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## CHARGES BRODIE OWES \$13,219 IN EXCESS SALARY

### Taxpayer Sues to Stop Coroner's Checks.

Coroner A. L. Brodie was sued yesterday by a taxpayer who said Brodie was overpaid to the extent of \$13,219 and should be compelled to pay the money back into the treasury of Cook county. The taxpayer, Frank Hackett, 4245 North Melvina avenue, asked an injunction to restrain Brodie from drawing any more pay pending an accounting.

The suit is based on a provision of the Illinois state constitution which says the coroner of Cook county shall be paid only out of the fees of the office actually collected. Brodie, a 24th ward politician, who was appointed coroner by the county board on Feb. 14, 1940, collects less than \$5,000 a year in fees but takes a salary of \$9,000, Hackett charged.

#### Leads to Tax Cuts.

Attorneys Harry S. Ditchburne and August R. Ortlepp, representing the taxpayer, said that the payment of Brodie's salary in violation of the law has enabled many large taxpayers to escape paying their full county tax by objecting to the county levy as illegal because of the \$9,000 appropriation for Brodie. In each instance this contention was upheld in the County court, and the taxpayers were allowed tax cuts.

Attorneys Ditchburne and Ortlepp said they will ask the court to bar State's Atty. Courtney from defending Brodie. It may be Courtney's duty to prosecute the accounting suit against Brodie, and not for him, the lawyers stated. Therefore, they said, Brodie should be compelled to furnish his own defense lawyer, and not be permitted to rely on the public's lawyer.

#### Kelly-Nash Appointee.

Hackett's suit would put State's Atty. Courtney in an anomalous position, if he did defend the coroner. The state's attorney's office did not appeal any of the tax suits based on the contention that Brodie's salary was illegal. Now, if he undertakes to represent Brodie in the pay suit, he will have to contend that it is legal for Brodie to collect the \$9,000 salary, regardless of the small amount of fees collected. If so the tax cuts should not have been permitted to stand, it was argued.

The bill of complaint sets forth that Brodie was named coroner originally to fill a vacancy and then was elected for a four year term which started Dec. 2, 1940. He was given the appointment and the Democratic nomination thru the Kelly-Nash Democratic organization.

While in office Brodie has collected fees amounting to \$5,510 in 1940, \$5,033 in 1941, \$4,012 in 1942, and so far in 1943 about \$1,500, according to the bill of complaint. In the same time he has drawn \$28,125 in salary.

#### \$8,000 Item Voted.

The appropriation for Brodie's office for this year was \$194,000, but Clayton F. Smith, president of the county board, vetoed an item of \$8,000, leaving Brodie \$186,000.

It was the contention of the Civic federation, after a survey last year, that Brodie's office ought to be abolished. A few medical examiners could do the work of the entire staff of 47 who serve under Brodie, it was contended.

The budget survey committee held that Brodie was wasting most of an appropriation [for this year] of \$44,000 for court reporters. There is no need for hiring court reporters whose copy costs the county 65 cents a page, the committee declared, and advised that a few regularly employed stenographers could take over this work at a great saving to the taxpayers. The court

## County Urges Peg Levy Vote in Plea to Gov. Green

[Chicago Tribune Press Service.]

Springfield, Ill., April 27.—A delegation of Cook county commissioners today appealed to Gov. Dwight H. Green for help in climbing out of the financial hole which has been dug by shoveling out more money than was coming in.

The commissioners said they want a pegged levy for more than the \$9,000,000 authorized by the legislature for 1942 and the \$7,500,000 levy set up for 1943. Just how much they request depends on state action to be taken on another proposal—shifting cost of the Oak Forest infirmary from the county to the city and county townships.

Also requested is legislative authority for a bond issue to pay present debts. Outstanding claims now total about \$9,000,000.

#### Green Reserves Decision.

Gov. Green reserved his decision on the proposal for various kinds of legislation. He said he would study the matter further within the next week. His callers, selected by the Democrat controlled county board, were three Republican members—William Busse, George A. Miller, and William M. Erickson.

