

UNION CHIEFS ANXIOUS FOR RAIL AWARD

Leaders of 16 Recognized Railroad Brotherhoods Meet in Grand Council at Chicago.

DECISION IS NOW READY

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, July 19.—If reports reaching railroad brotherhood leaders here regarding the wage award, to be handed down tomorrow by the labor board, are correct, the decision will be unacceptable and will be rejected, union leaders declared today. One thousand general chairmen of the 16 recognized unions are meeting behind closed doors to discuss their future course. While none will predict publicly that a general strike is a possibility if the award is unsatisfactory, they assert privately that trustworthy information reaching them is that the award is so low it will not be accepted.

Some leaders say that the temper of the men is such that they doubt whether an immediate walkout, unauthorized and uncalculated, could be averted, if the men were not satisfied by the board's decision.

The call for today's session which will be continued for several days, provides that the general chairmen can, if they wish, pass on the award without submitting it to a vote.

Fear Hasty Action.
Both W. G. Lee, and S. M. Heberling, representing the two big switching organizations, are said to be among those bitterly opposed to the award which they understand will be handed down, but they are working with the others to prevent any hasty action by their men.

"This conference is looked upon as one of the most vital conclaves of the associated railway craft," Mr. Heberling said today. "You know we are not bound to accept the award of the labor board. The Esch-Cummings bill does not make the award compulsory and neither the workers nor the roads are forced to accept the rulings."

Disastrous to Country.
"I should not like to see a general strike called. It would tie up the country in 24 hours, and in 48 hours industries would be forced to close. The switchmen have asked for a 60 per cent increase. A 20 per cent compromise would hardly be acceptable. Scrub women employed in the Chicago yards are drawing more money than are the switchmen, who risk their lives in their work."

While the recognized leaders are in one conference, 100 chairmen of locals of the yardmen's and engineers' associations, which called the strikes in April gathered to await the award. John Grunau, president of the Chicago Yardmen's association, parent body of all the new unions, said his men would pass on the award independently of the recognized brotherhoods. The new unions demand restoration to their former seniority rights before returning to work. The labor board refused to hear their demands and it is understood there will be nothing in the award to be handed down tomorrow to cover the case of the strikers.

Purpose of Meeting.
According to union rules all questions of a wage increase must be submitted to a referendum vote of the entire membership of the union, but it was pointed out today that the call for the grand council stated the purpose of the gathering to be "to consider and pass finally upon the award made by the board."

Under these circumstances it was not known whether the board's award would be submitted to a referendum or whether final action would be taken by the union chiefs in session here.

Referendum Takes Month.
In connection with the discussion of a probable referendum it was pointed out that a vote by the entire membership of the brotherhood would require a month or more of work, and many union leaders were opposed to this delay in the final acceptance or rejection of the award.

Samuel E. Heberling, president of the Switchmen's union of North America, declared last night that if it was decided that the award was unsatisfactory, "concerted action would be taken by the brotherhoods."

The wage increases asked by the railroad workers, of whom there are nearly 2,000,000, would total more than \$1,000,000,000. The demands range from 25.3 per cent for shopmen to 66.4 per cent for maintenance of way employees.

Robert Thomas, Ex-Soldier, Dies From Effects of Gas

Robert J. Thomas, 23 years old, died at a hospital in Evansville, Ind., Monday. He is the son of William Thomas, 338 S. Tenth street, of this city. "Bob," as he was best known locally, was born here and enlisted in the medical corps early in the war. While serving in France he was wounded twice and severely gassed. It was from the latter cause that his death resulted. It is said that he was discharged from the service, believed to have been cured of gas effects.

He entered Notre Dame college and was considered a very brilliant student. In a visit here several months ago he had to receive medical attention and the local physician was instrumental in placing him in the hospital at Evansville, Ind.

He is survived by his father, and two aunts of this city, Mrs. John D. Nell, and Mrs. Catherine Warner. Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. F. A. Roell at St. Andrews church, Burial will be in St. Andrew's cemetery.

The body will be in charge of Jordan, McManus, Hunt and Waltermann.

