

## DEFER ACTION ON PROBE OF MAYOR'S JOB

Councilmen Decide to Await Investigation of Citizens' Committee on Conditions in City's Government.

## REVIEW GRIEVANCES

With an audience of shirt-sleeved, perspiring citizens which completely filled the council chamber and overflowed into the hallways, council met in special session Friday evening "for the purpose of inquiring into the conduct and actions of Mayor W. W. Zimmerman," but in reality the meeting developed into a discussion of the conduct and actions of the council, the board of public works and the city attorney.

After a debate which lasted over two hours and was confined almost exclusively to A. J. Ford, fifth ward councilman, and Byron C. Robbins, retiring city attorney, Mayor Zimmerman still held his job, but the attending taxpayers departed fully convinced that the administrative and legislative branches of the city government didn't have a bit of use for each other.

**Mayor's Condition Discussed.** Before convening, council held a caucus with members of the committee of citizens appointed Friday morning at a meeting of business men and heard a report on the condition of Mayor Zimmerman submitted by Dr. Cook, in charge of a sanitarium at Oxford, O., where the mayor is a patient.

Dr. Cook stated that the mayor was in a highly nervous state and was suffering from a painful injury to his head, recently received, but he gave assurance that the mayor was not in a serious condition and that he would respond to treatments in a satisfactory manner.

He further stated that Dr. Zimmerman's mentality was not impaired, and that what he principally required was complete rest for at least a month.

**Postpone Action.** Before adjourning council decided to postpone its consideration of the mayor's conduct of his official duties until after the special citizens committee had had an opportunity to meet with the mayor and submit to council a report of the conference. It is understood that arrangements have been made for the committee to call on Dr. Zimmerman at Oxford, Sunday.

As council was about to adjourn Councilman Thatcher took occasion to urge President Gilbert of the board of public works, and City Attorney Robbins, to withdraw their resignations, but council took no action on the matter. Although the resignations of the two officials are effective August 1, each has expressed a willingness to continue in office for any reasonable time after that date until his successor can be appointed. It is generally understood, however, that appointments to fill the two vacancies will be made before August 1.

**Calls for Explanation.** Following the convening of council Councilman Von Pein asked that some of the councilmen who had signed the call for the special session to give their reasons for doing so.

Mr. Waldele stated that he acted on the theory that the resignations of two principal officials following the withdrawal of the mayor from the city constituted an emergency.

Councilman Ford said he signed the call because a great many people thought it was up to council to act on a serious situation, the mayor being incompetent and the resignations of Mr. Robbins and Mr. Gilbert having been submitted. He said he thought some one should be placed in charge of the affairs of the city at this time.

Councilman Von Pein next called upon City Attorney Robbins to explain what the status of the mayor would be if he was unable to perform his official duties. Mr. Robbins replied that under normal circumstances it mattered very little whether the mayor was in or out of the city.

**Explains Mayor's Work.** He admitted that the mayor had not given much of his time to city affairs, but explained that the mayor's duties were few and that practically all of the executive actions were carried out through other agencies.

"There has been a great deal of unnecessary comment and a great deal of existing situation," Mr. Robbins vigorously declared. "Dr. Zimmerman is mayor and no one can take his place unless a vacancy occurs."

He then explained that impeachment proceedings could be instituted but stated that all the charges on which such proceedings were based would have to be fully substantiated and the mayor given ample time and opportunity to offer a defense of his actions and the conduct of his official affairs.

**Pleads for Harmony.** Later Attorney Henry I. Johnson made a similar declaration in a brief address, which was concluded with a plea that council and the board bury their differences and act harmoniously in the future for the best interests of the city.

Mr. Robbins twice addressed council. The first time he sharply criticized "three or four" members of council, referring to them as "obstructionists." His second speech was in defense of the board of public works in its dealings with the council and refutations of charges that the affairs of the city were in a serious condition.

In his closing speech he asserted that municipal finances were in satisfactory shape and that Richmond was one of the few cities which, in the past three years, had not found it necessary to issue bonds for its maintenance.

**Relates Disputes.** He said that the affairs of the municipal electric light plant were progressing satisfactorily and that under

## Prohis Give Ohio Third Presidential Candidate



Aaron S. Watkins.

Ohio got its third candidate for the 1920 presidential campaign when the Prohibition national convention, in session at Lincoln, Neb., chose Aaron S. Watkins of Germantown, O., as its standard bearer. Watkins was born on an Ohio farm fifty-three years ago; preached seventeen years in the Methodist church; then was a professor in Ada college, Ohio, and is now a professor of literature in a Germantown military academy. He ran for governor of Ohio on the Prohibition ticket in 1905 and 1908.