Gov. Green was told by the trio that the county is broke thru no fault of its own. In 1930 the assessed property valuation was \$4,516,000,000. A tax rate of 32 cents and 28 cents fixed by the legislature produced \$13,500,000 in the even years and \$12,000,000 in the odd years.

"The valuation has been reduced year by year until for 1943 it reached a low point of \$2,100,000,000—less than half of what it was in 1930," they told the governor. "This if extended would produce only \$6,720,000 in even years and \$5,880,000 in odd years."

#### Opposed by Fitch.

Morgan L. Fitch, former president of the Chicago Real Estate board,

said that he will urge the governor to reject the requests.

"What the Cook county board needs is a receivership rather than a subsidy," Fitch said. "The county is bankrupt. It can't get out of the mess by hiding behind a pegged levy."

"The new \$10.42 tax rate in Chicago is the result of pegged levies. There should be a stop to this shameful freezing of tax income without regard to valuations or ability to pay."

The Chicago sanitary district today became the first Cook county tax unit to submit its pegged levy bill. Introduced in both house and senate it calls for \$6,400,000 a year henceforth. Altho the amount is the same as the current peg, the indefinite extension is expected to rouse opposition.

#### Fight Cigaret Tax.

Democrats today launched their expected move to repeal the cigarette tax and reduce the liquor tax. The additional levies were enacted in 1941 at the time the sales tax was cut from 3 cents to 2 cents.

Representatives Edward J. McCabe (D., Chicago) and Daniel M. Flanagan (D., Chicago) introduced the bills.

"It now develops that the 'in lieu' taxes were not necessary," McCabe said. "As a consequence, a surplus expected to reach 67 million dollars by July 1 is being built up."

"It will be argued by the administration that this surplus is necessary for post-war work and for the state to be on a cash basis. My bills would leave about 20 million as a so-called working fund."

Taxes on beer would be cut from 4 to 2 cents a gallon, and from 15 to 10 cents a gallon, and from 40 to 25 cents a gallon depending on alcoholic content, and on whisky from \$1 to 50 cents a gallon.

## WE FIGHT JAPAN IN AFRICA, GREW TELLS CANADA

MONTREAL, Que., April 27 (AP).—

Joseph C. Grew, former United States ambassador to Tokyo, said today that the allies' plan for the destruction of Germany and Japan was "perfectly coordinated and timed," and designed to do the worst that can be done to each of them while fighting both.

In an address at the opening of the fourth Canadian victory loan campaign, Grew emphasized that the war against Japan and Germany was the same war, "one and indivisible," and that Japan is being defeated in North Africa, because, "we fight Japan in Africa and the Mediterranean even as we fight Germany in Asia and the Pacific."

The North African campaign means much to the Tokyo militarists, he continued, but, "if they do not see this stark truth, so much the better for us, and the more deluded they."

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## G.O.P. 'POST-WAR PARLEY' CALLED WILLKIE SCHEME

### Du Page Leader Scents 'Wall Street Gold.'

Charges that the midwest conference, luncheon, and dinner to be held by the so-called Republican Postwar Policy association in the La Salle hotel, May 3, is the scheme of a "bunch of termite boring from within the Republican party" and "part of a big phony plan to promote the Presidential aspirations of Wendell Willkie of Wall street," were tossed last night at Deneen A. Watson, creator and chairman of the organization.

The charges came from Watson's own county chairman, Bernard M. Long, of Downers Grove, probate clerk and chairman of the Republican central committee of Du Page county. Watson lives in Glen Ellyn, Ill., is president of the University of Illinois alumni association.

#### Bids Sent to 11 States.

Invitations to attend the conference have been extended to groups of Republicans in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, North and South Dakota. The association has said it will pay the bills for the luncheon and the dinner in the La Salle hotel, and it has mailed some 5,000 letters and pamphlets to Illinois Republicans.

