

Police Expansion to Be Topic When Budget Discussed

New Patrol and Substation System Considered on Assumption That Funds Available.

Improved police protection is scheduled as a prime issue of this week's discussion by the city commission over the 1922 city budget. The commissioners are to meet this week, as required by the city charter, to apportion the funds available for their use during the next twelve months. Approximately \$2,400,000 is to be apportioned to the various departments, \$50,000 more than was allotted last year.

Each department is submitting estimates to Finance Commissioner Butler, which will form the basis of the apportionment. As in past years, the estimates are certain to run over the amount available by several hundred thousand dollars, it being the commission's task to prune these to a point within the revenue.

Police Funds Inadequate.

The case for increased police appropriations rests upon the admitted inadequacy of present funds to provide for the patrol of the city under the program of former years. Increased necessity for traffic protection, and other special duty, has cut into the regular patrol force to such an extent that the patrol in a residence section has become a novelty. Outside of the business and a few scattered sections, "beats" in the residence section are not covered. In these districts criminals virtually have free way, subject only to the protection which can be given from Central or South Side police stations upon the call of citizens who report a crime or suspicious circumstance.

Twenty-eight additional patrolmen are needed to fill up the present "beats." These would require an increase of approximately \$50,000 in the police budget.

Assuming such a sum available, police department heads are giving consideration to a new patrol system, based on the establishment of several substations in scattered sections of the city. Under this system motorcycle officers would be on duty at each substation, some patrolling the territory assigned to each station and others subject to call on emergency runs.

The system is operating in Kansas City and elsewhere with marked success, according to reports from the cities concerned. Advantages cited are a more frequent patrol and a much quicker response to emergency calls, frequently enabling the capture of burglars or highwaymen before they have a chance to get far from the scene of their activity. Motorcycle officers on such patrol duty also are effective in eliminating fast and reckless automobile driving in outlying sections.

The increase of burglaries, hold-ups and similar crimes in Omaha is not due to any local cause, according to police department heads. Other cities report similar tendencies. It is impossible to check such outbreaks without some comprehensive patrol which covers the city, police declare, and makes it unnecessary to answer emergency calls from a station which may be from two to five miles from the scene of the crime.

First Arrest of New Year Made on Drunkenness Charge

Though William McMillan was unaware of the fact, the signal of the morning of the first person arrested by Omaha police in 1922.

William was stumbled onto by Policeman Killian at Thirteenth and Douglas streets just after the stroke of midnight. He was snoring in a chair when found. He was charged with being drunk.

Arthur Tinker, taxi driver, was the last man arrested here in 1921. Chief of Detectives Van Deusen made the arrest. Tinker was carrying a weapon when arrested. He is held for investigation.

MOVIES

"My Boy."

You'll shake a rib with laughter and your nerves will tremble with pathos when you see Jackie Coogan in "My Boy," at the Rialto theater this week. The little shaver plays the part of an orphan immigrant who manages to get into this country, and picks his own home.

"The Little Minister."

The land of the heather and the bagpipes is the scene of the story of Little Babbie, the gipsy girl, portrayed by Betty Compson in the picture of "The Little Minister" at the Strand theater this week. It is a story of village gossip and gipsy love.

"The Night Rose."

The underworld with its painted molts and godless men, predominated by a cratty czar in the person of Lon Chaney, is the background of "The Night Rose" at the Sun theater this week.

A clever love yarn is interwoven throughout the picture.

"Traillin."

Gentle as a lamb, Tom Mix opens up his actions in "Traillin," at the Moon theater this week. He steps out in the first reel in a Tuxedo suit then changes to riding togs when he hits the west. "Traillin" is the story of a man who came to kill his father and remained to love him.

Today's Attractions.

Sun—Lon Chaney in "The Night Rose."
Rialto—Jackie Coogan in "My Boy."
Strand—Betty Compson in "The Little Minister."
Moon—Tom Mix in "Traillin."
Empress—Richard Barthelmess in "Experience."
Mue—"Up the Road With Sally."
Hamilton—Constance Talmadge in "Lessons in Love."
Grand—Agnes Ayres in "Held by the Enemy."

Because they eat roaches the presence of gigantic spiders in their homes is encouraged by natives of Trinidad.

Dark Beauty to Sing Role of Aida

Opera Monday Will Have Cast Of Unusual Strength and Musical Value.

