

COUNCIL IN SESSION BUT SHORT TIME

Yesterday's Meeting of Commissioners was Largely Devoted to Routine Business—School Accounts.

A short session of the common council was held yesterday.

The Commissioner of Public Works was given power to make a change in the contract with Corey & Stevens, and accept a deposit of \$500 in lieu of the construction bond. The report of the comptroller on the finances of the school board was presented; payment of wages on account of repair work on the West Side wharves was ordered and the Commissioner of Public Safety reported that he had ordered a runabout for the chief of the fire department and a chassis for one salvage corps wagon.

The commissioner of public works reported that Messrs. Corey & Stevens, successful tenderers for the granite block paving on Main street were ready to sign the contract and commence the work, excepting with regard to the furnishing of the guarantee bond for construction and for five years maintenance, and recommended that in order to save time, which is very necessary at this time of year, he be allowed to vary the form of contract so as to accept in lieu of the construction bond a deposit of \$500, and to accept also an engagement from contractors to furnish the final payment for the work, the same \$500 deposit being retained by the city until the bond was furnished. Adopted.

The comptroller presented his report on the finances and accounts of the school board for the year ending June 30, 1916, as follows:

"I audited their books and accounts for the year ending the above date.

"The statement of assets and liabilities herewith presented, signed by me, was correctly prepared from the books, and in my opinion shows the true position of the trust on the 30th day of June, 1916.

"The receipts and expenditure statement signed by me, and also presented, shows the source of their income, and to what the respective amounts were applied, and the respective amounts were applied to the maintenance of schools.

"I notice that the \$10,000 deducted from estimates of last year was added to those of the present year, and payments are being applied to liquidate the debt against the city.

"The bonded indebtedness on the 30th day of June, 1916, was \$619,500.

"The yearly interest on this indebtedness is \$24,467.50.

"The sinking fund on the 30th day of June, 1916, was \$33,386.77, invested as follows: Bonds, \$27,274; cash in bank of N. S., \$6,112.77.

"I inspected, at their safety deposit box, all securities held by the board and found them correct.

"The board's liability to the Bank of Nova Scotia on June 30th, 1916, was \$33,395.55.

"The expenditure on repairs to buildings and furnishings during the year was \$9,567.02.

"The amount of fire insurance carried by the board on buildings and contents is \$216,110, expiring June 27, 1919. They also carry \$9,000 boiler insurance.

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TWO HUNDRED MILLION LOAN FOR BRITAIN

Negotiations With American Bankers Approaching Completion—Amount May Be \$200,000,000.

New York, Oct. 24.—Negotiations with American bankers for another direct British loan of not less than \$200,000,000, and may be as much as \$300,000,000 are approaching completion, according to intimations conveyed today by the fiscal and commercial representatives of the British government. Inquiry for the loan from financial and investment sources has been so general as to insure its successful flotation. It is at present planned to arrange the loan or notes in three classes of even amounts, the first instalment payable 1919, and the remainder, two-thirds in the two years following.

The loan will be a direct obligation on the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, like the existing \$250,000,000 issue, and will probably bear the same rate of interest, namely 5 1/2 per cent. It will be secured by American and foreign collateral, mostly bonds and preferred shares having an aggregate market value of at least twenty per cent. in excess of the total amount to be offered.

A syndicate of banks, trust companies and private brokers in this city and other leading financial centres has been organized to take part in the negotiations as direct participants, with J. P. Morgan and Company as manager.

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PROMISING YOUNG PLAYERS

The baseball year of 1916, now passed into history, has developed several young men of great promise, but John McGraw seemingly had the best luck in picking winners. This Hollie person that Jawa pulled off at the initial base is a right peart player, taken by and large. Even more important as a factor in the McGraw fortunes of 1917, to all seeming, is Ferdinand Stubblefield Schupp, the Louisville kid, who, in the fall end of the 1916 season, outpawed his way into the limelight.

Ferdie isn't exactly a spring chicken, for he has attained the quarter century mark in his life's journey, and is a married man and a papa. He first donned a Giant uniform in 1913, but, up to a couple of months ago, he was just one of the fellows who sit on the bench and think—or just sit. Occasionally he was pulled out of the coop to finish out a pastime that had been hopelessly dragged in the mud of defeat by some more celebrated member of the clan McGraw. He was looked upon as a fairly good reserve twirler, and that let him out.

