

TO LEARN WHY HE WAS FIRED

School Board Will Give Carroll Reason.

That a statement of the reason for not re-employing Daniel B. Carroll as an instructor at the Technical High School will be given to Carroll in the next few days is the decision of the board of school commissioners.

The decision was made when Carroll, who represented the League of Women Voters, appeared before the board last night and demanded explanation.

Members of the board declared that the reason for not re-employing Carroll this year was "certainly not because of his activities in connection with the teachers' salary committee," and on motion of Mrs. Julia E. Tutwiler, took the case under advisement.

After having been voted an increase in salary from \$3,000 to \$4,000 a year, Ralph W. Douglas, assistant business director, tendered his resignation, effective not later than Oct. 1, without assigning a reason.

The board unanimously refused to accept it.

At the opening of the meeting the board planned immediately into hearing the evidence submitted in person by Carroll.

In a written statement Carroll set forth that he had been employed continuously as an instructor in Technical High School since 1915, with the exception of a two-year leave of absence during which he was in the service.

During his period of teaching he had never been informed that his services were unsatisfactory; on the contrary, he had been commended on several occasions, he declared.

SAYS HE WAS WARNED.

Principal Milo H. Stuart of the high school advised Carroll not to institute any movement for better salaries; that if he became active in the agitation he probably would not be re-employed, according to Carroll.

Several interviews were held by Carroll with Principal Stuart in which Stuart is said to have tried by questioning to extract a promise from Carroll to discontinue his activities as a member of the committee.

"The principal said he would refuse to recommend me for re-employment if I did not give up the work and when I asked him if it was a question of re-employment depended on my activities in the better salaries movement or any inefficiency in my teaching, he evaded answering," said Carroll.

"Because of the opening of teachers' institute today Carroll urged immediate decision on the part of the board.

"The board of school commissioners does not nominate teachers, nor does it employ school teachers, and any action on our part tonight would not necessarily mean reinstatement in time to attend the institute," said President Clarence E. Crippin of the board.

Admitting that statement, Carroll declared that the matter should have been considered by the board earlier.

SUPERINTENDENT KEEPS SILENT.

Superintendent E. U. Graff remained silent during the discussion.

"Have you any reason to believe that you have been discriminated against, particularly because of your activities on the teachers' better salaries movement?" asked President Crippin.

"I did not make the assertion that I believed it to be because of that," answered Carroll.

"I merely mentioned that because it had always been brought up in talks which I have had with school officials concerning my re-employment.

President Crippin declared that failure of re-employment could not be traced to his efforts in securing better salaries for the instructors, for the board itself is working toward that end.

"The principal denies the teachers of the high school the right to hold a meeting for the purpose of discussing the salaries question," Carroll declared, but admitted that subsequent meetings were held.

"Opposition was offered at all times by the school administration system," he said.

CRIPPIN IN DENIAL.

President Crippin denied any knowledge as to this.

Carroll again asked for an immediate statement, adding, "Morally, there is an obligation connected with giving a reason for failure to re-employ, before one's contract expires."

When the board informed Carroll that it would be forced to take the matter under advisement, Miss Sara Lauter, of the League of Women Voters, asked, "If there is a definite reason, why is it so necessary for the board to hold a consultation?"

To which President Crippin replied, "It will be necessary for the board to consult with the superintendent who, I understand, has already told Mr. Carroll why he was not re-employed."

"The board is not entirely familiar with the matter," he added.

N. P. Ellis of the Johnson Thermostat Company, was present at the meeting, and in a lengthy address declared that an injustice had been done to Carroll in the matter of installing the thermostat system of heating and ventilating in schools when the board had accepted bids of the Powers' Regulator Company.

Ellis asked the board to rescind the action, but the board refused when Building Adviser Lewis A. Snyder reported that he had investigated the case and did not recommend any changes in the award.

RAISED BID JUST TO SEE.

Ellis, in exposing the "graft scheme of his competitor," admitted that he had raised his bid to the extent of \$2,000 merely "to see the result."

"How did you know the details of the bids?" asked Bert S. Gadd.

"That is a question that I will not answer," replied Ellis.

"I thank you for your frankness," said Mr. Gadd.

Resolutions were adopted as submitted by the finance committee, fixing the 1920 tax levy of the school city at 80 cents on each \$100.

The present levy is 45 cents.

The board will conduct a hearing on Sept. 11, in accordance with recent legislation.

Analysis of coal bought by the schools on contracts to determine if it contained the required number of heat units, was ordered by the board when Carl W. Burton, superintendent of buildings and grounds, declared that some of the coal used contained as high as 85 per cent shale.

Three additional light trucks were authorized to be purchased for use of the department of buildings, and plans were discussed to establish a central

plant for storage of trucks used by that department.

Petition to extend the Indianapolis library training course will open the first week in October, the entrance examinations being set for Sept. 15, according to a report by the librarian.

Petition to extend the branch library building in Brightwood was received from the Brightwood Civic association.

The Charles E. Emmerich Manual Training High School may receive authority to establish a definite branch library.

In part, the report of the librarian was as follows:

"Under an agreement made between the superintendent of schools and the high school principals, the librarian of the public library department hopes this year to develop the high school library of the Charles E. Emmerich Manual Training High School as a definite branch of the public library, and under certain conditions to assume complete administration and responsibility."

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PERSHING TOUR BEING PLANNED

General Is to Visit South American Countries.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—Gen. John Pershing will tour the principal countries of South America at the end of this year as the personal representative of President Wilson, if present plans of the state department are carried out, it was learned today.

Pershing's trip ostensibly will be the return of the visit here last year of Dr. Eutacio Pessoa, president of Brazil.

The real purpose of the proposed tour will be to strengthen ties of friendship between the United States and Latin America, it is said.

It was pointed out a visit by Pershing would enhance the influence of the United States over the western hemisphere.

Pershing, who is now visiting his father-in-law, Senator Warren, at Cheryenne, Wyo., has been approached by the state department on the question and has agreed to go, officials said.

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Greensburg Women Seriously Injured

Special to The Times.

GREENSBURG, Ind., Sept. 1.—The injuries of Mrs. Fred Thomas and Miss Helen Brown of this city, who were riding in an automobile that was struck Monday afternoon by an east-bound traction car, are more serious than at first reported.

Mrs. Thomas suffered a compound fracture of the right leg and her left leg was so badly cut that it was necessary for the attending surgeon to take eighteen stitches to close the wound.

She also suffered a painful scalp wound and her right arm was badly bruised.

Miss Brown suffered severe bruises about the body and her left arm was so badly cut that it took eleven stitches to dress the wound.

Miss Ellen Erdmann, who was driving the car at the time of the accident, escaped with minor injuries.

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