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Mr. Thornton Cuts The Police Schedule

Fixes Salary of The New Chief At \$2,000

HAVE ONLY ONE INSPECTOR

Also Two Detectives Instead of Three—Chief Not Yet Arranged for—Police to Number 41—Increase in Estimates Some \$20,000—Matter of Courtesy Bay Foreshores

While the revised schedule for the police force, adopted by the common council previous to the recent election, would have required an increase of \$82,726 in the estimates, the new schedule has scaled down the lists to such an extent that the preliminary draft submitted this morning called for an increase of only \$20,011, and this will be reduced further by changes which he suggested this morning. While the revised schedule called for a salary of \$2,000 for the chief, the estimates are put at \$2,000, with the intention that increases should be granted as the new man proves his fitness; the number of authorized patrolmen has been reduced from forty-five to forty-one; one detective may be dispensed with; the department may try to get along without a bread inspector and other economies may aid in reducing the outlay for the year.

Mr. Thornton promised to present his recommendations for the appointment of the new chief of police at the next meeting of the council.

The commission met in council for their weekly meeting, owing to the quarterly meeting of the municipal council being held this afternoon, and transacted considerable routine business before going into committee to take up the pending matters.

Mayor Hayes presided and Commissioners Fisher, Bullock, Thornton and Martin were present. The council met at 11 o'clock and approved the minutes of the last meeting and the report of the committee of the whole.

Mrs. Martin wrote complaining of the condition of west side streets, owing to which she stated that she had fallen and sprained her wrist. She asked for a grant of \$100 towards her expenses. This was referred to the commissioner of public works.

An application was received from L. W. McNeil for responsibility as city constable, accompanied by recommendations, and this was referred to the commissioner of public works.

A communication from the G. W. V. A. protesting against the assessment of pensions was referred to the board of assessors.

A communication from Mrs. J. H. Prink, claiming ownership of four dogs, received from the secretary of the fore-shore board, and laid on the table, to be considered on Thursday morning.

A Bishopic Wall Board Company's communication offering their products for sale, was referred to the commissioner of public works.

A letter from the St. John Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Co., relative to their request for a transfer of foreshore property at Courtenay Bay, was received. On motion of Mr. Bullock it was laid on the table.

Mr. Thornton presented a bill from M. R. A. Ltd., for serge for policemen's uniforms at \$7 and \$7.50 a yard, totaling \$2,000, with the explanation that he could find no authorization for the purchase. As the goods are on hand and required, his motion that the bill be paid, was passed.

Foreshore Rights. The council went into committee to consider the communication from the St. John Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Co., who wrote that they were applying to the county council for the foreshore of the Municipal Home property. It was pointed out that the area to be reclaimed and which is required for the construction of repair shops and equipment, was now all covered with water at high tide and therefore of no value, and what they proposed to do with it would not prove detrimental to the county council. A request was made for support for the application.

The city engineer was heard in explanation of the plan submitted. Mr. Fisher suggested that the matter be dealt with by lease rather than transfer.

Mr. Bullock thought that the commissioners of the Municipal Home and the County Hospital should be consulted regarding the effect of future developments on the comfort of the occupants of these institutions. If the company wanted a railway spur to their property, it would be an advantage to the municipality, in that it would relieve the highways of a lot of heavy traffic, including 125,000 barrels of cement which will be required.

New Sewers. Mr. Jones offered an estimate of cost of replacing wooden sewers in streets (Continued on page 12, fourth column)

WOMEN RELAX THE BLOCKADE

American View to Let Some Things Into Germany

PROBLEMS IN PARIS

Various Delegations Studying Them—May be Compromise Between Belligerents and Neutrals on Trade Matters

Paris, Jan. 21.—(By the Associated Press)—Dwelling to pressure of more urgent problems before delegates to the peace congress, various economic delegations are studying each other's trade blockade and kindred problems. It is probable they will inaugurate joint discussions during the congress. The American viewpoint contemplates a certain relaxation of the earlier "war-tight" blockade which would allow the entry of foodstuffs, lubricants and other materials into enemy countries. This is being sent into Vienna and other parts of the agricultural zone, however, would otherwise be as rigidly enforced as ever because of its value as a weapon to force the enemy to accept the peace terms that will be presented.

The restoration of the blockade as regards foodstuffs is already effective in a portion of the former Hapsburg dominions. Food is being sent into Vienna as well as to "liberated regions," and will be supplied to Germany under the terms of the armistice extension agreement signed at Treves last Friday.