And then suddenly Ferdie rose up in a blaze of glory and startled all the fans by pitching such wonderful ball that he was acclaimed by the New York fans as the greatest southpaw ever. Ferdie isn't exactly that—yet—but if he shows the form in 1917 that he displayed in the last few weeks of the 1916 season, he will be the Abou Ben Adhem of the left-handed hurlers. The most hopeful sign about him is that he hasn't permitted his head to swell as a result of his success. He is just a kid in spirit, who realizes fully that he is largely the product of McGraw's careful coaching in the last four years, and he is anxious to do his best for the boss.

Schupp was born in Louisville and still makes his home in the Kentucky metropolis. He got his start with the semi-pro clubs of that city, and in 1912 landed a job with Decatur in the Three-I circuit. Chick Fraser, a former big league twirler, was the pilot of the Decatur club, and he drummed a lot of baseball into Ferdie's dome, and then tipped him off to McGraw. The result is history—and it is likely that Schupp will make a lot more history before he is through with the game.

LAST CHANCE TO SECURE
RED LETTER EDITION.

Some weeks ago The Standard conducted a successful campaign for the distribution of Bibles, at almost cost price, to its readers. Many cases of these books were sold each week as long as advertisements were inserted announcing them, but more important demands for space forced a discontinuance of these advertisements so that the rush for books quickly fell off, leaving quite a few yet on hand. As these must either be sold this week or returned to the publisher, those who would like to secure one, should send in their orders at once. Price of Bible, \$1.48. Postage, 18c. extra.

"JOHN L." THINKS A LOT OF FLINN'S HEAVYWEIGHT

John L. Sullivan, who was the greatest idol in the history of the ring and who is still immensely popular through the U. S., although it is now twenty years since his farewell battle, is deeply interested in the career of Bill Brennan, the Chicago Celt, who has the greatest record of any of the modern fighters, having won by knockouts thirty-five of the forty fights he had since entering the ring three years ago.

"Brennan's a fighter after my own heart," said Sullivan. "It's the fellow that carries the punch that makes good with the fans. If this young chap Brennan doesn't lose his head and keeps away from tobacco and alcohol, as he has done up to date, I don't see any reason why he can't be the next world's heavyweight champion."

"I saw Jess Willard box Frank Moran at Madison Square garden last September and I think he is a fine fellow. I wouldn't be surprised if Brennan could beat him right now."

"There is a great chance for a lad with a K. O. wallop such as Brennan's record proves he possesses. Of course some of the fellows that he has stopped didn't possess any great reputation, still the fact that he stopped them in quick order counts for a great deal with me. When he put to sleep such men as Tony Ross, Soldier Kearns, One Round Davis, Jack Hubbard and Tim O'Neill it shows that he can whip experienced fighters, too."

"Then, another thing that shows that he is fearless was the way I understood he outpointed that big fellow, Joe Cox, who is credited with having made Champion Willard quit."

"Brennan is one of the few fighters that know how to deliver a right-hand punch to the heart. This was the blow that enabled me to stop most of my opponents when I made my famous trip throughout the U. S. A., in 1883, offering to give any opponent \$1,000 who lasted four rounds. I bowled over fifty men on that barn-storming trip."

"I met Brennan the other day and at his request I gave him a lot of advice. I hope the experience I gained will benefit him and show him the folly of hitting the high places."

"Brennan tells me that he was born in County Mayo, Ireland. His folks brought him to this country when he was only three years old and settled in Kentucky. Later they moved to Chicago, where he says that he went to school and later became an iron worker. He got his boxing education in a good school—Harry Gilmore's—which was responsible for the success of Jimmy Barry, the undefeated bantam champion, Packy McFarland and Jack Britton."

"Brennan was anxious for me to look him over and criticize his training."

"I saw him work out in an uptown gym, and he is wonderfully fast for a man who is six feet, one inch in height and weighs 200 pounds."

SOCIALIST LEADER DEPLORES PREMIER STURGER'S DEATH

Berlin, Oct. 24, by wireless to Sayville.—A dispatch from the Austrian premier, Count Karl Sturgis, who was assassinated last week, was held in the Austrian parliament building in Vienna today. The president of the Chamber of Deputies, Dr. J. Sylvester, eulogized the late premier for his loyalty and energy. He was followed by Dr. E. Perpetua, vice-president of the chamber, who said, in the name of the Socialist party:

"We always considered the late prime minister as our political antagonist, but the principles and traditions of the Socialists are opposed to deeds of terrorism. We disapprove the assassin's deed, from a political standpoint."

HIS LAST REAL FIGHT.

