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Rights As Alderman Exceeded

Mayor, Displeased With Bottrell's Action, May Not Attend Special Bridge Session.

ENGINEER IS SILENT

Has Nothing To Say on Point of His Powers Being Usurped.

Mayor Wenige is so disgusted at the action of Ald. Harry Bottrell in taking it upon himself to close Ridout street bridge to traffic yesterday at the noon hour, that he is not likely to attend the special session of No. 2 committee tomorrow afternoon to discuss the matter.

"Mr. Near is the city engineer, not I," Bottrell declared the mayor to say. "The engineer knows his job, and if he is satisfied with the present regulations governing the bridge, it is his business to enforce it. I am not interested in the bridge, but in the matter of the city engineer's powers being usurped."

"Of course we need a new Ridout street bridge, everyone knows that. The progress of the city can't be retarded forever by enforcing a 5-mile speed and 4-ton load on the bridge."

"I'm not interested in that meeting, the bridge situation has been discussed time and again. I don't know that I'll be there. The matter is settled until we get a new bridge."

Traffic jammed.
"If Ald. Bottrell had considered that he was right why didn't he stick to his job? He kept the bridge closed for about an hour, I am told. The traffic jammed up and when he left the bridge was jammed with traffic going both ways. A fine thing if the bridge had collapsed with all those motor cars on it as a result of Ald. Bottrell's ill-considered and foolish action."

When questioned this morning City Clerk Sam Baker stated that the right to close the bridge, but that no individual alderman, even the chairman of No. 2 committee (Ald. Bottrell), had that right any more than the committee as a whole.

"The police could close the bridge to traffic if it was deemed unsafe, but no alderman has that right," said the city clerk.

Engineer silent.
"The Ridout street bridge doesn't meet traffic requirements, I know," said the city engineer, "but if the orders at present in effect are observed, the bridge will be all right. I have no comment to make on the action of Ald. Bottrell."

Ald. Frank McKay declared that in his opinion any action regarding the closing of the bridge should be left to the city engineer and no one else.

Other aldermen interviewed declared that the whole episode looked like election propaganda to them.

"Too bad I didn't think of that stunt myself," laughed one alderman. "On second thoughts, however, I don't think I would have pulled anything like that."

LEWIS BLAMES OWNERS FOR CONTINUING STRIKE

Head of Miners Declares Operators Ignore Offer To Discuss Peace Measure.

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Low Necked Suits Not Dignified Enough For Men, Says A. Tillmann

Discussing the reported statement of a Plymouth, England, physician before a convention there, to the effect that men are "tools to wear as much clothing as they can cover themselves from head to heel," A. Tillmann, Dundas street tailor, said:

"There are far too many of these crack-brained theories being published nowadays. One doctor says you shouldn't eat meat, and another is of the opinion that you can't get along without it. Both of them are right, but only as regards different individuals. It is the same way with clothes. Some men can wear clothes all winter and other men would freeze to death in it. It's up to each person to find the proper weight of clothing for himself. I don't think you need worry about low-necked and short-skirted suits for men for some time to come. They're not dignified enough for the modern man."

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Two Dead in North in Blasting Accident

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Cobalt, Ont., Nov. 24.—James Culhane, aged 35 years, was instantly killed, Godfrey Blodden, aged 25, was fatally injured and died this afternoon in hospital, and W. Vinkie received injuries which necessitated his removal to the Halesbury hospital as the result of a blasting accident at the Contact mine, North Cobalt, today.

Culhane and Blodden were operating a drill and ran into a missed hole. Culhane's body was terribly mutilated. Vinkie entered the drift where the others were working to announce lunch hour. His injuries are not regarded as serious.

STATE BANK IS ROBBERED.
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Washington, D.C., Nov. 25.—With half a dozen turkeys already at the White House, and more likely to show up any moment, President Coolidge is sure of a bountiful dinner Thursday. In fact, he has reached a conclusion that a president need never worry about a well-stocked larder for Thanksgiving or Christmas.

SUGAR BEET CROP FAILS.
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San Francisco, Nov. 24.—The beet sugar season now coming to a close was one of the worst on record for California growers. With acreage increased to 100,000, the crop was approximately forty per cent less than that of last year, and sold at unsatisfactory prices.

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