

RULE CHARGES WENIGE MADE LACKED PROOF

Aldermen Dismiss Major Ones
at Stormy Investigation
in City Hall.

WANT "LOAFERS" NAMES

Complainant Objects to the
Method of Procedure in
Probing Allegations.

The special investigating committee of the city council had another go at the Wenige charges on Monday afternoon and made considerable progress on clearing them up. Few of the charges were sustained. The session was marked by a couple of clashes, one between Ald. Wenige and Chairman John Bridge, and another between Mayor E. S. Little and Ald. Wenige. In the first Wenige expressed the opinion that the method of probing the charges was not a proper one, and in the second he told the mayor that he could not expect to succeed with his charges because of the way the probe was being conducted. This was after Mayor Little told him that his evidence was not "worth a hoot," as it was not given under oath.

At the opening of the session Ald. Wenige said that he did not think it was proper that the committee should have proceeded with the investigation while he was absent. He said he had notified the city clerk that he would be absent from the city, and he thought it was out of all propriety or order that the committee should proceed without his being present. "I am vitally interested," he said, "in getting into absolute good faith. There is no bias. I am open and above board. I had a real reason for making those charges. I took an obligation to do my best for the city as an alderman, the same as any other alderman, at least, as he is supposed to do. I think that the proper way to go into these vital charges is by handing them over to a judge or some other outside person. I don't know whether this committee is biased or unbiased, or whether you are saying that Wenige is only talking. If the latter is the case then I haven't a chance in God's great earth. If you want to go into this right it should be before a disinterested person. I have gone to a lot of trouble to gather these facts. I have put them in writing as asked. I want to know from each

individual member of the committee what he thinks of the matter."

Says "Not in Order." Chairman Bridge ruled that it would not be in order for the alderman to put his question to the members of the committee. "I don't think that the man who would make such charges should have the nerve to come here and charge the committee with unfairness. Let me tell you that with all your talk all the aldermen here are equally engaged in the handling of the affairs of the city as you are."

Ald. Wenige asked: "Is this the proper way to investigate these charges? I want the committee's opinion." Chairman Bridge replied: "There is no opinion on it. This is not the place to get an opinion. If you want one you'll have to get it at a private hearing."

Ald. Childs asked Ald. Wenige why he did not send a lawyer to represent him at the last session of the committee when he knew he would be away.

Ald. Wenige said he only knew of the session the night before he went away, and so did not have time. Ald. Bridge said that when he called the meeting he did not know that Ald. Wenige was going away. The clerk, he claimed, had not told him. The committee then got down to the charges, going back over the charges that had been taken up before, but on which final decision was left over until Ald. Wenige was present.

The first was the contention that it should not be necessary to call in a consulting engineer. Two specific cases were given, Ridout street bridge and on a question of paving. The cost to the city was \$446. The fact that the board of works authorized the engineer on the bridge did not alter Ald. Wenige's stand. "All right, I still contend that it's inefficiency," he remarked.

Says Done for Best. The engineer said that in regard to the pavement he called in an engineer to make sure that the method employed in laying pavements was the best.

The chairman asked if it was the opinion of the committee that the charge was not proven. No one answered, and he said, "Not proven." Ald. Wenige said he would like to have the "Yess" and "Nays." The chairman said that any member of the committee could have them if he asked. No one asked.

The charge of using abusive language to Robert Fraser, Waterloo street north, and Ald. Wenige, was the next matter, and found the committee in rather an embarrassing position, inasmuch as it had to either approve or disapprove of the engineer calling a ratepayer a liar, as the engineer admitted that he had used the term to Mr. Fraser, but said that he did so under great provocation.

"That answer satisfies me," said Ald. Wenige. "That language should not be used."

The chairman queried, "Are you the judge?"

Wenige: "Yes, I am a judge, and so are you. If there was provocation for

Whole Chicken, Soup, 3 Vegetables and Des- sert for 40 Cents.

[Special to The Advertiser.] STAFFORD, Nov. 21.—German men have gone so far as to joke about the late war, and some even talk of revenge towards France, specifying a time limit of from five to ten years, declared Frank Macklin addressing the chamber of commerce today on his recent trip to Germany. General conditions, he said, were much better in that country than many believed. The Germans are not so much of having fought the Allies, but say they fought the world.

Food is cheap in Germany, Mr. Macklin declared, and told of having a meal of soup, three kinds of vegetables, a whole chicken and dessert for 40 cents.

murder that language is not right." The chairman, Ald. Wenige said that it is not a proper term. What is the opinion of the committee?

Ald. Ashton: "The word was justified under provocation."

Several times the chairman asked the committee if that was its stand. No one would make a move, and so the chairman declared that to be the finding.

