

**Taken From: History of Northwest Ohio: A Narrative Account of its Historical Progress and Development from the First European Exploration of the Maumee and Sandusky Valleys and the Adjacent Shores of Lake Erie Down to the Present Time by Nevin Otto Winter (Free on Google Books)**

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public problems, while his home constituency had many reasons to be grateful for his representation. He served as chairman of the committee on commercial corporations and was a member of the committees on judiciary, fees and salaries, fish culture and game, medical colleges and societies, municipal affairs, privileges and elections, and temperance. While in the Senate he introduced a bill establishing the authority of the courts over trustees of defunct corporations, and was also author of a number of other measures. Mr. Keller served two terms in the Ohio Senate from the Thirty-fourth Senatorial District, comprising Lucas County. He was in the Senate during 1909-10-11-12. His first candidacy for the office of mayor of Toledo was in 1911. However, the honor went to Brand Whitlock, now United States Minister to Belgium, by a margin of 2,900 votes. When Mr. Whitlock retired from the mayoralty to accept his appointment as a foreign ambassador, Mr. Keller was again put forward as a candidate by his republican constituents. However, it was perhaps not so much his republican affiliations as his recognized qualifications, which made a strong appeal to the solid business element, and which in November, 1913, gave him a substantial majority for the office. He took up his duties January 1, 1914. Mr. Keller was again candidate for re-election in November, 1915. Election day was on November 2d, and thus closed one of the most exciting municipal contests ever known in Toledo. There were three candidates for the office of mayor — Charles M. Milroy, a former law partner of Brand Whitlock, and supposed to represent the Whitlock ideas and organization in local municipal politics; **George A. Murphey**; and Mr. Keller. It was an unusually close contest for a triangular campaign. Charles M. Milroy was elected by a little more than a third of the total number of votes cast. He was elected by less than 500 more votes than were given to **Mr. Murphey**, while Mr. Keller was only about 1,250 votes short of a plurality. After becoming mayor of Toledo Mr. Keller was made a member of the State Central Republican Committee, and is still one of the influential workers in that organization. He stands high in all social and civic affairs of Toledo. He is a member of the Maumee River Yacht Club; of Sanford Collins Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Concord Lodge, Knights of Pythias; the Loyal Order of Moose ; and belongs to the international organization of the Theatrical Mechanics' Association. This comprises all theatrical people, including actors, or anyone connected in any way with the theatrical business. In November, 1906, Mr. Keller married Miss Maria Duetscher, a member of one of the old families of Toledo. George F. Parrish, since his appointment by President Wilson on March 15, 1915, has been postmaster of Toledo. This is one of the larger post offices in the country and in 1915 the total receipts passed the \$1,000,000.00 mark. Thus Mr. Parrish is at the head of a large business requiring a great organization, and he brought to his duties both a thorough knowledge of administrative detail and a broad experience acquired by other official service and also by a long career as a printer' and newspaper man. Since taking office Postmaster Parrish has instituted a number of improvements in the service, and one that has effected a considerable saving of time and increased efficiency was the replacing of the old horse drawn system of transporting the mails between the post office and depots

and sub-stations with a complete automobile truck equipment. This service was introduced in October, 1915, and it gave Toledo the distinction of being the only city in Ohio where motor trucks were exclusively used for the urban transportation of mails at the time it was installed. For merely twelve wagons and one auto truck had been used and these were replaced with eight automobile trucks, five of them of 1,500 pounds capacity and three of 2,000 pounds capacity. One of these trucks could make the trip between the post office and the depot loaded with mail bags both ways, at a considerable less time than one of the horse drawn wagons could go one way. Mr. Parrish had worked out this system carefully before recommending it to the post office department. Mr. Parrish was born August 28, 1863, at Hubbard, Trumbull County, Ohio, and was reared in that locality, where his family were among the earliest settlers. The Parrishes were one of the three oldest families in Trumbull County, and had located in that section of the Western Reserve when it was still a part of the State of Virginia. His grandfather, John Evan Parrish, is said to have been the first white child born in what is now Trumbull County. George F. Parrish and his father, William Parrish, were both born on the same farm. His father died at Toledo,

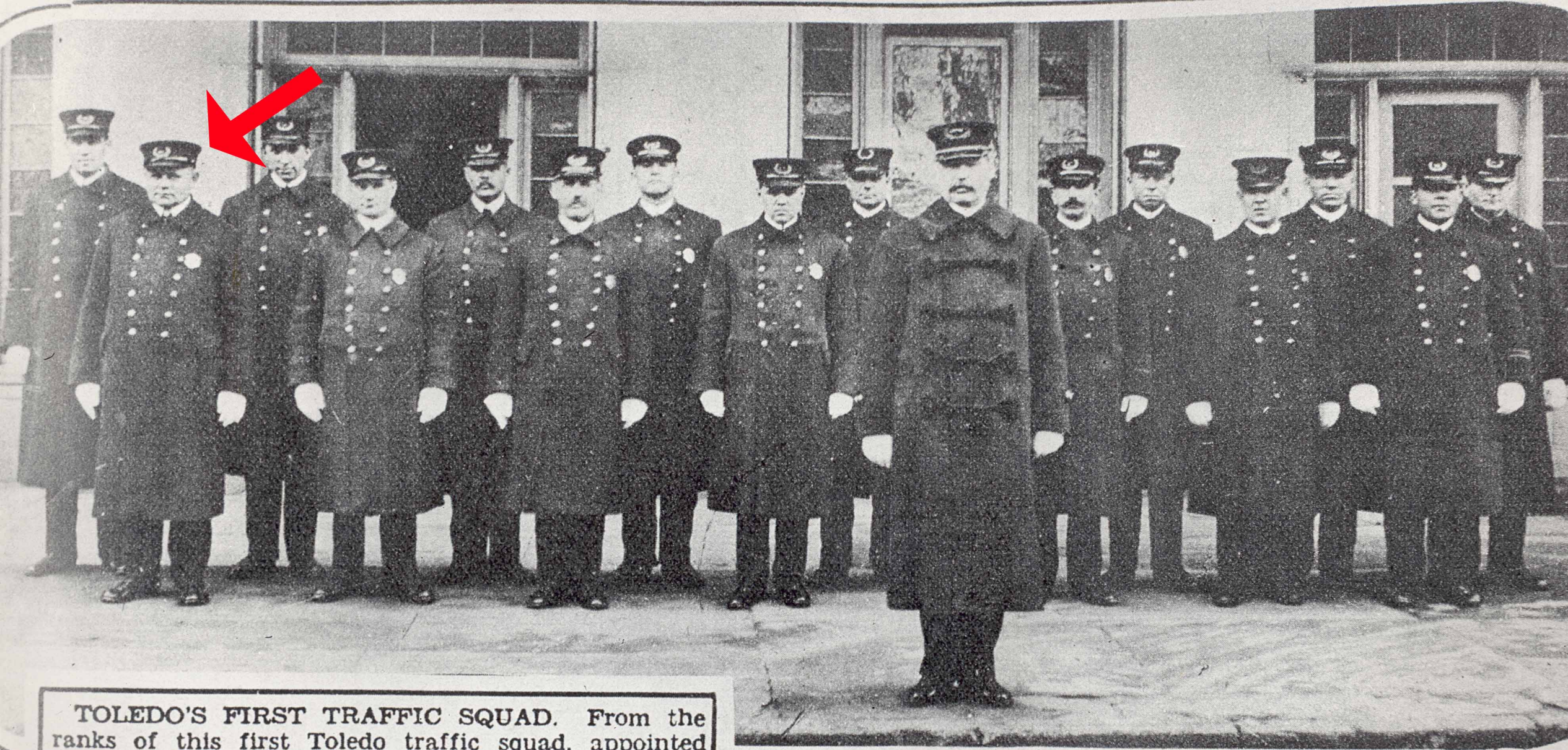
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Charles M. Milroy. Toledo made no mistake when it elected Charles M. Milroy as its initial mayor under its new charter, prepared by a committee of fifteen citizens, under which greatly enlarged powers were granted the city's execution. It was after one of the hardest fought municipal campaigns in recent years, that Mr. Milroy was elected mayor in November, 1915, with a substantial plurality over his two opponents, one of whom was former Mayor Carl H. Keller, and the other former Police Chief **George A. Murphey**. At this election all party lines were eliminated, and each candidate stood on his own merits. Toledo's new charter provides for six administrative departments, the mayor to appoint each department head, known as a director, and each director appointing a commission for each division of the department. Thus Mayor Milroy went into office on the first day of January, 1916, with distinctly enlarged executive powers over his predecessors. He is the responsible head of the entire municipal government, including the six departments — the department of public welfare, one of whose divisions is the park division, replacing the old board of park commissioners; the department of law, whose head was formerly known as the city solicitor; department of finance; department of public service; department of public safety ; and department of public utilities. When Mr. Milroy was elected mayor the two most important problems facing the new administration were the traction question and the question of the city finances. A deficit had been accumulating for several years during two preceding administrations and the traction for more than a decade, rendering impossible other great civic problems. It is significant of the character of the new mayor that he at once took hold of these and other problems, though some weeks intervened between his election and the beginning of his official duties. The Toledo Blade commented

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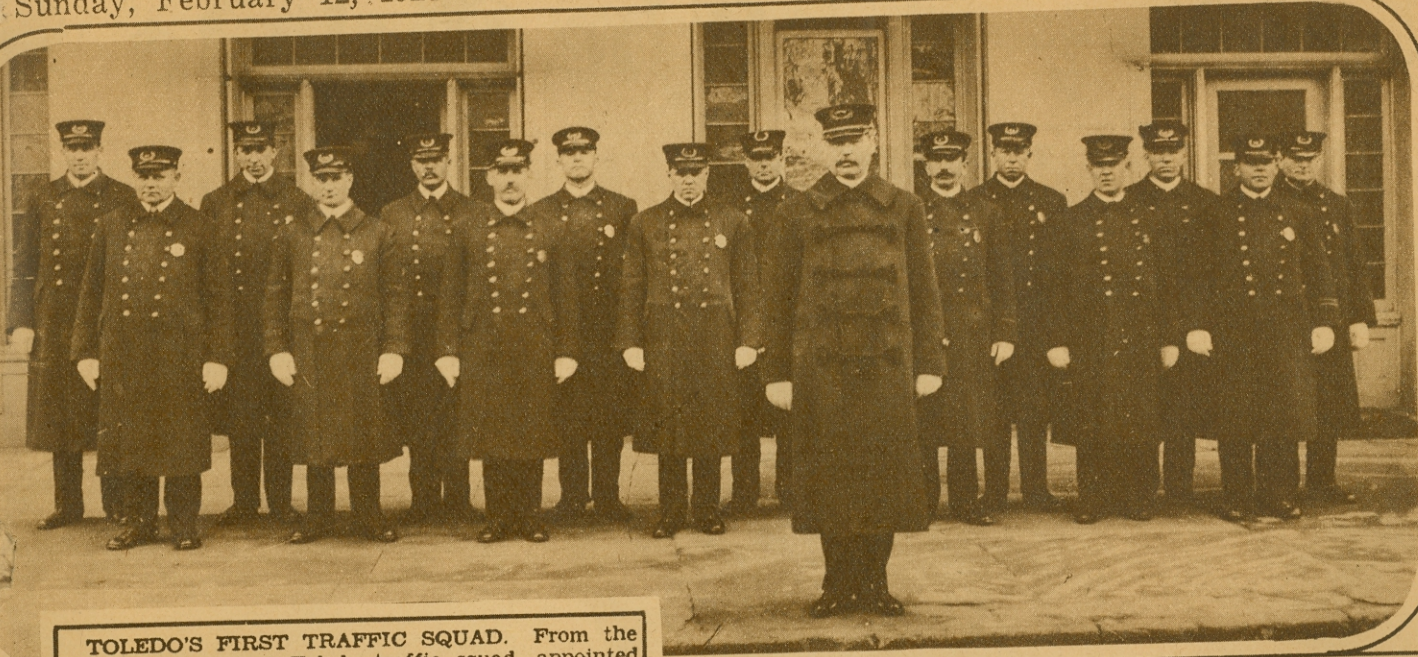
beautiful home, in which he gathered together a large library and many fine works of art, and settled down there to enjoy himself with his family. His life in Toledo was interrupted by only an occasional journey to the East, and in home and its pleasures he found the ideal fruition of a long life. He died at his home in the City of Toledo, February 15, 1888. William E. Cordill. By the death of William E. Cordill, January 31, 1917, Toledo lost one of its most public spirited citizens. His high professional standing as a lawyer, his active

