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CITY COUNCIL HELD A SPECIAL MEETING TODAY

Bill of \$17.50 for Expenses Incurred in Connection With Scott Act Enforcement was Ordered to be Paid--Frank Hyde of Gibson the Man Named Who Will Receive the Money---Ald. Farrell Indulges in Some Criticism

The famous item of \$17.50 for services rendered last spring in connection with the enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act, while the Administration of Justice Committee of the City Council had control of the Police Department, was passed by the City Council at a special meeting held this morning. Ald. Osborne was chairman of the Council and will sign the check for the amount of \$17.50 which includes the item of \$17.50.

"The machinery has been set in motion," said Ald. Osborne after the meeting, "and the amount will be paid."

The opposition to the passage of the item from Ald. Farrell did not come quite in the form expected. This was largely because the name of the person who rendered the service and to whom the money is to be paid, was announced by Ald. Clark. The man is Frank Hyde of Gibson. The announcement of the name rather took the wind out of the sails of the opposition as the holding up of the item had been based upon the withholding of the name. Ald. Farrell, however, objected that the item should go to the City Council but his objection was not sustained by the City Clerk's decision.

FIRE-WORKS.

The chief fire-works of the meeting followed the passing of the item. Ald. Mitchell stated that the "opposition" of the City Council consisted of the rum-sellers of the city and Ald. Farrell was the opposition's self-styled leader. Ald. Farrell came back with an insinuation that aldermen who were members of the Victoria S. S. Company had sold liquor on the steamer Victoria and also had received profits from the transportation of liquor as freight. Ald. Mitchell replied with a challenge to Ald. Farrell to make a direct statement to that effect and said that if he did he would be dealt with by the law. Denials of the truth of Ald. Farrell's insinuation were made also by Ald. Osborne, Ald. Scott and Ald. Clark.

The withholding of Hyde's name was done at his own request but recently he stated his willingness to have his name made public. Prior to this morning's Council meeting which was attended by all members with the exception of Mayor Hooper, who has been attending the World's Championship Series of ball games, the Council met in committee. Ald. Farrell requested that a halt of fifteen minutes be made as required by law.

"His Worship may yet be here," said he.

"I hope he is," replied Ald. Mitchell.

Discussing matters in committee, the aldermen did not observe the passage of time and the City Clerk, about four minutes before eleven, had to warn them that if the Council meeting did not begin within one hour of the advertised time, ten a.m., it could not be held.

ALD. OSBORNE CHAIRMAN.

On the motion of Ald. Weddall, Ald. Osborne was appointed chairman.

The City Clerk then read the notice of meeting issued by him at the request of Ald. Osborne, Ald. Hoben, Ald. Mitchell, Ald. Everett, Ald. Rogers, Ald. Clark and Ald. Weddall. The Council then proceeded to business.

After dealing with business connected with the St. John & Quebec Railway and the payment of Board of Trade accounts, the item of \$17.50 for the services of a special police officer was taken up.

ALD. CLARK'S STATEMENT.

Ald. Clark referred to the fact that this item had been held up by the mayor although it had been passed by the City Council. It had been held up by the mayor separately and also when combined with other expenses. The only excuse given by the mayor for holding up the item had been the fact that the name of the person to whom it should be paid was

not given. That name had been withheld because the man had an agreement with the chief of police to that effect. Recently he had consented to his name being made public. The man was a perfectly honorable man and it was only his personal objection that had caused his name to be withheld. This whole matter could have been settled before only the chief of police, knowing he was to pass under the control of the mayor as chairman of the Police Commission, refused to sign an affidavit.

There was no objection to giving the name but there was an objection to suffering the dictation of the mayor. The bill was perfectly legal and it was extraordinary that the mayor should hold it up. The man was an honorable man, Frank Hyde. He had done his work well and it had been certified to by the chief of police.

Ald. Clark then moved that the bill of Frank Hyde for fifteen days' police work in April last, amounting to \$37.50, be passed.

ALD. FARRELL.

Ald. Farrell, speaking to the question, said that he was pleased to observe that Ald. Clark and other members of the City Council had come to recognize Mayor Hooper's ruling on the matter as correct.

In response to Ald. Farrell's query, Ald. Osborne said that included in the amount of \$37.50 was \$17.50 that had been ordered paid to John H. McCollom.

Ald. Farrell then objected that the Council could not pass that item, thus ordering its payment twice.

