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CITY COUNCIL RAISES THE PAY OF DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICERS AND POLL CLERKS FOR ELECTIONS

Council Sits Until 11 O'clock Dealing With a Few Matters of Business—Public Lavatories Come Up For Discussion By the Council Board.

All the members of the City Council were in their places when the City Council started business last night in spite of the chilliness of the atmosphere.

There wasn't much to be done but it took until 11 o'clock to do it, the longest item of business being the bylaw appointing deputy returning officers and clerks for the municipal elections. The pay was raised to $5 and $6 instead of $4 and $5.

The City Council of Peterboro asked co-operation in a petition to the Legislature that Police Commissioners be composed of the Mayor and two elected members. At present the County Judge and police magistrate form the Commission.

J. D. Chaplin, M.P., wrote acknowledging receipt of the resolutions passed by the Council anent the Old Welland Canal lands being turned over to municipalities for park purposes. He suggested that prior to the Dominion Government being asked to transfer the canal lands to the Provincial Government, it would be well to ascertain whether the Ontario Government would receive them for the purpose intended. Mr. Chaplin also pointed out that it would be necessary for the Ontario Government to widen the powers and generally amend the Act respecting the Park Commission before they could undertake any additional work.

Mayor Elson remarked in connection with the note in Fire Chief Early's report that fire insurance rates in the city ought to be reduced in view of the city's fine fire fighting service.

Ald Eagle who is in the insurance business said he had no doubt the insurance men of the city would do everything in their power to bring this desirable state of affairs about.

Ald. Westwood complained of impossibility of satisfying the fire underwriters. Whenever any new addition is added to perfect the fire department they think up something else.

Ald. Smith reported for the Works Committee stating that the Committee is in receipt of an application from Messrs. Mitchell and Mohan, contractors on contract for the construction of the Western Hill Sewerage System, asking for an extension of time in which to complete the work. The Committee expressed itself as being well aware of the difficulties which prevented the contractors from completing their work within the time limit and would recommend that Messrs. Mitchell and Mohan be granted an extension of three months' time within which to complete their work, covered by their contract, subject to the condition and that the contractors shall complete the work in such a manner as may be directed by the City Engineer. Failure to carry out such directions the same shall be reported by the City Engineer to the Committee or any extensions of time hereby granted shall be subject to direction by the Council.

The Committee further recommended that any further extension of time which may become necessary shall be dealt with as may be required.

The Committee further recommended that upon the completion of certain work remaining to be performed by John Wood, contractor, on contract for the construction of the Facer street Sewerage System Pump House Building; that the City Engineer be authorized to issue a completion certificate for payment of the moneys retained under the terms of the contract.

The Council passed the report.

Ald. Dakers for the Market and Buildings Committee reported that the Committee is in receipt of a petition of certain residents on Niagara street requesting the Council not to allow James Halperin to open a Mattress Factory on that street and the Committee having investigated the matter is of the opinion that it is not desirable in the interests of the City to interfere and would recommend that no action be taken. The Committee is informed that the Council's powers of interference are very limited and could probably only be employed by passing a by-law making Niagara street a residential street which is unadvisable on account of the fact that that street is one of the main arteries to the City. The passing of such a by-law would tend to prevent a proper development of the street and at the present time there are established a number of business places on this street which could not be removed under such a by-law. The Committee also pointed out, however, that the mattress factory which is being established is subject to the provisions of "Factory Shops and Office Building Act" for the Province of Ontario, and if the residents find that any nuisance arises from the factory in carrying on business suitable action can be taken to overcome the same.

The Committee had referred to it a petition of the residents on that portion of James street from Church street to Lake street for the purpose of having that portion of James St. declared a residential street and the Committee recommended that the City Solicitor be and he is hereby instructed to prepare a by-law for the purpose.

The Committee further recommended that the City Clerk be instructed to insert advertisements in both local papers inviting tenders for the collection of Market Fees for the year 1920, such tenders to be in the hands of this Committee by Thursday, December 26th ,1919.

The report was adopted.

The Mayor remarked that it was a mistaken policy to make so many streets residential areas. This blocks the city's commercial progress.

Ald. Westwood said if the necessity arose in the future a bylaw rescinding these bylaws can be passed on a sufficiently signed petition being presented to the Council.

Ald. Nash reported for the Parks and Cemetery Committee, expressing regret that the Parks Commission project had to be abandoned owing to the petition having been insufficiently signed. For lack of funds the public lavatory project had to be abandoned for the time being as well.

Ald. Rose said no definite proposition for public lavatories had been presented to the finance Committee.

Ald. Nash replied that he had suggested a location and named a price and with that he had endeavored to cound the finance Committee but no serious consideration was given to the idea.