work in local politics and his vigorous co-operation with many of the more important movements and institutions of the city, made him one of Toledo's best known men. He practiced law in that city more than twenty years, and throughout that time was a member of the firm of Ray & Cordill, which in point of continuous existence is one of the oldest law firms of the city. The firm has its offices at 439 Ohio Building. A native of Indiana and born on a farm, William E. Cordill first saw the light of day August 15, 1869, at South Whitley, Indiana. His parents were William and Martha (Norris) Cordill, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Ohio. They were married in Indiana, and the father followed farming actively until the last five years of his life, during which he lived retired. He died at South Whitley in 1877 at the age of fifty-six. The mother afterwards came to Toledo and died there in 1909, but she is laid to rest beside her husband at South Whitley. Beside William E. there were two daughters; Anna, who died at the age of thirty-six in 1887 was the wife of Thomas J. Twinning of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Elizabeth, who died in South Whitley, Indiana, in 1891, aged thirty-six, was the wife of Dunel Doll. William E. Cordill after acquiring a district school education entered what is now Valparaiso University at Valparaiso, Indiana. He first took the commercial course bookkeeping and stenography, but soon decided that he would find his permanent career in the law, and therefore prosecuted his studies in that line at Valparaiso until graduated LL. B. in 1894. He was admitted to the bar of Indiana and Ohio in 1894 and in the same year located in Toledo, and in the fall joined Mr. Ray in practice. This firm has always had an important share of the general practice at Toledo, and has represented cases in all the local, state and federal courts. Throughout his residence at Toledo Mr. Cordill made himself a factor in politics. Former Mayor Carl H. Keller appointed him a member of the Civil Service Commission of Toledo on January 1, 1914, and he became president of the commission and continued in office until January 1, 1915. At the republican primaries August 11, 1914, he was nominated for Congress, to represent the Ninth Congressional District, but in the campaign was defeated by the present congress man. General Isaac R. Sherwood. Mr. Cordill headed the campaign organization which elected Carl Keller as Toledo's mayor, but in the recent campaign in 1915 he gave his support to former **Police Chief Murphey**, though that candidate was defeated by the present mayor, Charles M. Milroy. Mr. Cordill was a hard working church member, belonging to the Riverside Baptist Church, of which he was a deacon, and he was superintendent of its Sunday School. His wife is also prominent in church work, is president of the Woman's Society, and president of the Riverside Union Women's Christian Temperance Union. Mr. Cordill was an enthusiastic golfer, a member of the Toledo Golf Club. He belonged to the Toledo Commerce Club and was affiliated with Barton Smith Lodge No. 613, Free and Accepted Masons; Concordia Lodge of the Knights of Pythias and Wapakoneta Lodge No. 38, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. On November 27, 1895, he married Miss Emily C. Ward, who was born in England but when a year old was brought to America by her parents, the late Rev. Phillip J. Ward and wife. Her father was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Toledo for four years, and went from Toledo to Los Angeles, California, where he was pastor of the Baptist Church and where he died in 1904. Mrs. Ward, his widow, is now living in Toledo at the Monticello. Mrs. Cordill was educated in the high schools of Columbus and Cincinnati, Ohio. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Cordill have been born four children. Emily R. graduated from the Waite High School with the class of 1915 and is now taking the three year course leading to a diploma as graduate nurse at the Robinwood Hospital; Annie is a member of the class of 1917 in the Waite High School. The two younger children are Ward E. and Rachel. All the children were born in Toledo.



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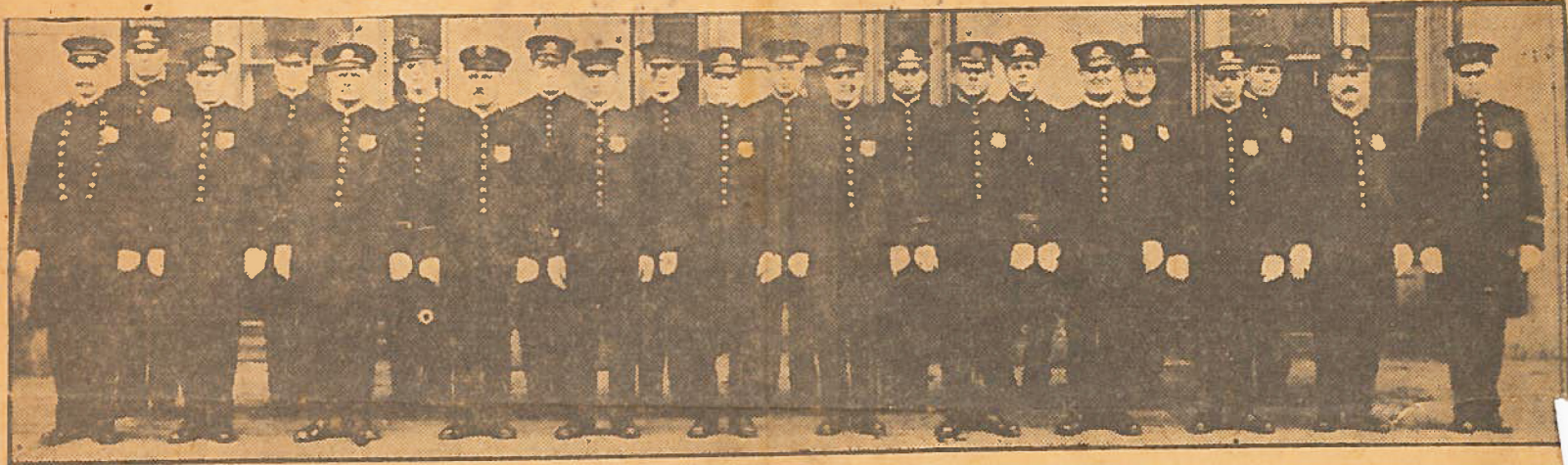


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# TOLEDO'S FIRST TRAFFIC SQUAD, ORGANIZED 15 YEARS AGO WERE HUMAN SEMAPHORES 14 HOURS DAY



TOLEDO'S FIRST TRAFFIC SQUAD.

Toledo's first real barometer of progress was the urgent need for a traffic squad nearly 15 years ago.

With the first traffic squad came the brass whistles and white gloves. Automobiles were just beginning to interfere with the horse and wagon. And street cars made a practice of stopping on the far side of the street to take on passengers.

All of these things combined to make the need for a traffic squad more evident.

The first system of directing traffic

functioned thru a circular motion of the arm designating to the driver whether he should proceed or stop. Then came the "outstretched arm" system in which the traffic policeman stood for 14 hours a day swinging his arms about, a living semaphore.

Later these living semaphores were replaced by the more practical mechanical semaphores which are in use today. Many cities larger than Toledo have installed the stationary semaphore and have passed one-way street ordinances and

parking laws, prohibiting parking on one side of all downtown streets.

It is estimated by traffic officers that nearly 1,000 cars are parked in the downtown sections daily, and of these nearly half could be eliminated by scientific parking.

The duties of the traffic cop are not entirely confined to grabbing newspapers and cigars from passing machines and swinging the semaphore against you every time you come to the corner. First of all, he must be a walking information bureau concerning the city; he must know every street to the city limits and answer thousands of useless questions every day.

Toledo's traffic system is not like the old one as pictured above, inasmuch as it is more modern and many times as efficient. But some things never change. For instance, the foolish questions that assail the traffic cop's mentality from the countryside visitors, anxious moth-

ers and hundreds of other persons

The traffic squad pictured above was one of the first traffic organizations in Toledo. Many of the men have left the service, pensioned, promoted or are dead.

From left to right they are: Cap Michael Casey, dead; Policeman John Menke, Traffic Policeman Charles Hollinger, George Casey, resigned; ex-Chief of Police George Murphy; Thomas Maloney, resigned; Farr Gallagher, dead; Robert Bartle, policeman; Policeman John M. Gowan, Policeman Frank DeLor, Chief of Police Harry Jennings, Lieutenant Lawrence Swindema, Motor Sergeant Leo Epker, Traffic Policeman Glen Fels, John Lou, bureau of identification; Charles Ringman, resigned; Traffic Policeman George Weiner, Roy Rossmann, resigned; Frank Peters, detective; John Donahue, resigned; Police John Green and captain of police, Thomas O'Reilly.

# TOLEDO POLICEMEN'S BAND

The Only Musical Organization of the Kind in the Country So far as It Is Known.



From the left to right, top row, William Herman, John Louy, William Martin, William Mosher and Peter Deaunee. Second row, Sergeant William Leutz, William Carroll, William Rudd and George Murphy. Third row, H. Swank, W. A. Streeter, Instructor Henry Uhl, J. M. Brossia, J. David and John Tandy. Bottom row, A. L. Jackson and John Winker. The other five members of the band—Patrolmen Kujawa, E. Brown, George Tanner, Oscar Bruhl and Joseph Horner were absent at the time the photograph was taken.

So far as statistics show, Toledo is the proud possessor of the only police band in the United States, and the accompanying illustration is a very good picture of the men who comprise this organization. True, it has only been in existence as an organization for a period of about two months, but during that time the members have practiced assiduously and well, and the day is not far distant when their initial appearance will be made in public.

The idea of the organization of a police band had been talked over for several weeks prior to the taking of any active steps in that direction, and finally one day a meeting was called at police headquarters, and Mayor Jones was present to help the project along. The mayor is something of a musician himself, and he at once thought the idea a most excellent one. Then came the ques-

tion of instruments. Mayor Jones said that he knew of several banks in the city where money could be borrowed, and that settled the financial part of it. Next Thursday night at Memorial hall the band boys are to give a grand police ball, and the proceeds are to be used in paying off the note which was given in payment of the instruments. That this will be done is evidenced by the fact that more than \$1,100 has already been realized from the sale of tickets, and the last day has not yet arrived prior to the big event.

Sergeant William Leutz holds the position of president and manager of this musical organization, and Patrolman A. L. Jackson is the secretary-treasurer. The complete personnel of this unique body is as follows:

W. A. Streeter, piccolo; Valentine Kujawa, E flat tuba; Peter Deaunee, E flat

tuba; William Mosher, baritone, Sergeant William Leutz, solo B flat cornet; George Murphy, solo B flat cornet; William Rudd, 1st B flat cornet; William Carroll, 2d B flat cornet; J. M. Brossia, 1st B flat clarinet; John Tandy, 1st B flat clarinet; H. Swank, 2d B flat clarinet; J. David, 3d B flat clarinet; William Martin, William Herman and Oscar Bruhl, slide trombones; John Louy, George Tanner and Joseph Horner, altos; A. L. Jackson, snare drum; John Winker, bass drum.

Henry Uhl, one of the best leaders and musicians in the city, is permanently engaged as instructor, and two rehearsals are held each week, on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. In addition, the majority of the members take private lessons from various instructors, so that the progress they are making is really quite remarkable.



