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NEW MEASURE FOR \$175,000 DELAYS ACTION

Council Increases Appropriation for Turbine but Postpones Final Action for Two Weeks.

ARGUMENT IS BITTER

A new ordinance increasing the appropriation for a 5,000 k. w. turbine unit at the municipal power plant from \$100,000 to \$175,000 which sum is insufficient to cover the approximate cost of the improvement, according to statements made by representatives of the city administration, failed of passage at the city council meeting Monday night because a necessary unanimous vote could not be obtained to suspend the rules for the adoption of the measure.

Councilmen Evans and Stegman voted against the suspension of rules. As a consequence consideration of plans for increasing municipal plant production will be held up until council meets again, two weeks hence.

Became Entangled.

Those who attended the council meeting were entertained by frequent disputes, but they had a difficult time keeping pace with the proceedings. Parliamentary procedure eventually became so ensnared that a newspaper reporter of long experience with councilmanic affairs secured permission from the presiding officer, Councilman Williams, to interrogate council to determine the status of the proceedings.

Debate was featured by a clash between City Attorney B. C. Robbins and Councilman Ford. A representative of a company which recently contracted to install a coal storage device at the municipal plant had just concluded a statement refuting a charge made in council a week ago that the cost of the equipment, \$44,000, was \$20,000 more than it was worth, declaring the sales price represented a profit of only 15 per cent, when the city attorney took the floor and asked Mr. Ford to conduct a cross-examination if he was not satisfied with the statement.

Wants Him Satisfied.

He said he wanted Mr. Ford to have a thorough knowledge of the deal, otherwise he might sit around his shop and complain to callers that all the facts were not revealed.

Mr. Robbins Referred to Mr. Ford as a "gossip."

Ford denied that he had been responsible for the charge that the city had not received a fair deal in the purchase of the coal storage device. The presiding officer finally ended the dispute and remarked that it be a good plan to provide a set of boxing gloves for future council meetings.

Council took up the question of increasing the municipal plant's capacity, which the power users of the city have been vehemently demanding for over a year, by adopting a "get together" resolution, framed in accordance with City Controller Bescher's urgent plea that the legislative and administrative branches of the city government bury their differences and act for the best interests of the community.

But when the meeting had adjourned council and the board of public works were just as far apart as ever.

Calls for Conference.

The resolution, introduced by Councilman Welterman, called for a conference of council members, board members, city controller, superintendent and engineer of the municipal plant, Howard Gluyas, former plant engineer, local manufacturers familiar with electrical machinery and, if possible, members of the Indiana Public Utilities Commission, for the purpose of considering plans for installing additional equipment at the plant.

Prior to the adoption of this resolution council was reminded that the turbine unit the board desires to contract for was recommended by an expert electrical engineer employed by the city to ascertain necessary plant improvements, and that the chief engineer of the state utilities commission had indicated that the improvements contemplated were necessary.

Revokes Decision.

A few minutes after council had decided that no plant improvement should be formulated until a general conference could be held, it revoked its own decision by adopting a resolution that the board should advertise for bids for equipment for a turbine unit, the installation to be made by the city, and bids for a unit with the installation to be made by the contracting company, and that it was the sense of council that the city should make its own installation of the unit.

Then, to the amazement of the spectators, council executed another about face. It adopted a resolution to the effect that if the board thought best and the board does—contract for a turbine unit with the installation to be made by the contracting company and the council would acquiesce and provide any additional sum necessary providing the proposed appropriation of \$175,000 was insufficient to meet the cost.

Defeats Appropriation.

After this third resolution had been adopted, a unsuccessful effort was made to pass an ordinance appropriating \$175,000 for plant improvements, under suspension of rules.

Board members declare that the chief engineer of the state utilities commission who must pass upon and approve any improvements for the city plant, has made it quite plain to them that he can see no advantage in the city purchasing the various parts of the proposed unit and then having the unit installed by local talent. In other words the commission engineer advises the complete installation of the unit by the contracting firm, thus giving the city a guarantee that the work will be satisfactorily done.