Mayor Elson said he had heard the

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THE WEATHER

TORONTO, Dec. 16.—The temperature has risen over British Columbia owing to the advent of a depression from the Pacific ocean. Elsewhere in Canada very cold weather prevails generally with the crest of the cold wave again centred inManitoba. A few places report light snow falls.

FORECASTS—Frest west to north west winds, a few light snow falls, or flurries, but mostly fair and very cold today and on Wednesday.

Robert Bowman Peck, Poet, Says Plenty o' Affinities All Right

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—When is an affinity?

Robert Bowman Peck, wealthy poet, answered this question in a negative way in a deposition filed in the circuit court, replying to the amended bill of his wife, Florence Reid Peck, who charged him with indulging in unlawful loves, while she was entitled to all his conjugal affection.

Peck denies that she had any right to object to his intimate friendship for Yvonne Normand, a pretty French nurse employed in the former Peck household in England, because he was not married to Florence Reid Peck. In a deposition taken receently in New York Peck admitted that he was the father of a child by Mlle. Normand.

Peck says his marriage with Florence was illegal because in violation of both Illinois an Pennsylvania laws. Hence, Yvonna Normand was not his affinity, just a friend, and Florence Reid Peck had no cause to oppose his attentions to the French maid.

The answer of the poet recites the history of his divorce from Margaret Peck, October 11, 1910, and his marriage to Florence Reid, November 1, 1910, in Kansas City, which he says was illegal in Illinois because it was within a year after the divorce.

Subsequently, while living at Philadelphia, he says he and Mrs. Peck went to Wilmington, Del., where a marriage ceremony was performed because they believed their marriage in Kansas City was in violation of a Pennsylvania law.

Mrs. Peck No. 2 was not named as correspondent to the divorce suit of Mrs. Peck No. 1, but Peck asserts that he was not on intimate terms with No.2 while No. 1 was still his wife. The Pennsylvania law which he says he tried to evade by the second marriage at Wilmington, Del., prohibited him and his second wife, he holds, from marrying as long as Mrs. Peck No. 1 was alive.

Would Revenge Angeles' Death

Villa Has Ordered His Gang to Pillage and Burn Carranza's Property.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The campaign of Francisco Villa against the Caranaza government has now turned to reprisals for what is termed the "murder" of Gen. Felipe Angeles, it was learned to-day in advices from the Villa camp. A part of Villa's forces has been sent into the State of Coahilla, where President Caranza's home and much of his property are located, and the rebels in this division, according to advics, have have been ordered to burn, raid and destroy the ranches owned by Caranza near Cuarto Niegras together with his home in that town.

The recent raiding of the owners of Muzquiz and Sabinas, reported by the state department, is said to have been the first blow of the new campaign. It is reported that two Americans, Fred Hugo and R. B. Ranson, an Engishman and five Mexicans were captured by the raiders and are being held for ransom—$10,000 each for the Americans and the Englishman and $5,000 each for the Mexicans. The raiders did not attempt to hold the towns and are said to be under orders from Villa not to hold any towns or property they attack. Their instructions are to burn and otherwise destroy everything possible throughout the campaign.

LATE NATHAN MOREY LAID AT REST IN THE VICTORIA LAWN

The funeral of the late Nathan Morey, took place from the family residence, 150 King street, on Saturday afternoon and was largely attended by relatives and sympathizing friends. The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Ratcliffe, assisted by Rev. H. A. Priest, of St. George's Church, Those acting as bearers were three sons, Charles, Frank and F. H. Morey, one son in law H. J. Johnston, John S. Wood and Wm. Groves

The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.

STEEL STRIKE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCE FIGHT AGAINST CORPORATION NOT YET OVER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.— After a series of sessions the steel strike committee announced that the fight against the United States Steel corporation would be continued.

"We consider the strike in a winning condition," said William Z. Foster, secretary of the committee, announcing the result. "There is no significance in our meeting at this time other than that we have regular meetings twice monthly and the members of the committee were in Washington for the American Federation of Labor conference."

Edwin Newdick, in charge of the publicity for the committee, declared that reports before the conference showed steel production stood at about 50 per cent of normal. No estimate on the number still out was made, further than the statement that it was "huge."

U. S. ARMY TRANSPORT TO BEAR ANARCHISTS AWAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The United States army transport Beaufort, now loading supplies in Brooklyn, is to be the "ark" to carry back to Russia the Ellis Island radical colony, consisting of Emma Goldman, Alexander Berkman and some eighty other Russians awaiting deportation according to reports current here last night. The vesse lis scheduled to leave this week, with a Norwegian port as its first call.