# TOLEDO POLICE BAND



C. P. MAVIS  
2ND CORNET



W. J. MARTIN  
1ST TROMBONE



J. S. CONNORS  
SOLO ALTO



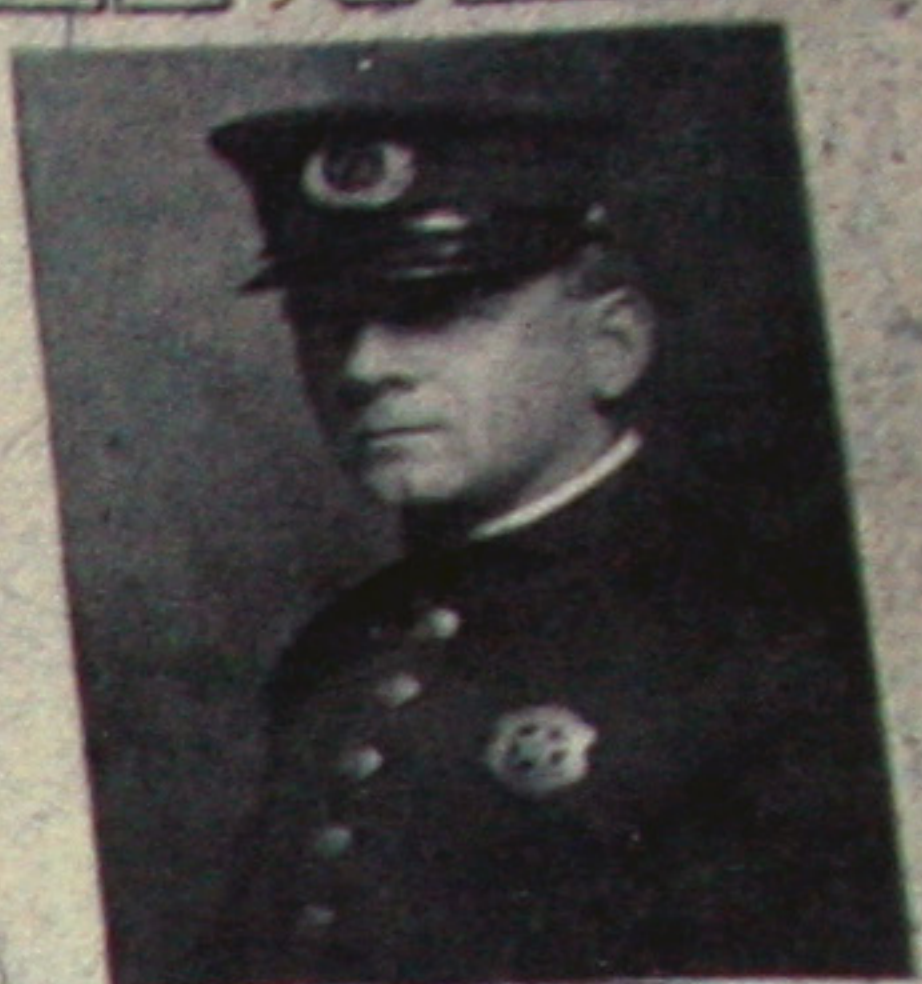
G. L. SMITH  
DRUM MAJOR



W. H. WATSON, Secy  
E. ALTO



JOS. DAVID  
1ST CLARINETTE



J. H. LOUY  
3RD CORNET



JOHN TANDY  
SOLO CLARINETTE



W. B. STREETER  
PICCOLO



O. BRUHL  
3RD TROMBONE



Hon. S. M. JONES  
PROMOTER



A. L. JACKSON  
SHARE DRUMS



W. HERMAN  
2ND TROMBONE



A. P. HASSENZAHN  
2ND ALTO



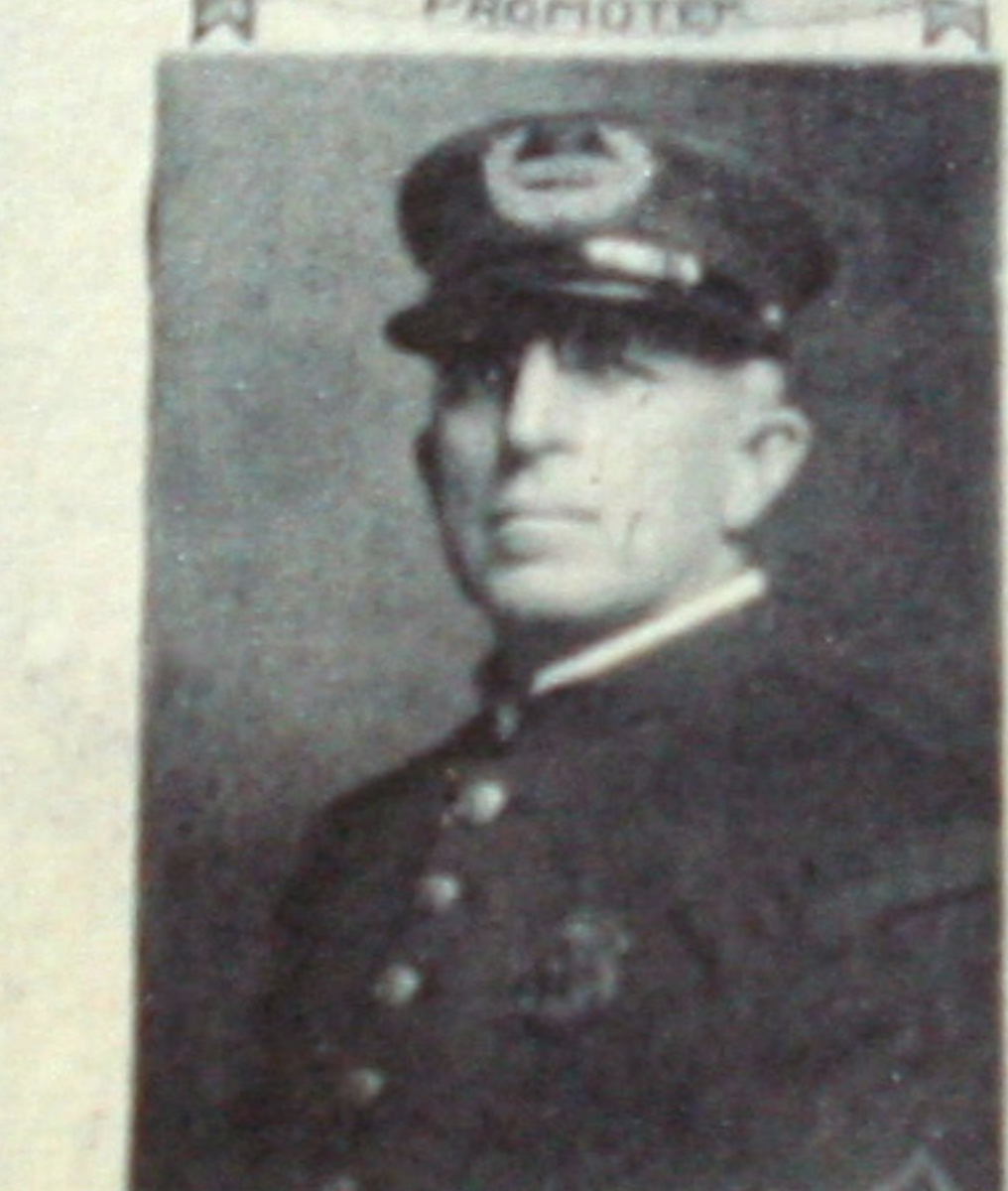
W. D. MOSHER  
BARISSON



W. E. RAUSCH  
2ND CLARINETTE



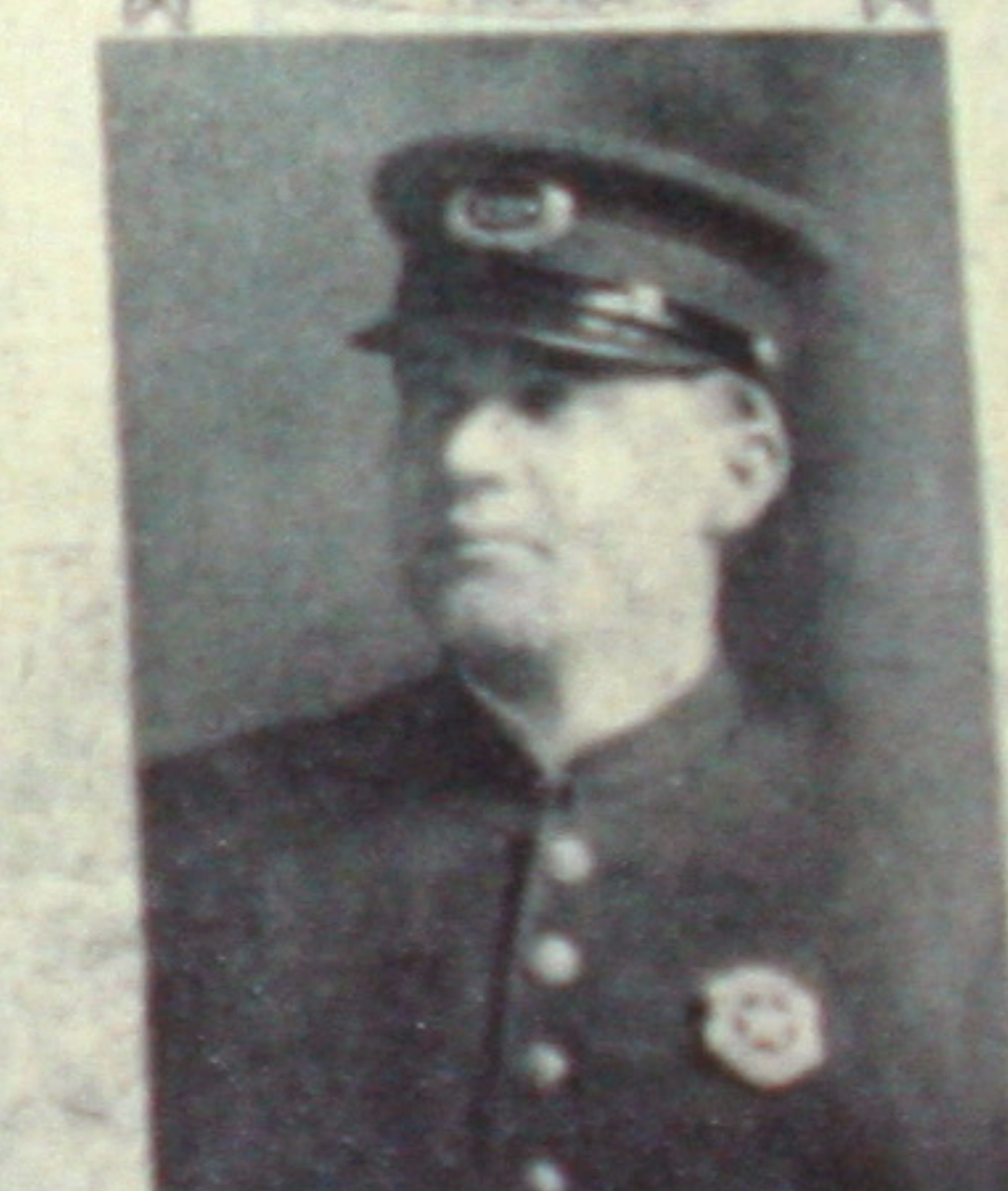
J. A. KING  
TUBA



F. H. BARGY  
DIRECTOR



J. H. WINKER  
E. ALTO



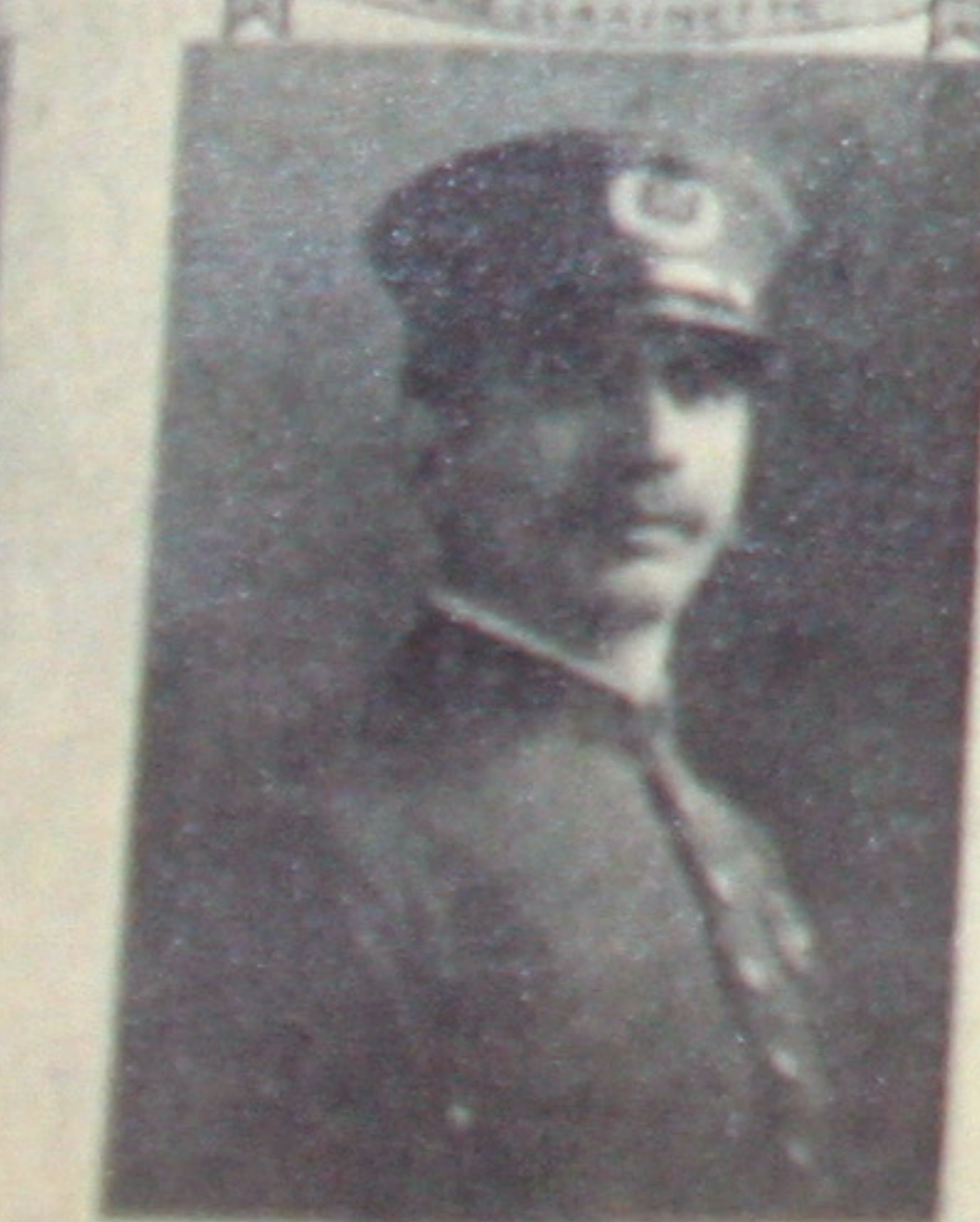
J. M. WILHELM  
2ND CLARINETTE



E. M. BROWN  
SAXOPHONE



H. J. GORMAY  
TUBA



V. KUAWA  
E. ALTO



E. DEANEE  
3RD CORNET



F. W. LEUTZ  
MOR. TELEPHONE



J. C. BROSSIA  
E. CLARINETTE



H. T. SWANK  
2ND CLARINETTE



S. A. MURPHY  
TUBA

# EX-ALDERMAN ARRESTED

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**LEWIS LADEN CHARGED WITH  
THE THEFT OF AN ARC  
LIGHT.**

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Ex-Alderman Louis Laden was arrested at 3 o'clock this morning on the charge of petit larceny, Officers Murphy and Manson alleging that they caught him in the act of stealing an arc light from in front of Charles Nassr's fruit store, at Summit and Cherry streets. They claim he had carried it half a block away when they took him into custody. Laden claims that the arc light was tipping over and that he took it off, merely intending to set it in the doorway. On his person were found a number of pliers and wrenches. Judge Wachenholmer has reserved his decision.

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# OLD OFFICE HOLDERS TO FIGHT IN COURT FOR PLACES; REFUSE TO GIVE UP POSITIONS TO KELLER APPOINTEES

## Schreiber to Lead Fight for Men Who Were Part of Whitlock Administration.

## Kapp Declares Police Will Be Used To Secure Control If Solicitor So Advises---New Service Commissioner Has No Fear of Lack of Aides.

### MAYOR KELLER SAYS HE IS READY FOR ALL POSSIBLE MOVES; MUM ON COPS

Mayor Keller said late on Wednesday evening that he and his advisers had considered carefully the possibility of the Whitlock officials claiming civil service protection, and all the situations that might arise out of that position. What the administration would do would depend, he said, on the moves made by the other side. He said he did not care to discuss the possibility of using policemen to get control of the offices.

Members of the new Republican city administration were expected to move on the city offices on Thursday. Some of them, at least, were to have been met with opposition in taking possession; peaceable opposition, probably, but determined. This opposition was to have been offered on the strength of legal advice.

There was, of course, no opposition expected by the elective officers, Mayor Keller, City Solicitor Thurstin, Auditor McDonnell

or Treasurer Shelling. It was also conceded that the mayor had the right to appoint his two directors and the street superintendent.

Director of Safety Mooney has resigned. So has Superintendent of Streets McNerney, so that George Kapp and T. A. Taylor will have no opposition. Director of Service Cowell has consented to remain until Jan. 12 on request of his successor, A. W. Boardman. But it is held that in any case the mayor can not remove Cowell before Jan. 12.

### THESE MEN PLAN TO MAKE CONTEST

But Building Inspector Joseph McMahon, Harbormaster J. A. Page, Workhouse Superintendent Charles Stevens, Sidewalk Inspector Henry Hune, Sealer of Weights and Measures William C. Witfoth, and George W. Tonson, city civil engineer, successors to all of whom have been announced by Mayor Keller, planned on Thursday to insist on retaining their places until, at least, the courts have determined the virtue of the civil service law.

Demand was made by the new administration of Harbormaster Page, on Wednesday afternoon, for his keys. Page refused to deliver them, saying that he would not do so, at least until a careful inventory had been made of all the city property in his care. This would take several days.

Shortly afterward the militant office holders met in the office of City Solicitor Cornell Schreiber and determined to give battle. Charley Stevens said that he would not yield up the keys of the workhouse. Other office holders took the same ground. Schreiber, whose term as city solicitor ended at midnight on Wednesday, probably will be retained to fight their battle in the courts. The next meeting of the militants will be held in Schreiber's new offices, 811-15 Nicholas building.

### MANY MINOR EMPLOYES WATCH FIGHT

Behind these contestants are many of the minor office holders who have served the city for terms ranging from two to 10 or 12 years and who believe they are protected by the civil service regulations. They do not appear in the open fight.

Whether Mayor Keller will instruct Safety Director Kapp to use the police force in securing possession of the contested offices or whether the courts will be at once resorted to, could not be learned on Wednesday night. Should the experienced officials be ousted by force, quo warranto proceedings will be started at once, requiring the new officials to show cause for taking possession and holding the offices. If the experienced officials succeed in holding out, the new administration will probably ask for an injunction on mandamus from the court. In either case an effort will be made to take the issue directly before the supreme court without the tedious and costly course through the lower courts.

