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WORKS BOARD DEATH IS AIM OF CITY DADS

Council Takes First Move To Secure Direct Control City Affairs—Pass \$20,000 Appropriation.

RESULT OF DEADLOCK

Council made the first move toward taking direct control of city affairs when an ordinance abolishing the board of public works was introduced at the regular meeting of council Monday night and passed the first two readings by a unanimous vote. The ordinance will be up for passage at the next meeting of council, May 16.

A committee on public improvements composed of members of council to take over the duties of the present board of public works and the board of public safety. This committee will be appointed by council, according to the provisions of the ordinance.

The proposed measure calls for the abolishment of the board of works the second Monday of June at 12 o'clock noon. This is a legal move on the part of council, as the question of a board of works is optional with cities of the third class, local attorneys state.

Move Is Surprise

This move on the part of council was a surprise to city officials and came as a result of the deadlock that has existed between the board of works and council for the past month over appropriations for the city light plant.

The introduction of an ordinance calling for the appropriation of \$20,000 for the city light plant, was the signal for a concerted attack of councilmen on the present administration of the plant.

Councilman Ford insinuated that graft was prevalent in the administration of the plant, couching his words in such a manner that City Attorney Reller was moved to take the floor and denounce the attitude assumed by Mr. Ford in attacking Mr. Lyon, consulting engineer of the plant, and deplore the condition of affairs in the city if they had reached such a stage that everyone was assumed guilty of graft until proved innocent.

Grafs Appropriate

In introducing the appropriation ordinance City Controller Bescher stated that the city light plant would not function unless the appropriation was made.

A statement of alleged needless expenses at the light plant was read by Councilman Ford, who withheld the names of the party having prepared the notes for him. This charged that "General Electric flow meters, including two new ones, were thrown out at the plant, costing the city for labor and meters on this work \$3,600. The large turbine had been out of service for three weeks, having bursted out under the supervision of the master mechanic, that certain boiler had burned out while the expert was in charge. New offices had been built at the plant at a cost of \$800. A clerk had been added to the force at a salary of \$125 a month. That the machine shop had been made into a locker room for changing clothes at a cost of \$700, that the present power house help was inexperienced. That 65 men now were employed at the plant doing the work that was formerly done under the direction of Mr. Jeffery with 33."

Officials Indignant

James P. Dillon, superintendent of the light plant, gained the floor after the introduction of this statement. He stated that the charges made were too fallacious for him to even deign to answer. Matt Von Pein, president of the board of works, stated that it was beneath his dignity to go into detail on this matter but that he would deny each and every assertion and invite an investigation.

Councilman Weidell charged that there was an organization trying to wreck the plant in an effort to turn it over into private hands.

After the heated argument by council, board of works and Mayor Zimmerman, City Attorney Reller tried to bring the two forces together in an effort to get the ordinance passed.

He stated that the present administration lacked co-operation and confidence. That each group was pulling against the other, and that the only solution was to get together, and put all the cards on the table and let everyone see where the matter stands.

A public mass meeting was suggested as one means. Council failed to agree with this suggestion and turned it down.

Pass Appropriation.

Finally, after virtually every councilman had exercised his power of oratory, Councilman Stegman moved that the appropriation ordinance be passed as an emergency measure. It was voted for unanimously, even those most firmly opposed to it voting for the suspension of rules and the passage.

A committee on public morals was created by a special ordinance presented and passed as an emergency measure at Monday night's meeting. This provides for a committee of three persons to censor all carnival companies intending to exhibit in Richmond. Before they will be allowed to show they must obtain a good character permit, and pay a fee of \$25 a week. All expenses incurred must be paid by the exhibitors. A fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300 and imprisonment not to exceed six months is provided as a penalty for owners of carnivals failing to comply with the law.

Sam Vigran, Albert Morell and Lawrence Handley were nominated as members of the public morals committee. Their formal election will not occur until next council meeting.

BUILD LEGAL BATTLE OVER INDICTMENTS IN SOFT COAL CASES

(By Associated Press) INDIANAPOLIS, May 3.—Foundation for a legal battle over the indictment in the soft coal conspiracy case, in which 226 operators, miners, retailers and corporations in six states, are accused of criminal partnership to increase prices was laid today in the federal court here by defense counsel filing motion to quash the indictment.

No date for argument of the numerous legal questions raised in the motions forming the opening line of attack by the defense, was set by Ferdinand Geiger, of Milwaukee, presiding in the absence of Judge Anderson, who is ill. Counsel for the government as the defense, however, expected no further action until fall.