The City Clerk said that the motion was in order.

Ald. Farrell continued and stated that there was a nigger in the woodpile. The chief of police had refused to sign an affidavit because there were facts in it to which he could not swear. He had regard to the sanctity of his oath. Ald. Clark or any member of the committee could have signed it, however.

Ald. Clark interrupted to say that Ald. Farrell's statement was false.

Ald. Farrell went on to say that he had information that Frank Hyde had been paid and that the present motion was for the purpose of reimbursing members of the Council. It was not the first time that such had been done. If the Council did its duty it should force the mayor to sign the cheque for \$17.50.

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THREE CANDIDATES CONTESTING FOR THE SEAT

Wheating, W. Va., Oct. 13.—A spirited campaign closed today in the first congressional district of West Virginia, preliminary to the special election to be held tomorrow to choose a successor to Representative John W. Davis, who resigned his seat in the house to become solicitor general in the Wilson administration. Three candidates are contesting for the seat. The Democratic nominee is Major Mansfield M. Neely, a prominent young lawyer of Fairmont. The Republican nominee is State Senator Julian C. Hearne of this city, while the standard bearer of the Progressive party is George A. Laughlin, also of this city, who made the race against Davis last November on both the Republican and progressive tickets.

Politicians generally regard the election tomorrow as the most important by-election to be held this fall. The contest is attracting more than ordinary attention because of the large labor vote and the big manufacturing interests in this district. The new tariff law is now in operation, and though it is early for the people to pass a conclusive opinion on it, nevertheless the result of the election will be seized on as an expression of labor and the manufacturer toward the new tariff.

ORANGEMEN AFTER DR. PYNE

Protest Against Action of Ontario Tory Minister of Education

Claim That He Has Mutilated the School Law by Giving Privileges to the French

St. Thomas, Oct. 11.—The Orange Association of St. Thomas, composed of members of all the Orange lodges in the city, has passed the following resolution and ordered copies forwarded to Sir James Whitney, premier of Ontario, and Finlay G. Macdunn, M.P.P. for West Elgin.

"We, the Orange Association of the City of St. Thomas, County of Elgin, in session assembled, do solemnly protest against the action of your minister of education, in his instructions to the chief inspector of public schools of this province, by allowing the chief inspector to mutilate the school law, which was put in force by your government some time ago.

"(1) Why was it that this law was placed on the statute books of this province and then allowed to be rescinded by the minister of education?"

"(2) We are sorry that the minister of education was ever obligated and made a member of our association.

"(3) We will now ask you to have this power given to the chief inspector of public schools by the minister of education recalled and at once rescinded.

"(4) Why should the French have privileges extended to them any more than Germans, Austrians, Russians, (Continued on page five.)

BIG GAME PLENTIFUL ON THE NEPISQUIT

Newport Sportsmen are Here on the Second Trip of the Season

Charles Cremin, the well known guide who has been at his camp on the headwaters of the Nepisquit for some weeks spent Sunday at his home in this city. Mr. Cremin has had fourteen non-resident sportsmen at his camps since the beginning of the season and they secured in all ten moose besides several deer and bear. The largest moose had an antler spread of fifty-seven inches. Mr. Cremin's parties included Lord Auchenloch, Sir Von Thomas and A. R. Eoak of London and R. I. Kenower, an Austria. Mr. Cremin has other engagements which will keep him busy until the end of the season. He reports moose very plentiful in his section.

Messrs Thomas C. Lane, Adam Schmidt and H. J. Jones of Newport, R. I., arrived today and are guests at the Queen. They are on their way to Little River, to hunt big game with Guide W. H. Allen. These gentlemen were out with Mr. Allen in September, but failed to get any big game. Being dead game sports they decided to make another try at it.

BECKER APPEAL UP FOR ARGUMENT

Albany N. Y., Oct. 13.—The appeal in the case of Charles Becker, the former New York city police lieutenant, and the four gunmen, "Whitely" Lewis, "Lefty Lewis," "Gyp the Blood," and "Dago Frank," who have been inmates of the death house at Sing Sing for more than a year, came up for argument before the Court of Appeals today. The five were convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, who was shot down in front of the Hotel Metropole early on the morning of July 16, 1912. According to the evidence at the trial the murderer was committed by the four gunmen at the instigation of Becker, whose alleged motive was to prevent the gambler from testifying before the grand jury in regards to police corruption.