It is possible that the issue might be raised by the new administration seeking an injunction forbidding the auditor to issue vouchers for the pay of the present officials, or the present officials seeking a mandamus to require him to issue such vouchers.

### SCHREIBER SAYS IT IS BIG QUESTION

The men who have been in office will hold another conference later in the week at the new offices of Schreiber. The latter said:

"This is a broader question than merely the holding of offices by certain men. The civil service law was passed with the purpose of insuring greater efficiency in public government. Some one should see if it means anything. I suppose Toledo will take the lead as it has in other public matters.

"The mayor has no power to make any of the appointments he announced Wednesday, except that of the street superintendent. The law distinctly says that they shall be made by the director of service. Neither has the mayor the power to remove the present director of service before Jan. 12.

"In addition, practically all the office holders except the two directors and the superintendent of streets are under civil service and can not be removed except for proper cause. The statement of cause must be filed with the civil service commission. If that commission has no power to give a hearing, then the courts must."

Schreiber has contended all along that the civil service law protects practically all the city employes except the directors, and he says he is prepared to make a legal fight to substantiate his position.

### LAST DAY OF REGIME IS QUIET

Outside of this organized determination to test the civil service law, the closing hours of the old administration were very quiet. Mayor Whitlock left for Washington, to be absent until Saturday. Service Director Cowell left for Cleveland, to be absent until Sunday. Safety Director Mooney cleaned up his desk in the city hall office and bade it farewell, as did his secretary James Nye. Other officials made ready to move if necessary, but did not take the final steps.

The health office apparently is not affected by the change in administration, being under control of a separate board. The fate of the sergeant-at-arms and of the city clerk and his officials is in the hands of council, which will caucus on Friday night and then determine the result Monday night, unless it is found, as indicated by Attorney General Hogan, that officials elected by council are also under civil service. In that case Clerk John Babcock and his staff will probably join forces with the militants.

M. L. Groendylke, in the city auditor's office, proposes to give battle before yielding up his position.

It developed on Wednesday evening that the members of the new administration had anticipated the possibility of organized resistance to the new appointments and of the present officials refusing to yield up possession. Plans have been considered by Mayor Keller, City Solicitor Thurstin and other members of the official cabinet to meet the situation. Among other things, charges of inefficiency and other causes for removal have been contemplated, if necessary.

### PUTS FORCIBLE RESISTANCE UP TO THURSTIN

Safety Director Kapp said on Wednesday evening, when asked if the police force might be utilized to obtain possession of the offices: "That all rests with the city solicitor, and what he advises we will do. If he requires that I take such action, of course I shall do so."

W. B. Cordill, the new member of the civil service commission, who replaces C. S. Northup said he believed the mayor has the full power to make the appointments he has announced.

"I presume," Cordill said, "that we will have the police department with us."

Cordill believes it will be up to the other side to make the first move. Members of the new administration claim to have assurance that L. H. Paine, the independent Republican member of the board will be decidedly favorable to the new administration, giving it a majority on the board. The Democratic member of the board is James W. McMahon.

# DEVELOPMENTS ON THE FIRST REAL DAY OF NEW CITY ADMINISTRATION

Building Inspector McMahon is the only Independent official who is holding office with a view to testing the civil service law.

Workhouse Superintendent Charles Stevens will give way to George Demuth.

Harbormaster Page will, with the assistance of Capt. Dunseith, his successor, check up his department and leave on Saturday, Jan. 10.

Stevens and McMahon will be notified officially by Mayor Keller that their services are no longer required.

Mayor's stenographer, Miss Catherine Meagher, failed to appear for work on Friday.

Rumored Chief Mayo will retire from the fire department. George Fraser, second assistant, will be promoted to chief.

George Murphy, traffic officer, will be promoted to chief of police, it is rumored.

Burton C. Nickels, Overland special engineer, will be Service Director Boardman's secretary.

Miss Nell Fay Cox appointed stenographer to City Solicitor Thurston.

"Kit" Cullen, chauffeur of the service department, will be retained by Boardman.

Mrs. Hurry Batch, widow of the former councilman, who was drowned in the Nemo disaster, will be retained in the harbormaster's department.

Sidewalk Inspector Hune and Street Commissioner McNerney hand their resignations to Mayor Keller.

