

OTTAWA'S 1916 TAX PAYMENT TO BE NEAR QUARTER MILLION

WORK OF EXTENSION IS NEARING END IN CLERK'S OFFICE

A \$19,894 INCREASE

TOWNSHIP MUST PAY A GRAND TOTAL OF \$222,320.30, WHILE IN 1915 THE AMOUNT WAS \$202,426.27--ANNOUNCE FIGURES TO DAY.

Ottawa township's 1916 taxes tot. \$220,320.30 as compared with \$202,426.27, collected in 1915, a total of \$19,894 more than was paid into the town coffers last year. These figures became available today when tax expert Robert L. Smith and Miss Nellie Maher and a corps of assistants in the county clerk's office finished the extension of taxes for the township with the exception of the railroad figures.

Assessed Value \$2,579,425.

The total assessed valuation of the township, not including the railroads, is \$2,579,425. This figure last year was slightly lower--\$2,555,742.

The aggregate valuation is made up of:

Lands	.....	\$ 372,735
Lots	.....	1,425,821
Personal	.....	780,869
Total	.....	\$2,579,425

Based on the rates obtained from the levies made for various purposes these amounts will be raised:

Rate	Amount
State	.....\$ .89 \$ 20,639.40
County	......79 18,055.99
Town	......18 2,662.74
Road and bridge	......61 15,734.50
Twp. High School	2.49 54,167.53
City of Ottawa	.....2.25 48,495.18
School dists., city	2.69 63,167.93
Total	.....\$222,320.36

Higher Than 1915.

This is to be compared with the same figures for 1915:

Rate	Amount
State	.....\$ .85 \$ 13,662.26
County	......78 18,797.04
Township	......07 1,929.80
Road and bridge	......60 15,225.64
Twp. high school	2.49 56,764.44
City of Ottawa	.....2.20 49,357.67
School districts	.....2.50 63,491.71
Total	.....\$202,426.27

In school district No. 141, which includes the city of Ottawa, \$62,188.77 is to be raised for the benefit of the schools. The amount certified on the districts levy was \$71,500. The rate is \$2.60 on the hundred dollars.

The Ottawa township collector, Wm. Kastler, will receive his books within the next few weeks--upon the completion of the books of all the townships in the county--and begin the work of collection. His headquarters will be established at the National City Bank.

Before beginning his collections he must give a bond for approximately \$450,000--twice the amount of the money to pass thru his hands.

DETECTIVE EXONERATED FOR SHOOTING AT LADD

Ladd, Ill., Jan. 12.--(Special).--Joe Chirillo, C. M. and St. P. railway detective who shot and killed Anton Lofeto of Ladd, in the railway yard here last Thursday night, was exonerated after an inquest had been held. Chirillo testified and claimed that he caught Joe Pasquelli and Lofeto burglarizing a car and arrested the thieves. After he had handcuffed Lofeto, Pasquelli started to pull a gun on him and while struggling with the man Chirillo's revolver was accidentally discharged and the bullet fatally wounded Lofeto.

Lofeto's dying statement corroborated Chirillo's version of the shooting in that it was entirely accidental.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.
The carrier boys will collect Saturday morning, and every Saturday morning hereafter. Kindly arrange to pay the boys.

UNIONS TO SUPPORT ANNEX BOND ISSUE

BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL TO SUPPORT \$50,000 PROPOSITION TO ERECT KING ADDITION TO RYBURN HOSPITAL.

The proposed bond issue of \$50,000 for the S. E. King annex to Ryburn Hospital was unanimously endorsed last evening at the annual meeting of the Ottawa Building Trades Council. The council is comprised of all union men who are engaged in building work and with their support prospects for carrying the bond issue in a special election to be held for that purpose now looms as a hopeful possibility.

Much enthusiasm was expressed when a resolution was presented to the tradesmen and the proposition secured the vote of every member in attendance at the meeting. It was decided by the union workmen to ask every man to put his shoulder to the wheel and help carry the election for the hospital.

To Demand Early Vote.
Members of the hospital board and city estate trustees today announced that a petition would be presented to the city commissioners asking them to name a date for the election. They will ask that the vote be taken during the latter part of January or the fore part of February. This they contend, will permit, in case of its passage, the early letting of contracts and work starting in the spring.