## FEDERAL MEDIATORS ASSIGNED TO STRIKE ZONES IN ILLINOIS

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, July 24.—With the return of the delegation representing the Illinois Coal Operators association from Washington today it was learned that government labor conciliators have been dispatched to the strike zones here.

The committee sent to Washington to ask government aid in the present coal strike in Illinois was understood to have opposed reopening of the wage question for a \$2 a day increase in pay.

Miners officials here expressed concurrence with the statement made by Harry Fishwick, vice-president of the Illinois Miners' Union, at Springfield, who said: "There is no need of conciliation. The operators are agreed that the day men should get their increase and have told them their only reason for not paying was that the Lever Act is still in force."

He said he expected that the strikers would return to work today, leaving the settlement of their wage dispute to the negotiations between the operators and federal authorities.

One of the largest retail coal dealers in Chicago, the Consumers company, announced today, a shut down on acceptance of new orders for coal. The order states that a year ago it had stored in its yards 175,000 tons of coal and had orders on its books for 30,000 tons, and that this month it had 45,000 tons of coal on hand and unfilled orders for 195,000 tons.

## STIFF BREEZE DELAYS RACE UNTIL MONDAY

(By Associated Press) SANDY HOOK, N. Y., July 24.—A 25 mile southeasterly under which both Shamrock IV and Resolute staggered about the starting line under the short, hot possible sail caused calling off today of the fifth and deciding race for the America's cup.

A couple of early morning squalls brought up the stiff breeze that has swept lower New York harbor in two weeks. The two yachts plowed their way out to the light ship, where they found a terrific sea running and each skipper notified the regatta committee that they were willing to postpone the contest which now will be sailed next Monday.

The two sloops turned back from the light ship and scurried into shelter of the horseshoe while the spectators fleet headed up the harbor for New York. This was the fifth postponement on account of too much wind since the contest between Reliance and Shamrock III was called off 17 years ago.

## FRIDAY SETS RECORD FOR HEAT IN JULY

When the thermometer hit 92 at the pumping station Friday and maintained its high standing until midnight when it dropped to 82, Richmond sweltered and perspired through the hottest day of the year.

Walter Vossler, of the pumping station, said that an 82 temperature at midnight was very unusual. The hot wind that backed up the sun's efforts was mainly responsible, Vossler believes.

No prostrations from heat were reported.

## Harding Spends Day Answering Letters

(By Associated Press) MARION, O., July 24.—Correspondence occupied Senator Harding's attention again today, a big docket of letters and telegrams accumulated over notification day being placed before him when he reached his desk. Many of the communications were messages of congratulation on his acceptance speech and many others kept coming in during the day.

## HARRY MANN SHOOT AT AUTO BANDITS

An effort made by automobile bandits to break into the home of Harry L. Mann, 206 Lincoln street, Friday night was frustrated by Mr. Mann, who opened fire on the thieves with his revolver. The men fled as soon as Mr. Mann began to shoot, making their escape in an automobile which was waiting for them on North West Second street.

The bandits were seen to approach the Mann home in an automobile. After it had stopped footsteps were heard on the front porch and a flashlight was seen. A man was then seen by Mr. and Mrs. Mann from their bedroom window passing along the side of the house. Mr. Mann secured a revolver and accompanied by Mrs. Mann's mother went into the back yard.

"There is a man, shoot him," remarked the woman, pointing to a man on the side of the house. Mann's attention had been directed to a man who was in the rear of the yard and he shot at him. The man fled. Mann then fired at the prowler who was at the side of the house, but he had started to run when the first shot was fired.

## ITALIANS TO PUNISH INSTIGATORS OF RIOTS

(By Associated Press) ROME, July 24.—Interpellated in the chamber of deputies on the recent disorders in Italy, premier Giolitti declared the government would discover and punish the instigators of the law-breaking but the instigators.

"We are no respecter of persons" he said, "if anybody imagines he can influence the political life of the country with ill-begotten millions, this person will soon discover his foolish mistake. The premier alluded to reports that persons enriched by the war were spending their money to foment disorders with a view to overthrowing the cabinet or hindering parliament in its functions, and thus prevent enactment of the patrimony bill which would confiscate war profits.

It is announced that some investigations already made in Rome into the disorders have resulted in discovery of a financial plot against the state, showing that in two days alone about ten millions state bonds were sold in order to depress the market.

