

COMMITTEE TO HEAR PROTESTS OVER WAGE CUT

Council Refers Issue To Attention of Special Salaries' Board.

LIVELY CLASHES OCCUR

Officials Will Assess All Incomes At Full City Rate.

What the council did:

Referred to the special salary committee the protest of the various labor organizations in regard to the cut made in the wages of the city laborers and garbage men.

Referred ex-Ald. Wenige's demand for an apology from the city engineer to the board of works.

Referred Ald. Ashplant's charge that bonuses were made part of the permanent salary and were being paid illegally to city employees to the special salary committee.

Asked the board of works and board of health to try and reach an agreement in regard to the rendering works.

Ald. Ashplant was informed by the engineer that city laborers' wages had been cut about 9 or 10 per cent.

Decided to ask the London and Port Stanley Railway to reduce fares to 30 cents for the summer season.

Instructed officials, subject to the ruling of the city solicitor, to collect all income taxes on the full city rate.

The advance notices of Tuesday's council meetings were not an exaggeration. The event came off with all the force and action predicted. It was the most strenuous council meeting of years.

Sharp words, charges and counter-charges electrified the air from start to finish, and on one occasion a clash between Mayor Wilson and Ald. Ashplant almost came to the point of the lie being passed.

The labor representatives started it when they attacked the policy of cutting the wages of the lowest-paid city employees, one of the speakers, Arthur Mould, telling the members of the council that they all would receive from labor the same drastic treatment which their laborers had received at the hands of labor.

He declared that the labor men would fight to the bitter end.

The labor men only set the stage, so to speak, for the Wenige-city engineer episode.

The ex-alderman made a statement

of the affair, similar to what has already been published. He also told the council that he was not there in trial. He was there to lay a complaint. He did not intend to answer questions. What he wanted was a statement as to whether the council approved of such action on the part of some of our employees, and if so, would it order the engineer to apologize, or he would take further steps to secure redress.

Adds Fuel to Fire.
Ald. Cunningham added fuel to the fire when he asked Mr. Wenige if he thought it right to misrepresent and then expect courteous treatment. Getting a reply in the negative, he said that he would present some facts that might not show that the engineer was very far in error.

More or less of a bedlam arose. Ald. Wenige asked a point of order and then different aldermen took up the discussion. Some of them did not think the council could do anything, though disapproving of the engineer's attitude. Ald. Holmes said that Mr. Wenige asked for a one-sided decision and should get it, though he himself did not think it a proper decision.

Mr. Brazier said that Mr. Wenige distorted part of the story, but admitted that the important part about going to throw him out was right.

Mr. Wenige asked for an ultimatum on Mr. Wenige and that it would stand, with all due respect to those present.

A motion that the matter be filed failed, and one to send it to No. 2 committee carried.

Mr. Wenige asked if he was to understand that the engineer admitted that he called him that name.

The engineer did not reply, but Ald. Ashplant said "Yes."

Applause Rebuked.
Ald. Ashplant said that he had not much hope for Mr. Wenige's committee. His remarks, rather extensive, brought applause from the council, and this in turn brought the rather pointed warning from Mayor Wilson that "We'll clear this council chamber in one minute if there is one more sign of applause of any kind."

When the accounts for the finance committee, containing salaries, were presented, Ald. Ashplant objected, declaring that the amounts were illegal. A resolution had been passed by the council that all bonuses be discontinued, and yet the bonus of 1921 had been made a part of the permanent salary. This was in direct contravention to the order of the council, and was illegal.

There were some hot exchanges between the mayor and the alderman when Ald. Holmes said that his understanding was the same as that of Ald. Ashplant.

Ald. May stated that there was admittedly some misunderstanding, but he thought the special salary committee would straighten it out. A motion to refer the matter to that body found only Ald. Ashplant and Ald. Holmes in opposition.

Discuss Rendering Plant.
The board of health appeared to defend their stand in regard to the rendering plant in the east end.