Safety Director Kapp announced new signals for traffic officers, and that they will be permitted to wear rubber boots on wet days.

Kapp will have night headquarters at No. 3 engine house and day headquarters at Central police station and the Valentine building.

Kapp is considering changing the uniforms of both police and firemen to khaki, similar to that now worn by mounted officers.

# ABANDON FIGHT TO OPPOSE KELLER; M'MAHON ONLY ONE WHO MAY CONTEST

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This picture, the first group photograph of the members of the new city administration, was taken in the mayor's office in the city hall on New Year's day. Seated, from left to right, are Mayor Carl Keller, Service Director A. W. Boardman and City Solicitor Wesley Thurstin. Standing, from left to right, are Safety Director George Kapp, Street Commissioner Thomas A. Taylor, Harbormaster John Dunselth, Sidewalk Inspector Joseph Blackmer, City Treasurer A. E. Shelling, Superintendent of Cemeteries W. Finlay Radbone, City Auditor Amos McDonnall, Building Inspector George W. Skelding, City Engineer Herbert McKechnie, President of Council Philip Hassenzahl, Sealer of Weights and Measures L. Henry Wolford.

With one exception, that of Building Inspector McMahon, who insists that he will remain in office to force a test of the new civil service law, all opposition to the new Republican city administration had disappeared on Friday.

Sidewalk Inspector Henry Hune and Street Commissioner McNerney handed their resignations to Mayor Keller on Friday. City Engineer Tonson, Superintendent Charles Stevens of the workhouse, and others have decided not to resist, although these two latter officials will try to hold out until Jan. 12.

Official notification that their services are no longer required or desired was sent to McMahon and Stevens on Friday afternoon.

#### PAGE HAS CONFERENCE.

Harbormaster Page had a conference with his successor, Capt. Jack Dunselth, Service Director Boardman and Mayor Keller. At its conclusion it was announced that Page would retire from office on Saturday, Jan. 10. Mrs. Batch, widow of Councilman Harry Batch, who was drowned in the Nemo launch disaster, will be retained in the department by orders of Mayor Keller and Service Director Boardman.

M. L. Groendyke, clerk in the city auditor's office, who had announced that he would oppose removal, did not appear at the office on Friday and announced that he had given up the position.

#### STENOGRAPHER ABSENT.

Miss Catherine Meagher, mayor's stenographer, who told Mayor Keller on Thursday that she proposed

to remain under civil service, also failed to appear on Friday. K. W. Kessler has been installed temporarily as mayor's stenographer.

"All opposition is disappearing. Those who have been holding out are coming in gradually and I am glad of it," said Mayor Keller. "We expect very little trouble from now on from this source."

Service Director Boardman on Friday morning announced the appointment of Burton C. Nickels, 29 years old, son of the late Gill Nickels, as his secretary. Nickels will take office on Jan. 12. He will succeed Frank Stockton.

Nickels is a Toledoan and a graduate of the high school and of Denison university. He also took a two years' graduate course at the University of Wisconsin.

#### NEW CHIEFS TIPPED.

A well-defined rumor was floating about the city hall that there would be new chiefs in both the police and fire departments. Chief voluntarily from the fire department and George Fraser, present second assistant chief, will be promoted to chief. George A. Murphy, traffic officer at the corner of Madison ave. and St. Clair st., will be promoted to chief of police.

"I haven't anything to say about these changes," said Safety Director Kapp on Friday. "We have not talked about reducing Chief Knapp. There's one part of the rumor that I know is true. That is, that George Murphy is going to be promoted. That's all I care to say," he concluded.

#### WILL BE NEW SIGNALS.

The safety director on Friday announced that he would issue to the traffic squad on the downtown corners, at once, new signals for controlling traffic.

At present the traffic officers give their signals by motioning with a thumb over their shoulders. Under the new system of signals, which will be ordered into effect at once by Kapp, the officer will stand with both arms outstretched. The street

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# IS TIPPED AS CHIEF



GEORGE A. MURPHY.

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which he faces will be closed to traffic.

## ALL MAY WEAR KHAKI.

The director also has under consideration the question of a change in uniforms from the blue to the khaki uniform now worn by the mounted police.

"I have not decided definitely about the change," said Kapp.

The uniforms will be purchased in Toledo.

Under the Mooney administration boots for traffic officers on wet days were barred. Kapp announced on Friday that he will restore the rubber boots immediately.

"The men are entitled to the same protection from the elements as anyone else," said Mr. Kapp. The safety director also said that wood block will replace stone and asphalt paving in the four or five feet on each corner that a traffic officer uses. "It will be much easier on the men," he said. "I will ask the street department to do that immediately."

## ESTABLISHES HEADQUARTERS.

The safety director will make his night headquarters at No. 3 engine house, where he has selected a room. Day headquarters will be at the central police station and at the city hall. The new safety director proposes to attend every downtown or third alarm fire and he wants to be on hand to participate in every big police case.

City Solicitor Thurstin on Friday announced the appointment of Miss Nell Fay Cox as his stenographer. Miss Cox lives at 2153 Ashland ave. She has been employed in the same capacity in Mr. Thurstin's law office for two years.

## AUSTIN FIRST ON JOB.

Irvin E. Austin, clerk to City Solicitor Thurstin, was the first of the new officials on the job on Thursday. He arrived at 7:50, and immediately started in getting the office in shape for the arrival of the solicitor's staff.

Amos McDonnall, city auditor, and staff were the next to arrive. They were followed by City Treasurer Shelling and staff, City Solicitor Thurstin and staff, Harbormaster Dunseith, Building Inspector Skelding, Sidewalk Inspector Joe Blackmer, Service Director Boardman and Safety Director Kapp. Mayor Keller reached his office at 9 o'clock.

## HUNE GIVES UP KEYS.

Prior to the arrival of the mayor, Sidewalk Inspector Henry Hune turned over his keys to the new inspector, Blackmer, with the statement that he wished him success in his new work. Hune volunteered to spend three days with Blackmer showing him all that he could about the work.

Building Inspector McMahon arrived and went into his office. When George Skelding, Mayor Keller's appointee for the place, arrived, he had a conference with McMahon. McMahon explained that there was nothing personal in his attitude but that because of a desire to test the civil service law, he must refuse to turn over the keys and the office to Skelding.

George Demuth, Mayor Keller's appointee for workhouse superintendent, did not go to the workhouse where Superintendent Charles Stevens was in charge. Stevens has also decided to refuse to give up the keys to the workhouse and to join in the test fight that will be made.

## MANY GREET KELLER.

When Mayor Keller arrived a large crowd of citizens was in his office awaiting him, including J. Kent Hamilton, former mayor. After many congratulations the mayor retired to his private office. During the entire morning, however, he was besieged with callers and had little time for work.

Sergeant Henry Frisch was on the job before the mayor's arrival. Miss Catherine Meagher, stenographer to the mayor, was also at work when the mayor arrived. Mayor Keller was introduced to Miss Meagher by Sergeant Frisch. She told the mayor that she proposed to hold her position under civil service. He explained that he would have his own stenographer to attend to his private correspondence.

## WHITLOCK SENDS FLOWERS.

On the mayor's desk was a beautiful basket of roses, with a card attached, which read: "With Brand Whitlock's compliments and best wishes."

The safety and service directors also received baskets of flowers from friends. Open house was kept practically during the entire morning, but at noon all of the city offices were vacated when the officials went home.

## CHIEF KNAPP MUM; WITFOTH TO STICK

"I have nothing to say," said Police Chief Perry D. Knapp, on Friday morning, when questioned concerning the rumor that he would be removed from office by the new administration. Safety Director Kapp did not visit the police station on Friday morning.

"I am going to stick right here until they move me," said William Witfoth, city sealer of weights and measures, deposed by Mayor Keller at central police station on Friday morning.

Witfoth opened his office as usual on Friday. Henry Wolford, appointed by the mayor to succeed Witfoth, did not appear at the sealer's office on Friday morning.

## SERGEANT LEUTZ IS EXPECTED TO SUCCEED CASEY



William F. Leutz.

It is expected that Traffic Officer George W. Murphoy will be named chief of police on Friday to succeed Perry D. Knapp, who is scheduled for retirement at the meeting of the pension board on that day.

Sergeant William F. Leutz is tipped for promotion to the position of inspector of police to succeed Michael Casey, who was recently appointed inspector by former Safety Director J. J. Mooney. It is expected that Casey and Knapp will be retired.

Official announcement is expected when Mayor Keller returns on Friday.

Leutz, who resides at 1002 Palmwood ave., was appointed a patrolman in 1893. In July 1902 he was promoted to the rank of sergeant. He was born in Toledo. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the I. O. O. F.



# "SHOCK BY WIRELESS" DIDN'T BOTHER THE COP

Robert Simpson, 32, of Chicago, is a wireless shock expert, so he says. He made himself known Tuesday, at the door of the home of George W. Karl, 2127 Lawrence ave., which is near the home of Traffic Patrolman George Murphy. When Simpson was refused food he threatened to shock the house by wireless. Murphy was called. Simpson warned him not to come near or he would suffer a shock by wireless. The cop waded in Simpson's wireless shock worked badly. In police court Wednesday Simpson received 30 days in the workhouse on a charge of begging and a fine of \$5 and costs and a sentence of 30 days in the workhouse on a charge of resisting an officer.

# MURPHEY TO BE CHIEF OF POLICE NEXT SUNDAY

On Sunday morning, Feb. 1, George A. Murphey will officially become chief of police. That is when the resignation of Chief of Police Knapp becomes effective.

On the same date men who have been holding office under the old administration on the claim that they were under the protection of civil service will step down and out and make room for their successors. They will have the advantage of having secured one month's pay under the Republican administration.

The new men who take office are Building Inspector George W. Skelding, Sealer of Weights Henry C. Wolfert, and Workhouse Superintendent George Demuth.

# BIG POLICE SHAKE-UP IS ORDERED BY KAPP; SAYS SOME ARE STALE

## For First Time Captain Will Be in Charge at Night—Sleuths to Go?

## East Side Men to Go to Central Station—Leutz To Command Traffic Squad—Hadley to Stay

First steps in the reorganization of the police department will be taken on Feb. 1, when a general shake-up in the assignment of officers will become effective. Acting Chief James Smith and George A. Murphey, whose appointment as chief will become effective on Sunday, announced the new assignments on Friday.

The changes are made, it is announced, to increase the efficiency of the force.

Murphey said he would place in effect a system of rotation of officers at the different sub-stations in order to keep the patrolmen on edge.

### MORE NIGHT MEN.

At least 13 new men will be added to the force within the next two weeks. They will be assigned to night duty. What will amount to a practical reorganization of the detective department will be made as soon as Director Kapp, Chief Murphey and Inspector of Detectives Smith can work out the plans.

Although no authoritative announcement was made it is understood that a number of the older members of the detective department will be retired. Some of the younger members will be returned to patrol duty.

It is said that of the detective force not more than four will be used as the nucleus for a new department.

### CAPTAIN ON AT NIGHT.

Under the assignments announced on Friday, Toledo for the first time, will have a police captain in charge of the entire department throughout the night. It will also be the first time that the detective department will be open to receive reports all night.

The reorganization will eliminate a day captain. Capt. P. H. Sheehy, who has been doing duty from 3 to 11 p. m., will, after 3 p. m., have charge of the traffic squad and patrolmen until 6 p. m., when he will relieve Acting Capt. Herbert of the detective bureau and take command of the entire force until 11 p. m.

Capt. D. M. O'Sullivan, formerly in charge of patrolmen, will assume charge of the department from 11 p. m. until 7 a. m. Capt. J. M. Hadley will remain at the East Side station on his regular trick from 7 a. m. to 3 p. m.