NOVEL METHOD IS SUGGESTED FOR PAYING THE TEACHERS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF

It is quite probable that a new system will be introduced in connection with the salaries of public school teachers. The salary question came up at a special meeting of the Public School Board last evening, held for the purpose of dealing with the subject, as it was felt by the members of the Board which will go out of existence at the end of the year, the new Board of Education to take its place, that the presentBoard should deal with the question.

Trustee F. N. Rutherford who has been looking into the question brought in a novel report. It was to the effect that the salaries of Public School teachers be dealt with according to the teacher's merit, the public school inspector being the judge.

To 80 to 84 per cent. teachers will be paid ten points or $800 a year, and so on. Eighty five to ninety per cent. teachers will get eleven points, or $900. Ninety one to ninety four per cent. teachers will get $1,150 and ninety five to a hundred per cent. teachers $1200.

School principals will receive $1,-900.

"We want to get away from the eighty per cent. teachers," declared Trustee Rutherford, "and this way it is up to the teacher to bring about the increases in salary."

The Board approved of the report which was that of the Management Committee and it will be dealt with at another meeting of the Public School Board shortly.

CAPTAIN ANDREW WELSH, OLD LAKE CAPTAIN, IN DEAD

Captain Andrew Welsh, one of the oldest captains of the Great Lakes died yesterday afternoon at the family residence on Phelps street. He was in the employ of the late Captain Sylvester Neelon for 42 years and in the employ of the city for 10 years after retiring from the lakes.

He leaves one son Joseph Welsh of Collingwood, Ont., and two daughters, Mrs. Charles Pringle and Mrs. Frank Longley, both of this city.

George F. Peterson stated positively today that he would not be a candidate for the Mayoralty as he will again be a candidate for the Water Commission.

FIRE CHIEF EARLY CONSIDERS THAT IT IS ABOUT TIME UNDERWRITERS LOWERED INSURANCE RATES HERE

Fire Chief William Early has presented his annual report as follows:

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen,—In accordance with Rules and Regulations of the Fire Department, it again becomes my duty to submit for your information and consideration the Annual Report of the Working of the Department for the year 1919.

During the Year the Department received and answered eighty nine alarms of fire. Thirty four regular Box alarms, and fifty one telephone alarms and four still alarms. The cause of this number of alarms of fire was as follows:

Lighted Torch 1.
Oil Rags 2.
Defective Chimney 4.
Sparks from Chimney 2.
Overheated stove pipe 3.
Defective Fire place 1.
Spark from smoke stack 1.
Oil Fire 1.
Overheated Oven 1.
Children with matches 3.
Smoking in bed 1.
Chimney fires 5.
Coal oil stove 3.
Broken electric wire 2.
Match thrown from window 2.
Match thrown in shavings 1.
Gas explosion 1.
Defective wire 1.
Electric iron 1.
Hot ashes 3.
Lightning 1.
Filling gas tank running engine 1.
Gas stove setting fire to clothes 1.
Overheated Furnace 1.
High Power Wire 2.
Auto car back fire 1.
No. cause for alarm 3.
Cause unknown 13.
Grass fire 5.
Engine setting fire to roof 2.
Smoke coming from window and thought to be a fire 1.
False alarms 17.
Total 89.

Total value of property endangered by fire during the year.

Buildings $162,800.

Total value of contents $221,135.

Total insurance on buildings $84,-400.

Total Insurance on contents $105,-400.

Loss on buildings $369,350.

Loss on contents $35,068.05.

During the year the Department had used 8550 feet of hose, 186 gallons of chemicals, hoisted 625 feet of ladders and worked on fires 50 hrs. and 55 minutes.

Equipment of the Department.

1 Waterous Steam Fire Engine rated at 866 gallons per minute.

1 Hook and Ladder Truck, fully equipped.

1 American Lafrance Motor Hose and Chemical Combination car fully equipped.

1 hose wagon drawn by two horses. As is also the hook and ladder truck.

1 spare hose wagon.

1 small hose wagon on Facer street, as protection against being caught with the bridge open.

1 chief's hose and buggy.

5 horses all told.

4200 feet of cotton rubber lined fire hose.

1 hand reel.

1 spare reel.

Fire Alarm 46 Boxes

16 miles of fire alarm line— a part of which is copper.

125 cells of storage battery.

1 four (4) circuit controlling and charging switch board, all in good state of repair.

Twenty-two Firemen, Chief and Assistant Chief.

Working on what is known as the two-platoon system—that is, one crew of eleven men work the day watch from 8 o'clock in the morning until 6 p.m. The night crew are on duty from 6 p.m. until 8 a.m. the following morning, changing on every sixth day by one crew working twenty-four hours. So far the system has given good results, the men responding well when there is a good alarm given. There is no doubt the city is receiving better service than it ever did under the old system. Although I would recommend to the incoming council the appointment of two more men, as with sickness and vacation we are often pretty short-handed.

