

New City Guard Is Regarded as Tammany Grab

Bill Now Before Assembly Abolishes the Police Reserves and Substitutes a Body of 25,000 Men

Vast Patronage in Sight

Civil Service Does Not Apply and Board of Estimate Holds the Purse

Local Republican leaders are suspicious of a bill now before the state Assembly that to them looks like a huge patronage grab by Tammany Hall. This measure provides for the abolition of the Police Reserves, and in its place creates a new Municipal Guard, consisting of three brigades of three regiments each, all to be appointed without regard to the civil service, the compensation to be fixed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Senator James J. Walker, of Manhattan, is the father of the bill, and it is down on Monday night's calendar in the Assembly on final passage, having already passed the Senate.

"Perhaps the bill is an innocent and useful measure," said Samuel S. Koenig, chairman of the Republican County Committee, last night, "but it certainly looks as if our Tammany friends might be getting ready to put something over for the benefit of the regular organization. The bill creates three brigades of three regiments each. Assuming that the regiments are of the usual size, this would mean a new police arm of about 25,000 men.

"The new Municipal Guard, as it is to be called, is to be in command of a Deputy Police Commissioner, appointed for the purpose of organizing the new force, and this official is to draft all the rules and regulations. No salaries are to be paid to any one until and unless the Board of Estimate and Apportionment shall fix the compensation.

"The bill provides that the men shall be exempt from the operation of the rules and regulations of the civil service law and not compelled to go into an entrance examination. The members of the new force are to have the benefits of all exemptions provided for war veterans."

Wire Board Defends Increased Rates as Service Insurance

Postal Only Supplied Part of Country and Universal Scale Had To Be Made, Is Answer to Public Protests

WASHINGTON, April 12.—In making public to-day figures upon which it based the recent increase in telegraph rates, the Wire Control Board directs attention to the fact that while the increase in price of products and service of various industrial and mercantile corporations has been 100 per cent, telegraph service has been rendered at pre-war prices throughout a period when industrial and business profits were unprecedented.

"The increase of 20 per cent in telegraph rates," says the statement, "should be considered in comparison with the 100 per cent increase in other prices, and it is less than that found necessary to add to the railroad freight rates and is no greater than has been made generally in other public utility rates in order to obviate financial collapse."

Wire Totals Described
Discussing a comparison of the self-sustaining operations of the Postal Company with the smaller proportionate earnings of the Western Union, the statement declares that during the six months from August, 1918, to January, 1919, the Postal carried only about one-sixth of the business of the country, limited to profitable fields, while the Western Union carried five-sixths of the business, much of which extended into fields less profitable, but which gave a service necessary to maintain the requirements of the public.

During the same period the Postal carried only about one-twelfth of the government business, carried at approximately 40 per cent of the commercial rate, and claimed by both companies to be a loss of 50 per cent of the operating costs. In this connection, the board says it is informed that instructions were issued by officials of the Postal directing their subordinates to avoid government business whenever it could be done.

Discrimination Denied
After citing figures to show the enormous cost in wages and material occasioned by the increased scope of operations of the Western Union, and declaring that the purpose of the wire board is to make the lowest rates that will maintain the service required by the country, the statement continues: "In making a rate sufficient to maintain the telegraph service of the country, discrimination could not be made between two companies performing this service. The fact that the Postal company could continue to carry on business at the old rates and still earn its compensation is of no practical significance in constructing a fair schedule of rates for the country as a whole. Such rates must cover the cost of rendering service to all points, including just compensation for the property use. The Postal system reaches only a fraction of the points at which telegraph service is rendered, and at the points which it does reach it could not carry on half the business offered. Sound policy dictates a schedule of rates which shall give all the people telegraph service."

Medals for Border Guard
ALBANY, April 12.—Members of the New York National Guard who served on the Mexican border in 1915 will receive service badges in the near future. Governor Smith to-day signed the Welsh bill, which would make \$1,000 immediately available to provide for the insignia.

Eight Story Plunge Kills Edward Van Bode

Body of British General's Son Found Below the Window of His Room in Hotel

The body of Edward Van Bode was found yesterday morning beside a one-story extension of the Somerset Hotel, at 150 West Forty-seventh Street. He fell or jumped from a bedroom window on the eighth floor of the hotel. There was nothing in his room to indicate suicide.