JOACHIM'S FRIENDS DENY THAT SUICIDE WAS SCANDAL RESULT

(By Associated Press)
BERLIN, July 19.—Friends of Prince Joachim, of Hohenzollern, deny stories current in Berlin that his suicide at Potsdam Sunday was brought about by scandal. They say that aside from his marital disappointments, the prince was acutely embarrassed through his restricted finances.

Like his brother, he is believed to have been sadly in need of funds, owing to the limited allowance from the crown funds permitted him by the Prussian government.

Broods Over Criticism.
Prince Joachim is also reported to have been brooding over the ultimate fate of the former royal house and the criticism to which his father has been subjected in Germany.

By those who were close to the Hohenzollern family when it was in power in Berlin, Prince Joachim was said to have been the favorite son of the former German empress and fears are expressed that the news of his suicide may have a fatal effect on her, as she recently suffered an acute recurrence of her heart trouble.

Died in Few Hours.
According to advices received here, Prince Joachim shot himself while in his residence, the Villa Leignitz, Potsdam. He was removed to St. Joseph's hospital, where he died a few hours later.

The only member of the former imperial family now in Potsdam is Eitel Frederick, the ex-emperor's second son. Prince Joachim was born Dec. 17, 1890, in Berlin. He served in the late war on both the western and eastern fronts. In the first year of the war he was wounded in the fighting in France, and for a long time it was feared that he would not recover. When he did recover he was transferred to the Russian front, where he had several narrow escapes from capture and afterward suffered a serious illness.

Married in 1916.
After the defeat of the Germans there were rumors that Emperor William would abdicate in favor of Joachim.

Joachim was married in 1916 to Princess Marie Augustine of Anhalt, who then was just 17 years old. A dispatch from Paris early in the present year said Joachim had brought a suit for divorce.

The prince during the war was ranked as a popular hero in Germany. Since the end of the war little has been heard of him. One report was to the effect that he hoped to come to the United States after the peace treaty was signed.

DOORN, Holland, July 19.—The announcement of Prince Joachim's death came to Doorn castle like a thunderbolt. The former German empress, who during the last week has been again seriously troubled by her heart ailment, is believed not to have been informed of the tragedy. The ex-emperor, however, has been told of it, and has been greatly affected by the untimely end of his favorite son. Prince Joachim saw his parents quite recently, it having been only the middle of June when he paid them a visit at Doorn castle here.

WIERINGEN, Holland, July 19.—The tidings of the sudden death of Prince Joachim came as a great blow to his brother, the former German emperor, who only this morning learned the news from Adjutant Von Muheim. The relations between Joachim and Frederick William were always of the most friendly nature, the former being the favorite of the family. The ex-emperor prince conferred with Burgomaster Fereboom, and probably will go to Doorn, the refuge of the former emperor, this afternoon.

ENDSLEY DELIVERS FIRST NEW WHEAT

There wasn't a thing spectacular about the beginning of the inflow of 1920 wheat into Richmond, or the distribution of the Wayne crop among the various elevators and from thence to the consumers.

Lewis Endsley, living on the Liberty pike, brought the first new wheat into Richmond this year. He dropped in at the Champion Roller Mills rather unexpectedly late on Saturday afternoon and announced that he had a load of wheat outside. That was the whole ceremony, aside from the weighing in.

The grain graded No. 3. No price was made until the balance of his crop comes in. Today, however, the Champion folks have pegged the price of wheat at \$2.50. That is today's price; tomorrow must take care of itself; it may be higher or lower.

Charles Carpenter, of the Richmond mills, said Monday that he had expected a little wheat in during the afternoon, but that the rain on Sunday made this highly improbable; it being supposedly too wet to thresh in this radius.

Weather Forecast

For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau—Fair tonight; Tuesday fair and warmer.

Temperatures Yesterday.
Maximum 85
Minimum 58
Today.....

Noon 73
For Wayne County, by W. E. Moore—Fair tonight and Tuesday; warm wave within 24 to 48 hours.

General Conditions.—Heavy showers and thunder storms were quite general Sunday from the Great Lakes Southwest to the Gulf of Mexico. The heaviest rains were over Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee, Georgia and Mississippi and the northwest. The following figures were Sunday's maximum temperatures at their respective places: Alberta, Canada, Calgary, 88; Medicine Hat, 92; Saskatchewan, Swift Current, 96, and Qu'Appelle, 98.