To Attack Indictment

Besides the motions to quash, the defense served notice that further attack on the indictment would be made later if necessary by denunciations to the indictment and in addition, the miners announced that they would offer a plea in bar against their prosecution. This action of the miners was said by the counsel to indicate that they would seek to justify any of their acts which the government charges linked into the alleged conspiracy to violate the Sherman anti-trust act. Outstanding among the questions raised by the motions to quash, filed separately by the miners and operators, was the contention that the anti-trust act was suspended by the Lever fuel control act passed in 1917.

RICHMOND VETERANS WOULD INVITE G. A. R. TO MEET HERE NEXT

Efforts will be made by members of the Richmond post of the G. A. R. to secure the annual state encampment for Richmond in 1922, according to announcements made Monday afternoon after an informal meeting of members of the local post who will attend the state conclave at Newcastle next week.

Members of the local post stated that they believed Richmond could secure the encampment if an invitation was extended to the Civil war veterans. The treatment accorded the G. A. R. men at their last encampment here in 1912 was appreciated by the veterans. Members of the local post stated that this would be strongly in favor of Richmond.

The Chamber of Commerce will be asked to aid local ex-soldiers in interesting the state G. A. R. in coming to Richmond. Members of the Spanish-American war veterans organization and the American Legion are said to look favorably on the proposed invitation.

Citizens May Help.

Citizens of the city would have to become interested in the movement to bring the conclave here and a representation would probably have to be on the job to secure it, according to M. D. Poulet, head of the local G. A. R. post.

The matter will be discussed at the meeting of the post Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in the post rooms of the court house. Before that time members of the post will get in touch with various bodies in the city and see if they are interested in bringing the encampment to Richmond.

The United States apparently has not yet given up hope that a final settlement will be reached by discussion, thus avoiding co-ercive measures which, in the view here, would be likely to be attended by economic confusion. Officials will not say, however, whether the United States will consent to sound out the allied governments with regard to further German proposals.

Has Consulted Envoys

Since the receipt of the proposals on April 26, Secretary Hughes has been in frequent consultation with allied diplomatic representatives here.

He had previously made it clear to Germany that he would transmit the proposals to the allies only if acceptable to them. In the event they should be returned to Germany, it was understood the American government would continue to work for a settlement through discussion. This was pointed to by some as an explanation of the suggestion in last night's communication that Germany at once "make directly to the allied government clear, definite and adequate proposals which would in all respects meet its just obligations."

The decision to return the proposals, it was believed, was reached in

A supplementary report given in connection with the enumeration shows that 260 pupils were lost during the past year by families moving; 50 students married; six died and 22 cannot be accounted for. Despite a loss of 448, the 1921 enumeration exceeds that of last year by 457 pupils. Each school and the number of students attending during 1920, and the number attending at present, follows:

1920-1921 1921-1922
Finley 823 888
Warner 644 702
Starr 1071 1040
Whitewater 158 568
Hibberd 758 714
Vale 714 763
Baxter 464 595
Sebastopol 462 587
Joseph Moore 303 327

Total—5,697 6,184

Expect Senate to Boost Naval Appropriations

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The Senate naval committee today turned its attention to the annual navy appropriation bill passed last week by the house.

Some increase over the \$396,000,000 authorized by the house bill is expected, but senate committee members predict that the bill will reach the senate without as great an addition as the \$160,000,000 voted just before the bill failed in the senate last March. An effort to increase the navy personnel from 100,000 to 120,000 men is expected, the present authorized strength being 143,000 men with 117,000 actually in the service and 43,000 enlisted men to expire during the next fiscal year.

Most Beautiful Noblewoman in Europe to Visit U. S.



A new portrait of the Queen of Roumania

This is a new and hitherto unpublished portrait of Queen Marie of Roumania. She is considered the most beautiful of all Europe's women in royal circles. It is reported that she contemplates making a tour of this country some time this year.

THINK U. S. CLOSES REPARATIONS INCIDENT; COUNCIL TO CONSULT ON NAVAL ACTION

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, May 3.—In urging Germany to make at once "directly to the allied governments" adequate proposals on reparations, the American government was believed by the allied diplomats here to have definitely closed the reparations incident so far as the United States is concerned.

Present plans provide for a seating capacity of 2,500 in the auditorium of the building, counting the main floor and balcony seats. Rooms where patriotic and other organizations of the county could hold meetings and enjoy banquets would be a part of the building.

Mr. Comstock said that the next step is to familiarize the public with the plans and gain backing. After that, petitions would be circulated. When more than one half of the county's tax payers have signed the petitions, they would then be filed with the county commissioners, who would then appoint three persons to act with two persons to be appointed by the judge of the circuit court, which committee would arrange for the project.