Ald. Cunningham said that he did not think No. 2 committee had a proper knowledge of the situation. It found the plant sanitary and could not act. The council had power, if it wanted to, to move the plant. The question of disposing of the matter taken in by the plant had to be first decided, as the members of the board were assured that if the plant was closed the machinery would be moved to Nova Scotia. The alderman said it was a question of spending \$25,000 or \$30,000.

Chairman Seabrook, Charles Mitchell and Dr. Tamblin of the board all spoke along the same lines. The members of the board of health all held that the place was sanitary. Mr. Mitchell took the opportunity to deny the charge that he had any interest in the Rendering Works Company.

It was finally decided that the board of works and the board of health try and get together on the matter.

10 Per Cent Reductions.
Ald. Ashplant secured from the engineer a statement that the wages of the city workers had been cut on an average of 9 and 10 per cent. Any reduction over 10 per cent would only run a fraction of a cent.

Mayor Wilson told Mr. Ashplant that the matter of other salaries could not be reported on, as the special committee had not reached final conclusions in the matter.

Ald. Douglas succeeded in getting

his motion to have the full city mill-rate charged to all city incomes approved.

His motion calls for the officials to issue a supplementary bill to those who in 1922 are charged income taxes at a rate of 15 mills when they should have been charged at the full city rate.

The opinion of the solicitor will be secured, and if his reply is in favor of the motion, the officials will act at once to collect the balance for 1922.

R. H. Hessel, chairman of the housing commission, was the first speaker of the Trades and Labor Council. He said it was very inopportune that wages should be cut at the present. Men drawing under \$2,000 a year, the majority of whom worked only half time during the winter, would hardly be caught up before the winter was on them again.

The labor men thought that the council would protect such workers, but they found that the under-fellow was being hit. Then, again, he was presented to show that the worker, the cottage owner, was the one to carry the larger portion of the heavy tax increase. He said he thought it better that 65,000 people should bear the brunt of the \$41,000 salary cut than the few workers.

Here Mayor Wilson interrupted with the statement that a report in the press, one section of the press, was misleading. Any cut made in the workers' wages did not affect the \$41,000 or the tax rate.

Nevertheless, Mr. Hessel said, the workers had been cut and the majority of the people of the city were of the opinion that the wage-earner was bearing the brunt of the reduction.

President McGuire of the Trades Council pointed to the fact that there were four medical men on the council and said that they, at least, would know the impossibility of a man giving his family the proper nourishment on a salary of \$1,300 or \$1,400 a year.

Mould Offers "Hot Shots."
Arthur Mould, the Labor candidate in the last federal election, however, came through with the real "hot shots" of the meeting, as they were referred to by some of the speakers.

Mr. Mould said he was representing the working class, and immediately declared that the council was playing into the hands of those whose interests were inimical to those of the working class of the city.

Mayor Wilson here stated, as Mr. Hessel, that the workers' cut did not affect the tax rate.

"Then we see less reason to cut them," shot back Mr. Mould. "Your statement makes more emphatic our point of view. He charged that the council was setting up a practical example of the city to bear down on the wage-earner. He pictured the city setting the example to the rest of Canada to pay 'scab' wages."

"We desire to protest absolutely against any cut below \$2,000," said Mr. Mould. We intend to press the matter. We don't want to bring to bear the drastic action we took with our labor aldermen, but we will take the same course with the whole council if necessary. We will fight to the bitter end. I don't desire to bring in a political matter, but I know that some of the aldermen look on the side of votes, and in this regard I warn them to be just a little careful," he said.

Laughter from the aldermen greeted this.

"Don't laugh," he continued. "This will act as a boomerang. I know that some of the aldermen go this way and that for votes. You are taking the bread and butter from the workers. Why not set the example to the rest of the city by cutting the wages of the council?"

Ald. Ashplant here said that he would like a statement from the engineer in regard to the wage cut and its application.

Mayor Wilson said he thought that the word of the mayor of the city was sufficient, and he had already stated that this cut did not affect the \$41,000.

Ald. Ashplant said that he had not always found the word of the mayor of the city satisfactory.

The mayor suggested that someone move that the representations of the labor men be sent to the special committee. Ald. Ashplant said that this would not dispose of him. He wanted a statement from the engineer.

