SERIOUS CHARGES MADE IN COUNCIL

Ald. Roden Introduces Affidavit Against Ald. Meredith, Who Makes Reply.

DOUGHTY NOT IN FAVOR

Lost Appointment as Fire Commissioner by Vote of Ten to Twelve.

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will give us a majority of one in favor of Doughty."

Calls It Blackmail.

"Blackmail" was the term in which Ald. Meredith described the whole proceedings. "If the City of Toronto is going to have a fire commissioner, the board of education must keep their noses out of it. Mr. Hodgson has no power to fix anybody in this council."

Ald. Meredith explained that he had no intention of bringing the matter up, but it was forced on him by Ald. Roden, who used the term "some alderman" when laying the affidavit on the table. "Ald. Roden is not good enough to say that that alderman came up to his house and refuted the affidavit, just as he has refuted it now."

Dr. Steele handed a note to Ald. Walton in which he refuted the statement made by Ald. Meredith. "I have never spoken to the alderman re Doughty," he said in the note.

In a lengthy speech Mayor Church declared himself as still in favor of promotion, and of appointing Acting Chief Smith. He had a budget of information taken from the report of the school investigation before Judge Winchester to show why Doughty should not be appointed, or for that matter why any member of the staff of the building department of the board of education should not be appointed. He moved that the recommendation of the board of control be struck out, declaring that influences were at work to force this appointment on council. "I wouldn't say sinister influences, but I have never seen such a lobby at the city hall," said he.

Going Down Hill.

Ald. Ramsden was for striking out the recommendation that Doughty be appointed, and sending it back for real consideration. "Surely this board is not serious," said he. "First they think that Doughty is worth $1000 less than Langton. They are going down hill instead of up. Surely this is not the big man they have after six months of search. You can't expect men who have served their time to look up to another man who is drawing less pay than they are at the present time.

"It has been said time and again that the department is 'politically rotten to the core,' and by whom do you expect us to reorganize the department—a man that is on the board of education and president of a ward Conservative association? He was a political boss until very recently, and is considerable of a boss in ward one today. I say ward one is lined up in this matter. God pity our simplicity and forgive our duplicity, for we are not trying to get the best produced."

Ald Ramsden continued: "The other night I was called on the telephone and asked not to vote for Doughty. The man who spoke to me said, 'For God's sake, don't vote for Doughty; he is not fit for the position.'"

Ald. Yeomans, who hails from ward one, stuck up for Doughty with all his might, and brought to light all his good qualities as a member of the building department of the board of education, showing how he had revolutionized the heating and ventilating of the schools, and brought the contractors on school work to time.

Elimination Process.

Controller Thompson had picked on Doughty as a winner by the process of "elimination." He had gone over the qualifications of all the other applicants, and had discarded all the fire-fighters, because council wanted a commissioner. "If we wanted a fire-fighter we could get him out of our own department," he declared.

Controller Spence did not consider being a politician a serious drawback. "Any man who is a man takes more or less interest in politics," said he. He considered that Mr. Doughty's qualifications especially fitted him for the position, and even went so far as to refer to his nine years' service in the Queen's Own Rifles.

Ald. Cameron was decidedly against the nominee on account of his political credentials from ward one. In referring to Mr. Doughty's methods in the last provincial campaign he said, "He tried to ride two stools and feel between them, and a man that would do that hasn't enough brains to be head of our fire department."

"Commend me to a man who is a plumber," continued the alderman, "Commend me from a man who is a plumber," continued the alderman, "they are the political pipe layers; they can beat anything from the start to the finish. I am surprised at Controller Thompson eliminating the fire-fighters when choosing a commissioner. A fire commissioner should be a fire-fighter, but let him deny that he knows anything about a fire and Controller Thompson would nominate him as a commissioner. I am told by a gentleman who should know, that there is now better order and better discipline maintained in the department than there was six months ago."

Investigations In Order.

The fireworks started in again when Ald. Ball got the floor. "We started in with an investigation and we will end with one," he declared. "But this time it will be an investigation of the council and as my name has been mentioned, the one that will most court it will be myself. It has been said that Ball was fixed. It is true they have tried to compel Ball to vote against what his conscience dictated, but the man who said that Ball was fixed didn't know Ball. I was invited to attend a caucus, but refused to attend.

"A friend asked me to vote for Langton, but I told him I could not after voting against him twice, and a man that would do that had no right at the city council. If there is to be an investigation I want to be present and tell my story in regard to Col. Langton."