If the people decide to bond the city for \$50,000 there will be in the annex fund a total of \$75,000, of which \$25,000 will be supplied by Mr. King's estate. The building as now proposed will be four stories in height, fireproof throughout and will provide sixty additional beds. It is aimed to have construction completed in the fall. Before starting upon work, in case the bonds carry, committees will be sent out to inspect all modern hospitals of this section of the state, and they will report back to the architect all the features they desire to have embodied in the new building.

Trades Council Resolution.
The resolution approving the efforts of the hospital backers to secure \$50,000 to be added to the King fund and unanimously passed by the Building Trades Council, of Ottawa, was as follows:
"Resolved, That the Building Trades Council realizing the crowded and unsatisfactory condition of the present building and the great necessity of erecting a new building to properly take care of the sick and injured of this community, endorse the proposition for the issuing of \$50,000 in bonds to be added to the King Fund to build an Annex to the Hospital."

HENRY BECKER SUCGUMBS TO LINGERING ILLNESS

Henry V. Becker, of 215 Main street, former saloon man, died this morning at 2 o'clock after a lingering illness. Death was due to a complication of diseases.

The deceased was born in Germany August 21, 1877, and came to this country when a young lad. He was united in marriage July 2, 1901, to Mary Pfeiffer and four children were born of this union. He was a bottle blower and resided in Streator until a few years ago.

Mr. Becker was well known here and leaves a large number of friends to mourn his death.
Surviving he leaves his wife and four children--Mary, Henry, William and John--all at home, and two brothers--William, of Pittsburg, Pa., and Anthony, of Detroit, Mich.
The funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at St. Francis church. Interment will be made in St. Francis Cemetery.

BLOCKS CROSSING AND FORGETS ABOUT TRAFFIC

Warrants for the appearance of Napoleon De Clercq, foreman of the C. B. & Q. switch engine crew, who permitted the Madison street crossing to remain blocked for several hours, were issued out of Justice Koenig's court. De Clercq left several cars on the crossing while he took his switching crew to Forter's yards, it is alleged.

Attorney Harold Richardson will represent De Clercq at the hearing.

PRINCIPALS IN "LEAK" INVESTIGATION THAT TERMINATED IN CONGRESS TODAY



The above are accusers and defendants of Tom Lawson's charges that there was a "leak" in the capitol that sent stock markets on the rampage when Germany's peace note was received. The inquiry closed abruptly today. The pictures are those of: No. 1, Representative Henry; No. 2, Thomas Lawson; No. 3, Representative Wood; No. 4, Representative Gardner; No. 5, Bernard M. Baruch; No. 6, Representative Bennett.

EDUCATING ALIENS QUANDRY TO BOARD

SCHOOL DIRECTORS CONFRONTED BY PUZZLE IN SOLUTION OF NIGHT SCHOOL REQUEST OF U. S. EXAMINERS.

The question of whether or not a night school will be established for the foreigners of this city may soon be decided, the problem is a stickler for the Board of Education. No appropriation for carrying out the work has been made by the city school board. If the alien law to receive instruction it will come voluntarily from the teaching forces in the public and high schools.

Tomorrow a United States examiner will be here to take the matter up with the school authorities and try to induce the teachers of the city to let their aid, three nights a week in educating the aliens.
The school board, however, has consented to allow one of the public school buildings to be used. Lincoln School was designated as the meeting place.

Prof. C. J. Byrne made the following statement to a Free Trader-Journal reporter: "As yet we have received no word from the teachers to voluntarily give their services. We have sent out requests, but will not know until this evening just who will aid in the work. At present teaching in the public schools is quite hard and those assisting in the work will have to possess good health to perform this work three nights every week."

The government officers, in other towns, have been able to secure lawyers to do the work. It is estimated that in Ottawa between forty and fifty foreigners would take advantage of the schooling.

BUILDING AND LOAN ASS'N PAYS \$15,000 TO PATRONS

The Valley Building and Loan Association held its monthly meeting Wednesday evening, at which time, as customary every three months, the Board of Directors ordered the payment of approximately \$15,000 worth of matured stock.