Long, in a letter mailed last night to Watson, comments on the "thousands and thousands of dollars already spent" by the association and concludes the money comes from Wall street. The letter follows:

"Of course, in these days of food scarcity the offer of a big free meal is not to be sneezed at. But I hope you will pardon me if I seem to smell a rodent in connection with

### Test Your Facts

Below each of the following questions are listed three answers. Make your choice, turn to page 44 in the Want Ad section for the correct answers, and mark your score:

1. Whose motto was "Better to live a day as a lion than 100 years as a sheep?"  
[a] Napoleon. [b] Bismarck. [c] Mussolini.
2. How many gold stripes does a navy captain wear?  
[a] Three. [b] Six. [c] Four.
3. What is another name for the sword lily?  
[a] Iris. [b] Snap dragon. [c] Gladiolus.
4. What was the first of President Wilson's 14 peace points?  
[a] Open covenants openly arrived at. [b] Formation of a league of nations. [c] Reduction of armaments.

this particular function. Frankly, Deneen, like many others I suspect this dinner on the house [the House of Morgan] is merely part of a big phony plan to promote the Presidential aspirations of the discredited Wendell Willkie of Wall street.

"Sen. [Joseph H.] Ball, who is to start the ball rolling [as principal speaker] at the banquet was first appointed to office by Gov. Harold E. Stassen [Minnesota governor who resigned yesterday] who in turn is a pal and playmate of Mr. Willkie.

Alleges Huge Expenditures.  
"Your association, which is supposed to be interested only in post-war plans, is already spending thousands upon thousands of dollars on salaries, promotional publicity, and organizational efforts, besides free meals and entertainment. It is known, for example, that Harold Rainville, a high priced publicity director, recently gave up his lucrative position with the state to accept a job as chief press agent with this new outfit, and I take it that a political campaign manager of your ability and experience would be hardly starting this new crusade without adequate personal remuneration from somewhere. So it is reasonable to conclude there is

plenty of Wall street 'gold in them thar hills.'

"You say in your letter: 'The association represents an independent group that will work solely within the Republican party.' That's just what we Republicans have long since observed as the pernicious activities of Mr. Willkie and his 'little group of willful men.'

"Is it not true that postwar planning is merely the bait which you are using in an attempt to catch suckers for the promotion of Mr. Willkie as a candidate for President?"

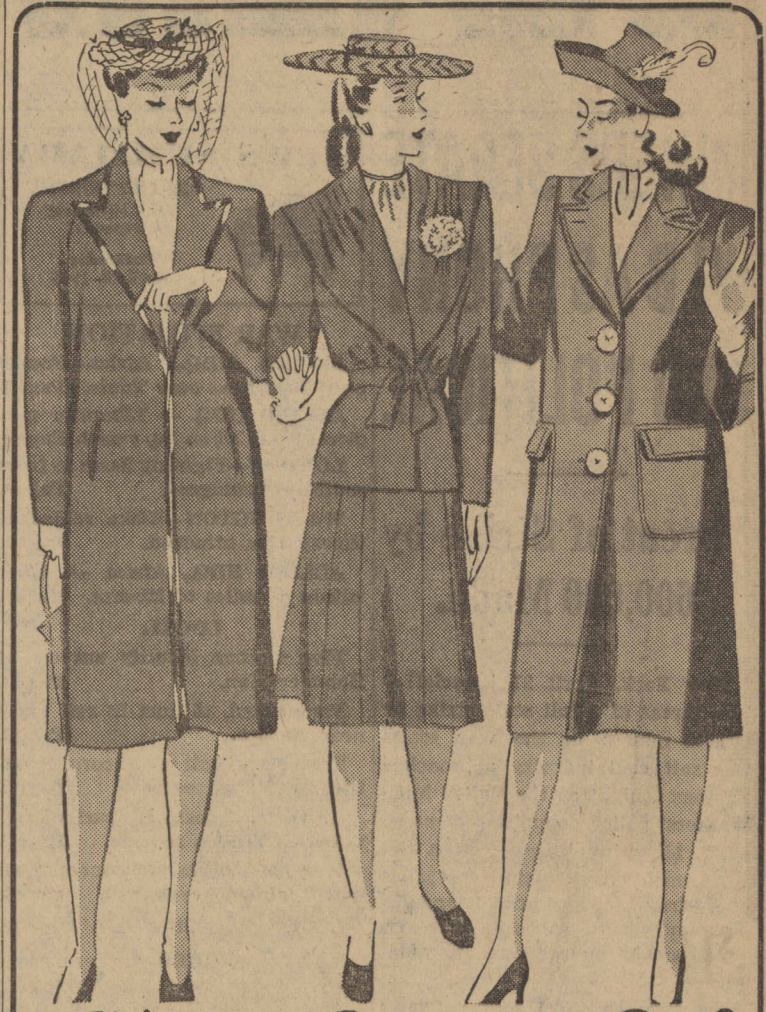
"I must decline to accept your generous invitation to the Willkie ballyhoo dinner. As chairman of the Republican county central committee of Du Page county my presence might easily be construed as