Ald. Roden then threw some light on the affidavit which had been spring earlier. "I did not desire to besmirch Ald. Meredith," said he, "but I thought it was my duty to see that the affidavit was brought before council." He then moved that the affidavit be read, which up to that time had been kept under cover, but the motion was lost and the mayor pocketed the document."

He continued: "The gentleman who made the affidavit is a responsible citizen and some weight must be given to it. I thought that Ald. Meredith had violated his oath and I asked him to my house because I thought that as a young man his reputation might be hurt by such a thing becoming public. I thought he might resign. We cannot have implications made against members of council without having them cleared up. I admire Ald. Spence for resigning when his name was being sent in for the position. I didn't think such a thing as this could happen, but when we do find them, we should clear them out, and for that reason I have handed this affidavit in. I do believe it should be made public."

Ald. Risk had nothing against Doughty, but still favored promotion.

McBride for Doughty.

In one of his usual stirring appeals Ald. Sam McBride endorsed Doughty with all his might. He went back over the history of the department during the past year, and wanted to know how a promotion from among men who had eaten together, swam together, and drank together could be made. He didn't thing Doughty's political associations unfitted him for the position in the least, and wanted to know if there was an alderman that hadn't looked for political support at election time.

Referring to the Langton lobby he went on: "Aldermen were taken into back offices by other aldermen, dined and wined and coerced in every way to vote for Col. Langton. Roden is the last man on earth that should say anything about the Langton lobby. Ald. Roden, I think, is the man who took Ald. Weir into his back office and tried to coerce him into voting for Langton."

Politically Rotten.

Ald. Singer thought the phrase "politically rotten" should have a place among the classics. "If there was nothing else against Mr. Doughty, and I don't know that there is, his political associations would put him out of the running for a position at the head of an organization that is 'politically rotten.' "A man came to my office and asked me to vote for Doughty," declared the alderman, "because a friend of his who had been 30 years on the department would lose his job if any other man was appointed, and if Doughty was appointed he would be made a district chief."

Wants an Outsider.

He again referred to Clement Driscoll, of the New York Bureau of Municipal Research, suggesting that Mr. Driscoll be hired from month to month until the department was put into shape, and after that he would have a man from the department promoted to the position of commissioner.

Ald. Wickett: "I am really too ashamed to vote for Doughty, even with his chief advocate. I am more ashamed than ever of this council. Men like Ald. Roden have been attacked, and there is no more worthy man in Toronto than Ald. Roden, and I think it is disgraceful that he should be attacked. I am in favor of bringing Mr. Driscoll here to clean up the situation."

When the vote was taken the line-up was as follows:

Against Doughty: Mayor Church, Ald. Wickett, Ryding, Cameron, Roden, Cowan, Singer, Ramsden, Ball, Meredith, Risk, Dunn—12.

For: Controllers Foster, O'Neill, Spence, Thompson, Ald. McBride, Walton, Robbins, Yeomans, Weir, Gibbons—12.

WHAT CITY COUNCIL DID

Refused to make Charles J. Doughty fire commissioner, by a vote of 10 to 12.

Adopted bylaws to provide for the issue of debentures to the extent of $149,912 for the purchase of a site and erection of an administration building for the board of education.

Approved the appointment of Sgt.-Major George Crighton at $125 per month to assist the mayor in connection with military matters.

Decided to give a civic address to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught on the occasion of his visit to the Exhibition on Sept. 2.

Approved the payment to D. D. Reid of $9838 for land expropriated in connection with Duplex avenue extension.

Changed the name of Park place to Indian Valley crescent.

MANY AMERICANS ON TORPEDOED SHIP

All Baron Erskine's Crew Were, However, Landed Safely.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—There were seventy-seven Americans in the crew of the steamer Baron Erskine, which was sunk by a German submarine last week. The Americans, who were horse tenders, were landed safely, with the rest of the crew.

The sinking of the Baron Erskine was announced in a cable despatch from London on Aug. 20. She was a British steamer of 3505 tons gross, and when sunk was on the way from New Orleans to Avonmouth, England.

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NEW CORPS GAVE THIRTEEN HUNDRED

Hundred and Ninth Regiment Has Made Good Showing Since December.

RECRUITS STILL COMING

Highland Battalion Nearly Completed—Meeting Today on City Hall Steps.

For the new 92nd Highlanders Overseas Regiment Toronto is supplying a total of 903 men and up to last night approximately 750 had already been sworn in. Upwards of 40 of these joined the battalion yesterday. The Toronto Recruiting Depot, at the armories, started on its second week's work yesterday. Altho figures showing the results of Monday's examining and attesting were not available it was stated that the day's work had been very satisfactory.