### SCHRADER TO MOVE.

Lieut. A. R. Schrader of the East Side station will go to central station and be in charge from 7 a. m. to 3 p. m., succeeding Lieut. Frank Reilly, who will go to the East Side station from 3 p. m. to 11 p. m.

Sergeants G. W. Gleun, W. J. Delehaunty and C. M. Mead will be transferred from the Central station to the East Side station, replacing Sergeants J. G. Schlagheck, W. H. Watson and W. G. Rudd, who are to be transferred to the Central station.

Sergeant W. F. Leutz at the central station is to be switched from night to day duty. He is the oldest sergeant in line and will be in charge of the traffic squad.

The new order does away with sergeants in charge of the traffic squads.

Sergeant Tom O'Reilly will have charge of the central station from the 3 to 11 o'clock p. m. trick.

### RETURNS TO A BEAT.

C. J. Kingsley, motorcycle cop on duty at the East Side station, is replaced by Patrolman C. J. Melms. Kingsley will go back to a beat. Motorcops L. M. Rossman and C. R. Hollinger are detailed to sub-station No. 4 in Auburndale.

Other changes: W. G. Tibbels from the motorcycle squad to repair duty at central station, Paul Fakehany from the bureau of identification to motorcycle duty, J. M. Willeman to the bureau of identification, J. H. Smith and H. A. Behrendt traffic duty, L. L. Nachtrab clerk in the detective bureau, and M. Topper assigned to duty at the interurban station.

### STALE, SAYS KAPP.

"The department has simply grown stale in spots," said Safety Director Kapp, "and we propose this rearrangement to get the best possible service out of the men and to give the public the best possible protection.

"There will be some of the officers higher up on duty 24 hours a day, and especially at night."

# BOY SEES "PA" MADE CHIEF; CYCLES TO GO

**Murphey's Son Is Witness  
When Father Receives  
His Commission.**

**Saver Kapp Decides to  
Replace Machines With  
Runabouts — Hopes to  
Lessen Accidents.**

George A. Murphey received his commission as police chief on Saturday from Mayor Keller.

Safety Director Kapp and Chief Murphey's youngest son, Ernest, saw the ceremony. Young Murphey remained in the outer office for a while, but finally tapped on the door of the mayor's private office and said, "Pa, I want to see what they do when they make you chief of police."

Mayor Keller told the chief that it was a pleasure to hand him the commission. Murphey said he was glad to accept the trust, that he would do his best to enforce the laws and to maintain strict discipline in the department.

**WILL ENFORCE THE LAW.**

"The laws of the state regarding the closing of saloons will be enforced strictly," said Murphey. "Beyond that, I guess there is nothing to add to the statement issued by me on Friday," he said.

Safety Director Kapp said, after the chief had gone:

"I believe Murphey will make one of the best chiefs that Toledo ever had. He is brainy and knows the law. He is brave and has backbone. He is a hard worker. He comes early and he stays late. He is on the job all the time."

**MOTORCYCLES TO GO.**

Kapp is ready to receive bids for several runabouts to replace the police motorcycles.

"I believe two-passenger autos will give just as efficient service as the motorcycles," Kapp said. "The runabouts will eliminate the accidents that have crippled more of our men than any other thing in the work."

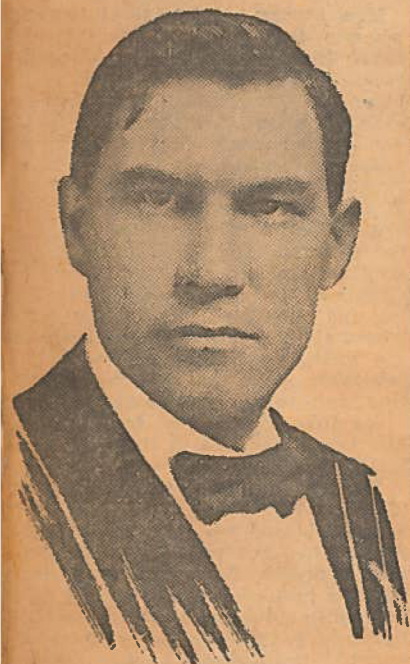
"The runabout will accomplish the same results from the standpoint of speed and they will be much more desirable from the standpoint of safety."

"As it is now, the motorcycle officer is compelled to call the wagon when he arrests a man. With the runabout this would be unnecessary. He could load his prisoner, or even two of them, into his machine, and take them to the station."

New Police Officials



GEORGE A. MURPHEY.



W. F. LEUTZ.

# MURPHEY IS NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

Sergeant William F. Leutz to Succeed Inspector Casey.

Traffic Patrolman George A. Murphey on Friday will become chief of the police department to succeed Perry D. Knapp. At the same time Sergeant William F. Leutz will become inspector of police to succeed Michael Casey. Both Chief Knapp and Inspector Casey will retire from the department on pension.

Appointments of Murphey and Leutz, urged by Safety Director Kapp, were sanctioned by Mayor Keller and the board of control Monday afternoon. Announcement of the changes were not unexpected. The appointment of Murphey had been tentatively made when the administration assumed charge of the city's affairs, January 1.

Sergeant Leutz resides at 1002 Palmwood avenue. He has been an employe of the police department for 21 years. For three years he served as turnkey at the old county jail under Sheriff John B. Stuart. He became a patrolman in June, 1893, and had headquarters at the Euclid avenue station, East Side, when it was opened, 15 years ago. In July, 1902, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant by Mayor Samuel Jones. Mr. Leutz was born, reared and educated in Toledo. He is a prominent Odd Fellow and has been a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge for 24 years.

# REORGANIZING POLICE UNDER CHIEF MURPHEY

New Republican Police and Fire Department Heads Will Begin Work Sunday Morning.

## KAPP ANNOUNCES SWEEPING CHANGES

More Police to Be Assigned to Night Duty — Shake-Up Involves many Veteran Officers.

When George A. Murphey succeeds Perry D. Knapp as chief of police Sunday, there will be a wholesale reorganization of the department. This announcement was made Friday by Safety Director Kapp.

Letters from Safety Director Kapp officially appointing George A. Murphey chief of police and Second Assistant Fire Chief George W. Fraser chief of that department, were dispatched Friday. Both appointments become effective Sunday.

### Take Examinations.

Murphey and Fraser took non-competitive civil service examinations to establish their qualifications for office Friday afternoon.

At the time Murphey becomes chief of police Perry D. Knapp will be retired on a pension of \$80 a month.

Simultaneously with advancement of Assistant Fire Chief Fraser, Chief William Mayo will be retired on a pension.

Under the new schedule the office of the detective bureau at police headquarters, which has heretofore been open only from 7 a. m. until 6 p. m., will be open all the time with a captain of detectives or police in command night and day. The number of detectives on night duty will be increased.

### Shake-up General.

The new schedule calls for the following transfers and appointments among the officers and members of the department:

Capt. P. H. Sheehy, who has been in command of the central station from 7 a. m. until 3 p. m., will be on duty from 3 p. m. until 11 p. m. From 3 until 6 p. m. he will be on duty on the streets in charge of the members of the traffic squad and the patrolmen reporting at the central station. At 6 p. m. Sheehy will relieve Acting Captain of Detectives Henry Herbert in command of the detective bureau and will remain on duty in the detective office in command of the entire police force until 11 p. m.

Captain D. M. O'Sullivan, who has been in command of the central station from 3 until 11 p. m., will relieve Captain Sheehy at 11 p. m. and will remain on duty in the detective bureau and in command of the police department until 7 a. m.

Captain Jonas M. Hadley retains his command of the East Side station from 7 a. m. until 3 p. m. Lieutenant A. R. Schrader, who has been desk officer at the East Side station from 3 until 11 p. m., will be transferred to desk officer at the central station from 7 a. m. until 3 p. m. Lieut. Frank Reilly, who has been desk officer at the central station

from 7 a. m. until 3 p. m., will be transferred to the East Side station to succeed Lieut. Schrader.

Sergeant John Winker will remain in charge of the East Side station from 11 p. m. until 7 a. m.

Sergeants G. W. Glenn, W. J. Delahanty and C. M. Mead will be transferred from the central to the East Side station and Sergeants J. G. Schlagheck, W. H. Watsin and W. G. Rudd will come from the East Side to the central station.

### Boost for Deutz.

Sergeant F. W. Leutz, the oldest sergeant in the department in point of service, who has been on night duty for nearly a score of years, will be in charge of the central station patrolmen from 7 a. m. until 3 p. m. to succeed Sergeant Thomas O'Reilly, who will be on duty in the same territory from 3 until 11 p. m.

Detective Louis Tracy, who has been on night duty eight years, will be transferred to day duty to succeed Detective John Welsh, recently retired.

Motor Patrolman Lawrence Nachtrab, who was badly injured several months ago when he collided on his motorcycle with a taxicab, will be assigned to clerical work in the detective bureau. Patrolman C. J. Melms will be detailed as a motor patrolman at the East Side station to replace Motor Patrolman J. J. Kingsley, who will be transferred to patrol duty. Traffic Patrolmen L. M. Rossman and C. R. Hollinger will be detailed as motor patrolmen at No. 4 sub-station to fill existing vacancies.

### Tibbles Machinists.

Motor Patrolman W. G. Tibbles is detailed in the machine shop to repair police motorcycles to succeed former Motor Patrolman Mead, who was recently promoted to be sergeant. Motor Patrolman Paul Fakenany, who for several months has been detailed as a clerk in the bureau of identification, will be transferred back to the motorcycle squad at central station, and his position in the bureau of identification will be taken by Patrolman J. M. Willeman.

Patrolmen J. H. Smith and H. A. Behrendt will be transferred to the traffic squad to succeed Hollinger and Rossman.

Patrolman Moses Topper will be assigned to duty at the Interurban station.

According to Acting Chief of Police Smith, 13 or 14 new patrolmen will be appointed within the next two or three weeks. All of the new men, Smith said, will be assigned to night duty.

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## NEW CHIEF ASKS HARMONY

### Murphey Furnishes Smokes and Asks Police Co-Operation.

When the commanding officers of duty at police headquarters and various sub-stations Monday, they each found on their desks a box of cigars, accompanied by the following message from George A. Murphy, newly appointed chief of police:

"Kindly distribute the 'smokes' to the members of your respective reliefs with the best wishes of the undersigned, and assurance that if we all work together in harmony that we will have one of the best police departments in the United States. I will try to do my part to the best of my ability and will expect the members of the department to do the same.

"Sincerely yours,

"G. A. MURPHEY,

"Chief of Police."

Chief Murphey assumed active command of the police department Sunday morning.

# MURPHEY FIGHTS PLAN TO REMOVE; MEN ARE SHIFTED

While Acting Police Chief Herbert on Monday was considering further changes in the assignment of men under him, his predecessor, George A. Murphey, was planning the fight he expects to make before the civil service commission. The change in the chiefship was made on Saturday night.

Herbert's changes were of patrolmen. He said he would make no changes at present in the detective department.

Fire Chief Elling switched a number of captains. Further changes were expected in both departments.

Murphey has five days within which to reply to the charges, which were at once transmitted by Mayor Keller to the commission. Then the commission will fix a date for hearing, if Murphey asks for one.

### ONLY ONE CHARGE BOTHERS.

Attorney R. J. Phillips, police prosecutor, one of the closest friends of Murphey, declared there will be a fight. He said there was but one charge that amounted to anything, and that was "incompetence."

"We will be able to explain that very easily," Phillips said.

Phillips was of the opinion that the civil service commission would not make Murphey's suspension a dismissal.

Detective Herbert was notified of his appointment as acting chief on Saturday night, in Groenewold's office.

"Take charge at once," the director said.

Chief Murphey was notified of his suspension by a letter from Mayor Keller. The letter was delivered at the Masonic temple, where he chief was attending a lodge meeting.

The chief was charged with incompetence, gross neglect of duty, failure to obey orders, insubordination, and violation of the law.