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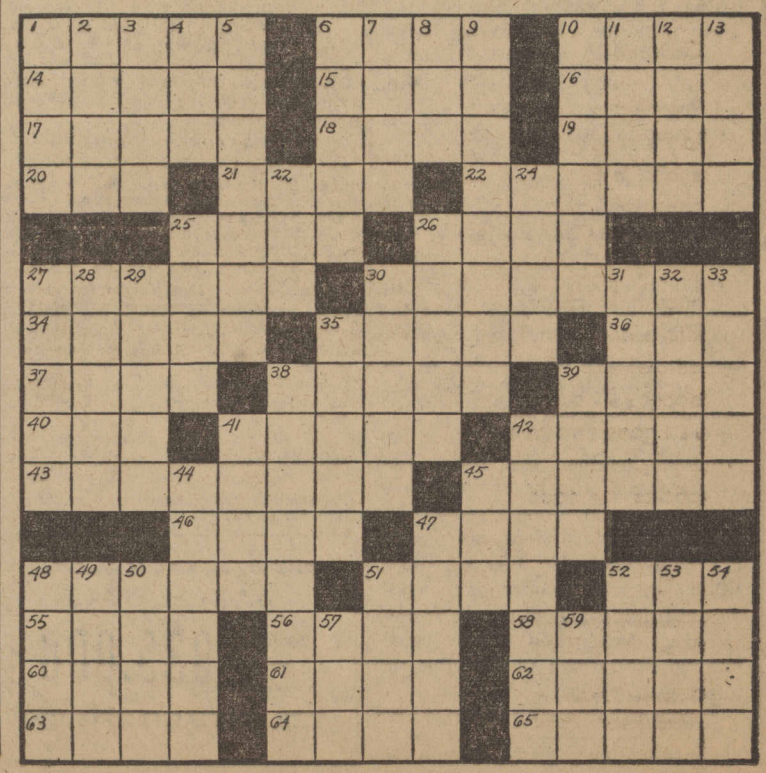
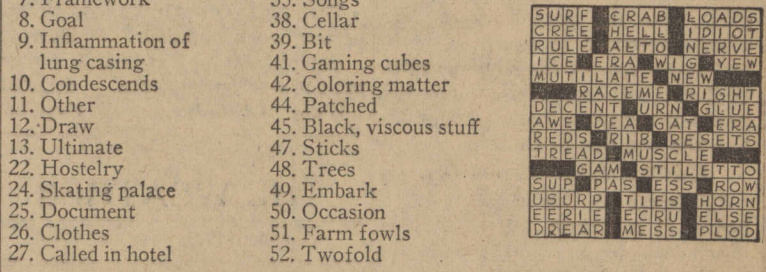
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