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## NO CHANGE IN SITUATION WITH REGARD TO PLAYGROUND MATTER AND QUEEN'S SQUARE GARDENERS

**Lively Discussion by City Council Last Night—Ald McKay Lost Temper When Previous Vote Could not be Rescinded, and Left the Meeting—Paid His Respects to Citizen Members of the Playgrounds Committee—Varying Opinions Expressed by the Aldermen.**

As was expected Queen's Square, the Playgrounds Committee and the "amateur farmers" furnished the principal excitement at last night's special meeting of the City Council. There was a long discussion during which Ald. McKay left the committee-room saying that he "would get out of it and stay out." His withdrawal followed a statement of Mayor Hanson that the Council could not rescind the resolution passed in April whereby the Playgrounds Committee was authorized to expend the sum of \$500 as a civic grant and prepare Queen's Square as a public playground. Opinion of the other members of the Council varied and the final word of His Worship was to request Ald. Wilkinson as chairman of the Playgrounds Committee to get his committee together and attempt to find some common ground on which all members would agree.

**Ald. McKay Starts Something**  
When the item came up for discussion Ald. McKay said that a number of unpleasant remarks had been made with regard to this subject and he decided that he would have something to say. In April and before that month applications had been made by several persons for land in Queen's Square to plant potatoes and he had given permission to select plots there not knowing of any intention to put the land to other use.

Mayor Hanson—"By what authority did you do that?"

Ald. McKay—"That of the City Clerk. Applications were made to him and he told the applicants to go to me and that made me think that I had the right to grant permission to use the land."

Continuing the alderman said that at a later session the City Council passed this resolution conveying the property to a Playgrounds Committee. When the men went on the land to work their plots, there was considerable interference with them. His opinion was that cultivation of the land should be allowed to go on as it would improve the land and in the autumn after the crops were harvested the City Engineer with a crew of men

could prepare the ground for a playground for the succeeding year at half the cost which would be incurred by the committee placed in charge. It would be impossible to pick more impracticable men than those on the committee.

This caused a query whether Ald. McKay referred to the aldermen on the committee and the alderman replied that he did not but to the other members who were impracticable although one had been an amateur farmer for several years and at the last had been a miserable failure as such. He did not want to be placed in a position where he would be telling a lie and he had no intention of letting other members of the council say he would be held down or that he could take a back seat. The main agitator against these men who were trying to raise a few potatoes for their children to eat during the winter, might be better employed attending to the duties for the performance of which he was paid. He referred to the Police Magistrate who frequently was not in his office until 11.30 or later in the morning.

Ald. McKay then moved that the resolution on the matter of Queen's Square passed at a previous meeting be rescinded.

Mayor Hanson—"You can't do that."

Ald. McKay—"Why not? We did in your case."

Mayor Hanson explained that Ald. McKay had voted against the resolution and on that account could not make the motion he proposed, also that the required notice of motion to reconsider had not been given.

**Other Opinion**  
Ald. Young claimed that the last part of the resolution showed in itself that the Council had considered it impracticable to make a playground at Queen's Square this year.

Mayor Hanson pointed out that even if such were the case it did not mean that steps to prepare the ground for next year were not to be taken this year.

Ald. Burpee argued that it would be better from every viewpoint to allow Queen's Square to be under cultivation this year and prepare it in the autumn. There would be a considerable expenditure blowing out trees and stumps and for ploughing and the project would be no farther along if a start were made at once. As far as he could see there was simply a desire on the part of some members of the Citizen's Committee to get ahead of the aldermen. That accounted for the action of Mr. Wheeler and the Police Magistrate.

Mayor Hanson said that as far as opinions went he could say that Dr. Philip Cox who had cultivated a portion of the land last year, stated that if sod were wanted for 1920 a start should be made at once and that he was willing to withdraw from the land.

**Ald. McKay Gets Angry**  
Ald. McKay then demanded of the Mayor if the resolution passed at the previous meeting could not be recalled.

Mayor Hanson—"No it can not."

Ald. McKay—"Then I propose to get out of it and stay out of it."

The alderman suited his actions to his words saying "Good night" and left the room.