## Dolan is Candidate For County Agent Position

J. L. Dolan, of Mendota, Ill., will meet the directors of the Wayne Federation at the mass meeting of farmers to be held at the high school auditorium Wednesday evening, July 28. Mr. Dolan is available timber for county agent, according to T. A. Coleman, of Purdue, and has been invited to meet the Wayne board and talk matters over. It is desired to replace Mr. Murphy, recently resigned, as quickly as possible, so that interest in the work may not lag.

## SOLONS HOPE TO CONCLUDE WORK TODAY

Tax Legislation Still Remains Great Stumbling Block to Agreement Between Two Houses.

## BILLS IN CONFERENCE

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 24.—Facing the prospect of continuing the special session of the Indiana general assembly into a third week, Republican leaders worked desperately today to bring about an agreement between the senate and house on the emergency legislation which has been acted upon by the two houses and sent to conference committees.

Tax legislation, over which the legislators have spent many hours in consultation still remains the great barrier to an agreement. The senate tax bill passed last night did not come up before the house this morning for conference, but it was expected it would appear later in the day.

House leaders were opposed to the senate bill, however, and it will go to a conference committee.

**Pass Amended Bill.** The senate this morning by a vote of 37 to 13 passed an amended war memorial bill and returned it to the house for concurrence. Sen. Beardsley of Elkhart cast the only vote against the bill. He declared it was inconsistent to spend money on memorials and curtail teachers salaries.

The house today refused to concur in senate amendments to the coal commission bill and this measure was also sent to conference. There are now in the hands of conference committees the road law, the coal commission bill, and the home rule tax bill.

**War Memorial Bill.** The war memorial bill passed by the senate provides for a tax levy to be spread over six years, which will produce approximately \$4,000,000. This would be given by the state in addition to the ground now occupied on the north side of Indianapolis by the blind asylum and St. Clair park. The bill also makes it possible for Marion county and the city of Indianapolis to participate in the construction of a memorial by an appropriation of \$5,000,000, making \$9,000,000 for the building.

## DEAD WOMAN'S BRAIN EXAMINED FOR CLUE

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, July 24.—Chemical analysis today of the brain of the unidentified woman, which was found in a trunk here yesterday, shipped from Detroit on July 10, was expected to assist in establishing how the victim met death. The brain of the woman, who was said to be between 25 and 30 years old, was the only vital organ that could be examined, all her internal organs being removed before the trunk was shipped to "Mr. Douglas, New York City."

"If death was due to criminal operation, the analysis of the brain should reveal traces of chloroform," said Dr. Charles Norris, chief medical examiner, who added that if the victim was poisoned the same analysis should so indicate.

Police here have communicated to the Detroit police all information considered of any value obtained. Some of this information was not made public, but they gave out the fact that the trunk's shipper was described on a "tag" as A. A. Tatum, Detroit, Mich.

## Earl Spangler Buried With Military Honors

Earl O. Spangler, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Spangler, 1122 Main street, who died in service overseas, was buried Tuesday in Arlington cemetery, Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Spangler attended the service.

Military honors were paid by a company of soldiers headed by a band. An adjutant in charge of the service, Mr. Spangler was well pleased with the location of the grave, which overlooks the city of Washington.

Lieut. Spangler was the only member of the local Elks lodge, Country Club and Commercial club who died in military service of the country. The lodge of Elks sent floral pieces. Mr. and Mrs. Spangler plan to go to Washington on the fall and have a monument erected to mark the grave of their son.

## Weather Forecast

For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau—Fair; cooler to night; Sunday fair with moderate temperature.

**Temperatures Yesterday**  
Maximum ..... 92  
Minimum ..... 67

**Today**  
Noon ..... 82

For Wayne County, by W. E. Moore—Unsettled this afternoon; fair and cooler tonight; Sunday fair, with moderate temperature.

**General Conditions.**—The upper Mississippi valley storm which has caused violent electrical storms over portions of Wayne county early this morning continues to move eastward and is being followed by fair and cool weather which is due to arrive tonight and continue over Sunday. Although temperatures will rise somewhat Sunday afternoon they will not get high. The hot wave is now broken from Illinois northward, but temperatures will rise again over western Canada, Sunday and Monday.

## Her Hats Make Her Popular



Mme. A. I. Benklevsky wearing one of her home-made hats.

Mme. Benklevsky, the dainty little wife of the Russian ambassador at Washington, is noted and envied by her woman friends for her chic little hats, which she herself makes. Her husband came to this country some years ago as one of the representatives of the Kerensky government. The fall of Kerensky left the naval attaché stranded in this country without a job, so it is perhaps fortunate for him that his wife has talent as a milliner.