136 Lives Lost in Terrible Steamship Disaster

Steamship Valturino Bound From Rotterdam to Halifax, Burned in Mid-ocean---Eleven Steamers Summoned to Her Assistance by Wireless---Seas Running Mountains High Prevented Life Boats From Reaching Doomed Ship---Life Boats Were Battered to Pieces While Being Lowered---Story of Rescue

London, Oct. 11.—Not since the Titanic sank has Europe been so thrilled as by a wireless message today telling of the burning of the steamship Valturino in mid-Atlantic, with a loss, so far as is at present known, of 135 lives and the rescue of 521. The survivors are now aboard a fleet of steamers summoned by the Valturino's call for help, some of which are bound eastward and others westward.

The Valturino sailed from Rotterdam on October 2nd for Halifax and New York. According to the official statement, she carried 22 first cabin passengers, 538 steerage and a crew numbering 96.

The rescue ships reached the scene of the disaster in plenty of time to save all but for hours stood by the blazing vessel, impotent because of the storm, being unable to reach the agonized men, women and children crowding the after part of the ship and within a stone's throw.

STORM BEAT RESCUERS BACK.

All night long Thursday the lifeboats made a desperate effort to get alongside the Valturino, but the waves beat them back again and again and not till the storm abated Friday did the rescuers succeed in removing the survivors from the doomed ship.

Even now only the fringe of one of the most thrilling tales of the sea is available. Exactly how the rescue was effected is not known. The Valturino was well equipped with boats, sufficient, the agents say, for 1,000 people but the boisterous sea or lack of boat drill or panic among the passengers, prevented the successful employment of them.

CROWDED LIFEBOATS SANK.

The rescue ships were able to lower lifeboats but apparently most of the boats launched from the Valturino were smashed or upset and the occupants drowned. Two of the boats, crowded with passengers, are reported to have got away from the ship, but a search for them has proved fruitless and they have practically been given up as lost. The occupants of these boats are included in the death toll.

The steamer Carmania, bound from New York to Liverpool, was seventy-eight miles away when the call for help sounded. Captain Barr, ordering full steam, in spite of the gale, drove through the seas at twenty knots an hour and was first of the fleet to reach the burning vessel. She was followed by La Touraine, Minneapolis, Rappahannock, Czar, Naragansett, Devonian, Kronland, Grosser Kurfurst and Seydlitz at various hours throughout the day. But try as they might, the rescuing vessels could get neither line nor lifeboat to the Valturino, the forward part of which was almost hidden by a dense cloud of smoke when the Carmania arrived.

The burning steamer lay in the trough of the sea, pounding helplessly, with her propellers fouled by the boats' tackle. The terrified passengers were huddled together as far as it was possible to get from the flames, while throughout the day the officers and crew fought desperately with whatever appliances were at hand to hold the fire in check.

HELPLESS LOOKERS-ON.

But night came on and the seas abated only slightly. The circle of steamers kept their searchlights playing and waited patiently within the danger zone for the first moment when they might again launch the lifeboats. The hopelessness of the situation was manifested at 9 o'clock in the evening when a great explosion tore away a part of the upper works and flames burst from the engine room. It then became a matter of how long the Valturino would stay above the water.

Meanwhile several of the terrified passengers, wrapped in life-buoys, dropped over into the sea. One of them was taken aboard the Carmania. It may be that others found a haven with other vessels of the fleet, but some undoubtedly were swept away.

When day broke the Valturino was still afloat. The game had moderated and the seas had calmed down. From almost every one of the encircling steamers lifeboats were sent out and into these the women and children were lowered first. Several trips were necessary before the survivors were removed to a place of safety.

It is pointed out as a remarkable coincidence that the Valturino, about four years ago, made a notable rescue in a great storm in mid-Atlantic of the crew of a French vessel. Captain Harrison, who then commanded the Valturino, was decorated by the French government for his daring act.

STORY OF RESCUE.

Bremen, Oct. 11.—The full text of the report of the captain of the Grosser Kurfurst was as follows:

"We received the appeals for help from the Valturino on Thursday at 4 o'clock in the afternoon while we were in latitude 48.50 north, longitude 35.06 west. When we arrived near the Valturino we found her completely on fire. The fire apparently had arisen from a violent explosion in the forward part of the vessel and this explosion had killed a number of the passengers and sailors.

