

## BUILDING COUNCIL AGREES ON TERMS OFFERED BY EMPLOYERS

### DANGER OF 1917 STRIKE IS PRACTICALLY ELIMINATED UNION MEN SAY

## TO GET THEIR RAISE

### WAGE DEMANDS ACCEPTABLE TO CONTRACTORS - CARPENTERS WILL DRAW UP SEPARATE AGREEMENTS WITH BOSSES.

It was apparent that an amicable settlement of the increase in pay demanded by bricklayers, painters and other members of the Ottawa Building Trades Council had been reached from the result of their meeting last evening. Just what will be the outcome of the carpenters' request for an increase has not been determined as they have not held their meeting as yet. "We have practically reached an agreement," said a prominent union head when interviewed by a reporter this morning. All building operations will continue as in the past.

"The plumbers will take up wage matters Friday evening," said one of the members of the union today. "We do not look for any trouble in regard to agreements with our employers, but you cannot always tell what the outcome will be. The consensus opinion of all, however, is that an early settlement will be reached as neither contractor nor employees wish to tie up building activities during the coming spring months."

Since the carpenters have with counsel a settlement reached by them individually would not impede any action of the other unions.

The bricklayers are asking for 75 cents per hour, the same scale of wages paid thruout the state. The bricklayers have been getting 70 cents under their old terms.

The painters and plumbers are only asking for a small increase and do not anticipate any trouble.

A tie-up in labor trouble would seriously affect Ottawa. The building of the annex to Ryburn hospital, the possibility of a Y. M. C. A., and a vast amount of improvement to be made by the sand companies are some of the big jobs ahead in this immediate vicinity.

## INCORPORATE DEER PARK THRESHING CO.

Among the list of firms in the state which have secured license to incorporate from Secy. of State Emmerson this week is "The Deer Park Threshing Company" of Deer Park township, capitalized at \$3,200. The purpose of the company, according to one of the stockholders, is to do the threshing for the whole Deer Park farm community, thus saving each individual farmer the worry and heavy expense entailed by this feature of agricultural life each year.

The incorporators are Elmer J. Strout, George Sargent, P. H. Harbeck, D. D. Frazer, James A. Mitchell and D. E. Cooper.

## CY DE VRY TO BE HERE MARCH 9 AND NOT MARCH 3RD.

Cy De Vry's lecture in Ottawa was erroneously advertised in Thursday's Free Trader-Journal as to occur February 3, instead of Friday, February 9, when the noted animal keeper will be in Ottawa to tell a local audience of his experiences at the Lincoln Park Zoo. Mr. DeVry is being brought here under the auspices of the Washington School Parents-Teachers Association. Tickets can be obtained at the Free Trader-Journal office. Children, 15c; adults, 35c.

## MRS. VAN SCHOICK FUNERAL TO BE HELD SUNDAY P. M.

Funeral services of the late Mrs. M. Marion Van Schoick will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence of Mrs. Anna Ashley, corner of Van Buren street and First avenue, Rev. G. W. Chesman officiating.

## Marriage Licenses.

- Raymond Hitchins, Earlville ..... 21
- Miss Merle Zorn, Triumph ..... 22
- Joe Martinuel, Oglesby ..... 26
- Miss Barbara Perino, Oglesby ..... 18
- Wm. Darnor, Wheatland ..... 18
- Miss Ruth Harris, Streator ..... 20

It is estimated that 25 per cent of halibut and from 20 to 30 per cent of salmon are included in the entrails, head, tail, etc.

## EGGS SLUMP 10C WITHIN THE WEEK

### EXPECTED DROP IN HIGH PRICES OF FOODS NOT REACHED IN OTTAWA TODAY--SUGAR NOW HARD TO GET.

Sudden jumps in the price of beans and the failure to receive shipments of food stuffs from eastern points because of the car shortage, pricked the bubble of a hoped for decline in food products today, according to local grocers. Belief that a boycott on potatoes in Chicago would have an effect here was also exploded. Potatoes of the better variety are retailing locally at 90 cents a peck today. Eggs have shown a slight decrease owing to warmer weather that has added to the supply.

### Sugar Situation Serious.

Cuban difficulties and strikes at five of the larger eastern sugar refineries, now in progress, have made sugar almost impossible to get, said a grocer today, when he learned of the failure of a shipment ordered six weeks ago, to arrive. The price on this commodity has gone to \$8.10 per hundred pounds, retailing at 11 lbs. for a dollar.