## IRISH MOBS DESTROY DROMORE BUILDINGS

DROMORE, County Down, Ireland, July 24.—The situation here assumed an ugly aspect last evening, following the outbreak of disorders Thursday night in which the house of a prominent Sinn Féin was attacked and burned, and shops belonging to Nationalists were in turn attacked and badly damaged, military reinforcements finally being sent to aid the police. The more serious development occurred when a crowd burned the Catholic club to the ground and badly wrecked the parochial house.

DUBLIN, July 24.—Commenting on the speech of Sir Hamar Greenwood in the House of Commons yesterday, in which the chief secretary for Ireland predicted a bitter period in Ireland, and called for certain legislative measures to meet the situation, the Freeman's Journal says that "no coercionist secretary ever outlined such a program."

The newspaper points out that Sir Hamar is a Canadian Liberal and asks: "Will he explain what moral right England has to set up a conqueror and why he imagines the mantle of Cromwell has fallen on his shoulders?"

BELFAST, July 24.—The Belfast newspapers are influenced largely by the existing local conditions in their comment on Sir Greenwood's speech in the house of commons yesterday. The Unionist papers—the Telegraph, News and Northern Whig—all variously charge the government with lack of vigor and demand in effect that they come to closer grips with the Fein and immediately establish martial law to convince the people they are in earnest.

## CHOLERA EPIDEMIC FEARED IN CHINA

(By Associated Press) TIEN TSIN, July 24.—Peace delegates have arrived at Tien Tsin, but were coolly and suspiciously received. Former premier Chin Yung Peng has left for Mukden to confer with Chang Tsao Lin, Governor of Feng Tien, with a view to bringing about an early peace.

Indescribable confusion exists on the railroad at Yankishi and at the Feng Tien rail head. The militarists are intimidating the railroad men with the consequence that the lines are badly congested.

Everything is becoming disorganized and with the neglect of sanitary precautions, an outbreak of cholera is feared, unless drastic measures are taken immediately. The international and military trains went to Peking today, but otherwise the congestion continues.

While fighting to the south of Peking has ceased, the advance of Feng Tien troops on their way to Peking continues.

## Wiggins Charged With Giving Short Weight

Peach Wiggins, an ice deliveryman, was arraigned before Justice Morgan in city court Saturday charged with selling a short weight of ice. It is alleged he sold 33 pounds and represented the weight to be 50 pounds. Wiggins was released after he had been cautioned not to repeat his offense.

William Hunt, commissioner of weights and measures, states that he has been issuing warnings against short weighing for two years, and from now on he will arrest all men who persist in such practices.

## SOVIET ARMY STARTS WORK ON ARMISTICE

Military Command Ordered to Quit Fighting and Negotiate Armistice Asked For by Poland.

## POLES ARE IN BAD WAY

(By Associated Press) LONDON, July 24.—The soviet government of Russia today notified Poland that the soviet army command had been ordered to begin immediately negotiations for an armistice. It is announced in a wireless dispatch from Moscow today.

The following telegram was dispatched by George Tchitcherin, Russian soviet foreign minister, to Prince Sapieha, the Polish foreign minister at Warsaw, at 1:15 o'clock this morning: "The Russian soviet government has given orders to the supreme command of the Red army to commence immediately with the Polish military command negotiations for the purpose of concluding an armistice and preparing for future peace between the two countries. The Russian command will advise the Polish command as to the place and date of commencing negotiations between the military commands of the two sides."

## Receive Message

Another message, signed by Vassilef and Khvostchinsky, for the chief headquarters staff and the revolutionary military council, was sent to the higher military command in Warsaw, marked "very important" and saying: "The supreme command of the Red army has received the order of the soviet government to enter into negotiations with the Polish military command on the questions of an armistice and peace between Russia and Poland. The supreme command will send representatives to Warsaw with full powers to place which will be indicated to you by the command of the Russian front, who will inform it of the place and the date when the Polish representatives will be invited to attend."

WARSAW, July 25.—The Poles and Bolsheviks are fighting for possession of Grodno. In a counter attack the Poles captured two of the Grodno forts and the southern part of the town, which was taken in hand to hand fighting. A communique issued by the Poles today announces further Polish successes along the line. The Bolsheviks have been pushed back at several places, the Poles capturing two cannons and some prisoners. The fighting is continuing.

In their offensive against Galicia the Bolsheviks are reported to be bringing up Tatars and Kuban and Terek cosacs who have entered the line. Four regiments of Tatars already have been identified in the forces driving toward Lemberg.

