 years' service, according to a well founded rumor at the city hall.

This order will take some of the most faithful and valuable men on the force, including Captains Madison, Heitfeld and Vanous; Sergeants Dillon and Sigwart, Turnkeys Brady and Burns and about 10 patrolmen and detectives.

Commissioner Ringer declined to give out any statement yesterday regarding the action.

"I may have something to say in a day or two," he said.

Mayor Won't Talk.

Mayor Smith, when asked about it, said the news should be given out by Mr. Ringer.

That is Mr. Ringer's department and he will give out whatever news there is to give," said the mayor.

"Do you know whether these men are to be put on the retired list?" the mayor was asked.

"I know Mr. Ringer has some plans, but he is the man to give them out," said Mayor Smith.

It is stated by those in a position to know that the move is to be made to "get new blood" in the police department.

"A police officer must be very active," said Mr. Ringer, "and we have to see to it that the officers maintain the high standard of active efficiency."

Plan is Discussed.

Mr. Ringer has discussed the retirement plan with Mayor Smith and the mayor is said to agree that it is a good policy.

It is also stated that the retirement of captains may not be called for. This would leave the three oldest captains on the force.

Sergeant Sigwart joined the force in 1882. Sergeant Dillon in 1889. Both were off for several years.

Sergeant Harvey handed his resignation in Friday after 37 years of continuous service.

Pensions of half the salary received at the time of retirement are provided for on the police force.

This gives sergeant a pension of \$75 a month. Detectives and patrolmen get from \$50 to \$75 a month in pension on retirement.

Eight alleged drug addicts are being held at Central police station for investigation and disposition by agents of the internal revenue department. They were arrested Friday by police.

Detectives raided the home of Fred Stokes, 1005 Capitol avenue, Friday night and arrested him and two others, Charles Diggs, 1502 North Fifteenth street, and Nora Douglas 2123 Charles street.

Quantities of capsules containing morphine and cocaine were found in a dresser in one of the rooms, police say. All are negroes. Alfreus Stewart, 620 North Seventeenth street, was also ordered held for federal authorities. Pearl Nickelberg, negro, 1010 Capitol avenue, was booked for dipomania Friday night when detectives found eight capsules of morphine in her room.

Three other persons are being held for investigation by the city health authorities.

Commissioner Ringer and Chief Eberstein last spring denied there was a drug traffic ring here as disclosed by The Bee, and refused to act, until federal authorities issued orders that an investigation be made and all dope suspects be arrested.

Three German Guns Gift to Omaha From French Government

Three more captured German guns have been presented to Omaha. These are the gift of France.

Mayor Smith received a letter yesterday from Marcel Rouffie, inspector general of French ordnance to the United States, stating that one 77-millimeter gun and two machine guns, all captured by the French from the Germans, have been presented to the city of Omaha, "as a small token of the friendship of the French nation for the city of Omaha."

Mayor Smith wrote, asking for these guns, last April. They are now in a French warehouse in Brooklyn.

"We will take steps to have them shipped here at once," said Mayor Smith. "Probably they will be placed in the parks."

Mayor Wires Coal Men On Reported Shortage of Cars

Mayor Smith yesterday telegraphed to the mayor of Sheridan, Wyo., and to Peter Kooi, one of the large coal operators there, asking whether there is a shortage of coal cars there, as was reported by Governor McKelvie today.

"If I find there is plenty of coal and lack of cars I will take the matter up at once with the railroad administration," he said.

Brief City News

Have Root Print It—Beacon Press Vacuum Cleaners—Burgess-Nash Co. New D. E. Buck Reir—Mr. and Mrs. David E. Buck, 4109 North Nineteenth street, report the birth of a son.

Dance Is Postponed—Dance of the Workmen's Circle, branch 173, which was to have been held to-night at Kelsome academy, has been postponed on account of the fuel situation.

Fred Hans Visits Omaha—Fred Hans, for many years chief of detectives of the Northwestern railroad west of the Mississippi river, accompanied by his son, Fred, Jr., is in Omaha for a few days from the Lusk (Wyo.) oil fields.

Owing to the grave fuel situation it is necessary to suspend the operation of passenger trains wherever possible. In addition to service already suspended, Train 12 will be discontinued, Omaha to Manila, effective Monday, December 8th. Consult ticket agent for full information.—Adv.

Litigation Over Name—The Omaha Refining Co. asked the district court yesterday to enjoin the Omaha Oil & Refining Co. from using that name.

The latter company changed its name from Walsh Brothers Co. on August 23, 1918, a month after the incorporation of the Omaha Refining Co. it is alleged.

Buy Big Ranch—W. E. Foshier, automobile dealer, and Wilson T. Graham, realtor, have purchased the 1,320-acre Backus ranch 15 miles south of Atkinson, Neb. The ranch is regarded as one of the best hay and stock farms in the state. The price Foshier and Graham paid is not announced. The land was bought as an investment.

Directors to Meet—At the request of G. W. Wattles, president, a special meeting of the board of directors of the Douglas Hotel company is called for December 11 at 3 p. m. in the directors' room of the United States National bank, the purpose of the meeting being to consider the question of dividend, and any other matters which may be presented.

H. Matters Sued—Thomas H. Matters and Fred E. Hale were sued in district court by the American

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