Navy and lima beans showed the greatest jump yesterday, the common bean retailing at \$1.50 per hundred more than a week ago. Eighteen cents a pound is asked for navy beans now. Lima beans have jumped to \$2.00 per hundred, an increase of \$2.50 over that of last week. Lima beans were quoted at 12 1/2 to 15c a pound by most grocers this morning.

Restaurant owners have appreciated the advance in price, and unable to get in a large stock owing to the scarcity of the product, were forced to make another cut in the side dish served with meals.

Fresh shipments of eggs from the west and southwest have lowered the price 10 cents in the last week. Eggs are quoted at 35c a dozen now. A steady decrease in egg prices may be expected with the coming of warm weather to stay. A month ago hen fruit was sold over the counter at 55c a dozen.

### No Food Manipulation.

That the prevailing high prices were not entirely due to food manipulation is the claim made by grocers. Supply and demand and the failure of staple crops for the last two years all over the country are blamed. The bean crop, all garden vegetables, sugar and potatoes have slumped in production largely, they say.

"Consumers themselves are largely to blame for increases in prices," said a local grocer. "Many housewives fail to use sensible economy in trying to practice economical tricks. As a result they pay more for substitutes for potatoes and such things than would for the product itself. Then, too, they often try to buy in too large quantities. With a scarcity prevalent, if many do this they will add to the scarcity and make prices hit it up another notch."

### Recession Due to Belief.

That everything about the markets favors recession and not further advance, however, is intimated. A return to food prices prevailing before the present car shortage and difficulties relative to the war cannot be expected until a good crop of every commodity has been harvested.

Local grocers are paying as high as \$2.00 to get a carload of potatoes here from the western coast, where the only good crops were raised this year, they say.

## JOHN HINKEY DIES AT RYBURN HOSPITAL

John Hinkey, a well known old resident of this vicinity, died last evening at 8:30 o'clock at Ryburn hospital, following a lingering illness. His demise is attributed to infirmities of old age.

Mr. Hinkey was born in Westphalia, Prussia, and came to this country with his parents at the age of nine years. He was raised on a farm near Earlville for a number of years. He was married February 24, 1870, to Louise Flick and moved on a farm in Wallace township, where he resided for nearly forty-five years.

Two years ago he moved to Ottawa. He leaves surviving a wife and seven children—Mrs. Jacob Barr, of Larned, Kansas, Mrs. Ben Dolder, of Harding, Mrs. H. C. Wendel, of Chicago, and Mrs. Otis Bach, of Ottawa, and Joseph Manville, William and John of this city.

The funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at St. Francis church. Interment will be in St. Francis cemetery.

## ITALIAN GROCERS ARE CLEARED OF INCENDIARY CHARGE

### JUDGE KOENIG FINDS NORTH SIDE GROCERYMEN NOT GUILTY OF APPLYING TORCH TO STOCK.

All of "Little Italy" was gathered in Justice Koenig's police court this morning when Louis Augustine and Pete Sylvester, North Ottawa grocers, were arraigned before Justice Koenig on a charge of attempting to defraud insurance company, and found not guilty by George Koenig. It was alleged that Augustine and Sylvester fired the Wolfe building, at the corner of Marquette and La Salle streets early Monday morning with the hope of collecting insurance on their stock of groceries.

Deputy Fire Marshal Wagner was present at the inquisition this morning. The grocerymen were defended by Attorney Harold L. Richardson, while State's Attorney George S. Wiley was the prosecutor. More than a dozen witnesses were in court, most of them having been summoned there by the state.

The Italian following of the two grocerymen practically filled the court and all paid strict attention to the trial.

### Strubel on Stand.

Oscar Strubel, who resides above the grocery store, was the first to take the stand. Strubel stated that he was awakened by the fire about 2 o'clock Monday morning and hurriedly aroused all the members of his family and then sounded the warning to the Locander family, who had the apartments across the hall from him.

When he arrived downstairs the fire was burning very freely on the floor of a rear room. The light from the flames made objects discernible in the room. He neither heard nor saw any one leave the store prior to the fire. At 11:30 o'clock, however, he heard some one down in the store, but did not pay any attention to the noise.

### George Stevenson.

George Stevenson, foreman of the fire department, was the next to be called. Stevenson testified that he was summoned to the fire by a telephone call at 2:16 o'clock Monday morning. When he arrived there he found the blaze confined to the rear portion of the store. The fire had apparently started on the floor of the building. The stove pipe of a small stove was laying on the floor. He did not know whether the force from the water knocked the pipe down, or whether it fell out of place during the course of the fire.