The fact that over a thousand men were signed on last week at the depot should not be argued as a reason for letting up on the recruiting campaign. It must be taken into consideration that a certain proportion of the 1,000 recruits had been on the pay roll of some of the city regiments before the depot was opened, but had not been officially examined and tested by that office.

The recruiting depot at the armories reported last night a total of 1564 overseas recruits as now in training in Toronto, made up of the various city regiments as follows: G.G.B.G., 46; 9th M.H., 153; 2nd Q.O.R., 129; 10th R.G., 125; 12th Yorks, 135; 36th Peel, 176; 48th Highlanders, for 92nd batt., 702; 109th Regt., 15, and 9th battery C.F.A., 73.

109th Regiment Parade.

A fine parade was held by the 109th Regiment last night, there being 436 members in line, also 76 boys of the cadet corps. The regiment is now equipped with brown leather leggings which were recently decided upon by the militia department. All the regiments in Canada are to have these leather leggings. The 109th is the first Toronto battalion to be furnished with them.

After drill at Bayside Park, the 109th, headed by its brass and bugle bands paraded back to the Pearl street armories by way of Yonge, College and University avenue. Major Dinnick, commanding officer, addressed the men after their march-out, and told them they could do their duty by being on parade every Monday night. He pointed out that the regiment had already contributed 1300 for overseas service. In view of the fact that the 109th only dates from December 24 last, this showing is remarkable.

Capt. Rogers of the 35th Overseas Battalion was at the Pearl street armories last night and secured a number of men for the 35th.

Noon Recruiting Meeting.

Under the auspices of the Citizens' Recruiting League a recruiting mass meeting will be held at 12 o'clock noon today in front of the city hall. Mayor Church will preside, and the speakers will be His Grace Archbishop Neil McNeil, Very Rev. Dean Harris, Sir John Gibson, J. B. Clarke, K.C. and Controller O'Neill. At 11.30 the Highlanders band will begin to play, parading the streets in the vicinity before the meeting.

The Toronto Home Guards will parade tonight at the Pearl street armories. A band is being formed.

Wear Official Ribbons.

Official European war ribbons are now worn in Toronto by men who have seen service at the front in France. The ribbons are made of narrow stripes of the colors of the allies. A few of the soldiers back from the front, including Pte. Thomas Norris of the 3rd Division, are wearing Distinguished Conduct Medals. Pte. Norris is a Q.O.R. man and is now in the recruiting work of the regiment.

Almost a thousand men have now been recruited for the 92nd Highlanders' Overseas Battalion. In Toronto the 48th Highlanders have over 700 men for the 92nd, and in Hamilton the 91st Highlanders have obtained 288 recruits for the unit.

Lieut.-Col. George T. Chisholm said yesterday that he expected to have all the men of the "92nd" in uniform before they left Toronto for the Niagara camp. "We shall wear the same uniform which the 15th Battalion is using and practically the same as that of the 48th Highlanders, with kilts of the Davidson tartan and khaki tunics. Instead of red stockings, however, we are to have long khaki ones."

For Winter Camp.

Mayor Church said yesterday that by using the old General Hospital building and also the old Knox College, the Bishop Strachan School on College street and the Exhibition property, Toronto will be able to easily accommodate 25,000 overseas troops this fall and winter. The mayor, in company with Property Commissioner Chisholm, has already inspected these buildings.

As a result of a number of re requests from the soldiers, Mayor Church is trying to arrange to have every man at Niagara camp allowed a day off to visit the Exhibition.

Word was received yesterday afternoon that the Eaton Machine Gun Battery, which left Niagara Camp for England in June, has been reorganized. The battery is at Caesar's Camp, Shorncliffe, Kent. The unit now has a headquarters' staff, with Lieut.-Col. W. J. Morrison in command, and Capt. W. Holloway as brigade adjutant. It has been divided into two brigades, with Major F. L. Knight, commander of the first brigade, and Capt. Eric Osborne as adjutant. The second brigade has Major F. Murdock as commander, and Capt. J. James as adjutant. There is also a No. 1 train, under Capt. J. Finn, and No. 2 train, under Capt. C. E. Burden.

Engagements Ended.

Organizer Roberts of the Speakers' Patriotic League stated yesterday that the case of Professor F. V. Reithdorf of Woodstock, the naturalized German, who has been addressing patriotic meetings, will be discussed by the league's executive board. In the meantime, Professor Reithdorf is to be immediately recalled and his engagements canceled.