COMPROMISE ON TAX BILL PROBLEMATIC

Republican Senators Caucus This Afternoon on Legalizing Bill Passed by House—Opposition Develops.

MEMORIAL IS FAVORED

(By Associated Press)
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 19.—The special session of the Indiana general assembly which convened one week ago to consider emergency legislation recommended by Governor James P. Goodrich entered its second week today with tax legislation remaining as its most important problem.

Both houses convened at 2 p. m. Republican members of the senate will caucus immediately after the afternoon session to give further consideration to tax legislation. During the week-end a caucus committee considered various sections to the situation created by the supreme court's decision invalidating the horizontal increases made by the state tax board.

Senate Opposes Bill.
Although the house has passed a bill legalizing these increases there has been considerable opposition in the senate against the house bill and in favor of a bill prepared by the Indiana Federation of Farmers association. The farmer's bill would refer the 1919 assessments back to county boards of review for equalization.

A compromise between the two bills is considered probable. The compromise bill, if presented, will come before the senate probably tomorrow. Proponents of the \$10,000,000 war memorial project were hopeful of favorable action by the house either today or tomorrow on the war memorial bill. A caucus committee of house Republicans is said to have decided favorably on the plan.

Attacks Coal Bill.
That the supreme court has given a decision which declares that price fixing is a prerogative of the state government and that in line with this decision the coal commission bill now before the Indiana general assembly would be unconstitutional was pointed out today by Harold A. Henderson, of Terre Haute, general counsel for the miners of Indiana.

The bill providing for a coal commission with powers to fix the price of fuel and regulate its distribution was passed by the house Saturday and sent to the senate.

Mr. Henderson said the miners as yet were not favoring or opposing any legislation but he said certain facts connected with the coal industry should be pointed out.

Senate's Work.
When the senate reconvenes this afternoon its first work will be disposal of the house bill which provides authority for the public service commission to order 100 per cent car service to coal mines with which the state has contracts for fuel for state institutions.

After some amendments a roll call was started on the bill late Saturday but its supporters seeing the possibility of its lacking enough votes to obtain a constitutional majority obtained an adjournment before the roll call was completed. They expect the passage of the bill today when the membership of the senate is present. Numerous bills of minor importance are ready for third reading in the house and will be taken up this afternoon.

Action by the senate on the coal commission bill providing for a body to regulate the distribution of fuel and fix prices is not expected before tomorrow. The bill was passed Saturday by the house under suspension of the rules.

CITIZENS OF CORK ATTACK WITH BOMBS IN STREET FIGHTING

(By Associated Press)
CORK, Ireland, July 19.—Two military lorries loaded with soldiers which passed through the streets of Cork at 3 o'clock this morning, were attacked by civilians with bombs and stones. Between 60 and 70 soldiers were injured. The civilians threw 29 bombs.

Night of Terror.
This city was in a state of terror last night as a result of street fighting which broke out after a bayonetting incident in the street in which a former soldier was killed. About 10 p. m., indiscriminate firing started in practically all sections of the city. The casualties reported up to this morning were one dead and fourteen wounded.

The firing, which was participated in, it is stated, by military patrols in motor lorries and armored cars, caused consternation. Frightened women and children hurried into side streets and volunteers who wanted the people to lie down while the volunteer guards watched the movements of the armored cars.

Taken To Hospitals.
Most of the casualties occurred in the northern part of the city, where the infantry staff dealt with the more serious cases, retaining the worst and sending the other wounded home after giving them treatment.

After midnight the streets were comparatively quiet, with the military patrolling them. There was occasional firing up to 2 o'clock this morning, however, the patrols once in a while letting go a volley.

Mineola to Nome Flyers Will Map Air Line to Nome



Left to right: Capt. St. Clair Street, commanding the expedition; Lieut. Clifford C. Nutt, second in command; Lieut. Kirkpatrick, Nelson and Crumline, each in command of a plane.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Three major results are expected from the Mineola to Nome flying expedition, now in progress. They are: 1. The laying out of a route to Nome which may be used as a military air route. 2. The survey of hitherto uncharted wastes in the interior of Alaska by the airmen in co-operation with the engineering corps and geological survey. 3. The establishment of an air route which may be used commercially and by mail planes for opening the scenic wonderland and natural resources of the interior of Alaska, which heretofore have been closed to all except hardy pioneers traveling overland by painful foot and dog train stages.