The problem of trade restrictions on neutrals as a part of the enemy blockade is also under consideration. There is a disposition in American quarters to permit exportation of most raw materials used in industries such as textiles as are required to meet the demands of home consumption. This proposal, however, is complicated by the question of possible competition between neutrals and the handicapped belligerents before the latter are completely restored to their ante-bellum condition.

Informed by representatives of various Allied and associated governments that it would be unfair to give neutrals undue preference in raw materials and world trade while the Entente belligerents are unable to compete on equal terms.

American representatives believe, it is understood, that it is quite feasible to arrange a compromise between neutrals and neutrals in this matter. At least one of the European belligerents has indicated that the latter are desirous to see incorporated in the adjustments affected by the peace congress.

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Iris Parliament to Meet Today

Sinn Fein Meet Under Dublin Castle Shadow

NO INTERFERENCE INTENDED

Today's Programme in Irish Language—Declaration of Independence, Message to "The Free Nations" and Appointment of Peace Congress Delegates Items on List

Dublin, Jan. 21.—(By the Associated Press)—Probably no country except Ireland could present an episode as remarkable as the assembly of the "Dail Eireann," which is Irish Gaelic for "Irish parliament," which will be called to order in Dublin's ancient mansion house this afternoon to proclaim Ireland an independent republic. Perhaps no writer except an Irishman like George Bernard Shaw could do justice to the paradoxical nature of the proceedings.

About half the Sinn Fein elected to membership in the English parliament will participate, the other half being in various English prisons, charged with the offence of being members of the Sinn Fein in the English parliament.

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Three Ways To Help Russia

Armed Force to Overthrow Bolsheviki Least Likely

THE PEACE CONFERENCE

Problem of Land of Ex-Czar the Main Matter Under Discussion in Paris Today—Most Favor for Plan to Build Wall of Governments About Bolsheviki Part of Country

Paris, Jan. 21.—(By the Associated Press)—The peace conference now has the Russian situation under active and continued examination while the plans for the league of nations are being fast brought into shape and were expected to be taken under general consideration for the first time when the supreme council reassembled today. The latest information available was that all the associated governments were prepared for the presentation of their memoranda on the Russian situation.

The council was ready to hear the statement on the Russian situation which Harold Scaventin, Danish minister to Russia, was prepared to make.

In the general informal discussion which is taking place outside the secrecy of the peace conference, which may be assumed to reflect the views being expressed within that body, the two considerations given first place are believed to be whether to attempt to build a wall or establish a quarantine around Bolsheviki Russia through giving assistance in the setting up of governments in the independent states surrounding the Maximilian territory, or whether to attempt to relieve conditions in European Russia which relief many statesmen believe would remove the cause of Bolshevism in the field.

Of all the courses suggested it would appear that the last mentioned is the one favored, certainly by the United States, and it seems that also the first named is attracting much support.

Two Girls Murdered. Slain Within Week—Left Hand Glove Taken From Each

New York, Jan. 21.—The best detectives in the city are bent on every energy to the task of finding a man who killed Miss Marie Elizabeth Riddell, seventeen years old, on Wednesday evening near her home on West 133rd street, Richmond Hill, and who also probably murdered Mrs. Maudie Riddell in a recent lot near her home in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, last week. The two crimes were so similar in their details that the detectives believe that if they find the murderer of one woman they have the man who killed the other.

In each case the victim was struck down with a blow on the back of the head with a blunt instrument, causing probably instant death. In each case the left glove of the victim was carried away by the murderer.

Miss Riddell's body was found in a vacant lot only 150 feet from her home, to which she was returning from business. The girl's weekly pay of \$20 as a stenographer was taken from her handbag, and her gold watch, a Christmas gift of her father, was gone.

Predicts Alliance of Germany and Japan. Seattle, Wash., Jan. 21.—Within the next five years Germany and Japan may be expected to form an alliance, declared Minc, Catherine Brashkovskaya, called the "little grandmother of the Russian revolution," at a meeting here last night.

Cardinal Gibbons Issues Statement. Baltimore, Md., Jan. 21.—Cardinal Gibbons, in a statement issued last night, makes a plea that wine may be obtained for sacramental purposes. "We have 20,000 Catholic clergymen in the United States who every day offer the Sacrament of the Mass. How can they perform this duty if they are without wine? The law of prohibition strikes the individual liberty of worship."

Monarchists Succeeded in Northern Portugal. Madrid, Jan. 21.—The monarchist movement in Portugal headed by Paiva Couceiro has been successful in northern Portugal, and a government has been formed at Oporto, according to a report received from the governor of the province of Pontevedra, in northwestern Spain.