The majority of the councilmen have made it quite plain, however, that (Continued on Page Four)

FAILURE TO APPOINT SPECIAL CITY JUDGE PREVENTS TRIALS

It developed Tuesday when two men, Leonard Allison and Gus Kroma, were brought into city court to answer charges of violating the city ordinance against loitering, that Richmond at this time, with Mayor W. W. Zimmerman out of the city on a 90 days' leave of absence, has no city court judge.

B. C. Robbins, after examining the statutes, decided that Allison and Kroma could not be arraigned on the charges preferred against them.

The two loitering cases constituted the first embarrassment experienced by the city as a result of the mayor abandoning his official duties to leave the city for the purpose of taking treatments at a sanitarium in a nearby town.

Mayor Fails To Appoint

It was the general understanding the mayor had with council before he was granted his three months' vacation that the mayor was to appoint a special judge of the city court, the salary of the special judge to be paid by the mayor, with the understanding that the mayor would continue to receive his own salary while absent from his duties.

It was learned Tuesday, however, that S. K. Morgan, who has been presiding over city court is not serving as special judge, that he is merely acting as a justice of the peace and is conducting his justice court at the city building instead of his own offices.

Has No Authority.

City Attorney Robbins, after considering the charges made against Allison and Kroma, expressed the opinion that Morgan is not a special city judge, and that as justice of the peace Morgan has no authority to hear cases involving the violation of the city ordinance.

Mr. Robbins cited the fact that under the law it is provided that in cities of the third class, in which Richmond is included, council may designate the mayor to serve as city court judge. This action has been taken by the Richmond city council. The law further provides that the judge of the city court shall have "exclusive" jurisdiction over cases resulting from violations of city ordinances.

In the event the city court judge, who, in the case of the city of Richmond, is the mayor, cannot preside over the court for any reason he has the authority, under the law, to appoint an acting city court judge. However, Mayor Zimmerman neglected to do this.

DEMOCRATS CONFER TO SELECT MAN TO MANAGE CAMPAIGN

COLUMBUS, O., July 20.—Choice of commanding officers for the Democratic battle front and determination of major features of the campaign confronted the Democratic national committee as it assembled today for its first important business session since the San Francisco convention.

Wishes of Governor Cox, the presidential nominee, were paramount among the committee members and it was planned to invite him and Franklin D. Roosevelt, vice-presidential candidate, to the meeting, set for 11 o'clock at a local hotel.

Governor Cox announced today that Edmund H. Moore, Ohio's national committeeman, and the governor's campaign manager, had definitely refused the chairmanship of the national committee.

The Democratic national committee unanimously adopted resolutions urging ratification of the federal woman suffrage amendment by the Tennessee and North Carolina legislatures.

Prefers Moore.

Although the governor had expressed himself for Mr. Moore and arranged to confer with him before the full committee's session to urge his acceptance, friends of both doubted whether the governor could overcome his objections to taking over the campaign, with its personal sacrifices. In the event of Mr. Moore's final declination, many committee members expected the re-election of Mr. Cummins.

Also on the committee's calendar was the election of other officers, determination of dates for notification ceremonies and general traveling plans for both nominees, selection of headquarters and campaign financing plan.

Other Officers.

The present committee officers, besides Chairman Cummings, are: Vice-chairmen, J. Bruce Kremer, Montana, and Samuel B. Amidon, Kansas; secretary, Ed. G. Hoffman, Indiana; executive secretary, W. B. Hollister, Missouri; treasurer Wilbur W. Marsh, of Iowa; financial director, W. D. Jamieson. Re-election of most of the visitors, with other prominent Democrats, were invited to a buffet luncheon given by Mrs. Cox at the executive mansion at 7 p.m.

Former Ruler of Elks Killed in Auto Smash

ALTOONA, Pa., July 20.—Thomas A. Herr, past exalted ruler of the Elks and a leading politician of the Elks, and Elmer E. McGuff, hotel proprietor, were killed and four other persons seriously injured early today when an automobile driven at high speed turned turtle near Frankstown, Pa. Among the injured is M. P. McGrath, prohibition enforcement officer in this city.

