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Defer Decision at City Hall Till Tomorrow

Daylight Saving Discussed

Labor Men Heard—Mr. Bullock Says Ferry Should be Changed To Apply For \$300,000 Housing Money

The adoption of daylight saving time was discussed at the committee meeting of the common council this morning and representatives of the Trades and Labor Council were heard in opposition. Decision was reserved until the council meeting tomorrow afternoon.

The committee decided to ask for \$300,000 as the city's share of the federal loan for better housing. It was announced that plans are being prepared for the addition of a story to an elevator in city hall.

When the meeting opened, a protest from the Automobile Trade Association against the recent truck purchase by the public works department was read.

Mr. Fisher submitted the following report: Regarding the letter from the St. John Automobile Trade Association to the mayor in the matter of the recent truck purchase by the public works department, your commissioner begs leave to report:

(In answer to paragraph 1)—That in the call for tenders the St. John Association and when the call was being advertised no suggestion was made that tenders from outside the city should not be received; also when the tenders were considered no suggestion was made by the association that outside tenders be discarded.

(In answer to paragraph 2)—An opportunity to tender was given to the only St. John tenderer who was thought to be in a position to lower his price, and whose tender might then be considered, but he declined to do so.

(In answer to paragraph 3)—Your commissioner suggests that the association name the truck which it wishes to purchase, and that the city should have selected, giving the reasons therefor. This course would place the city in a position further to justify its action without loan, and to justify the qualifications of the other trucks.

(In answer to paragraph 4)—It is impossible to re-open the matter, the order for the truck has been given, early delivery being a necessity. Regarding financial reasons for the selection of the Chrysler truck, the action, considered sufficient at the time, was given in the resolution adopted by the council on 8th inst., and in the Globe of 10th inst. in answer to published criticism.

Mr. Jones supported Mr. Fisher. Mr. Bullock thought that the commissioner should have taken the public into his confidence. Mr. Thornton favored the purchase of a Canadian truck.

NO ENTHUSIASM OVER AMENDMENTS

London Papers on Altered Covenant of League WEAKENED, SAYS CHRONICLE

Daily News Sees Danger—Labor Paper Fails to Find Much Improvement—Post Has Attack on President Wilson

London, April 14.—The summary of the amended covenant of the league of nations evoked no enthusiasm in the London morning newspapers, and it is declared by some commentators to be less satisfactory than the first draft. The Chronicle fixes certain points which it thinks makes the new draft "distinctly, and perhaps decisively, inferior to the old."

The Daily News, which is a warm champion of the principle of the league of nations, sees danger in some of the provisions. It objects to the constitution of the council, which it says "will manifestly be controlled by prominent representatives of the five great powers when they are in agreement."

The Morning Post, which is an opponent of the league and a severe critic of President Wilson, refers to the amendment as "the new garden of Eden," in which "the Monroe Doctrine will take the place of the tree of knowledge of good and evil."

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The Park-keeper: "You can't bring that dog in here with you, Madam." Mrs. Germania: "But I bred him myself." The Park-keeper: "Well, go and drown him."

Terms Reported Offered By Reds

Bolshevik Russia Said To Be Ready For Concessions

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Declines, However, to Grant Revocation of Constituent Assembly on Basis of Democratic Elections—Debat on Eastern Front

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Oil Report Denied

The British Government and The Cowdray Interests

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IN WALL STREET

New York, April 14.—Much of the strength shown by stocks at the opening of today's market was attributed to the publication of the terms of the victory loan, which was announced by the investment banks, United States Steel, American International, leading oils, United States Rubber, Keystone Pipe, Associated Drygoods, Corn Products, United States Food Products and Wilson Packing. Some of these advances were reduced before the end of the first half hour on the heaviness of St. Paul preferred and Sumatra Tobacco.

Nearly Ready For Plenary Session

PLAIN TALK BY THE BRITISH

German-Austrians Take Chance if Disorder Permitted—Conditions in Germany

Berlin, April 14.—Government troops sent against the Brunswick Soviet were reported on Saturday from Magdeburg to have come into contact with the outposts of the Brunswick communist forces. The outposts fled.

Dresden, April 14.—(Via Copenhagen)—On Saturday night and Sunday morning government troops attacked Saxonian forces entrenched in the Oberbilk quarter, in the southeastern section of the city, and ejected them. The majority of the Spartacists fled in the direction of Elber and the troops are no longer encountering serious resistance.

Vienna, April 14, via Copenhagen.—The British military representative here has notified the foreign minister of German-Austria, that the British government had authorized him to declare that if disorders occurred in German-Austria, imports, including food and raw materials, would be immediately and entirely stopped. The reason was that it was important that the Allies should have undisturbed communications through German-Austria with friendly and Allied new states.

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Continued Progress For Peace

CALL HUNS IN FEW DAYS

Tentative Dates April 26 and May 5—Last Session of Conference Stormy Over Monroe Doctrine—Premier Hughes in Stout Opposition to Japanese Demands

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WEATHER REPORT. Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

VICKERS TO START OCEAN AIR SERVICE. London, April 14.—The Pall Mall Gazette says that Vickers Limited are about to start a trans-Atlantic air service with aeroplanes which the company was building for the British navy when the armistice was signed and which are no longer needed. The passenger ship will be £48 and mail will be carried at the rate of £405 a ton.

INTERESTING REPORTS ABOUT IRELAND. London, April 14.—"It is reported," says the Morning Post, "that negotiations have taken place, or are in progress, between the ministers and Sinn Fein in reference to the government of Ireland. The statement is that a deputation came from Paris to Professor De Valera. One version has it that the Sinn Fein leader was asked what he wanted. The deputation home rule on condition of his promising to abandon the present Sinn Fein republican policy."