Van Bode had been in the hotel only two days and left no luggage. He was known in various bond offices as a promoter. He was about sixty years old.

It is known that he was the son of the late General Von Bodomer, of the British army, but little else has been ascertained by the police. Many years ago he was employed in the Nashville, Tenn., office of The Associated Press, where he took dispatches with the stylus, used before the typewriter came into use. He was a bachelor. He was the organizer of the old Pen Club, on Fortieth Street, west of Broadway, and was actively engaged for Mark Hanna in collecting funds prior to the McKinley campaign. He had lived in New York for about forty years.

N. Y. Guard Captain Freed of Charge He Slurred Governor

Delmasse Was Alleged to Have Consigned Whitman to the Nether Regions at Parade at Coney Island

ALBANY, April 12.—On the decision of Colonel Edward J. Westcott, who for a time was acting adjutant general of the New York Guard, the charges against Captain Elidore P. Delmasse, of the 47th Infantry, have been dropped and Captain Delmasse retains his position in the regiment.

The papers filed in the adjutant general's office show that during a Knights of Columbus Liberty Loan parade at Coney Island, August 27 last, Captain Delmasse was alleged to have said in the presence of Police Captain Sackett and many others: "Give the Governor my compliments and tell him to go to hell."

The charges add that he was asked by Police Inspector Boettler if he meant that, and he said he did. It is said Delmasse made the remark after being told that a halt in the parade was caused by the fact that they were waiting for the Governor.

When the matter was brought to the attention of Brigadier General James Robb, of the 3d Brigade, he had the charges investigated by Colonel J. Hollis Wells, of the 71st Infantry. While he said he was not satisfied that Delmasse meant the Governor and that those making the affidavits could hear them out under cross-examination, Colonel Wells recommended a general court martial. On the day after the parade, the papers state, Captain Delmasse denied that he meant the Governor of the state when he consigned a certain person to the realms below.

Acting Adjutant General Westcott, after examining the report of Colonel Wells's investigation, announced that he had come to the conclusion "that it does not appear that Delmasse was referring to the Governor of New York State when he made the remarks attributed to him."

It is known that ex-Governor Whitman did not take the case seriously and refused to press the charge.

Money From France Sent by Soldiers Awaits Claimants

Y. M. C. A. War Work Council Seeks Addresses of Many Persons in New York It Has Been Unable to Find

Somewhere in greater New York are several persons who would be greatly benefited if the Y. M. C. A. War Work Council could but find them. They are entitled to remittances entrusted to the "Y's" care by soldiers in France to be delivered in this country.

The War Work Council announced yesterday that many of the addresses to which the money was to have been sent are incorrect. Thus the checks are held up pending the finding of the persons for whom they are meant. The remittance bureau at 347 Madison Avenue is the place where the money will be paid to the following persons if they make application:

- Harry Edami, Company 36, 9th Battalion, Camp Upton, from Corporal W. J. Flynn.
- Mrs. A. J. Falter, R. F. D. 1, Box 154, Jericho Turnpike, Long Island, from Frank K. Schaefer.
- Herman Miller, Thirteenth Street and Fourth Avenue, Long Island City, from William L. Orbecker.
- Mrs. Petrus de Wulk, 151 Fourteenth Street, New York, from Sergeant Petrus de Wulk.
- Olea Pascon, care of Sitaren Paranaat Company, 38 East Thirty-third Street, from Petropaul Picolo.
- Farmers Loan and Trust Company, from S. E. MacDonald.
- F. G. Grober, 5 Polson Place, from George Gruber.
- Mrs. Fred Maxe, 309 West Thirty-ninth Street, from Fred Maxe.
- Mrs. M. Markovitz, 107 Fall Street, from Abe Dinburg.
- Mrs. Katherine Montagne, 2310 Madison Avenue, from Patrick Montagne.
- New York Federal Reserve Bank, from Holston B. Baskwell.
- Joseph Souch, care of Mrs. Ostrinsky, 255 Cherry Street, from Benjamin Finklestein.
- Mrs. Michael Clark, 122 East Tenth Street, from Michael E. Clark.
- Arcangelo Amodeo, 88 Horn Avenue, from Vito Amodeo.
- Hyman Brezack, 1321 Franklin Avenue, from Isa Segal.
- Robert H. Gray, care of Sperry Gro School, from Eugene Usher.
- Edward Musick, 4 South Elliott Place, from Corporal George Gosdar.
- Joseph Morale, 2619 Sheffield Avenue, from George Morale.