"You are out of order," Mr. Ashplant, said the mayor.

"You are out of order, Mr. Mayor, in addressing an alderman as mister," shot back the alderman.

Ald. Ashplant then told the labor delegation that the mayor would not let his question be answered until later on, and he told the delegation to wait. He would get the question answered later.

Mr. Wenige presented his case pointedly. How he and the engineer clashed. How the engineer told him to get out of his office and stay out, and as he was leaving, how he sent along the parting shot that he was "the biggest fool that ever came to London."

"I came here to lay a complaint. I did not come here to be tried. I will answer only questions that I see fit," he added.

Engineer Brazier was a spectator. No questions were asked as to the veracity of Mr. Wenige's story.

Ald. Cunningham immediately took the floor. "Do you think it right to misrepresent, and then get courteous treatment?" he asked Mr. Wenige.

"No," was the reply.

Ald. Cunningham: "Then I will cite an example, and then we will see if the engineer is very far out." He proceeded to tell something about the garbage collection last year.

He was interrupted and made no progress. Then came the question of point of order. He did not proceed.

Finally, Ald. Cunningham said: "I'll move that the engineer be exonerated."

Mr. Wenige: "Do you approve of the engineer's act?"

Ald. Cunningham: "I'll make a motion approving of it in your case."

Ald. Ashplant: "Is there any second to that extraordinary motion?"

Later this morning Ald. Cunningham took his stand in the matter.

Ald. Ashton could not see what the council could do in the matter. It was an old sore which was up to themselves to settle.

Ald. Judd said that the engineer should be heard. If he made the statement, charged, the council should know it. Later he said that

"Y" CIRCUS MAKES TREMENDOUS HIT

George Moseley's Show Voted Best in Years At Tuesday Opening.

ACTION TRAVELS SPEEDILY

Is Barnum & Bailey, Magician's Carnival and Vaudeville All Rolled Into One.

"The Great Y. M. C. A. Circus" is here at last, and on Tuesday evening, when the initial performance was staged at the Y. gymnasium, who witnessed the thirty acts voted it to be the greatest show put on by boys ever seen in London.

The clowns, the delusionary acrobats, the tumblers, the wire walkers, the magicians, and every member of the large cast of performers, virtually carried the audience to the realms of Peter Pan, to Treasure Island, to the Land of Make Believe, and for the evening at least a clown was their king and the Never, Never Land their home.

In reality the whole performance was a Barnum & Bailey production, a magician's carnival and a vaudeville performance all rolled into one huge exhibition of wonders that kept the crowds in uproars of laughter and guffaws for more than two hours.

The London and Brantford boys who took part in the show are to be complimented on the way in which they put the thing across, and especially the originator of the idea, George Moseley, physical director of the Brantford Y. All the acts were thought out, and worked out by Mr. Moseley, and in directing, in putting the finishing touches on the show, his ingenuity seemed to have no bounds.

All the acts were run on schedule, and from 8 o'clock until after 10 there was not one moment of inaction. It was a continual procession of stunts and surprises which bewildered the audience, and at all times kept them on the seventh heaven of excitement.

One of the most amazing acts on the program was the enchanted coffin. A youth was tied head, hand and foot and placed in a wooden coffin. Glass was driven in from every direction, and the coffin was sawed in half, but the youth emerged out as good as ever.

Another feature that drew rounds of applause was the posing act. The posers were painted from head to foot in gold, and famous pictures, such as "The Sowers," "The Reapers," and "The Wheaters," were reproduced. This same act was put on at the Western Fair last year.

"Cleopatra's Itch" was a comedy feature of very high calibre put on by the Brantford boys, while the most picturesque and the prettiest act on the entire program was the illuminated club act. George Moseley and five of his leaders took part in this and the effect of the illuminated clubs, with all the lights turned off, was wonderful. "We Dragum Inn" was a tumbling act that provided lots of action.

Other features of the program were the Athletic Dance, The Tumbler, Rube Bards, The Lowery Dumbell Drill, The Irish Jig, The Wire Walkers, The Maze Marching, The Sword Dance and Mahabane.

