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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 Byram 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 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. Waldehoff stated that he acted on the theory that the resignations of the 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 incapacitated 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 removed through other agencies.

Explains Mayor's Work.
He admitted that the mayor had not been giving 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 alarm over the 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 defense of his actions and the conduct of his official affairs.

Plays for Harmony.

Later Attorney Henry V. 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 refuted 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.

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 concurrence, 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 1 passed an amended war memorial bill and returned it to the house for concurrence. Sen. Beardley 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 unclad body of an unidentified woman who 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 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.

EAR 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 army chaplain was in charge of the service. Mr. Spangler was well received 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 the military service of the country. The Webb Lodge of Masons and Elks sent floral pieces. Mr. and Mrs. Spangler plan to go to Washington in 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 tonight; Sunday fair with moderate temperature.

Temperatures Yesterday

Maximum 52
Minimum 67

Now 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.

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 million 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.

No prostrations from heat were reported.

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 said.

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Her Hats Make Her Popular



KEYSTONE

SOVIET ARMY STARTS WORK ON ARMISTICE

Military Command Ordered to Quit Fighting and Negotiate Armistice Asked For 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 Chicheterin, 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 Vassilev and Khvostchinsky, for the chief headquarters staff and the revolutionary military council, was sent to the higher military command in Warsaw, marked "very urgent" 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 furnished with full powers to a 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 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 communiqué issued by the war office today announces further Polish successes along the Niemen where the Bolsheviks have been pushed back at several places, and some prisoners. The fighting is continuing.

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

Using Many Reserves

The Bolsheviks 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 southwest drive which is swinging the Reds 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 chief command 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 what is impossible to come 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.