One of the most beautiful women in the United States, Bianca Saroya, will be the leading dramatic soprano when the San Carlo Grand Opera company sings "Aida" at the Auditorium Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Her dusky beauty is well adapted to the role of the Ethiopian slave girl. Nina Frascani, an Italian mezzo-soprano, is well adapted for the role of "Amneris," the daughter of the "King of Egypt." "Rhadames" will be sung by the great Italian tenor, Gaetano Tommasini, while the baritone role of "Amonasro" will be sung by Mario Valle, one of the best actors in this country as well as a noted singer. Pietro de Biasi will sing the role of the "High Priest," while Natale Cervi will be heard in the role of the "King of Egypt." Other artists included in the large cast are Anita Klimova, Joseph Tudisco and the special male chorus of priests.

The scenic production of "Aida," as presented by the San Carlo Grand Opera company, is one of great beauty and massiveness and owing to the large stage room of the Auditorium can be mounted in an adequate fashion often impossible in the usual sized theaters.

Another feature of the performance will be the special San Carlo orchestra which will be brought here direct from Manhattan Opera house in New York which is now the permanent home of the celebrated opera company.

At the matinee performance Monday afternoon the opera company will give the "Tales of Hoffmann," Giuseppe Agostini, one of the best known tenors before the public today, will sing the title role, that of the poet Hoffmann.

At the close of the evening performance the opera company will leave on a special train for Denver, Colo., where a matinee performance will be given Tuesday.

Le Soir, Largest Belgium Paper, Back to Prewar Price

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Widow of Jake Hamon Weds Chicago Banker

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Mrs. Georgia Hamon, widow of Jake L. Hamon,

lain Oklahoma oil magnate and prominent politician, was married to William L. Rohrer, president of W. L. Rohrer & Co., bankers, Dr. John Timothy Stone performed the ceremony in the Fourth Presbyterian church. There were no guests or attendants. It is expected the new family headquarters will be established at Mr. Rohrer's residence, 1351 North State street.

Mrs. Hamon removed to Chicago from the south shortly before the murder trial at Ardmore, Okla., in which Clara Smith Hamon was exonerated for the killing of Jake Hamon.

Mr. Rohrer was divorced in 1916 by his wife, Fay Hancock Rohrer. He is a prominent member of the Hamilton and other clubs.

New York City Is Safest Place for Baby to Be Born

New York, Jan. 1.—New York city is the safest place in the world for a baby to be born, Health Commissioner Copeland declared in making public mortality statistics for 1921.

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Market Conditions

POLITICAL—FAVORABLE

President's message asks congress to consider revising tax law; refunding and settlement of foreign loans; revising of merchant marine act; adoption of permanent tariff; relief for starving Russia; industrial court; co-operative marketing; constitutional amendment prohibiting future issues of tax exempt securities—Disarmament conference making progress—House passes permanent tariff bill—Soldiers' bonus bill reported back to finance committee at President Harding's personal solicitation—President Harding signs bill establishing budget system—First annual budget shows estimated expenditures fiscal year 1922, \$2,505,754,727—Emergency immigration bill passed—A strong foreign policy by administration being formulated as evidenced by stand on mandates, note to Germany on reparations, note in Russian trade relations, investigations of Mexican conditions, immigration net gain in population 1920-1, 552,132, compared with 1915-14, 1919-20, a gain of 8,000,000,000 since 1914, compared with Great Britain, \$230,000,000,000, increase \$100,000,000,000, gain partly due to wealth added by Mesopotamia oil fields, African territory taken from Germany and elimination of Germany as trade competitor. France, \$100,000,000,000, an increase of \$35,000,000,000 since 1914. Italy and Belgium added one-third to wealth and Japan about 50 per cent. Germany, \$20,000,000,000, compared with \$85,789,789 in 1914. Austria, \$1,000,000,000, compared with \$40,000,000,000—Ireland to be a free state within the British empire.