BARRIE ALDERMAN DIES FROM HEART TROUBLE

Special to The Toronto World.

BARRIE, Ont., Aug. 23.—Ald. Meaford Webb, 44 years of age, died at his residence, Elizabeth street, here this afternoon from an affliction of the heart, after an illness of over a year. He was the son of the late William Webb, for many years proprietor of the American Hotel here, and his brother, G. S. Webb, still conducts the house.

He was born at Stroud, seven miles south of Barrie. The late alderman was a past master of Kerr Masonic Lodge and the funeral on Wednesday afternoon will be under Masonic auspices.

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UNITED STATES FACING COTTON ISSUE CALMLY

McAdoo Says Thirty Million Dollars is Available to Relieve Growers.

PLEA FOR CO-OPERATION

Action of Allied Powers is Accepted With Good Grace.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Treasury officials tonight made public an announcement by Secretary McAdoo that, in view of the action of the allies putting cotton on the contraband list, he would, if it became necessary, deposit $30,000,000 or more in gold in the federal reserve banks at Atlanta, Dallas and Richmond for the purpose of enabling the reserve banks to rediscount loans on cotton secured by warehouse receipts made by national banks and state banks belonging to the federal reserve system.

The gold would be deposited, temporarily at least, without interest charge. It was explained that if it appeared that the object could be accomplished with greater efficiency thereby, the deposits would be made directly with national banks agreeing to lend the money on cotton at a rate not to exceed 6 per cent.

Secretary McAdoo authorized the announcement from his summer home at North Haven, Me. It came at the close of a day of speculation in official circles as to the nature of steps which the entente powers have indicated they will take to uphold the cotton market in the face of their contraband order.

To Protect Producers.

"In the exercise of the discretion given to him by law," read the treasury statement, "Secretary McAdoo said that the government will for the time being charge no interest on these deposits in federal reserve banks; that such action is justified by the unusual situation respecting cotton caused by the European war; that he considers it his duty to use every means in his power to help the cotton producer of the south in the circumstances; that it is a matter of economic importance to the entire nation that those who have produced the cotton crop shall have a fair opportunity to dispose of it gradually and in an orderly manner so they may not be forced, thru inability to market their cotton gradually, to sell it at sacrifice prices."

No Cause For Alarm.

The secretary said that one of his chief objects was to create a basis for such enlarged credit in the south that the banks will have ample resources to extend to producers such accommodations that they will be able to carry cotton in warehouses for a reasonable length of time until it can be marketed advantageously.

The secretary declared he believed that there was no occasion for alarm about the future of cotton and that if the bankers and merchants would cooperate with each other and with the cotton producers of the south, in a spirit of patriotism and mutual regard for each other's welfare, the situation could be handled with happy results to all concerned. He expressed the earnest hope that this would be done.

MANY FARMERS ERECT STEEL TRUSS BARNS.

Many farmers thruout Ontario have erected fine steel truss barns this year and have mowed away their crops at less expense and with greater ease than in former years. The steel truss barn has no cross timbers, which does away with lifting loads to the roof before swinging in over the mow and at the same time allows of one-third more storage space.

One of these steel truss barns, size 36 ft. x 56 ft., will be shown, equipped with all sanitary steel stable and barn fittings, at the Toronto Exhibition, just east of the poultry building. Farmers will do well to pay a visit to this barn.

BERLIN REGRETS SINKING DANISH STEAMER BETTY

Claims Submarine Captain Assumed Ship Was Going to Join British Fleet.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Co. from Copenhagen says:

"The German Government has expressed regret for the torpedoing and sinking in the North Sea on May 26 of the Danish steamer Betty, and announced its willingness to pay compensation for the loss of the steamer.

"It is claimed by Germany that the submarine commander failed to see the mark denoting Danish nationality on the steamer, and assumed from the route the vessel was taking that it was going to join the British fleet as an auxiliary cruiser."

STEAM WAS CURTAIN FOR PAGEANT STAGE

"Behind Scenes" Hid From Spectators' Gaze by Clouds of Vapor.

At the Lexington, Mass., pageant, held recently in commemoration of the centennial of peace with Great Britain, a steam curtain was employed to screen the outdoor stage from the audience. This novel plan was adopted because of the impracticability of using a cloth curtain.

A perforated steampipe was laid for a distance of some 1500 feet across the front of the stage. Rows of colored electric lamps were placed parallel with it. When steam was forced into the pipe and in turn allowed to escape from it thru the small holes, clouds of vapor lifted from the field, forming a dense curtain of fog. By lighting the colored lamps, the rays were reflected with very pleasing effects. This means was used to shield the performers before the pageant started and also during the intervals when the scenes were changed.