John Whittaker and his clowns, Morley Hill, Re Feely, Fred Shaw and Andy Williamson, provided lots of entertainment between the main acts.

Wesley Christianson made a very capable ringmaster. The "Great Y. M. C. A. Circus" will be staged again tonight at 8 o'clock in the Y.

SALARY BODY, TOO, CUTS OFF

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war period go. He said it would build up the department.

This was left to the chief and his captains, and after the meeting broke up, a decision was reached to close halls 4 and 5, Colborne street north and Adelaide street south.

On the question of dismissals, the captains voted to let the last men go, while the chief held otherwise. It may be that this point will have to be decided by the mayor's committee.

SENATOR THOMPSON IMPROVES
Ottawa, April 19.—Senator Thompson of Fredericton, N. B., who is seriously ill in St. Luke's hospital here, passed a fairly restful night and his condition was regarded this morning as slightly improved.

he did not think an official had the right to call a citizen such a name.

Mr. Brazier declared the first part of Mr. Wenige's recital to be "somewhat distorted," but on the essential points the two statements did not differ materially.

Ald. Ashplant then said that he considered it very undesirable that the spirit displayed by the engineer should be encouraged. Rather it was to be deplored. Speaking of the name that Mr. Wenige had been called, the alderman said that he was glad to relinquish an honor, that he thought, he had held.

Ald. Douglass' motion which applies to the income and business assessment of residents of the annex reads: "That the proper officials be instructed to issue supplementary tax notices for 1922 to all ratepayers that have been assessed for income or business tax at a rate lower than the city rate as struck by the city council for 1922 collection, such supplementary notices being for the purpose of collecting the difference due the city treasurer above the rate incorrectly assessed."

Ald. Douglass asked who was responsible for fixing this rate, and there was considerable discussion. City Clerk Baker said that he applied the rate to persons who were assessed in the annex.

Ald. Childs said that he did not think the matter fair, and it should be investigated.

Dr. Douglass said the city had been losing heavily.

If the solicitor puts his approval of the motion, steps will be taken to collect a full tax this year.

The council approved of the new building regulation, charging a fee for building permits.

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Soldiers' Aid Commission Secretary Reports Fewer Returned Men Apply For Assistance.

That conditions are gradually but surely improving in London, at least as far as the ex-soldiers are concerned, is evidenced by the decrease in the number of families being looked after by the Soldiers' Aid Commission secretary.

In discussing the economic situation as it affects the ex-service men in the city Mr. Lance stated that although unemployment has been serious and a large number of families have long since reached the end of their financial resources, the comparatively mild weather has enabled

the men to secure odd jobs each week thus helping to keep the family going.

Now that spring is at hand, he said, a great many men were reporting that they had secured work and will not require further assistance from the commission.

"The majority of men are fed up hanging around looking for work," continued the secretary, "and are willing to take anything as long as it means work and an opportunity to support their families themselves as they realize the deteriorating effect of continuous unemployment."

"From a community standpoint there is nothing of greater value than a busy, self-supporting citizen, and a new era will open for London when work again starts up for the men who have been unemployed during the past winter. The economic cost of unemployment is appalling and its effect cannot be erased quickly or completely," said Mr. Lance.



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Obituaries

JEREMY JOHNSON.

The death took place Wednesday of Mr. Jeremy Johnson, of 56 Byron avenue. Mr. Johnson was formerly a resident of Lambeth. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon. In-

terment will be made at Woodland Cemetery.

MRS. LOUISE WHITEHEAD.

The funeral of Mrs. Louise Maddiford Whitehead, who died at her residence, 619 Talbot street, Monday, was held Wednesday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Rowley Green of Talbot Street Baptist Church. Interment was made at Woodland Cemetery.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Whitehead is survived by one son, Clifford E.; one daughter, Mrs. Frank Leach; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Mills, Mrs. W. F. Darch, Mrs. Elson McKay; and two brothers, William Maddiford of London and John Maddiford of Watford.

HISTORIC "YARROW" BURNED