

BAVIS DEMANDS WHITE RETRACT HIS STATEMENT

White with anger President Bavis of the board of public works denounced Councilman John White, of the second ward, at Council meeting last night, for a statement made by White at a meeting of second ward women voters, last Friday night, which reflected upon the methods pursued by the city officials in the purchase of the electric plant of the Light, Heat & Power company.

It was charged that White stated at the ward meeting that he favored the purchase of the L. H. & P. plant but opposed the way the purchase was made. It was asserted that White remarked that the city officials "went into the board of works room and locked the doors, and then came out and said it was done."

White admitted that he had made this statement but added that it was not his intention to discredit Mr. Bavis or any other city official. "I do not believe Mr. Bavis has a dishonest hair in his head," White said, "but I insist that the people were not informed about the deal as they should have been. They should have been permitted to vote on the matter."

President Bavis then reviewed the various transactions leading up to the purchase of the privately owned electric plant showing that everything had been done openly and above board.

Mr. Bavis pointed out that under the state law the citizens were not permitted to vote on the question.

Bavis concluded by asking for an

REV. WRIGHT IS DEAD

Richmond friends of the Rev. Milton Wright, a bishop of the United Brethren church, were shocked to learn today of his death at his home in Dayton, last night. The Rev. Wright for some time resided in this city, removing to Dayton several years ago. He was the father of Orville and Wilbur, the famous Americans who demonstrated for the first time that a heavier-than-air machine could fly.

apology from White and the councilman promptly entered his apology.

Howells Asks Crusade

Councilman Howells asked that the police begin a new crusade against automobile speeding. He said he would like to see an example made of some of the speed maniacs. He also urged the enforcement of the dimmer law.

"One thing Fairview won't be bothered with is speeding," remarked Councilman Wilkins. "You can't speed on Fairview streets."

The welfare committee reported that it was not yet ready to submit a recommendation in regard to the establishment of a pension fund for policemen and firemen.

FOULKE TO ADDRESS PATRIOTIC CHAPEL

Principal Pickell is planning for a patriotic chapel service at the high school Friday morning.

He expects to ask William Dudley Foulke to address the school on a patriotic topic and will have a musical program along similar lines.

City Statistics

Deaths and Funerals.

SMITH—The funeral of Patrick Smith will be held from the St. Marys church Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. Burial will be in the St. Marys cemetery. Friends may call at the parlors of Wilson, Pohlmeier and Downing, this evening between 7 and 9 o'clock.

HOWELL—Mary, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Howell, 807 North I street, died at the home of her parents this morning. Funeral services and burial will be at Muncie Thursday.

BAILEY—The funeral of Lucile L. Bailey will be held from the home, 316 South Twelfth street, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. F. W. Rohlfing will officiate. Friends may call Tuesday afternoon or evening.

JENNINGS—The funeral of Mrs. Daniel Jennings will be held from the South Eighth Street Friends church, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. The Rev. Francis Anscombe will officiate. Burial will be in the Earlham cemetery. Friends may call any time.

Hoboken, (N. J.) bartenders have secured a six-day week.

COLORED CITIZENS FORM COAL FIRM FOR MUTUAL AID

Articles of incorporation for a \$5,000 stock company to conduct a general coal and product supply concern in this city have been filed with the secretary of state, Indianapolis.

Promoters of the concern are all Richmond colored men and the company is to be operated for the special benefit of the city's colored population and will be on a co-operative basis.

The board of directors of the new concern are: R. E. Edwards, a dealer in automobile accessories, Dr. W. W. Anderson, E. M. Brown, a dentist, H. D. Bundy, manager of a dry cleaning business, Charles J. Jones, a fish dealer, and C. R. Richardson, an attorney. All are colored men.

Will Sell Common Stock. Only common stock will be issued, to sell at \$10 a share. Each stockholder will be privileged to purchase supplies at the minimum rates.

The organization of this company follows the suggestion made by the late Booker T. Washington, famous colored educator, in 1915 when he visited Richmond. At that time he suggested to representative colored citizens a general expansion of commercial enterprises on the part of local colored people.

Formal announcement of the launching of this enterprise will be made Thursday evening of this week at a meeting to be held at Bethel A. M. E. church, when Roscoe Simmons, nephew of the late Dr. Washington and the most brilliant colored orator in America, will deliver an address urging support of the new concern, to be known as the People's Coal and Produce company.