DAVIS CAR COMPANY PURCHASES ADDITION; NOT TO MOVE PLANT

Announcement was made Monday by Walter C. Davis, secretary and sales manager, that the George W. Davis Motor Car company had purchased that part of its extensive plant on North E street which it has been leasing for several years from the Westcott Motor Car company, of Springfield, O., formerly of Richmond.

By acquiring the property formerly owned by the Westcott company, the Davis company has abandoned plans for removing its plant to another city. The Davis company, which employs about 200 men, plans extensive improvements to its plant for the purpose of considerably increasing its production.

Increases Output.
Beginning the manufacture of automobiles in 1909, the Davis company that year had an output of 75 cars. Its production this year will rank with the output of the largest automobile concerns in Indiana.

The statement issued by Walter C. Davis in connection with the purchase of the Westcott property follows:

"The George W. Davis Motor Car Company for some months past has felt the necessity of an addition to their plant and for such reasons were contemplating removing to another city and erecting a manufacturing plant adequate for their needs. Having however established their business in Richmond in 1902 at which time the very finest grade of vehicles was produced and changing in 1908 to the manufacturing of motor cars, necessarily in these several years the feeling and appreciation of Richmond as a home was built up which could not readily be turned aside."

Will Remain Here.
"Therefore after negotiating the purchase of what was known as the Westcott Motor Car Company's plant, which has been occupied for the last four years by the Davis Motor Car Co., in conjunction with their original factory lying just east of the Pennsylvania Depot, the George W. Davis Motor Car Company is very happy to announce to their many friends and business associates of Richmond that the contemplated move away from Richmond has been deferred, we trust, indefinitely."

"Plans for a most comprehensive remodeling of this large plant is under way and probably within the next few months extensive additions will be completed which will increase the floor space available for the manufacture of the Davis Motor Cars materially. The new plan of improvement is being conducted in such a manner as to provide additional manufacturing space from time to time in proportion with the growth of the company."

M'CULLOCH FAVORS HOME RULE IN CITIES

Dr. Carleton B. McCulloch, Democratic nominee for governor, favors a commission form of government for municipalities if such a bill is introduced into the Indiana general assembly, according to a statement made by him Monday.

"It seems to me," Dr. McCulloch said, "that if the people of a city want a commission form of government, it ought to be left to the people of the city."

It should be borne in mind, however, the nominee said, "that the aim ought to be to make the government more simple rather than more cumbersome. In many places where it has been tried it has resulted in the form of government becoming more cumbersome. The tendency ought to be toward simplification. The plan of a commission form of government for cities is in accord with the principles of home rule."

Warren T. McCray could not be reached today.

Russian Soviets Agree To Place With Poland

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, England, July 19.—The British government today received a note from the Russian Soviet government stating that Russia was prepared to agree to an armistice and make peace with Poland.

Fall Military Honors For Spangler Funeral

With military honors the body of Lieut. Earl O. Spangler, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Spangler, 1122 Main street, will be laid to rest Tuesday at beautiful Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Spangler will attend the funeral.

The body of Lieut. Spangler was recently brought from France. The Richmond lodge of Elks has arranged to have a wreath placed on the grave of Lieut. Spangler. He was the only member of the lodge who died while in the military service of the country.

8 MEN ENTOMBED IN MINE EXPLOSION; CAGE IS DESTROYED

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 19.—John Luteman, light foreman, two fire bosses, two pumpers and three laborers were entombed by an explosion in the mine of the Union Collieries company at Benton, 18 miles from here, at 3:30 this morning. The explosion blew the cage out of the shaft and as soon as repairs to the hoisting apparatus can be made rescue crews from the Pittsburgh station of the bureau of mines and similar crews from adjoining properties will endeavor to find the buried men.

The ventilation system of the mine, which is 512 feet deep, is operated by electricity furnished by a power company. Saturday afternoon it became necessary to make repairs to the plant and the power was shut off.

Explosion Shook Neighborhood.
At midnight Sunday Foreman Lute, with Fire Bosses Charles Reese and Edward Higby and the remainder of the crew, entered the mine to see that all was in readiness for operating this morning. It is not known how far they had gone into the workings, but at 3:30 o'clock a terrific explosion shook the entire neighborhood.

