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M'NAIR MOVES TO OUST KERR FROM PAYROLL

Mayor Also Acts to Hold Up Salaries of Anderson, Magee, McArdle

FIRES VETERAN CLERK

His Honor Charges Councilmen Had 'Personal' Interest in Bills

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Court today, replacing the veteran Evan J. Thomas.

Mr. Thomas, who has held the position for almost 29 years of its existence, arrived in court this morning to find Mazer installed in his place.

His first intimation that he had been dismissed came from Mazer himself.

Then he found, on his desk, a curt note from Mayor McNair, terminating his long service.

Married, Two Children

It merely stated, "Your services are no longer required."

Mr. Thomas, 48, married and the father of two children, lives at 1619 Crosby Ave., Beechview.

He was appointed magistrate's clerk at Central Station May 1, 1906, by the then Mayor, George W. Guthrie. He has been in the post since, almost 29 years.

Despite his long service he is not eligible to pension, as the Municipal Pension Fund does not become effective until the pensioner is 60 years old.

Praised by Attorneys

Mr. Thomas, regarded by attorneys as an expert in preparing case papers for court, has survived half a dozen changes in city administration.

Mr. Mazer, 39, lives at 3356 Fifth Ave. He is married and has one child.

"I have been accused of communistic activities," he told reporters, "but that is wrong. I have never been arrested."

He appeared frequently before City Council, prior to Mayor McNair's advent in City Hall, in behalf of the Unemployed Councils and kindred organizations.

Dailey's Dismissal Recalled

It is the second time in two weeks Mayor McNair has removed a veteran city employe to make room for one of his favorites.

On Jan. 22 he fired City Detective Guy Dailey, crack pistol shot of the detective bureau, to make room for "Bozo" Lavery, his unofficial body guard these many months. "Bozo" was fired from the police department in 1931, the climax of a long record "on the books," including an assault upon prohibition agents in 1927, which brought a $500 fine in Federal Court.

With Detective Dailey, the Mayor dismissed Detective John Gallagher, brother of City Councilman Thomas Gallagher.

Dunn Reappoints Gallagher

Yesterday, Thomas A. Dunn, the Mayor's latest director of public safety, reappointed Gallagher as a detective.

Questioned, the Mayor said:

"Has he been appointed again? I didn't know a thing about it."

Director Dunn also restored the veteran Murray Edlis to the detective bureau. Edlis and Gallagher replace Robert Patton, who retired, and Robert Thompson, who was demoted to a precinct detective.

Pay Still Held Up

Meanwhile, Detective Lavery's appointment was holding up the Jan. 16-31 pay of 118 policemen including that of Superintendent Jacob Dorsey.

The Mayor stood firmly by his previous refusal to sign the "police office list," containing the salary vouchers for all city detectives, some police lieutenants, all police office workers, all the police inspectors and Supt. Dorsey, unless "Bozo's" name was on it.

City Controller James P. Kerr has refused to sign the payroll list upon which Bozo's name appears, holding that his Federal Court conviction makes his appointment illegal. The problem is now before the McNair-appointed Civil Service Commission for a ruling.

There was a report at City Hall that even if the Commission rules Bozo's appointment valid, Controller Kerr will refuse to pay, forcing court action.

Flare No. 4: Denny Foreclosures Planned

Mayor McNair announced today that he is preparing to foreclose on 77 properties of the Denny estate, many of them in the downtown district.

The city law department revealed tax liens have been issued against the properties for an amount which the Mayor says totals $31,896.

The first intimation the writs have been obtained came from the Mayor when he remarked this morning:

"I'm going to foreclose on 77 of the Denny estate's properties. I've taken the legal steps necessary to obtain the $31,896.50 they owe the city."

Hits Big Estates

The properties which the Mayor plans to auction off at sheriff's sale are in the First, Second, Third, Sixth, Twentieth and Twenty-second Wards.

"This," continued the Mayor, "is the first time property has been sold for taxes in 40 years in Pittsburgh.

"Why shouldn't we start on the big estates? The Denny estate is one of them."

One of the owners of the estate is Harmar D. Denny, Jr., the Mayor's first director of public safety as a holdover from the Republican administration. Mr. Denny remained for some weeks after the Mayor took office but gave way to a long list of successors, the most recent of which is Thomas A. Dunn.

Moyer Fires Three Garbage Inspectors

Three garbage inspectors, attached to the bureau of sanitation in the Department of Health as laborers, were fired by Health Director Ray P. Moyer this afternoon.

In their place were appointed three new men, named by Congressman Theodore L. Moritz, according to reports at City Hall.

The discharged inspectors are Thomas Gibson, 642 Chianti St.; Henry Samuels, 11 Marion St., and Harold McCrea, 167 Olympia St. Those who replace them are Matthew Dixon, 5815 Rippey St.; Timothy J. Buckley, 4632 Carlton St., and James R. Lancia, 1922 Bedford Ave.

MAZER TAKES JOB AS M'NAIR FIRES VETERAN OF 28 YEARS' SERVICE

Albert S. "Solly" Mazer is pictured at the left as he took over the duties of Magistrate's clerk in Central Police Station.

Right, the veteran clerk, Evan Thomas, whom Mazer replaces, reading his letter of dismissal from Mayor William N. McNair.

He came to work today, after 28 years of service, not knowing he had been fired and a successor appointed over night.

New Crime Detector Takes 'Pictures' of Human Voice

'Voiceprints' Said to Be More Accurate Than Handwriting Comparisons, More Infallible Than Fingerprints

By THEON WRIGHT
United Press Staff Writer

NEW YORK, Feb. 1—Fingerprint experts, most deadly trackers down in scientific crime detection, may as well shove over and make room for the latest gadget in exposing criminal skullduggery—the "Voiceprint" or voice picture.