Then came the charge of Ald. Wenige, personally, that the engineer had used strong language to him. He presented an affidavit.

The engineer admitted using the term some five years ago. The affidavit said last year, also setting up that the term had been used on two occasions.

Ald. Ashton: "He admits the charge and regrets it. Why lay a charge?"

Chairman: "A great ado about nothing."

Wenige: "There is something to them." Chairman: "The engineer admits the term. He regrets. Next clause."

Offers to Produce. In the clause relating to the engineer making specification tenders impossible for a contractor to accept, Ald. Wenige said that he would produce a copy sent out by the engineer at the next session of the committee. He intimated that his charge was based on a paragraph which called for the contractor on paving to accept responsibility if a pipe broke under the pavement.

When Wenige was asked to give the names of the "loafers and bums" working for the city and whom he said were employed, he replied that he did not have the names. He had only been asked to place his charges in writing and had done so. He said that he could get the names. He also said that the mayor had complained during the year about loafing going on.

Mayor Little said that this work was being done on Regent street, where there

were eighteen teams standing in line.

The engineer explained, when he complained that though these men were being paid by the day they had to draw a certain number of loads.

Chairman Bridge: "The charge is not proven."

Ald. Wenige: "It is admitted that there is no loafing."

The chairman: "The charge is not proven."

In his contention that the water on York street bridge floor was a source of danger to pedestrians' clothes, Wenige was supported by the committee, on the evidence submitted at the last meeting.

His charge that there had been a waste of money in fixing the approach to the bridge was held not proven.

Wenige was not satisfied with the engineer's record that the cost of doing this work was only \$112. He told the chairman that he was not satisfied and the chairman replied: "The committee is satisfied and that is all there is to it."

The charge of bad engineering in the proposal to erect a new bridge at Ridout street was held not proven as was the charge relating to waste in the laying of the Quebec street pavement.

Was His Evidence. In connection with the latter item, Wenige said that the difference between the cost and the estimate was his evidence. The estimate was \$17,132 made in 1917, and the cost \$25,451 for work done in 1920. The engineer said that the difference was due to the increase in material, cost and wages.

The charge that there was loafing on this job was also held not proven. Wenige submitted a petition setting forth that there had been loafing. Ald. Childs said he called a number of people and they said there was no loafing.

On Erie avenue, in front of Wenige's house, he says, the pavement is faulty and the water there gets three or four inches deep before it gets to the cesspool, unless brushed away. It was over this hole, Wenige said, he and the engineer had one of their rows. The engineer said that the hole in question was three-tenths of an inch deep. The charge was ruled not proven.

Ald. Wenige said that he stood in an office on Richmond street and saw men who were repairing the pavement there stand from 1 p.m. to 1:50 p.m. without doing a "tap of work."

The engineer produced slips to show that the last load of material was delivered at 12:05. It would be unloaded at 12:15 and the men would start to work again at 1:30 when the next load was shown to have arrived by the slips. The charge was held not sustained.

The engineer produced slips to show that the crew paid for two days and a team two and a half days' work fixing a catch basin on Wharncliffe road, but Wenige declared he was not satisfied.

He said that reputable citizens had been watching, and he himself saw four men on this one job on for different days. The engineer said that twelve feet of the wire laid. The charge was thrown out.

Ald. Wenige said that on many occasions he had watched gravel delivered to different jobs. No one was on hand to check the number of loads. The driver dumped them and went away.

Check Deliveries. The engineer said that in nineteen out of twenty cases they had a man checking all gravel deliveries. In some cases a man was working on two jobs and might meet a driver part way. This charge was dismissed.

The admission made at the last session of the committee that the work of fixing Emery street might have been better done was reiterated.

Work on Maitland street pavement, St. James to Cheapside street, brought many complaints of loafing, to Ald. Wenige. He said he could produce the names of several reputable citizens to substantiate his charges. There was a long discussion over this job, and its cost was compared with Bruce street.

In the end the charge was thrown out. There was quite an argument over the charge that five men stood at Hyman and Richmond street from 7 a.m. until 9 a.m. waiting for material to come to fix the pavement. At 7:30 a.m. Ald. Wenige said he arrived at the job and stayed there until 9 o'clock, and the men did no work.

The engineer did not deny that there might have been ten men called him from one job to another. He said that there was no evidence of loafing.

Wenige—Is the engineer a judge in this? I am of the opinion that the committee was to rule what was evidenced.

Ald. Ashton: "We must be fair and square. Ald. Wenige saw this."

The chairman: "Despite the fact that it hurts you, eh?"

Ald. Wilson said someone called him and he went over the job, but could not find any loafing.

Asks Why Called. Wenige: "Why were you called?" The chairman: "Is this clause sustained?"

Ashton: "We have got to admit there was some delay."

The chairman: "Was there undue delay?"