**Conference Advised**  
Mayor Hanson said he regretted that so much personal feeling had developed over this matter.

Ald. Cooper expressed the opinion that the matter could be smoothed over if the Council expressed the opinion that it was favorable to delay and having the City Engineer supervise the work of preparation in the autumn the citizen members of the Playgrounds Committee would agree, he felt sure.

In response to a remark of Ald. Young, the Mayor said that gardeners had no rights on the Square this year. Ald. Young also asked with regard to the title to Queen's Square and His Worship replied that although it might have been the opinion of the members of the City Council which a few years ago decided to pay Mrs. Ada Twining \$4,500 for her supposed rights in the property, a title to it had not been secured by the payment, it still being held merely in trust.

Ald. Barker was of the opinion that the land should be cultivated now and prepared as a playground in the autumn. If a further appeal for funds were made by the Playgrounds Committee to the City Council he would oppose it.

Ald. Baxter said the general idea had been that the aldermen on the

## VICTOR HUGO'S PROPHECY NOW FULFILLED

Victor Hugo, the illustrious French poet, took a great interest in the political life of France.

The armistice conditions imposed upon Germany by Marshal Foch, including the occupation by the Allies of the entire left shore of the Rhine and the four bridgehead cities—Treves, Mayence, Cologne and Coblenz—recall the speech made by Victor Hugo on March 1, 1871, before the National Assembly, a speech full of prophetic vision. He said:

"From now on there will be in Europe two dangerous nations; the one because victorious, the other because vanquished."

"Of these two nations, one, the victorious, Germany, will gain an empire accompanied by servitude, a military yoke, the brutishness of the barracks; military discipline to the very soul, a parliament tempered by incarceration of the speakers."

"That nation, the victorious nation will have an emperor of military manufacture, as well as by 'divine' right, the Byzantine Caesar combined with the Germanic Caesar. The sabre will be her sceptre; free speech will be muzzled, free thought strangled, conscience on its knees; there will be no free tribune, no free press. There will be darkness."

"The other, the vanquished nation, will have the light."

"Oh, the hour will strike, and we feel prodigious revenge approaching. Already we hear the great steps of our triumphant future marching in history. From tomorrow France will have but one thought, to gather herself together, to repose in the fearful reverie of despair, regain her forces, regenerate, become again the great France of the France of '92, the France of the sword and the France of the sword."

"And one day, suddenly, she will rise again; she will be formidable. And with one big leap she will retake Lorraine, retake Alsace. Is that all? No, no! She will seize—hear me—she will seize Treves, Mayence, Coblenz, Coblenz."

## A MODERN BLUEBEARD

Paris, May 28.—Henri Landru, who was arrested in April in connection with the disappearance of twelve women whom he had either married or

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Playgrounds Committee would have some power and not be outvoted by outsiders.

Mayor Hanson suggested that Ald. Wilkinson call his committee together and discuss the whole matter and try to reach some agreement and present a report at the next regular meeting of the Council.

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Cake—Plain, 20 to 40 minutes.  
Biscuit—10 to 20 minutes.  
Sponge Cake—45 to 60 minutes.  
Chickens—3 to 4 lbs weight, 1 to 2 hours and a half hours.

Cookies—10 to 15 minutes.  
Custards—15 to 20 minutes.  
Duck (stuffed)—40 to 60 minutes.  
Fish—6 to 8 lbs., 1 hour.  
Gingerbread—20 to 30 minutes.  
Graham Gems—30 minutes.

Lamb—Well done, per lb., 15 min.  
Mutton—Rare, per lb., 10 minutes; well done, per lb., 15 minutes.  
Pie crust—30 to 40 minutes.  
Pork—Well done, per lb., 30 min.  
Potatoes—30 to 45 minutes.

Pudding—Bread, rice and tapioca, 1 hour; plum, 2 to 3 hours.  
Rolls—10 to 15 minutes.  
Turkey—70 lbs., 3 hours.  
Veal—Well done, per lb., 20 minutes.

promised to marry, was given a preliminary hearing yesterday. He said he did not know anything about the disappearance of these women, and declared it was up to the authorities to prove that he had any connection with them.

The judge told the prisoner that experts have reached the conclusion that the bones found in Landru's villa at Gambaix were human bones. Landru replied by protesting against the authorities searching his villa without being permitted to be present.

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