### PROMISES SQUARE DEAL.

Acting Chief Herbert promised a square deal all 'round, as long as he held the place, and added that shortly he would start a school of instruction for the men.

Late Saturday night the deposed chief called at the police station and turned over his keys to his successor. Herbert's first order was for more men to see that there was no trouble because of the bartenders' strike.

In support of the charge of incompetence the director specified



Photo by Livingston.  
Henry J. Herbert

that fewer offenders had been arrested in 1914 than in 1913.

Specifications under the charge of neglect are that the chief used unnecessary violence in arresting a colored highwayman; that he released two men charged with larceny; that he permitted F. J. Stolberg to continue as a special policeman after Stolberg's authority had been revoked and that he failed to report in person to the Kaiserhof strike.

The third charge, "failure to obey orders," is specified as failure to raid gamblers and failure to prevent unlawful assemblages at the Kaiserhof.

### SPECIFIES CONTRADICTION.

In support of the charge of insubordination the director asserts that the chief falsely stated that the director had told him not to make gambling raids, without notifying the director, and that Murphey in a speech intimated that the director, not he, was a "four flusher."

The director also charged that the chief hampered him by giving out news without consulting his superior.

### SAVER GETS LAWYER.

Neither Mayor Keller nor Safety Director Groenewold had any comment to make, on Monday, relative to the suspension of Police Chief Murphey.

Safety Director Groenewold has retained Attorney George Bryce to look after his interests. Solicitor Thurstin said he did not expect to act as the suspended chief's attorney.

"Murphey'll be police chief, and Fraser'll be fire chief, before long," was City Auditor McDonnell's comment

### OFFICERS ARE TRANSFERRED.

These transfers were ordered on Monday by Acting Chief Herbert: Fred Raab, from ambulance duty at Lagrange station to auto service at central.

E. C. Huntington, from detectives' clerk to patrol duty.

R. F. Bartley, from East Side station to patrol duty at central station.

George Tiedeman, from East Side patrol duty to the ambulance.

J. M. Willeman, from the bureau of identification to East Side patrol duty.

Leo Nachtrab, from Lagrange station to a clerkship in the detective bureau.

### SOME ARE "COMEBACKS."

L. F. Kruse, from auto service to the director's office.

Paul Fakehany, from East Side patrol duty to the bureau of identification.

Nachtrab was severely hurt in a motorcycle accident. Former Director Kapp sent him to the Lagrange station as turnkey. When Director Groenewold took office he transferred Nachtrab, who is an experienced stenographer, to his office.

Fakehany was a motor patrolman who was put back on a beat by Kapp. Bartley was a traffic officer who was returned to patrol duty by Kapp.

# PASTORS WANT LEGAL SHIELD FOR OFFICERS

The 'Toledo Ministers' union on Monday informally decried the suspension of George A. Murphey as chief of police and passed a formal declaration in favor of the enforcement of the civil service regulations as a protection for the police department from political influence.

The Rev D. H. Johnston of Rosewood Presbyterian church introduced the subject saying that twice recently the head of the police department of Toledo has been removed.

"The reason given in the first instance," said Dr. Johnston, "was that there had been a change of administration and a change of policy. Now Chief Murphey has been removed, and I suppose a somewhat similar reason would be given.

## FAVORS DRASTIC ACTION.

"I believe this union should make protest against the removal for political reasons of Chief Murphey or of any other police officer who is trying to do his duty. Nominally, the police officers are under the protection of a civil service law, but it seems a way is always found to evade this law. I believe that some drastic action should be taken by this union."

There was no discussion, but it was suggested that Dr. Johnston put the matter in the shape of a motion. This he did, as follows: "I move that this union put itself on record in favor of faithful carrying out of the civil service law, which is intended to protect the police department in enforcing the law and giving adequate protection to the people of Toledo."

## ACTION IS UNANIMOUS.

The motion was passed unanimously. Dr. Johnston said later that he omitted, in his haste, specific reference to the protest against the removal of Murphey, but that the motion carried that with it.

District Superintendent E. E. McCammon of the M. E. church read a paper on Methodism in England and America. In discussing the church, he said: "The Holy Spirit will not be an errand boy for indolent saints."

Dr. McCammon said there are 38,708,146 members of the Christian church in the United States, of whom 7,328,829 are Methodists. There are 16 Methodist bodies, but no difference on doctrinal points. The increase for the past year in membership was 500,000, or nearly one-half of the entire Protestant increase.

There are in Toledo 8,000 members of the Methodist church.



# MURPHEY IS DEMOTED; HE HAS NO PLAN

Civil Service Commissioners Order Chief Reduced to the Ranks.

Said First He Would Make No Complaint — Acting Department Head May Get Place Permanently

"I cannot say what I will do until my attorneys decide on the best course to pursue," said deposed Police Chief George Murphey on Wednesday regarding the action of the civil service commission in confirming his removal as chief and placing him back on patrol duty.

"Have you decided whether you will go back to patrol duty?" he was asked. He said:

"No, I have not. I will say this, that I am not through with this matter."

On Tuesday afternoon the civil service commission announced that Police Chief Murphey's suspension by Mayor Keller was justified. It said that incompetency, misconduct or misfeasance of such a character as to require dismissal had not been established.

## REMOVED AS CHIEF.

The commission removed Murphey as chief of police and reduced him to the grade of patrolman, which he held previous to his promotion.

Murphey, when told of the decision of the civil service commission, said he didn't know whether it would interest him or not.

Later, he said that he would take what was coming to him and make no complaints, notwithstanding any injustices that might have been inflicted. On Wednesday he said he didn't know what he would do.

## MAX NAME HERBERT.

It was expected generally that Henry Herbert would be promoted to the chiefship. He has been acting chief.

The civil service commissioners, Col. L. W. Howard, Alvin T. Ducia and Phil Murphy, on Tuesday afternoon gave out the verdict.

Murphey was charged with insubordination, especially in failure to preserve peace at the Kaiserhof strike, and with incompetency, brutality and releasing auto thieves.

The latter two charges practically were abandoned.

## VOTE TWO TO ONE.

The vote on the report as made by the civil service commissioners was two to one. The official finding was not signed by Member Ducia. Chairman Howard and Member Phil Murphy voted to sustain the charges and demote the chief. Member Alvin T. Ducia voted against it. He favored reinstatement. Mr. Ducia said Wednesday:

"The reason that I voted against the report was that I didn't believe the evidence presented at the hearing warranted the removal of the chief. It didn't justify conviction. I believe that Chief Murphey should have been reinstated.

"That is only my personal conviction, of course, and so far as the other members are concerned, I believe they voted conscientiously."

# MURPHEY WILL TELL WHY HE WILL QUIT

Deposed Police Chief George Murphey said on Thursday:

"I will issue a typewritten statement on Friday or Saturday, telling just exactly why I am quitting the police force."

Murphey, who was suspended by

Safety Director Groenewold, was reduced from chief to patrolman by the decision of the civil service commission on Tuesday afternoon.

# MURPHEY DECLINES TO REPORT FOR DUTY; HE MAKES NO STATEMENT

George A. Murphey, former police chief, did not report for duty as patrolman at 10 on Friday, as he was directed to do by Safety Director Groenewold, following his reduction in rank by the civil service commission, after a hearing.

Murphey issued no statement as to his reasons for failing to report, as given an opportunity to do under the commission's report.

## COULDN'T SEE MAYOR.

The deposed chief called at Mayor Keller's office on Friday morning.

He remained half an hour. The mayor was not in.

The demoted chief was in good humor. He gave other callers quotations declaring that if a man takes what is coming to him everything will come out all right in the end.

"Every cloud has a silver lining," Murphey quoted as he left for the city solicitor's office, where he met Amos McDonnall, Edward Horton and Wesley Thurstin.

## SAVER IS SILENT.

Safety Director Groenewold had nothing to say when he was informed that Murphey had not reported for duty.

The order of Acting Chief Herbert that Murphey report for duty on the traffic squad was made at the direction of Safety Director Groenewold, by letter.

# POLICE HEAD; MAYOR ACTS

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Acting Chief of Police Henry Herbert was appointed police chief by Mayor Keller, Saturday morning.

Herbert's letter from the mayor was an exact copy of the letter Mayor Keller sent to Patrolman George Murphey when Murphey was appointed chief over a year ago.

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# MURPHEY GIVES TEN REASONS

## To Tell Why He Wants to Be the Mayor of Toledo

BY GEORGE A. MURPHEY

After very pressing requests by my many friends, I have, after very careful and deliberate consideration, decided to let my name go before the people of Toledo at the primary to be held on Sept. 14 for their approval as mayor.

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Second—It will be my most devoted purpose to co-operate with the various organizations in bringing manufacturing industries into our city, which will afford employment to a greater number of laboring men, and strengthen the financial interest of the city.

### WANTS UNION STATION.

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### CITY HALL AT ONCE.

Fifth—A large amount of money has been spent for the purchase of the ground for the new city hall, several thousand dollars has been expended for the plans and the city is expending \$12,000 or more for the rent for the city offices. I will insist upon the immediate erection of a new city hall.

Sixth—The mayor is the chief ex-

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### AFTER THE DETECTIVES.

Seventh—From my experience as chief of police, it is my opinion that the personnel of the detective department of the city of Toledo has outlived its usefulness and it will be one of my duties to see that this department is reorganized, so that the taxpayers who are now paying over \$276,000 for police protection shall receive the very best service to which they are justly entitled.

Eighth—I believe in beautifying the parks, in the completion of the boulevards, the establishment of more playgrounds and swimming pools for the children and suitable arrangements for music in the various parks of the city, and the money thus expended for these purposes shall be properly distributed so that all parts of our city shall receive its just portion. Our streets should be properly paved and kept in repair so that Toledo may indeed be a city of which we can be proud.

### FOR A BUSINESS BASIS.

Ninth—Toledo has a large bonded indebtedness and in addition is facing a \$400,000 deficit, and it will require economy and efficiency in all departments that this may be overcome. I shall co-operate with the council and city officials to see that economy is practiced in these departments, and that without any further unbearable burden to the taxpayers we shall liquidate the present indebtedness and place Toledo on a sane business basis.

Tenth—Under the new charter the mayor must select six men as heads of the different departments, and five men on the board of public efficiency. These men with the mayor constitute a cabinet of 12 men to look after the affairs of the city. I shall use care and caution in the selection of these men so that they will be honest, efficient, public spirited and well qualified for the duty to which they are assigned. As chief of police I was deprived of carrying out many needed reforms, having been subjected to superior officers. I would now like to have the opportunity of giving Toledo one of its best business administrations.

There are many important and vital interests which it is impossible to cover in a limited statement. Do the people of this city desire such an administration as set forth in the above statement? If so, on my election to the office of mayor of this city, I pledge the virtue of my manhood in carrying out the same.

# MURPHEY, AS NEW PATROLMAN, WONT WEAR A UNIFORM

Probably around April 1, 1916

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Certain promotions were made in the department to make a place for Murphey among the detailed detectives, Safety Director Newton said.

Murphey's reputed knowledge of doings of the underworld will be taken advantage of by the administration. It may be that Detective Murphey will be put at work in the segregated district.

Safety Director Newton on Saturday announced that Patrolman Ringman will also be detailed as a plain clothes man. It is said he will be Murphey's partner in sleuthing in the "bad lands."

Harry Smith, now a detailed detective, has been put back in uniform to make a place for Ringman. Detailed Detectives Hassenzahl and Eaton are made regular detectives.

Safety Director Newton and Patrolman Murphey had a long talk in the director's office on Friday afternoon. Murphey said to a friend:

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The resolution follows:

#### **Pay Tribute to Murphy.**

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If the committee decides to continue the campaign in behalf of another candidate, by whatever means is possible, it is thought likely that A. W. Boardman will be Mr. Murphey's successor.