Armed Bandits Get \$10,000

NEW YORK, July 20.—Three armed bandits held up the cashier of the Borden Condensed Milk company today in front of the company's office and escaped with \$10,000. (Continued on Page Four)

Harding's Manager



HARRY M. DAUGHERTY

Harry M. Daugherty, who managed Senator Harding's pre-convention campaign, will be a prominent figure in this year's presidential campaign. He will be subordinate to Will Hays, who will continue as chairman of the national committee.

COMMISSION GRANTS INCREASES IN RATES FOR ELECTRIC PLANT

Increased rates for electric current by the municipal electric plant operated by the city of Richmond were authorized by an order of the public service commission, issued today. The commission, in granting the petition of the city, made allowances for increased costs of labor, coal and materials.

Lighting rates were increased approximately 24 per cent; municipal lighting rates were increased approximately 30 per cent and a new schedule was provided for current used in cooking. Power rates were increased 55 per cent under the demand schedule and 52 per cent under the increment schedule. Special rates were established for rural service furnished by the municipal plant.

Labor Costs Factor.

Increased labor costs of more than 100 per cent are indicated by evidence submitted by the city. Large increases in the salaries of clerks, engineers, and many other employees were pointed out by the city.

The city of Richmond was ordered to set aside annually for depreciation 3½ per cent of the value of its depreciable electric property including future additions and betterments, and rules were provided for its depreciation fund.

No electric utility purchasing current from a municipal utility should be served at a rate which places the municipality and its patrons any burden or loss, the order specified.

Discusses Liberty Plant.

In regard to the Liberty Light and Power company, the order says:

"The commission further finds that the Liberty Light and Power company while accepting electric energy at the primary side of the switch board, and offering continuous consumption during the twenty-four hour period, should not be given preferential classification; that the city of Richmond, in its capacity as a public utility, should not render service to the Liberty Light and Power company for the delivery of electric energy to other towns and communities served by it, at a rate that places said municipality and its patrons in the position of bearing a burden or loss; that said Liberty Light and Power company, and its consumers do not in any wise participate in the obligations, elements of hazard, etc., which attach to the city of Richmond and its tax payers in the establishment and operation of the plant; that, weighing all elements, the proposed schedule does not lay an unfair burden on said Liberty Light and Power company, and that there is no necessity for a special classification for rates to other public utilities."

NEGRO CAUGHT AFTER FIRING ON SHERIFF

EATON, O., July 20.—One of two negroes who engaged in a running gun battle with Sheriff George Jones and Deputy C. R. Wehrley, about three miles northwest of Eaton last Friday, is held in the county jail here in default of \$1,000 bond on a charge of shooting with intent to kill.

The negro, 23 years old, says his name is Samuel Walker, his home Pittsburgh, Pa. He claims to be a native of Covington, Ky.

Walker and Ed Jones were working on a railway improvement west of Eaton. They are said to have threatened to shoot up the camp if they did not receive their pay, which was not available at that time. Sheriff Jones was called.

Fires At Sheriff.

The sheriff and his deputy started in pursuit of the negroes. One negro fired on the sheriff. A number of shots were exchanged, none taking effect. The negroes eluded the officers. Returning early in the evening to the place where the chase had ended the officers captured Walker in a

After his capture Walker revealed the hiding place of revolver. The weapon, a Colt's Police Special, 38-calibre, was wrapped in an old shirt, along with 17 loaded shells.

Sheriff Jones also found what ap-

pears to be a savings deposit book

bearing the name Louis Jones. A balance of \$272.84 is shown. The other

negro escaped.

SOLONS DRAFT MODIFIED TAX LAW MEASURE

Agree on Curtailing Ten Million Dollar War Memorial Appropriation Proposed by Governor Goodrich.