Liscom Case, left, juror who is ill with heart trouble. He is being aided from the courthouse.

In fact, if the other scientific fellows had shoved over a bit earlier, "Voiceprints" could have solved the Lindbergh kidnaping case, as far as the ransom negotiations were concerned.

All a sleuth, or a ransom bargainer, needs to get a "Voiceprint" is a button-microphone, which he can wear in the lapel of his coat, a radio broadcasting station, which he can carry in his pocket, and a sound recording machine, which he can leave in his auto.

The idea is that every time you say, "Father, get the work bench out," you are writing a signature which nobody can break. Of course, every kidnaper might not say "Father, get the work bench out"—which happens to be a very revealing speech for "Voiceprints"—but he probably would say something nearly as good.

'Better Than Handwriting'

"The Voiceprint," according to Dr. E. E. Free, acoustical engineer connected with New York University, "is more accurate than any method of identification except fingerprints. It is more accurate than handwriting."

If Dr. John F. (Jafsie) Condon, the Bronx educator and mediator in the Lindbergh ransom payment, had been rigged out with a lapel "mike" and sound recorder when he went into St. Raymond's Cemetery to pay out $50,000 of Colonel Lindbergh's coin, there would be no question whether Bruno Richard Hauptmann was the man who got it.

The extortionist would have left a record of his identity—as well as of the negotiations—more accurate than if he had come into court and told a jury about it.

The "Voiceprint" isn't new. The instruments used have been developed by acoustical engineers over a period of years. But so far as is known, it never has been used in scientific crime detection.

Determines Nationality

The sound record runs off its vibrations on an "oscillograph," which is the "Voiceprint" machine. The shape of your tonsils, your head—even the fact you came from Kansas (if you did come from Kansas)—will make scratches on the "Voiceprint." It will dig out an accent, show up old habits of speech, and determine your nationality.

Even blood-chemistry, skeleton X-rays, face, hair and teeth can be changed or disguised more easily than the human voice. In cases where there are negotiations with criminals—and fingerprints cannot be obtained—buckle on your lapel "mike" and pocket radio. The oscillograph will do the trick.

Even fingerprints have proved fallible. Dr. Howard L. Updegraff of Hollywood, Cal., recently performed an operation on a patient's finger, grafting skin from the palm of the hand. The tip showed whorls resembling those of the palm.

"The use of Voiceprints in a trial would be more accurate," Dr. Free said, "than the wood testimony or handwriting testimony given at the Hauptmann trial. Coupling sound recordings and the oscillograph charts would give a double-identification almost to a certainty."

ONE KILLED IN CRASH

Two Others Injured as Auto hits Shed, Another Machine

Special to The Pittsburgh Press

MONESSEN, Pa., Feb. 1—Losing control of his machine on the Monessen-Donora Road, Joseph Alvarez, of Donora, was killed shortly after noon today when the auto struck a coal shed at the side of the highway and plunged into another car coming in the opposite direction.

Salvatore Muslera, also of Donora, suffered serious injuries and Raymond Mackiericz was slightly hurt. The other machine was driven by Jack Corry, of Monessen, who escaped with minor injuries.

'Hermit' Leaves $3,014,463

NEW YORK, Feb. 1—The estate of the late Edward Albert Ridley, aged eccentric found murdered with his secretary in a subterranean office in May, 1933, was valued at $3,014,463 yesterday in a transfer tax appraisal.

Kiss and Make Up Order Reunites 'Em

By The United Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 1—Magistrate Aaron London used old-fashioned methods to iron out a domestic dispute between James and Mary Crossley, middle-aged couple.

Mr. Crossley appeared in court, charged with beating Mary. The magistrate looked at them sharply, then said:

"Shake hands."

They shook hands.

"Kiss her," said the judge.

Mr. Crossley hesitated an instant, then threw his arms around Mary and kissed her. Mary kissed him.

"That's all," said the judge. "Go home and be good."

RENO TROUBLES PILE UP ON PITTSBURGHER

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Tucker's face and will necessitate removal of teeth.

For injuries and medical attention, Mrs. Tucker seeks $25,000 damages and for "humiliation and public disgrace," $50,000.

Mr. Nutty has been under medical care for several weeks with day and night nurses in attendance, suffering heart trouble.

While being treated yesterday by two doctors, Deputy Sheriff George Lothrop entered his room after observing the door partly open.

When handed the summons, Mr. Nutty is reported to have leaped from his bed and struck Deputy Lothrop on the jaw.

Mr. Nutty's nurses put him back in bed. His condition was reported critical.

Interviewers were refused permission to see either Mr. Nutty or Mrs. Tucker.

Charging cruelty, Mr. Nutty filed his suit Wednesday for divorce against his wife, whom he married in Pittsburgh in October, 1923.

STATE ENDS CASE IN MASSACRE TRIAL

Rebuttal Witness Attacks Alibi of Defense

By The United Press

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 1—The Commonwealth completed rebuttal evidence today at the trial of Joseph J. Bruno on charges of murder in connection with the Kelayres election eve massacre.

John B. Stevens, chief of defense counsel, announced that "only three or four witnesses" would be called in sub-rebuttal.

Betty Lucetta, the last Commonwealth rebuttal witness, denied that she had been promised any favor if she changed her testimony after being held in jail under $5,000 bail as a material witness.

Miss Lucetta insisted today that she saw Phillip and Joseph Bruno in a front bedroom of the Bruno house the night of the shooting was correct and the same as her original testimony.

"I was standing by them in the room," she declared.

Testifying that Mrs. Bruno had called up from the first floor to ask who was breaking glass upstairs, Miss Lucetta quoted Alveda Bruno, the defendant's 18-year-old daughter, as saying, "They're breaking a piece of the window so they can poke a gun out."

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