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The resolutions follow:

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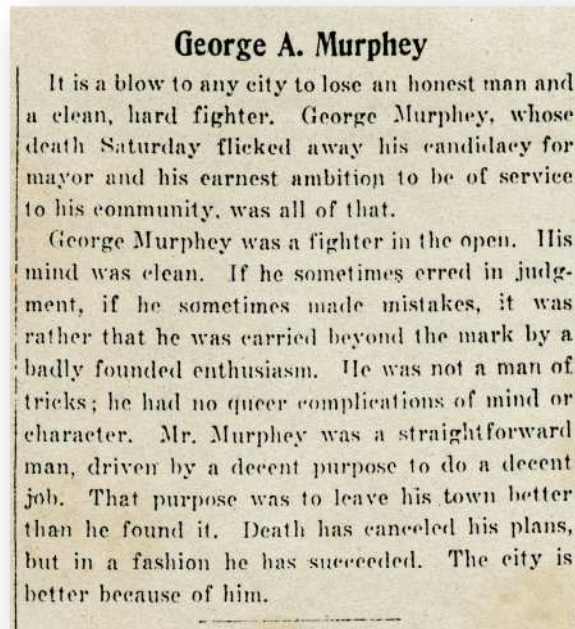
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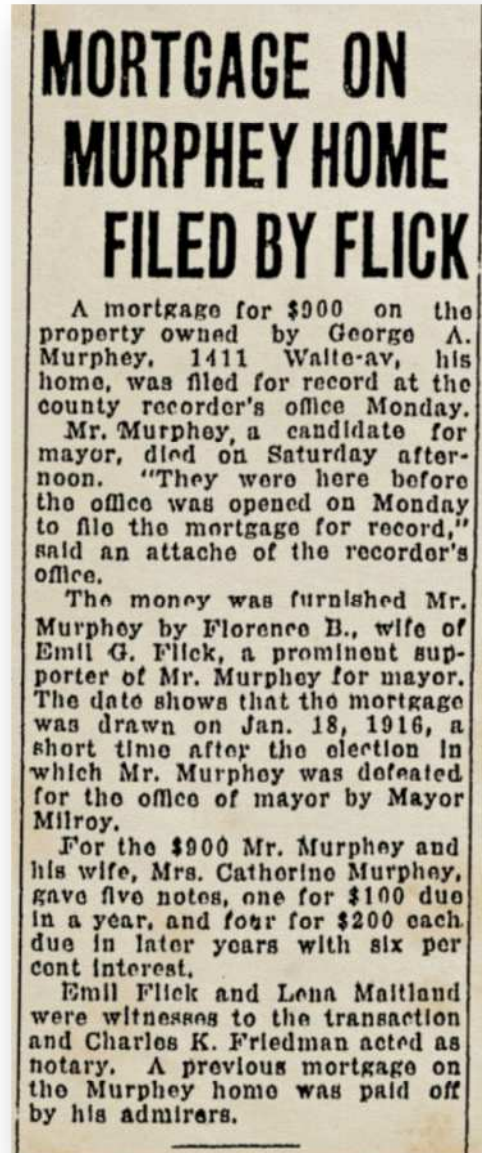
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### **BLANK SPACE ON BALLOT.**

There will be, as required by law, a blank space, where the voter may write in the name of any man he favors for mayor and may vote for him by placing the X opposite the written name.

No attorney or member of the commission which framed the city charter had been able to find, up to noon on Monday, any method by which the name of a substitute for Murphey could be printed on the ballot. There was much caustic criticism of the charter and its framers because that fundamental law for Toledo makes no provision for such a contingency as has arisen thru the death of a mayoralty candidate.

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On the face of the situation created by the death of a candidate the race is now between Cornell Schreiber and Haworth. The Board of Elections takes that view and will order the municipal ballots printed with the names of the two remaining candidates.

### BLANK SPACE ON BALLOT.

There will be, as required by law, a blank space, where the voter may write in the name of any man he favors for mayor and may vote for him by placing the X opposite the written name.

No attorney or member of the commission which framed the city charter had been able to find, up to noon on Monday, any method by which the name of a substitute for Murphey could be printed on the ballot. There was much caustic criticism of the charter and its framers because that fundamental law for Toledo makes no provision for such a contingency as has arisen thru the death of a mayoralty candidate.

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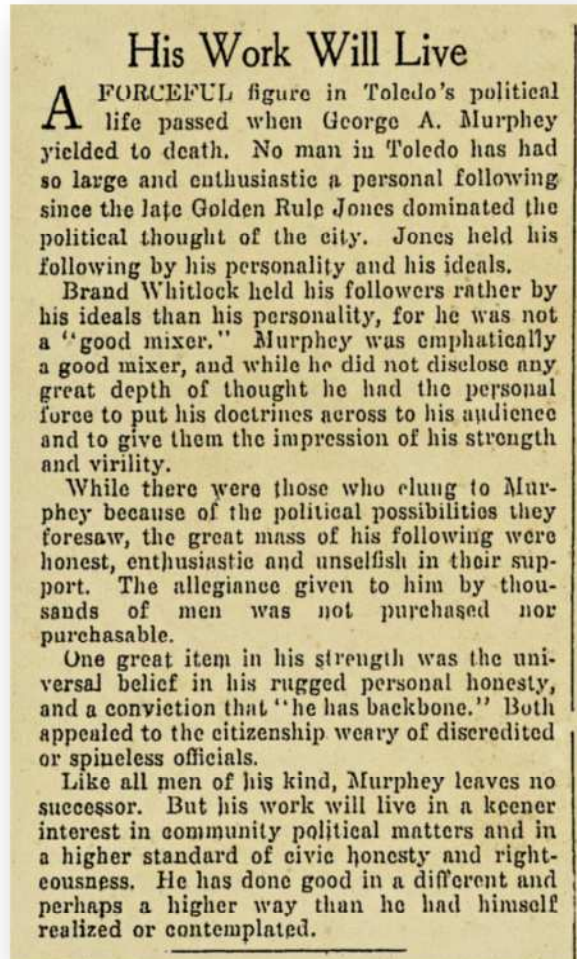
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Brand Whitlock held his followers rather by his ideals than his personality, for he was not a "good mixer." Murphey was emphatically a good mixer, and while he did not disclose any great depth of thought he had the personal force to put his doctrines across to his audience and to give them the impression of his strength and virility.

While there were those who clung to Murphey because of the political possibilities they foresaw, the great mass of his following were honest, enthusiastic and unselfish in their support. The allegiance given to him by thousands of men was not purchased nor purchasable.

One great item in his strength was the universal belief in his rugged personal honesty, and a conviction that "he has backbone." Both appealed to the citizenship weary of discredited or spineless officials.

Like all men of his kind, Murphey leaves no successor. But his work will live in a keener interest in community political matters and in a higher standard of civic honesty and righteousness. He has done good in a different and perhaps a higher way than he had himself realized or contemplated.





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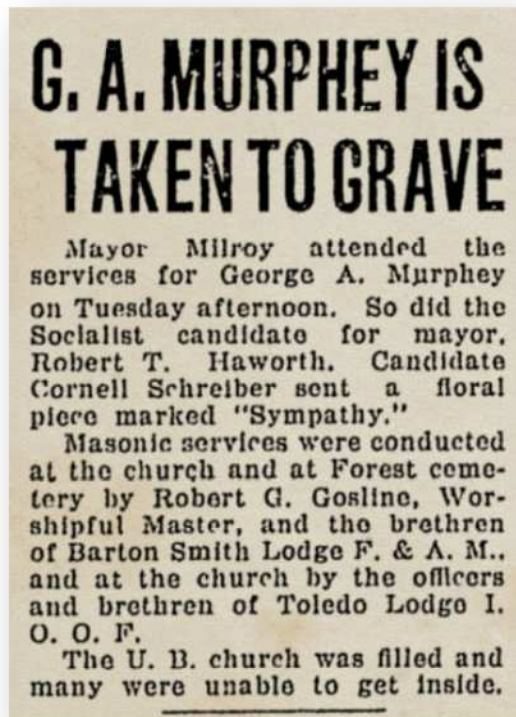
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The U.B. church was filled and many were unable to get inside.



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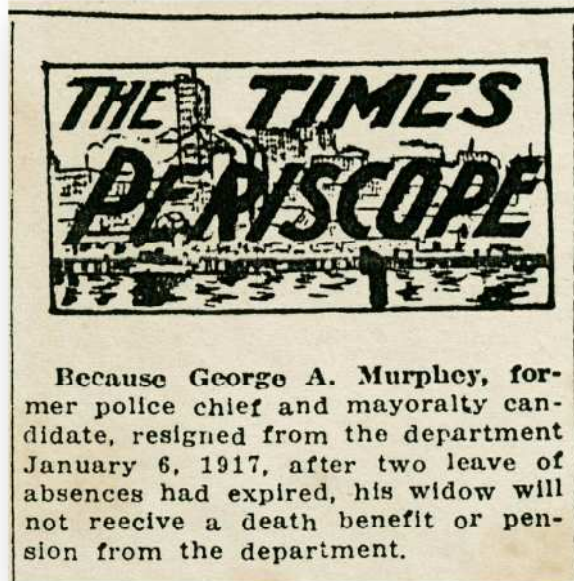
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It is reported that John Mulholland, candidate for vice-mayor, advocated some kind of legal action against O'Dwyer on the ground of intimidation of booth officials, but was told by his advisers that there was scarcely ground for that.

But the Murphey-Jones people have possessed themselves of copies of the slate which bears O'Dwyer's name. They will be used for publicity purposes with the information that O'Dwyer is also chairman of the Board of Elections.

The Murphey-Jones people are proposing to lose no time in preparing for the campaign of next year. The proposed reunion of all Republican factions probably will be considered at the meeting.

Proposal to amend the charter so as to provide for filling of vacancies on a municipal ticket will be considered. The meeting is called for 8 o'clock.

# O'DWYER FLAYED FOR SENDING OUT ELECTION SLATE

## Chairman Schlatter of the Murphey Organization Says Boss Should Be Kept From the Schools

Vigorous applause greeted Chairman John Schlatter on Thursday evening when, at the meeting of the Murphey organization, he denounced John A. O'Dwyer, chairman of the Democratic organization, for issuing a slate for Board of Education members and municipal judges.

"Some of us," said Schlatter, "had to go a long way to vote for Cornell Schreiber. I voted for him and under the same circumstances would do so again.

### O'DWYER IS SCORED.

"We have learned a few things in this campaign. You have all seen the O'Dwyer slate that was circulated on election day. You saw the tentacles of the political boss reaching out not only for our City Hall but for our courts and our schools.

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### SHOULD FORGET FACTIONS.

"The Courthouse is filled with the henchmen of Boss Johnnie O'Dwyer. The courts are filled with men who were elected thru nominations controlled by O'Dwyer. Is there work for us to do? If we are unselfishly for good government we can forget factions and land our men in the courts, in the Courthouse and in the governor's chair."

There was abundance of applause, but no action was taken. There seemed to be an opinion that it would be politically wise to await the appointments of Mayor-elect Schreiber before entering a new campaign.

### SCHREIBER CONTRIBUTES.

Chairman Schlatter said there is no doubt that an amount sufficient to clear the mortgage from the Murphey home and pay outstanding debts due to Murphey's illness will be raised. He mentioned a \$50 contribution from Cornell Schreiber, a \$100 contribution from Clarence Brown and a contribution from Nat C. Wright.

Amendment to the city charter, providing for filling vacancies on the municipal ballot, will be framed by John Schlatter, Frank M. Dotson, Charles A. Cottrill, David B. Eppstein, Raymond T. Garrison, Homer Brown, Rex Wells, S. P. Humphrey, C. W. McGuire, Alvin C. Jones and John B. Crouch, to be reported back to the organization on Nov. 22.