Greek Church Accepts Invitation Given to Take Part in Unity Conference

WASHINGTON, April 12.—A diplomatic telegram from Athens to-day says:

Members of the American Ecclesiastical Mission were received at the Archbishopric by the Metropolitan of Athens. After the reception, the Bishop of Chicago, president of the mission, invited the Greek Orthodox Church to participate in the Congress of Christian Churches to discuss particularly the union of Christian Churches. "The Metropolitan of Athens replied, saying the invitation was acceptable."

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 - Stone Marten Scarfs, from 38.00
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 - Hudson Bay Sable Scarfs, from 75.00
 - Russian Sable Scarfs, from 150.00
- (Third Floor)

Smart Summer Suits for Little Boys

are most interestingly featured in the Boys' Clothing Department, on the Sixth Floor.

Not just average suits, these, but very much out of the ordinary in style, material and finish; in brief, just such suits as proud mothers will want to buy for their tiny boys.

Little Boys' Straw Hats, in all the newest models, are also ready for selection.

SPECIAL VALUES are now being offered in Little Boys' Washable Suits

(sizes 3 to 10 years) which have been taken from stock and reduced to

\$3.75

Another Sale of Fine White Nainsooks

exceptionally low-priced to commence to-morrow (Monday), will comprise

- 36-inch White Nainsooks piece of 10 yards, \$2.65, 3.50, 4.25
- 38-inch White Nainsooks piece of 10 yards . \$3.75 & 5.00
- 40-inch White Nainsooks piece of 10 yards . . . \$2.95

Sold only in the piece. These are all American-made materials.

(First Floor)

Important Before-Easter Sales

to be held to-morrow (Monday) will offer

Sixteen Thousand Pairs of Women's short-length Silk Gloves

of very superior quality

in white, black, gray, pongee, beige, Cordovan brown, and white with black embroidery,

at 85c. per pair

representing, at this low figure, unsurpassed value.

Ten Thousand Yards of Printed All-Silk

Chiffons, Georgettes & Voiles

(all of them fashionable silks of the present season's production) at the extraordinarily low price of

\$1.95 per yard

These Silks are 40 inches wide

(Both Sales on the First Floor)

Misses' Easter Tailor-mades

in two chic, youthful models

One of wool serge, the coat smartly pin-tucked and braided; the other of Poiret twill, with a belted box coat introducing a gilet of satin or tricolette (both coats handsomely lined with silk),

offering exceptional value at

\$58.00

(This Sale on the Second Floor)

A Special Revised-price Sale of

Women's Low Shoes

is now in progress on the Second Floor

Dependable values are offered in these Shoes, which, in point of style and quality, are all that the most exacting could demand. The size ranges, however, are more or less incomplete; and because of this—and only because of this—the prices have been reduced to

\$4.75, 5.85, 6.75 & 7.85 per pair

Individualized Blouses

A number of new models, designed and made abroad exclusively for B. Altman & Co., have just been received and form the nucleus of the present display.

Dress and Overblouses variously made of hand-embroidered and spangled net; chiffon, Georgette, spangled and beaded marquisette; tricolette and metal cloth. Lingerie Blouses exquisitely hand-embroidered and trimmed with filet and Valenciennes laces.

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(Corset Department, Second Floor)

The Wool Dress Goods Dept is making a special feature of Semi-made Sports Skirts

in a smart box-plaited model, attractively developed in fashionable plaid and check wools, at \$16.75

Waist sizes 27 to 32 inches.

(First Floor)

A Monday and Tuesday Sale of Table Linens

at very special prices, will present an excellent opportunity for pre-Easter buying at less than usual expense.

Madeira Hand-embroidered Linens

Luncheon Sets (13 pieces) per set . . . \$4.75 & 6.00
Centerpieces, each 4.25 & 4.75
Scarfs, each 5.00, 6.00 & 6.75

Tea Napkins per dozen \$6.75, 7.75 & 8.75

Table Cloths and Napkins (all-linen)

Cloths each \$5.50, 6.75, 7.50, 8.75
Napkins \$5.00, 7.50, 8.75, 9.75 per dozen.

(Fourth Floor)