UNFAVORABLE

Tax law a revision of a war-time measure instead of an equitable just peace-time tax law—Situation in Silesia—The war has given democratic government to a swarm of little countries in Europe, Asia and Africa that never thought seriously about governing themselves. Some of them in the Balkans, for instance, had never shown special fitness for anything in government higher than brigandage—Foreign countries not paying interest on loans and not acknowledging debts for loans made by the United States should be prevented by the government from selling securities here—Second Belgian loan floated in the United States to purchase wheat and supplies in this country was used mostly to purchase Argentine wheat—Shipping board investigation shows corruption, bribery, graft and wholesale waste of funds—Chairman Lasker of shipping board says if it were not backed financially by the government it would be the greatest bankruptcy in history of country. Has been honey-combed with inefficiency and has wrecked a \$4,000,000,000 investment in National debt of the world, excluding Russia, have increased by \$88,000,000,000 since armistice. Paper money of world has increased \$39,000,000,000 in the same period—National debts increased during the war: United States, 2000 per cent; England, 1000 per cent; France, 350 per cent; Russia, 500 per cent; Italy, 350 per cent; Germany, 675 per cent; Austria, 550 per cent—Inheritance taxes: England, 20 per cent; United States, 27 1/2 per cent—Abnormal exchange situation—War costs to be heavier on countries than on the United States—51 per cent of population of United States now live in cities—Population of world of 2,500 or more inhabitants increased 28.6 per cent and rural population gained only 3.1 per cent—Clayton anti-trust law—Dissolved trusts subject to reinvestigation—Fire waste.

COMMERCIAL—FAVORABLE

Industry slightly more active—The great basic manufacturing industries have adjusted their affairs to the new conditions of things—South benefits greatly from the big rise in cotton—Great strides of a constructive character have been made and pessimism, which had become almost chronic, is giving way to optimism—Public have demonstrated their recognition of price reductions by coming forward and purchasing normal quantities of merchandise priced attractively—Agricultural population much less uncomfortably circumstanced this fall than year ago—Grain has gone to market in immense volumes—Secretary of Treasury Mellon says work of economic reaction of country has been passed, with every indication now existing for a rapid business recovery and advent of more prosperous times—Trade reports show undercurrent of trade revival and in some directions tangible improvement is shown—Secretary of commerce co-operating to finance foreign trade and reorganization of foreign trade serves to place American exporter on an equal and better footing than foreign competitor—Federal reserve board says employment still limited in many industrial districts, but prospects for improvement are good. Grain and cotton are moving to market—Wool and rubber moving more encouragingly. Frozen credits are slowly moving toward liquidation as inventories are reduced—Cost of living decline most marked in agricultural products, textiles, hides, leather and iron and steel products—Bradstreet's commodity price index—\$11,351.4 November 1, 1921; \$11,187.9 October 1, 1921; \$10,728.4 July 1, 1921; \$15,675.0 November 1, 1920—Rarely, if ever, has there been so great a decline in commodity prices in so short a time—Anthracite production, January 1 to November 19, \$0,824,000 tons; 1920, 7,542,000 tons—72 per cent of imports carried in United States vessels and 39 per cent of exports. Foreign, 28 per cent of imports and 61 per cent of exports for year ending June 30, 1921—Edge law provides for financing for European reconstruction by banking co-operation—Webb act permitting combination in foreign trade—New building, 10 months, 1921, \$1,328,994,266; 1920, \$1,257,868,583, an increase of 5.6 per cent.

UNFAVORABLE

Bank clearing still furnish conclusive evidence of lessened activity in business in practically all sections of the country as compared with recent earlier years—Country needs cheaper cost of labor. German labor reported as costing one-sixth of United States after allowing for depreciation in value of mark—Business failures, 41 months, 17,529, compared with 727 in 1920—Liabilities, \$683,404,169, compared with \$30,032,016 in 1920—Iron, steel, copper and zinc dull and depressed—Unfilled orders United States Steel corporation, October 31, 1921, 4,286,820 tons; 1920, 9,836,852 tons—Pig iron production, 10 months, 13,472,605 tons; 1920, 80,775,351 tons—Copper surplus between 750,000,000 and 1,250,000,000 pounds, represents sufficient to supply domestic consumption at present rate for six months—European difficulties are fully as pressing as they were two years ago. Apart from agriculture the revival of private enterprise on the continent of Europe has been hesitating and slow—President Harding has asked the American Wholesale Lumber association to do its utmost to help the nation solve the housing problem—Senate committee on reconstruction asserts that 1,000,000 home shortage exists in United States—Foreign money has lost much of its purchasing power in American markets—The steady fall in exchange suggests that we should have to absorb even larger quantities of foreign goods if we wish foreign markets to continue to buy from us.

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