

# Brown Explains How City's Debt Threatens Ruin

## Cites Figures to Show That Hylan Administration Has Passed Legal Bounds in Piling Up Obligations

### 20 Million Over Tax Limit

#### Says 13 1/2 P. C. of Assessed Realty Is Owing Instead of 10 P. C. Law Allows

Wanton extravagance, mismanagement and duplication of effort are charged against the present municipal administration by Attorney Elton R. Brown, of counsel for the Meyer joint legislative committee. Mr. Brown yesterday again emphasized the fact that the city faced ruin unless economies were instituted. Hearings of the committee will be resumed at 2:30 p. m. today.

Mr. Brown called attention to his memorandum to the committee, entitled "Constitutional Limitations as to the Taxing and Debt Limiting Power of New York City." By piling up a \$200,000,000 water debt, he asserted, the city has raised its debt to 25 per cent of the assessed value of its real estate, which, he says, is 24 per cent more than the constitutional limit. In addition, he holds that \$120,000,000 of rapid transit bonds are being sold in violation of the 10 per cent limit of the assessed valuation of real estate, bringing the city 24 per cent beyond its debt-incurring power.

### Shows How Tax Limit Is Fixed

In his memorandum Mr. Brown has set forth, in part, the manner in which the 10 per cent tax limit is fixed and determined by the valuation of the real and personal estates of the city as shown by the last or 1920 assessment rolls, and not as shown by the assessment rolls. The city has, therefore, in 1921 exceeded the prescribed limit by \$200,000,000. In support of his thesis:

"The proposition is supported by Brown, et al. constituting the Board of Education of the City of Buffalo, N. Y., et al. constituting the County of Buffalo, N. Y., et al. N. Y. 22, decided by the Court of Appeals March 1, 1921.

"The controversy arose between the City Council and the Buffalo Board of Education. The members of the Board of Education contended that the tax limit of the city government would have increased the burden beyond the constitutional limit, and that the limit should be fixed by the valuation of the real and personal property of the city for the year 1920. The assessment for the year 1920 had been raised about \$200,000,000 over the limit, and was applicable to such assessment as the Board of Education had power to make of the demands made by the board for the year 1920 for mandamus. The board contended that the limit should be fixed by the valuation of the real and personal property of the city for the year 1921. The case is therefore on appeal to the Court of Appeals.

"The constitution does not warrant the exclusion of \$120,000,000 of debt and rapid transit bonds for general purposes as appears in the treasurer's debt limit statement. The exclusion can be made for a specific purpose only, and the debt-incurring power of the city is increased for no other purpose. Except for a general purpose, the bonds as well as the debt incurred after their exclusion must be treated as part of the debt of the city in determining the debt limit.

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actually to be collected, nor to prevent the issuance of bonds to be redeemed out of the tax levy for the year succeeding the year of their issue.

### Water Supply Bond

Section 10 also provides that the term of bonds issued to provide for the supply of water, "in excess of the limitation of indebtedness fixed herein, shall not exceed twenty years, and a sinking fund shall be created on the issue of said bonds for their redemption by raising annually a sum which will produce an amount equal to the sum of the principal and interest of said bonds at their maturity."

The amended portions of this section provide, also, that any debts incurred by the city for public improvements owned or to be owned by the municipality and from which revenue is derived may be excluded in financing the city's limit of debt, provided a sinking fund for the amortization of these particular debts has been established and maintained.

### Hirshfield Lauds Mayor, Attacks "the Interests"

In a long statement David Hirshfield, Commissioner of Accounts, yesterday praised the Mayor and decried the efforts of the Meyer committee investigating municipal affairs. The statement reads, in part:

### Massachusetts to Elect Congressman Tomorrow

#### Expected To Be Test of Voters' Attitude Toward Harding Administration

BOSTON, Sept. 25.—A special election on Tuesday in the Sixth Congressional District, normally Republican, will be a close political campaign which, though brief, has been one of the most active in the country in years. It is expected to be a test of the voters' attitude toward the Harding administration.

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# Clarke Beggins Klan Drop Him And Mrs. Tyler

## Imperial Kleagle Denounces Charges as False, but Asks That Head of Order Accept Resignations

### Says He'll Make Foes Pay

#### To Rest and Start Damage Suits, He Asserts; Woman Denies She Will Quit

Special Dispatch to The Tribune ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 25.—Bitterly denying the truth of attacks upon the character of both Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler, head of the women's department of the Ku-Klux Klan, and himself, Edward Young Clarke, Imperial Kleagle of the Knights of the Ku-Klux Klan, has addressed a communication to Colonel William J. Simmons, Imperial Wizard of the order, urging that the resignations of Mrs. Tyler and himself, now in the hands of Colonel Simmons, be accepted at the earliest moment possible.

Mr. Clarke declares that this action is not the result of a desire to forsake his post in the Klan, but is due to his consideration of Mrs. Tyler's feelings in connection with recent attacks upon her character.

"If I stay in the work and keep Mrs. Tyler on the firing line," the communication stated, "there is no depth to which the enemy will not stoop to accomplish their despicable purposes."

### Turks Get 5 Red Warships

#### Three Destroyers and Two Submarines Promised by Soviet

ATHENS, Sept. 25.—A report from Constantinople says that three Turkish naval officers with 100 sailors, commanded by Ostan Bey, director of the Turkish naval school at Inebolu, on the Black Sea, have gone to Odessa to take charge of two Russian submarines and three destroyers promised by the Bolsheviks. The Kemalists also are reported to have sent mines afloat in the Sea of Marmora, one of which recently sank an Italian steamship.

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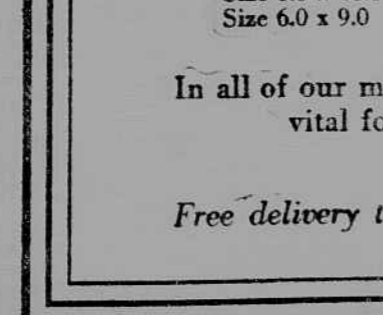
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