Club To Co-operate

H. R. Robinson, president of the Rotary club, assured Mr. Comstock, following the talk, that the club would consider appointing a member to serve with other organization representatives in forwarding the memorial project.

Dr. L. F. Ross, who was named chairman of a committee to investigate the possibility of a community chest program for Richmond, reported that a similar committee from the Kiwanis club was to work with the Rotary committee.

Other states which grant suffrage to aliens who have merely made declarations of intentions of becoming citizens are Texas, Missouri and Arkansas.

Rep. Siegel represents a congressional district in the city of New York, which has, perhaps, more foreign born citizens than any other district in the country.

Needs Adjustment

Commenting on the statement made by Rep. Siegel, one of the members of the Indiana delegation has called attention to the fact that an amendment to the constitution of Indiana is required before the right of suffrage is denied to foreign born residents of the state who have not completely qualified for citizenship.

"There was a motive for granting the right to vote to aliens who had merely taken out their first papers when the constitution of Indiana was drafted," remarked the Indiana congressman. "At that time a greater part of Indiana was marshland, and to secure settlers inducements had to be offered. Apparently, the right of suffrage to non-citizens had its appeal, for many aliens came to the state in its early history, and they were greatly responsible for the conversion of practically all the swamp lands into productive farms."

"However," he continued, "the condition which existed when the constitutional right of suffrage was granted to aliens who were not citizens no longer exists. That provision of the constitution should be changed. Ideally, no harm would be done to make some other changes in the basic law of Indiana."

It is probable that Indiana will soon be one of three states which permits non-citizens to vote. It is stated that Texas will soon require full citizenship as a qualification for the ballot.

COOLIDGE ANSWERS CHARGE OF SOLONS

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, May 3.—Vice-President Coolidge today sent a letter to the Massachusetts legislative committee, investigating charges of irregularity during the 1918-1919 session, which is to be made public tomorrow.

The communication as dispatched to Berlin the second sentence read: "In reply to the German memorandum of the council members with Admiral Beatty of England and Admiral Grasser of France, regarding

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BLOOMINGTON CHURCH MAY CALL DR. J. J. RAE

(By Associated Press) BLOOMINGTON, Ind., May 3.—The congregation of the First Presbyterian church of Bloomington, may extend a call to the Rev. J. J. Rae, of Richmond. Dr. Rae occupied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church here last Sunday and it was said today that a meeting of the congregation to be held on the evening of May 11, the matter of extending a call to the Richmond minister would be considered.

Dr. J. J. Rae, pastor of the local First Presbyterian church, was out of town Tuesday. Nothing could be learned of his plans from members of the church.

Six Civilians Killed in Five Hour Irish Battle

(By Associated Press) LIMERICK, Ireland, May 3.—In a five-hour battle last evening near Galway, between 150 civilians and crown forces, six civilians were killed and 14 wounded, it was officially announced today. Two soldiers were

Barometric Pressure

7 a.m. 29.26
10 a.m. 29.28
Noon 29.99

COMSTOCK EXPLAINS PROPOSED MEMORIAL FOR WORLD WAR VETS

Explanation of the proposed Wayne county memorial building was made before the Rotary club at noon Tuesday by Paul Comstock, chairman of the memorial committee.

Mr. Comstock said that the next step toward securing the building rested with the citizens of Wayne county. The memorial committee drew up plans for the building and filed them with the county commissioners several months ago.

To provide a site and pay for the cost of erecting such a building as that proposed, it is estimated that the total cost will be about \$500,000 to the county. This expense would be met by a small tax levy which could be spread over a term of 20 years. This additional levy, according to Mr. Comstock, would not be heavy upon any individual.

Site on A Street

He reported that the most desirable site found by the committee was on the south side of North A street, opposite the North A street Friends meeting house. According to present specifications, the front of the building would be about 181 feet. One-half of the square would not be large enough to accommodate this wide front, he explained, so it would be necessary to have the entire front from Eleventh to Twelfth streets.

As the lots at this point extend back about 262 feet to the alley, first north of Main street, it would prove adequate for the building, he said.

Mr. Comstock also pointed out the advantages gained from the unusual width of North A street and the fact that there would be a street, Eleventh and Twelfth, on each side of the building for the parking of cars.

Urge Action

"The statue permitting counties to erect memorials is now on the books," said Mr. Comstock, and it may not be there forever. While we have the opportunity to build such a memorial we should take advantage of it."

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