To the incoming council I would recommend the purchase of a tractor for the hook and ladder truck, as the horses that are now drawing it are far beyond the age for horses to draw a fire truck, and when we consider the prices of such horses, the difference in the cost of the upkeep, it is well worth considering, as at the present price of feed and shoeing it is hard to keep a pair of horses one year for $350. Whereas to date the total expense of running the auto car this year has cost $106.03, a difference of $244.97 in favor of the car, besides the difference in the saving of property by being able to get to a fire so much quicker.

Gentlemen, I have often spoken privately, and may I be privileged to ask publicly, if with all our improved streets, and all the improvement in the fire department, if we might not look for some reasonable reduction in the rates of insurance in this city, for by the regular inspection of buildings and the regular collection of waste paper and rubbish the fire risk must surely be brought to the minimum. Once again I desire to place on record the faithful work of the members of the department, whereby in no case has a fire spread to adjoining property after the department arrived at the fire.

On conclusion, permit me to refer to the improved condition of the working hours of the members of the department, and on their behalf and the assistant chief and myself, I wish to thank the Mayor, the Chairman of the Fire and Light Committee, and the City Council, for the many kind considerations during the year, also to all the officials in the city buildings, to the chief and members of the police force, and to the press, we wish to return thanks for the many favors and kindness throughout the year, and by faithful attention to duty,

I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

W. J. EARLY,
Fire Chief.

Police Party Is Ambushed

Sergeant of the Irish Force is Thought Mortally Wounded.

DUBLIN, Dec. 16.—Still another murderous attack on an Irish police officer is reported. Accompanied by two constables, Sergeant Farrell of the Royal Irish Constabulary was returning to Dungloe, in county Donegal, after taking two Sinn Fein prisoners to Londonderry Jail, when the party was ambushed.

From both sides of the road the assailants opened fire on the police. Sergeant Farrell was hit by three bullets, and it is feared that his wounds are mortal.

A searching party was sent out immediate, but no arrests have been made.

A disquieting feature of the present situation is the strike of motor drivers against the regulation requiring them to take out licenses.

Three Men Are Charged With Highway Robbery

When three men, James McGlade, John Bender and John Davidson were arraigned in police court today on a charge of vagrancy, Chief Greene said he had another charge to lay against them, that of highway robbery.

It is supposed the trio were the three men who a couple of weeks ago, held up the watchman of a pumping plant at the city limits and took $65 from him, then starting him off on a run across the fields while they aimed revolvers at him. The three were remanded.

Yesterday they were found begging at different stores in the Facer street district.

Collegiate is Closed For Holiday

Number of Cases of Sickness of a Mild Type Reported.

Owing to a number of cases of sickness in the Collegiate which has been pronounced small pox it has been decided to close the Collegiate Institute till after the Christmas holidays.

While the cases are very mild it was deemed necessary as a precautionery measure. This also applies to the night classes in the Collegiate.

Magistrate Campbell today ordered Mrs. Routley to look after her children whom she left to work in a hotel. Today two of the children, aged 3 and 5 years were found barefooted and were taken charge of by the neighbors.

Woman Loses Her Case And Her Discount, Too, In Police Court Action

Accused Spanish Storekeeper of Striking Her When She Went in to Get What Discount She Claimed Was Coming to Her.

Peter Caruso, Spaniard, in police court today faced Mrs. Annie Dorsay, colored and rather comely, on a charge of assault preferred by the woman. Caruso runs a store at York and Carleton streets.

She told her story on the stand with gesticulation and emphasis.

"I owed him some eleven dollars and he promised me discount when I paid. When I went into get it, took me by the shoulder and said "Woman, you get out," and he pushed me away and hit me in the breast. I get a pain there yet. I wasn't going to let him push me that way so I picked up a chair to defend myself with and I guess I throws it."

Caruso asked some questions. "Didn't you call me a black dog?" he said.

"No, I never did. Man, don't you think I know what your color is?"

"Didn't I tell you to go out quietly?"

"No, you hit me and pushed me."

Two women who were in the store testified that they had watched the proceedings and Caruso had not struck the Dorsay woman. When one of the women said this, Mrs. Dorsay from her seat called up:

"You know God has that written down in his book."

"Well, it's the truth," retorted the woman.

Caruso on the stand stated that Mrs. Dorsay had abused him with about any name she could think of.

The Magistrate after hearing the evidence, addressed Mrs. Dorsay severely telling her to keep out of Carusa's store. "And it will cost you $5 for witness fees," he added.

Mrs. Dorsay was taken completely by surprise on being informed that it meant she had lost her case. "I haven't got no five dollars," she protested helplessly.

Her husband came to the rescue and said he would be able to raise it in ten minutes.