F. A. Hatheway, the secretary says it has kept him busy the last couple of days in paying off the matured stock and in issuing stock in the new Series that has just opened.
The assets of the Association are now close to the \$300,000 mark, and the report showed that it was in a most flourishing condition.

EXTRA

"LEAK" QUIZ IS REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.--With the understanding that Lawson be called before the Rules committee and compelled to answer questions or be cited for contempt, the House this afternoon referred back to the Rules committee the Wood resolution for an inquiry into the alleged "leak" on the President's peace note.

THREE KILLED WHEN 'FRISCO ENGINE EXPLODES

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 12.--Three trainmen were instantly killed early this morning when an engine on a southbound Frisco freight train blew up near Grandview, nine miles south of this city, the dead are:
William I. Hall, engineer, Kansas City.
H. L. Hartley, fireman, Springfield, Mo.
Helly Eib, head brakeman, Clinton, Mo.

RANCHERS CROSS BORDER IN QUEST OF AVIATORS

El Centro, Calif., Jan. 12. While 100 Imperial Valley ranchers, their automobiles heavily loaded with provisions, were on their way across the border to hunt Col. Harry Bishop and Lieut. W. A. Robertson, San Diego army aviators who are believed lost somewhere south of Mexicali, Gov. Cantu, of Lower California, today ordered all the Mexican cavalry stationed at Mexicali to join in the search.

JOHN MONTGOMERY HEADS OTTAWA TRADES COUNCIL

The Ottawa Building Trades Council last evening held its annual business meeting and election of officers at which time the following were named to head the organization during the ensuing year:
President--J. C. Montgomery.
Vice-president--John Roman.
Financial secretary--Robert Egan.
Recording secretary--Wm. Kobold.
The following trustees were named: John Berner, Ed. Barry and James Whyte.

Aim at Highest Things.
To be calm and serene, and yet to be full of energy and hope of higher things--this comes to him whose life aims at the highest.--Phillips Brooks.

WILSON HOPES FOR PEACE IN SPITE OF ALLIED DEMANDS

TERMS UNDER WHICH ENTENTE WILL MAKE PEACE.

These are the terms as outlined in the Allies' reply to Wilson's peace overture:
Restoration of Belgium, of Serbia and of Montenegro and the indemnities which are due them.
Evacuation of the invaded territories of France, of Russia and of Roumania, with just reparation.
Reorganization of Europe guaranteed by a stable regime and founded as much upon respect of nationalities and full security and liberty of economic development which all nations, great or small, possess, as upon territorial conventions and international agreements, suitable to guarantee territorial and maritime frontiers against unjustified attacks.
Restitution of provinces or territories wrested in the past from the allies by force or against the will of their populations, the liberation of Italians, or Slavs, of Roumanians and of Czechs Slovaks from foreign domination.
Enfranchisement of populations subject to the tyranny of the Turks.
Expulsion from Europe of the Ottoman Empire.

U. S. PRESIDENT BELIEVES BELLIGERENTS CAN MEET ON EQUAL TERMS

NOTE IS PUBLISHED

ENTENTE MAKES KNOWN CONDITIONS UPON WHICH IT WILL CONSIDER CESSATION OF THE GREAT EUROPEAN STRIFE.

"DOOR TO PEACE" STILL REMAINS OPEN.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.--President Wilson informed his cabinet this afternoon that the door to peace thru the United States had not been closed. Failure of the efforts of Teutonic allies to bring about a peace discussion thru direct negotiations with their enemies has not discouraged the President. This was learned absolutely this afternoon from highest official quarters. It was learned in Teutonic diplomatic circles it is nearly certain that when the German Chancellor writes "Finis" on the Teuton efforts to deal for peace directly with its enemies, he will outline to the Reichstag terms under which Germany would consider peace.

BELIEVE WAR WILL CONTINUE INDEFINITELY.

Paris, Jan. 12.--The Entente's reply to President Wilson was made public this morning in all of the Allied capitals. Dispatches from Petrograd, London and from Rome say that it was given the utmost approval of the press and public. France was particularly pleased with the document for one of its demands was that Germany should not only restore that section of the republic overrun in 1914, but must give back Alsace and Lorraine.

The document, in brief, sets forth what for years has been the national aspirations of most of the Entente powers.