BOOST TEACHER'S PAY

(By Associated Press)

INDIANAPOLIS, July 20.—Still without definite plans for tax legislation, the special session of the Indiana general assembly today went into its eighth day with no end to its deliberations in sight. A caucus committee of senate and house Republicans met again this morning to resume the drafting of a tax bill, a task at which they have been working since last Friday.

Drafting of a compromise bill on tax legislation which it was believed would be acceptable to members of the Republican majority in both houses of the general assembly was almost completed by Senator Kiper, of Booneville.

While drafting of this measure was being completed, Republicans of the house caucused on the war memorial appropriation. The caucus recommended to the ways and means committee that the legislature appropriate \$2,000,000.

Increased Teachers' Pay.

A bill providing for approximately a 30 per cent increase in the salaries of school teachers was passed this morning by the house by a vote of 79 to 0. The bill was sent to the senate. Representative Edgar T. Laughlin, of Davis county, speaking on the bill, declared that its provisions for a minimum wage of \$800 yearly would indirectly result in rural schools being held in session eight months each year instead of six.

The house passed \$1 to 2, the bill of Representative Malott of Lawrence county, restoring to county treasurers and auditors the fee of \$5 per day for attending meetings of the county board of review.

Leaders are hopeful that once the tax problem is solved the special session can be adjourned without delay. Various plans are under consideration by the caucus committee to take care of the situation created by the decision of the supreme court declaring invalid horizontal increases made by the state tax board in 1919 assessments.

AWARD ACCEPTABLE TO RAIL EMPLOYEES

Sentiment among some Richmond employees of the Pennsylvania railroad seemed to indicate that increases in pay granted Tuesday will prove acceptable. They added, however, that acceptance or rejection rested with the railroad men's committee now in conference.

Frank Irwin, president of the Central Labor Council and secretary of the blacksmith's union, said the when he attended a conference of railroadmen at Chicago last week, sentiment was that a 20 per cent increase would be accepted with protest, but under 20 per cent would be rejected.

"Believe," said Irwin, "that Richmond men will accept the increase granted. Should the committee at Chicago refuse acceptance, Richmond men will fall in line. Should the majority of railroad men strike, Richmond men would do likewise."

Several railroad clerks interviewed believed the increase granted them would prove satisfactory. Yard brakemen and conductors would not express an opinion. They said they would abide by the decision of the committee in Chicago, even though dissatisfied with the increase.

SHAMROCK LEADING AT END OF 10 MILES

(By Associated Press)

SANDY HOOK, N. J., July 20.—Ten miles of the 30-mile triangular course covered, the challenger Shamrock rounded the first mark ahead of the American Defender Resolute, in today's international cup race.

Shamrock turned the first mark at 2:28, saluted by the excursion fleet, which blew great blasts. Resolute was 600 yards astern.

Shortly after 3 o'clock the wind began to freshen and prospects for a real race began to look up. The wind had weights to it and the off-shore fishing fleet heading off toward the Cholera banks had a heel to it.

Weather Forecast

For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau.—Fair tonight and Wednesday.

Temperatures Yesterday.

Maximum 75
Minimum 57
Today. 77

For Wayne County by W. E. Moore—Fair tonight; Wednesday warm and probably fair, becoming unsettled.

General Conditions—Moderate temperatures now prevail from the Mississippi valley eastward, while the hot wave which originated over western Canada is spreading southward and now covers the plains states. Minimum temperatures as follows: Kansas, B. C., 94; Medicine Hat, 92; Miles City, Montana, 98; Pierre, S. D. 94; Dodge City, Kansas, 90; Phoenix, 92; Yuma, Ariz., 112; Abilene, Texas, 104. The coolest place in the United States or Canada giving regular reports was Stone Cliff, Ontario, 40 degrees.

The equity company recently purchased the J. H. Musselman elevator. Manager Schleinitz states the company contemplates remodeling the elevator and adding other new buildings this fall.

Principal Demands of Leading Unions

Demands for substantial wage increases for nearly all classes of the 2,000,000 railroad employees have been pending since late last summer, said a union official here today.