Thirteen years ago Terry McGovern defeated Jimmy Briggs in fifteen rounds at Boston. That was the last battle of Terrible Terry's real career, and although twice thereafter he tried to pull off a come back stunt, his Boston bout with Briggs was really the finish of the famous Brooklynite as a headliner. Soon after that he became ill and dropped out of sight for a couple of years. In October of 1905 he started another campaign, but it didn't get him anywhere in particular. Again in 1908 Terry fought a couple of unimportant bouts. Jimmy Briggs showed a lot of class, defeating such good men as Kid Broad, Martin Flaherty and Tommy Feltz among many others, but when he went against the topnotchers he wasn't quite good enough. During his long ring career he lost to Dave Sullivan, Young Corbett, Charlie Neary and Harry Lewis. Briggs fought frequently for ten years, his career covering the period from 1898 to 1908.

PAPER STOCK AGAIN
FEATURE IN MONTREAL.

(McDUGALL & COWAN'S). Montreal, Oct. 24.—The paper stocks were again the most active issues, and large advances were made in the day's trading. Richardson, which closed last night at 107 1/2, advanced to 119, closing at the high. Laurentide from 198 1/2 sold up to 209, and Spanish River, which sold yesterday at 18 1/2, made a high of 21, but reacted to 19 1/2 at the close. Wayagamack was not

HENRY FORD WILL PAY WOMEN WAGE OF \$5 PER DAY

Long Branch, N. J., Oct. 24.—Henry Ford of Detroit tonight announced that he has established the women workers in his automobile plants on the same basis as the men, which is understood to mean that his women employees will receive a minimum wage of \$5 per day.

Mr. Ford's statement in part reads: "I took this step because of an inspiring talk I had with President Wilson on the forward movement among women-kind. This principle of equality is now in operation and I look forward with complete confidence to its vindication."

Mr. Ford came here today, as he expressed it, "to get on the Wilson bandwagon."

ERRATIC PLAYING.

The title for erratic playing during the season of 1916 must be awarded to the New York Giants. Observe four sections of their present year's campaign:

April 21 to May 8, won 2, lost 13, percentage .143.

May 8 to June 2, won 19, lost 2, percentage .905.

June 2 to July 6, won 9, lost 19, percentage .321.

July 6 to August 24, won 23, lost 22, percentage .509.

Here are the shifts, from .143 to .905, back again to .321 and then up to .495. If that isn't the acme of inconsistency then there is no such animal.

Property Transfers.

The following transfers have been recently recorded:—Ellen E. Cox and Harry Cox to A. W. Doherty, property in Simonds; John Warnock et al to W. M. Mackay, property in Simonds; J. A. Warnock et al to W. M. Mackay, property in Simonds.

as active as the others, after selling at 95 in the morning, during the later trading sold at 92. Although trading in the balance of the list was neglected, firmness was shown in most issues. Cement advancing to 70 1/4, Steel to 64 1/4 to 65 and Scotia from 108 to 128 1/4. Civic was firm at \$1. Both the old and new war loans were firm, a large block of the former selling at 98 1/4, and the latter was 99 1/4 bid. Smelters sold off from 37 to 36. The rights were in good demand at 2 1/2, being offered at 2 1/4.

THREE FINGERED BROWN

Mordecai Brown, once the stellar twirler of the old Chance machine, is forty years old. The three-fingered miner has been back in a Cub uniform this year, after pastiming with the Feds, and figured in about a dozen games for the Tinkerties. In September he engaged in a pitching duel with his old rival, Christy Mathewson, but the Reds got nineteen hits off his delivery and won the game by a score of 10 to 8. Old Three-Fingers wasn't far behind Matty in effectiveness, however, for the Cubs touched the Old Master for fifteen hits. Last July Brown proved that his old skill as a Giant-killer hadn't entirely deserted him by holding the McGrawites down to two hits in five innings. It is highly improbable that Brown will play ball next season, but having reached the venerable age of forty he can afford to rest on his laurels. He was born at Nyeville, Ind., October 19, 1876, and still spends his

LEVENISKY CLAIMS TO BE CHAMPION

Boston, Oct. 24.—Battling Levenisky, of Philadelphia, tonight claimed the light heavyweight championship of America after decisively outpointing Jack Dillon, of Indianapolis, claimant to the title in a fast 13-round bout. Levenisky had ten or twelve pounds advantage in weight.

winters among the Hoosiers, although he has mining interests in California. Brown tried his hand at the managerial role with the St. Louis Feds in 1914, but didn't make much of a hit with the Mound City fans. Brown broke into the majors with the Cardinals in 1905, but was soon traded to the Cubs, and he remained with Chicago for nine seasons. He went to the Reds in 1913, and skipped to the Feds the following year. He has pitched professional ball for sixteen seasons, having spent a year in Terre Haute and another in Omaha before breaking into the big show.



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