**Using Many Reserves.** The Bolshevik thrust in the direction of Sokolka west of Grodno has carried them past the Polish boundary line set by the council of ambassadors. Along the railroad in this region the Poles are reported to be fighting to stem the momentum of the southwestern drive. The Russian army toward Poland's capital, without much resistance, in the face of overwhelming numbers of fresh Bolshevik troops.

Bolshevik reserve divisions assembled by Gen Brusiloff weeks prior to the launching of the offensive are daily being thrown in all along the northern front.

**Make Final Effort.** Lemberg newspapers assert that Bolshevik officers in the Lemberg hospital admit the present Bolshevik offensive is a final effort, which will not continue for more than a fortnight as the Reds are demoralized and discouraged.

The Courier Poranny says Moscow is clearly sending out propaganda in order to sow discord between Poland and England.

One of the Warsaw newspapers commenting on the military situation declares that unless the Bolshevik advance is checked in the region of Grodno, the government should issue an alarming appeal to the population. So long as the city remains quiet, it adds, it would indicate the Poles are preparing a decisive blow at the advancing enemy.

PARIS, July 24.—"The role of the Franco-British mission now on its way to Warsaw," said Premier Millerand to the senate today, "is to get an accurate idea of the situation, to support with every means within its power the newly formed Polish ministry and to advise us as to the army's needs in material, munitions and instructors."

"The mission will do what is possible, even at the risk of its life, to the help of our allies," the Premier continued. "Latterly we have not spared friendly warnings to Poland but she now expects from us something besides reproaches. I can assure you her expectations shall not be in vain."

## Gorgas to Rest in Arlington

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 24.—The body of Major-General Gorgas, former surgeon-general of the army, who died recently in London, will be buried in Arlington national cemetery, it was announced today at the war department.

## POLICE WRECK TOWN.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, July 24.—Kilmallock, 19 miles south of Limerick, was wrecked by a body of police last night, according to a Cork dispatch to the Evening News. Several persons were injured. The police are reported to have fired volleys in various parts of the town while the citizens were trying to put out fires which were raging in the houses.

## JOHNSON DECLINES POSITION ON BOARD

W. N. Johnson, president of the Auto Sheet Metal Works, said Saturday that he would not accept appointment as a member of the board of public works to succeed Harry W. Gilbert, who has tendered his resignation.

Mr. Johnson stated that his business interests would not permit him to devote sufficient time to municipal affairs. He formerly served on the board but resigned some months ago and was succeeded by Mr. Gilbert.

It is understood that another well known business man, who at one time held an important county office, has been offered appointment to the board of public works by two city officials who are acting in the interest of Mayor Zimmerman. This man has not indicated whether he will accept the position, it is stated.

No appointment to fill the vacancy in the office of city attorney has been made at yet. It has been reported that representatives of Dr. Zimmerman have offered the place to Ray K. Shiveley, a well known local attorney, but that Mr. Shiveley has not indicated what action he will take.

## COX REACHES DAYTON TO WRITE SPEECH

(By Associated Press) DAYTON, O., July 24.—Here to write his address accepting the Democratic presidential nomination August 7, Governor Cox today hoped to end all political conferences until his speech is sent to the printer.

Considerable first hand information for pronouncements of his address, was expected by Governor Cox from callers on his engagement list today. Shipping and general commercial affairs were topics he planned to discuss with Edward N. Hurley, of Chicago, former shipping board chairman and with O. E. Bradute, Xenia, O., former industrial commission and federal farm bureau member the governor was to discuss industrial relations and agricultural interests.

Senator Bismore, of Ohio, was to come here today or next Monday to discuss means of continuing the Senate investigation of campaign expenses which Governor Cox is pressing. Another Senator, J. C. W. Beckham, of Kentucky, was enroute to talk state politics. The governor also expected a call from James W. Gerard, of New York, former ambassador to Germany.

## WILSON CONSIDERS FUEL HEAD REVIVAL

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., July 24.—Pres. Wilson is considering sending a telegram to officials of the United Mine Workers in connection with the strike of laborers in the Illinois bituminous mine fields it was said today at the White House. The suggestion that the President send such a telegram came from a committee from the Illinois operators who called at the White House yesterday.

Governor Goodrich, of Ind. has written the President requesting that he revise the office federal fuel administrator. White House officials said, and Mr. Wilson has the matter under consideration.

## Sunday To Be Cooler Weather

Sunday will be an ideal day, said Weatherman Moore Saturday. It is not likely to rain and the break in the hot wave will make the air more pleasant than in the past few days. He predicted a temporary break in the high temperature by Saturday night.