Simmons will also urge the colored people of Richmond to lend active support to the government in its war against Germany. Simmons declares that every able-bodied colored American should enlist for military service.

GOVERNOR WANTS MILLION

(By Associated Press) LANSING, Mich., April 3.—Governor Albert E. Steier today requested the attorney general's department to prepare a bill caring for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for war purposes.

MOTLEY HORDE OF EXILES FROM SIBERIA TRAVELS DAY AND NIGHT TO REACH HOMES IN RUSSIA

(By Associated Press)

TYUMEN, Siberia, Via Petrograd and London, April 3.—Fifty thousand sledges, carrying victims of the old regime back to freedom in the new Russia from the mines and convict settlements of Siberia, are speeding in endless chain across the snows of North Asia toward the nearest points on the Trans-Siberian railway.

The passengers range from members of the old Terrorist Societies to exiles who were banished by administrative decrees without trial or even known offense.

It is a race against time as the spring thaw is imminent and the roads, even in the coldest settlements of the Lower Lena, will soon be impassable. Exiles who do not reach the railroad within a fortnight must wait six weeks or two months until the ice melts and river navigation begins.

Accompanies Duma Member. In order to witness this unprecedented migration a correspondent of The Associated Press came here in company with a member of the duma, M. Rosenoff, and two members of the former council of empire.

The three officials were sent by the provisional government to explain to the natives in these remote Russian outposts the nature of the great change which has come to the country. Their mission carries them to some scores of thousands of heathen Asiatic tribesmen and they are especially directed to instruct voters in regard to the coming Constituent Assembly which will decide the form of Russia's new government.

Numbers Increase Rapidly. The liberation of Siberia's prisoners has barely begun. West of the Urals, The Associated Press correspondent only encountered a handful of exiles who, when the revolution began, were at or near the railroad.

The first large party was encountered when the Siberian express reached Ekaterinburg in the Urals. It consisted of 150 political convicts and administrative exiles, including 20 members of the Jewish revolutionary band, mostly from the Verkhokensk district west of Lake Baikal. The exiles were traveling in special

cars and had been on the road continuously from March 24, five days after they first heard of the revolution.

The cars were met by a crowd at the railroad station which cheered them tumultuously. The returning exiles returned the cheers but they were in a deplorable physical condition, shaggy, uncouth, unwashed and extremely emaciated.

Many were crippled with rheumatism, two had lost hands and feet from frost bites and one who attempted flight had been shot in the leg when he was recaptured. He was lying in a prison hospital when he learned that he was a free man.

Come in Motley Array. The exiles had started west so hurriedly that they arrived in an extraordinary variety of incongruous garb. Some were new costumes which had been supplied by sympathizers along their route and some had handsome fur overcoats covering their hideous jail uniform.

Among those who wore this latter costume was a young millionaire aristocrat from Odessa who had been sentenced to life ten years ago for fomenting a revolutionary mutiny in the Black Sea fleet. Others of the party wore shaggy sheep and wolf skins as a protection against the bitter Siberian blasts. One man from the Irkutsk city jail wore the gold braided uniform tunic of the dismissed governor of Irkutsk under a ragged and greasy overcoat.

All Ekaterinburg gathered to do honor to the exiles and a reception and dinner was hastily improvised at which a speech was delivered by Sophia Vasneff, who spent seven years in different Siberian penal villages for possessing revolutionary literature.

Travel Day and Night. As soon as the news of the revolution spread through Siberia those exiles who had the means started for the nearest railway, travelling day

and night in the Arctic cold on peasant sledges or government post sleighs. An enormous number of sledges from widely scattered settlements converged on Irkutsk and so congested the trails that the movement was held up sometimes for hours.

Five days after the triumph of the revolution, 6,000 exiles entered Irkutsk but the vast majority were unable to proceed west owing to the lack of rolling stock. These encamped about the town and along the railroad and at least a month will be needed before they can be sent home.

PNEUMONIA CAUSES DEATH OF LITTLE GIRL

HAGERSTOWN, Ind., April 3.—Pneumonia caused the death of Rev. Mandline, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wine. Funeral services were held Monday by the Rev. H. E. Truitt of the Christian church. Interment was at Economy. There are two cases of pneumonia in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Harter, parents of Mrs. Lester Wine.

A 54-hour bill has been introduced for the employment of women and minors in New Hampshire.

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