While the Allies took scrupulous care to avoid closing the door to further exchanges on peace it is felt here that the war will continue indefinitely.

Washington, Jan. 12.--The way is clear for President Wilson to continue his efforts toward peace. That is the interpretation put upon the Entente note today by administration officials and neutral diplomats here.

The terms stated in the Entente note are only slightly greater demands than were forecasted. The statement in the note that the Entente Allies believe that peace is impossible at the present moment because of the impossibility of adequate assurance of "reparation, restitution and such guarantees to which they are entitled," is regarded as the greatest check the moves toward peace have received.

Information reaching here today thru official sources, but informally was to the effect that the note would have been a more definite rejection of the idea of peace at this time had it not been for the contact of the military chiefs of the Entente governments. The military leaders it was said, stated flatly that it was entirely erroneous to suppose that Germany and her allies were near starvation or in present danger of being crushed.

This fact, it was said, did more to temper the tone of the Entente note than any other.
The German note to neutral countries, expected to reach here today, officials believe takes much of the "punch" out of the Entente communication. It flatly puts the blame for the beginning of the war on its enemies, reiterates its absolute sincerity in its original peace offer, questions the sincerity of its enemies, states that the war aims of the Central powers have been attained already, and winds up for ever the attempt to secure a peace discussion thru direct diplomatic exchanges between the belligerents.

The effect of this note, so far as the United States is concerned, in the opinion of some high administration officials and the majority of neutral diplomats in Washington, is to put upon the shoulders of the President the whole responsibility of any further move toward peace. That this move will be made is morally certain, although its exact form cannot be forecasted with accuracy.

With only one avenue toward peace still open, the efforts of President

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ITALIAN IS HELD ON SERIOUS CHARGE

CHARLES BEFFANY IS ACCUSED OF ASSAULT UPON INNOCENT YOUNG GIRL--STAR CHAMBER HEARING.

Morbid court loungers were given no place at a spiny star chamber hearing this afternoon at 2 o'clock when Charles Beffany, Italian, was arraigned for hearing on a charge of assault preferred against him by Elizabeth Illinich, 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Illinich, of west Ottawa.

Upon order from the court all witnesses and newspaper reporters were asked to leave the room while the girl told her story. Bailiff Carr, at first was inclined to allow the reporters to be present at the hearing, but the court ruled that no one but attorneys could be present.

The Story of the Girl.

In her testimony the girl said that one night of December 30 Beffany entered her room shortly after she retired and forced her to submit to his will. She said she did not tell her parents of the occurrence.

Beffany was a boarder at the Illinich home and his room was a short distance from that of Miss Illinich.

Again on Sunday January 7, Beffany endeavored to enter the young girl a member of the Illinich family discovered him and saved the intended victim from further wrong doing.

On Tuesday Beffany was arrested. At the hearing this afternoon he refused to testify in his own behalf. Attorney Nicholson had charge of the case.

Held to Grand Jury.

Beffany was held to the grand jury with a bond of \$1,000. His countrymen are endeavoring to secure his freedom. Beffany, it is alleged, has a past that may be uncovered by the grand jury.

PAWN CHECK IS FOUND IN CLOTHING OF DEAD MAN

A pawn check was found in the clothing of John Walsh, who died at the hospital a few days ago. The check was issued by Sam Englander for fifty cents on a watch. As yet attempts to locate the relatives of Walsh have been futile. The check was issued to J. Berans, which leads the authorities here to believe that Walsh was an assumed name.

ALLEN PARK IS FLOODED FOR LOVERS OF SKATING

Allen Park, in South Ottawa, was flooded yesterday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for skating purposes. Commissioner Patrick J. Meagher, who has said work in charge, stated that the water used for the flooding of the park was taken from the city mains. The water is a great deal warmer than the frozen ground, and instead of freezing, it was absorbed into the ground. Water may be pumped from the Illinois river for flooding the park.

CITY POOL ROOMS MUST KEEP CURTAINS DRAWN

Police officers of the city were instructed last evening to inform all proprietors of pool rooms to place no obstructions on the windows of their places of business. Any curtains that are in use were ordered removed. In practically every case the proprietors were complying with the mandate of Commissioner Palmer.