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HAVE GOOD CHANCE OF MAKING ARREST

Detectives on Trail of Burglars Who Entered Chapman's Store.

LAY CHARGE OF FRAUD

William Conkin Arrested in Connection With Alleged Board Bill.

The police believe they have a good chance to get the burglars who entered the jewelry store of Chapman Bros. on Yonge street, Saturday evening, and made away with $5,000 worth of diamonds. Insofar as penetrating the back of the safe is concerned police officers say their job was an easy one, for the sheet steel was very thin.

The concrete reinforcement in the wall, thru which the thieves had to chisel, was the greatest barrier and had to be chiseled away inch by inch.

Fraud is Charged.

William Conkin was arrested by Detective Archibald charged with fraud in connection with a board bill of $21, owing to A. Warrington, 1 Duke street.

Private George Dixon, 35th Battalion, Niagara, was arrested in Toronto last evening, charged with deserting his regiment.

James K. Howes was arrested by Detective Cronin last evening, at the request of the chief constable of Hamilton, where he is wanted on a charge of fraud.

A Jitney Robbery.

For attempting to rob James Bateman, while he was riding in a jitney with him Friday night, Walter Stewart, 19 Madison avenue, was sentenced by Magistrate Clay to 60 days in jail.

Police Hunt Auto Driver.

"Our expectations are not realized, but we still have clues to work on, and they will be thoroly sifted within the week," said Inspector Kennedy of the detective department in reference to the capture of the chauffeur who killed Joseph Veznia. Inspector Miller was in the city yesterday, but had nothing further to report on the case, except that his men were still continuing their search for the car.

Gamblers Pay Fines.

John Baines was yesterday fined $100 and costs or 90 days in jail by Magistrate Denison, for keeping a common gaming house on Sherbourne street. Eight frequenters who were in the house at the time were also fined $20 and costs apiece.

Walter Powell, who appeared in the police court yesterday, on a charge of selling liquor on the streets, was fined $300 and costs or three months in jail.

Child Died from Burns.

The second death within three days, caused by an attempt to pour coal oil into a range, occurred at the Sick Children's Hospital yesterday afternoon, when Evelyn Brassard, aged 13, of 50 Dundas street, died as a result of burns sustained in that way Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Phillips of 11 Rebecca street, only a block distant, lost her life in a similar accident on Friday.

EXPLAINS STORY TO COMMSSION

E. W. Draper Alleged to Have Refused Admission to His Hotel.

YOUNG GIRL TAKEN ILL

Was Driving Near Todmorden When Overcome—Case Adjourned.

Because he is said to have refused accommodation to a girl who had been taken ill while driving, E. W. Draper, proprietor of the Todmorden Hotel, was called upon by the Ontario License Commissioners yesterday afternoon for an explanation.

R. H. Smith, Toronto, the first witness, told the members that a week ago Saturday afternoon he was out driving with a party of ladies, one of whom became ill a few miles from Todmorden, and he drove quickly to the hotel and asked the proprietor for accommodation. According to Smith's evidence yesterday, Draper brusquely told him he had no accommodation for the lady. Smith told the board that he explained to Draper how urgent was the need for a room for the girl, and was told to "go out in the yard."

In his own defence, Draper denied having been discourteous to the party. He told the members he refused the accommodation because part of the building was being renovated, and he had no rooms to spare.

The board adjourned until next Monday, when more evidence will be secured.

GALT SOLDIER WOUNDED.

Special to The Toronto World.

GALT, Aug. 23.—William Bowie, a Galtonian, with the First Battalion, is today reported wounded and missing, on June 15. He is 27 years of age, born in Edinburgh, and single. Two brothers, also of Galt, have enlisted, Donald with the 18th Battalion, now in England, and John, with the 34th Battalion at London.

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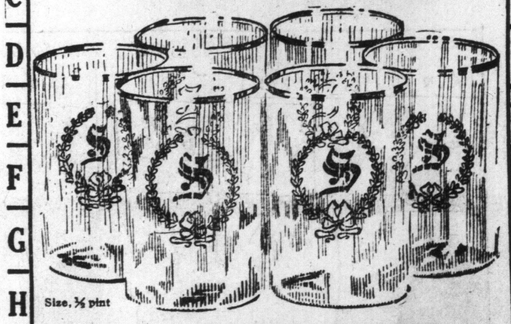

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