Rescue Crew Ordered.
A rescue car with a full crew was ordered to Renton from Pittsburgh. The government men rigged up a derrick and a small party was sent down the shaft. They found no evidences of fire or gas, nor could they find any trace of the men.

Rescue crews will be sent down as soon as the hoisting machinery can be repaired.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thesing Celebrate Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thesing celebrated their golden wedding Sunday, July 18, at their home, 216 North Sixteenth street. They were married in Covington, Ky., in 1870. They moved to Richmond in 1877. They are the parents of 16 children, only five of which are living. Mr. and Mrs. Thesing are among the oldest members of St. Andrew's church.

An informal family dinner and supper were served. The color scheme used in the decoration was yellow. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Thesing, and children, Mary, Catharine, Charles, Robert, and Grace, of Muncie, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Thesing, and children, Bertha and Lawrence, of Fairview; Mr. and Mrs. Mike S. Huth and son, Carl, and Miss Anna and Catharine Thesing.

A number of friends called in the afternoon and extended their congratulations.

Serbs Anxious to Allay Anti-Italian Feeling

(By Associated Press)
BELGRADE, Jugo-Slavia, July 19.—The recent clash between Italians and Jugo-Slavs at Spalato and the anti-Slav demonstrations at Trieste have caused much bad feeling here against Italy, which the government is attempting to counteract. Addressing the Serbian parliament yesterday, the president of the council declared Serbia had always considered herself an ally of Italy. Later he expressed the hope that the government would take steps to allay the bad feeling.

Warren T. McCray could not be reached today.

PENNSY TO LAY OFF 10 PER CENT OF MEN ON WHOLE SYSTEM

(By Associated Press)

PHILADELPHIA, July 19.—A 10 per cent reduction in the working force of the Pennsylvania railroad will be made this week, it was announced here today at the company's office. In the eastern region alone, which takes in the territory east of Altoona, between 11,000 and 12,000 workers will be laid off, it was stated.

It was stated the reduction was necessary by the fact that expenses have been exceeding income for some time past. In view of this condition, the verbal announcement says "it was decided to trim sails" and put economics into operation.

The reduction affects the entire system. A formal announcement will be made later in the day.

It was announced at the office of the superintendent of the Richmond division, Pennsylvania Lines, early Monday afternoon that no orders had yet been received from the general offices of the company at Philadelphia, requiring a 10 per cent reduction in the number of employees of the division.

General interest was shown at the division offices over the Associated Press dispatch announcing a ten per cent reduction in the working force of the entire Pennsylvania system. One official remarked that he was not surprised at the action taken.

CHICAGO, July 19.—The reduction of the working force of the Pennsylvania railroad announced today at Philadelphia, applies only to the eastern region, it was stated at the office of J. G. Rogers, vice president of the Northwestern region here. A reduction in this territory is under consideration it was said, but the percentage of men to be laid off and the date when the order will be effective have not been decided. Each of the four Pennsylvania system regions act independently. The other two have officers at St. Louis and Pittsburgh.

COLUMBUS, O., July 19.—No reduction orders have been received for the Southwestern division of the Pennsylvania railroad, officials said. However it was stated that a 10 per cent reduction on the lines west of Pittsburgh would mean the laying off of approximately 5,000 men.

GOV. COX DECLINES TO ANSWER HARDING

(By Associated Press)

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 19.—Conferees on the Democratic campaign plans engaged Governor Cox, the party standard bearer, upon his return to Washington. Homer S. Cummings, chairman, and many members of the national committee arrived today for the meeting of the whole committee tomorrow, and kept Governor Cox busy with discussions of selecting a campaign manager, speaking tours, finances and other affairs.

Governor Cox declined today to reply to the statement of Senator Harding, his Republican opponent, calling for a bill of particulars of his conference with President Wilson, stating that he was "very much pleased with his talk with the president." Governor Cox reiterated with respect to Mr. Harding's statement that he would not engage in a wire debate with the opposition.

"In my speech of acceptance," said the governor, "I will answer all that I deem requires an answer."