The report adds that Lisbon is believed to have joined in the movement.

Not Fifty Canadians Now Prisoners in Germany. London, Jan. 21.—Fewer than fifty Canadian prisoners now remain in Germany. Some of these, it is feared, will never be located as they probably have succumbed while trying to escape. A few are ill and a few more are attending on them. The total already repatriated is 3,400, while 355 died in Germany and 804 were repatriated before the armistice.

LEGISLATION RE PROHIBITION IN QUEBEC HOUSE

Matters Are Foreshadowed in Speech From Throne

OPENING OF LEGISLATURE

Problems Arising Out of the War to be Faced—Housing and Disease Fighting Measures—Large Number of Private Bills

Quebec, Jan. 21.—With economic problems to face, the equal of which have never occupied the country before, the legislature of the Province of Quebec met today. The ceremony of opening was presided over by Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, lieutenant-governor, who delivered the speech from the throne.

Legislation destined to solve the post-war problems of the province will be enacted during the present session, and among the most important measures proposed by the government is that which looks to the granting of free farms to returned soldiers who have a mind to become producers in the agricultural field.

The speech from the throne mentions this intention on the part of the government, and states that the settlers should be directed towards the Abitibi region, one of the most fertile and attractive admission centres in the province.

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LIEBKNECHT SHOT IN BACK

No Trace of Rosa Luxemburg's Body—Large Reward Is Offered

Berlin, Jan. 20.—(By the Associated Press)—The Spartacist leader, Karl Liebknecht, who was shot and killed last week, whose body and that of Rosa Luxemburg, another Spartacist leader, who was shot and killed as she was being removed in a automobile from the place where she had been arrested. Her body has not been found despite a continuing search.

The Spartacist authorities at Eberfeld, Rhenish Prussia, have changed the name of Kaiser Wilhelm street to Liebknecht street and that of Kaiser Friedrich street to Rosa Luxemburg street.

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FEELING AGAINST ITALIAN ARMY IS INCREASING

Appeals to Allied Powers From Land Occupied by Italian Forces

Washington, Jan. 21.—An official despatch from Belgrade to the Serbian press bureau here says popular feeling against the Italian army grows every hour in the Serb, Croat and Slovene regions occupied by the Italian forces and that open clashes occur daily.

"From all occupied towns and villages," says the despatch, "desperate appeals to the Allied powers are coming asking for support and protection. Numerous hostile acts of the Italian army against the people to walk in patience against the Jugo-Slav population are reported. Serb and Croat newspapers are advising the people to wait in patience the just decision of the Allied authorities, but the situation in the meantime is very dangerous for the preservation of peace."

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

PACKERS ARE OPPOSING GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION. Washington, Jan. 21.—Officials of independent packing and stock yards firms appeared before both the senate agriculture and commerce committees yesterday in opposition to legislation for government supervision of the meat packing industry.

MONTREAL WOMAN IS BURNED TO DEATH. Montreal, Jan. 21.—Burned from head to foot when her clothing caught fire from a stove in her home last evening, Mrs. Michael Clark, fifty-eight years of age, died in the Montreal General Hospital.

TRIED TO TAKE GIRL AWAY IN SLEIGH. A Daring Act in Waterloo Street on Sunday Night. Considerable excitement was caused in Waterloo street Sunday evening between 9 and 10 o'clock when an attempt to carry away a young girl in a sleigh was made.

ARCHIE WALSH IS TO BOWL HERE AT THE Y.M.C.I. ANNIVERSARY. The second anniversary of the organization of the Y. M. C. I. promises to be a memorable one in the history of the city.

SAYS PEOPLE WILL WANT TO KNOW WHY. Toronto Globe Criticizes Sir Thos. White in Bank Merger Matter. "Toronto, Jan. 21.—Under the caption 'The Abandonment of Banks,' the Globe says editorially today:

TO JAIL TO AWAIT TRIAL. Mother of Two Year Old Boy Who Was Shot in Home. Pittsfield, Mass., Jan. 21.—Mrs. Gladys C. Dunn, wife of J. Allan Dunn, a writer, whose son of two years, J. Allan Dunn, Jr., was shot fatally at their home in Lenox in last August, was arraigned today to answer an indictment of murder in the second degree.

TRANSFER OF THE C. B. R. E. OFFICES TO OTTAWA. Moncton, Jan. 21.—M. C. Loehner, grand organizer of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, communicating on a report that headquarters of that organization are to be transferred from Halifax to Ottawa, said that this action is being taken in accordance with the decision of the grand convention at Port Arthur in last September, and it is expected will take effect on May 1.