"Eleven steamers gathered in the neighborhood of the disaster, which took place during a violent storm, blowing from the northwest, with the sea breaking high.

"Two of the boats of the Grosser Kurfurst were lowered and kept at work the whole night, from 9 o'clock in the evening till a quarter past three in the morning. It was almost impossible for them to approach the wreck and the rescue of those on board the Valturino was possible only when they jumped overboard.

"A boat was lowered from the Valturino with five men, who were saved, but the boat sank immediately afterward.

TORIES WIN IN CHATEAUGUAY

Montreal, Oct. 12.—In the by-election held in Chateauguay yesterday, Morris, Conservative, defeated Hon. Sydney Fisher, Liberal by 144 majority. The Liberals are determined to contest the election on the grounds of corruption.

Majorities by parishes:	
Morris Fisher (Con.)	(Lib.)
St. Jean Chrysostome	56
Chateauguay	19
St. Urban	13
St. Clothilde	20
Ormstown	74
St. Sacrement	2
St. Martin	39
St. Antoine L'Able	3
St. Philomen	16
Aggregate majorities	193
Majority for Morris	144

HEARING IN HARRY JONES CASE TODAY

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 13.—Harry Jones, secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, who was arrested ten days ago on a charge of conspiring to transport explosives unlawfully, was given a preliminary hearing today before United States Commissioner Young. The charge against Jones is the same as the charges on which thirty-eight of his fellow-unionists were convicted in the Federal court here last December and sentenced to Leavenworth prison. Jones' arrest resulted from information furnished by Geo. E. Davis, a union iron worker, who upon being arrested recently in the East, is said to have confessed to dynamite outrages that ravaged the exploits of the McNamara brothers and of Ortie McManigal.

THE WEATHER.
Maritime — Winds mostly westerly, showery at first, then clearing and turning a little cooler.

"The total of those rescued from the burning ship was 523 and of those eighty-six passengers, two ships officers, one engineer and sixteen sailors, making a total of 105 were taken on board the Groster Kurfurst.

"Two full boat loads from the Valturino are missing. The Carmania and La Touraine are searching in the vicinity of the scene of the disaster, where the wreck is dangerous to navigation.

"The shipwrecked passengers and crew on board the Grosser Kurfurst are being well cared for and have been provided with proper accommodation. We are proceeding."

136 PERISHED.

London, Oct. 13.—The latest accounts of the disaster to the steamship Valturino, burned and abandoned in mid-ocean on Friday morning, confirm that the loss of life will be limited to about 136. The Carmania, first of the rescuing ships to reach the burning steamer, arrived off Queenstown this morning but owing to the gale proceeded direct to Fishguard, where she is due to arrive at 11 a.m.

A graphic story by the solitary survivor aboard the Carmania was received by wireless and presents a terrible picture of the horror, the panic and confusion aboard the burning liner.

Walter Trintephol, a German, who tells the story, however, is clearly suffering from the stress of the illness and awful experiences and his story is too incoherent to be accepted in every detail. Most important, if true, is his story that two boats got away from the Valturino. According to other accounts, Capt. Inch was the last to leave his vessel, which was still burning late Friday night and was a menace to navigation.

GIBSON NEWS

Hunting Parties Numerous---Church Services Well Attended Property Sold

Gibson, Oct. 13.—Messrs. Manford, Fournans, Arthur Rice and George Fournans started this morning on a week's hunting trip in the Carlow district.

Messrs. Arthur Bailey and Isaac Lawson started for Bear Brook this morning on a week's big-game hunt. Mr. Arthur Bailey has bought the double tenement dwelling-house in Main street formerly occupied by Mr. Herbert Donahoe. It is Mr. Bailey's intention to let the house until spring when he will likely occupy it himself.

Notwithstanding the disagreeable weather yesterday all the church services were well attended. There will be a Thanksgiving service at the United Baptist church next Sabbath in which occasion a special collection will be taken.

The many friends of Miss Kitty Rice will be sorry to hear that she is suffering from an attack of rheumatism.

TO TACKLE LIQUOR PROBLEM AGAIN

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 13.—Summoned together by a vigorous proclamation from Governor Hooper, the members of the Tennessee legislature assembled today to further consider the prohibition law enforcement bills which the Governor is seeking to have enacted. This is the second extraordinary session called for the same purpose within a period of one month. At the previous session the enforcement bills were killed by a filibuster in the House.