Chairman Cummings had an engagement this afternoon with the governor, who with other members of the committee said no agreement on the management of the campaign had yet been reached.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., July 20.—E. H. Moore, Democratic national committeeman for Ohio and pre-convention manager for Governor Cox, who returned to his home here from San Francisco Sunday night, stated today that he positively could not accept the position as chairman of the Democratic national committee and manager of Governor Cox's campaign for the presidency.

TO CONSIDER NEW MEASURE FOR TURBINE

Gilbert Will Suggest Repealing \$100,000 Ordinance and Action on \$175,000 Bill to Provide Machinery.

RESENTS INSINUATION

Repeal of the ordinance appropriating \$100,000 for a new 5,000-k. w. turbine engine, with its complementary equipment, for the municipal electric plant, or an amendment to the ordinance increasing the appropriation to approximately \$170,000, will be suggested to council at its meeting Monday evening, according to Harry W. Gilbert, president of the board of public works.

The cost of installing the turbine unit, complete, will be close to \$170,000, and because council has appropriated only \$100,000 companies which were expected to negotiate for the contract have refused to submit bids.

All or Nothing.
"In my opinion, council should either appropriate an amount approximating the actual cost of the proposed improvement or it should appropriate nothing," remarked Councilman Oscar Williams Monday.

He presided over council at its last meeting and it is probable he will be selected to continue as presiding officer during the absence of Mayor Zimmerman.

Mr. Williams frankly declared that in his opinion an increase in the capacity of the municipal plant was greatly needed and he thought council should authorize at once the expenditure of the full amount necessary to install the new unit.

Has Confidence.
He declared that some of his associates appeared to be under the impression that the city officials who would be responsible for making the proposed plant improvements could not be trusted with the handling of an appropriation fully covering the approximate cost of the improvement. He said that the receipt of bids, Mr. Williams took occasion to remark that he had complete confidence in the board of public works.

In appropriating only \$100,000 for the proposed turbine several councilmen last Monday night went on record as being opposed to appropriating for the full cost of the improvement until bids had been received and a contract awarded.

Will Refute Charge.
James E. Dillon, superintendent of the municipal plant, stated Monday that he intended Monday evening at council meeting to present a charge made at the last council meeting that the coal storage equipment for the municipal plant, recently contracted for on a bid of \$44,000, would cost \$20,000 more than what it was actually worth.

This assertion, it is said, was made by Councilman Thatcher and it nearly resulted in an exchange of blows between Thatcher and Dillon, the latter declaring that such a charge was a "damned lie."

H. S. Ford, of Detroit, representing the R. H. Beaumont company of Philadelphia, which firm sold the coal storage equipment to the municipal plant, will appear before council and testify that the city secured the device for a reasonable price and will explain its operation.

Sends Affidavit.
The president of the company has also sent in an affidavit testifying that the company only received a fifteen per cent profit on its sale.

Baltz A. Bescher, city controller, assumed the role of conciliator Monday in the protracted dispute between the city council, on the one hand, and the board of public works and the municipal plant superintendent on the other, over the proposal to appropriate \$275,000 for the purpose of doubling the capacity of the plant to meet the actual needs of the city.

Mr. Bescher, in a letter addressed to the board members and to the city councilmen, urges that the legislative and executive departments get together and agree upon some plan of action whereby plant improvements can be provided.

Text of Letter.
Mr. Bescher's letter follows: "At the last session of the common council, held July 12, 1920, an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$100,000 for unit at our City Plant was passed, which from present indications is in no way sufficient to cover the cost of the 'unit' let alone its installation. I am not an attorney, but it is my honest opinion the manner in which this ordinance was passed will cast a shadow on the transcript necessary in the issuance of and sale of bonds, which the city will probably be compelled to issue for at least a portion of the money necessary for said improvement."

"The city clerk has received letters from firms, advising that as the appropriation is inadequate they would not bid on the unit on that account. I would suggest that the council and board meet and have the person or persons present at the meeting with whom they have been in consultation, and if possible have one of the engineers from the Indiana Public Service Commission present to go over the plans, specifications, etc., also as to the best and most economical plan for the installation of the contemplated improvements at the plant."

"I believe if this is done, we will be able to settle this question amicably, and will be able to act in harmony for the best interests of our city and light plant. Trusting you will accept this request in the spirit given, I beg leave to remain as ever,

"Yours for the best interests of our City,
B. A. BESCHER,
City Controller