Ald. Childs: "Delay is admitted, but we cannot say that it was undue."

The chairman ruled the charge not proven.

Ald. Wenige said he would get names of people who saw a team drawing gravel away for two days after the Quebec street pavement was laid, thus showing poor estimates of the amount of material necessary. It was at this point that Wenige and the mayor had an exchange of words, the alderman asking if his list of Quebec street residents' names was not evidence.

He was told by the mayor that his evidence was "not worth a hoot" unless it was under oath.

Wenige replied that he agreed with him "after learning the way that this thing is being conducted."

In reply to the mayor's request as to what he meant, Wenige said that he explained his position at the start.

Chairman Bridge here explained to the members of the committee who were late starting on the job that he instructed before you came in that our investigation is not fair. I resented that, and said that he was not shouldering the whole burden of the city."

Wenige: "I did not make any insinuation. I am sincere in this thing."

Thought He Had Time. The mayor thought that Ald. Wenige had time to get the names of the men involved.

Wenige said that it took most of his time to gather evidence. He could not afford to give 24 hours a day to city affairs.

The mayor said the Wenige should have obtained the names of men he saw loafing and bumsing.

"Some mighty big job," came back the alderman.

The charges of loafing were thrown out once more.

As the committee was about to adjourn Ald. Childs said that he strongly objected to Wenige's charge that there were "loafers and bums" working for the city.

Ald. Wenige said that he would give the names later.

The probe may continue on Friday.

DIES AFTER YEAR'S ILLNESS. WOODSTOCK, Nov. 21.—William Revell, a resident of Woodstock, for 20 years, died at his home here Saturday, following an illness of more than a year's duration. He was 60 years old, and was born in England. He was married, two daughters and one son survive.

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Dennison's

Smart New Blouses in all the novelty styles and trimmings. These are shown in Tricotee, Canton Crepe, Crepe de Chine, Crepe Jour, Lace and Georgette, featuring the overblouse in many different styles; the costume blouse also is shown quite strongly in these new models. Wool, bead and lace trimming add a smart finish; very new also is the blouse made of radium lace, which falls very soft and pretty over an under bodice of georgette. A splendid variety of blouses to choose from and a wonderful display of colors.

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A MESSAGE FROM TOYLAND
CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR,
AND NOW DEAR CHILDREN, IT'S HERE!
I'VE JUST ARRIVED FROM NORTH POLE-LAND,
COME ONE AND ALL AND SHAKE MY HAND.
WHEN MY NEW PACK OF TOYS YOU SEE,
YOU'LL CLAP YOUR HANDS AND DANCE WITH GLEE.
DOLLS WITH CURLS AND EYES THAT CLOSE,
DRESSED IN SILK AND DAINTY ROSE.
BOATS THAT SAILORS HEARTS DELIGHT,
BOXING GLOVES FOR BOYS WHO FIGHT,
HERE YOU'LL FIND MOST EVERYTHING,
FROM BLOCKS AND GAMES TO PHONES THAT RING.
FOR EVERY LITTLE GIRL AND BOY,
I'M SURE I'VE BROUGHT A FAVORITE TOY,
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AND MAKE TOYLAND WITH PLEASURE HUM.
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ASKS COMMISSION FOR RESIGNATIONS

Ontario Government To Have
Department Rule Hamil-
ton Highway.

TORONTO, Nov. 21.—It was learned tonight that the Ontario Government has decided to abolish the Toronto-Hamilton highway commission. An intimation was given at the Parliament buildings that each member of the commission was to be asked to resign. The resignation of each member of the commission was being requested by the government. The letters pointed out that the Toronto-Hamilton highway commission was not a part of the duties of the Ontario highways department.

It was also made clear that in asking for the resignations of the members no reflection on the administration of the highway was implied. It is understood that the government will make the first step of the new arrangement the transference of the work of the present commission to a commission composed of members of the staff of the highways department, and that this arrangement will hold good until the holding of the next session

of the Ontario Legislature. It will, of course, take a few weeks to put this transfer into effect.

Due to the fact that under existing legislation the highway can only be directed by a commission, new legislation providing for the transference of the work to the highways department will be necessary when the legislature meets.

ALL THREE CANDIDATES FEEL SURE OF VICTORY

[Special to The Advertiser.] ST. MARYS, Nov. 21.—The political contest in South Perth is a three-cornered one. Dr. M. Steele, the Conservative, William Forrester of Mitchell, the Liberal candidate, and Robert Berry of Blanshard, the U. F.

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G. nominee, being in the field. All three feel confident of victory.

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M. Ferguson of Toronto, president of the Ontario Women's Liberal Club; J. M. McEvoy, K.C., of London, the candidate; Capt. Fred G. Sanderson of St. Marys and others.

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