There was no indication of an explosion of any kind. On examination Stevenson stated that he had talked with Sylvester the next morning after the fire and that he (Sylvester) stated he was in the store at 8:30 o'clock Sunday evening.

### Boissenin on Stand.

Fire Chief Joseph Boissenin was called, but could give very little evidence of material benefit in connection with the origin of the blaze. He stated the character of the fire and the condition the firemen found in the store.

Officer Henry Monroe, who was making his police "beat" in that neighborhood, stated that he talked with Sylvester in the doorway of his store at 8:30 o'clock Sunday evening. Later he was standing near the Wolfe building from the hour of 12:30 to 1:30 o'clock, and at that time he saw no one enter or leave the building.

The attempt of the state to show that the defendants had endeavored to secure insurance from Fred Hatheway last July was thrown out and Mr. Hatheway was not permitted to tell why he did not hold the insurance on the building. He stated that the men made application for a policy and that one was granted, but it was only in use a few days when it was cancelled.

Sylvester and Augustine, when called to the stand, denied the charges that they were guilty of applying the torch to their stock.

### Richardson Makes Plea.

Attorney Harold L. Richardson made an excellent plea for his clients. He stated that not a particle of the testimony submitted would warrant his men being held to the grand jury. He carefully reviewed the case and dealt with every phase of it. "Without testimony to show that the defendants are guilty of any crime, I ask that the case be dismissed," said Mr. Richardson in his closing arguments.

Attorney Wiley attempted to show that there was a suspicion of crime, and that as this was only a preliminary hearing, the men should be held to the grand jury. He showed where the pair had insured for more than their stock was worth.

Justice Koenig ruled that the case be dismissed as there was not proper evidence that the men were guilty of firing the building.

One of the most common of errors is that of confusing happiness with the means of happiness, sacrificing the first for the attainment of the second. —Lucky.

## M. T. MOLONEY, EX-ATTORNEY GENERAL, SUFFERS PARALYSIS

General M. T. Moloney, ex-attorney general of the state of Illinois, suffered a slight stroke of paralysis last evening at 5:30 o'clock at his home on 367 Benton street. The paralysis is confined to his right side, but is not of a very serious nature, according to reports given from his bedside today. His many friends hope for his speedy recovery.

## GEORGE RUGG LANDS TWO BIG CONTRACTS

George Rugg, Ottawa tile contractor, landed two big contracts yesterday, one for \$10,000 in the Corn Exchange Bank building in Chicago, and another for \$5,000 in Aurora. Mr. Rugg expects to start the work immediately and will take a squad of local workmen with him to do both jobs.

## MOTHER'S PENSION IS ASKED BY MRS. DOOLAN

Mrs. Irene Doolan, widow of the late Edward Doolan, whose death occurred a few weeks ago, today filed a petition in Judge Mayo's court asking that she be allowed a share of the county's mother's pension fund.

Mrs. Doolan sets forth in her plea that she has two children, Irene aged 5 and Mary aged 8 months, dependent upon her. Five of the older children are confined as dependants in the Guardian Angel Home at Peoria.

The petition will be heard by Judge Mayo at some future date.

## TWO ESTATES ARE FILED FOR PROBATE

Two Streator estates were filed for probate in Ottawa today.

Ida Kuntz, who died in that city on February 29, 1916, did not leave a will and her \$1,000 personal property will go thru administration and then be divided equally among the four surviving children.

George Hall, whose death occurred January 31, left real estate worth \$3,000 and personal property valued at \$300. His will gives all to his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Hall.

## JOHN S. WATERMAN TO BE BURIED HERE

John S. Waterman, former Ottawa resident, is dead in Chicago, according to word received today by Ottawa relatives. Mr. Waterman passed away Wednesday evening, February 28, and his remains will be brought to this city arriving here Saturday morning, for interment in Ottawa Avenue cemetery.

## ARMING SHIPS MEANS WAR BERLIN CLAIMS

Berlin, March 2.—Officials here expressed the hope today that the release of four Yarrowdale prisoners will at least offer proof that entente charges that Germany is seeking deliberately to provoke war with the United States are unfounded.

There is little hope that the departure of the Yarrowdale men will do any more than slightly decrease the tension between the two countries. But officials said today their arrival in Denmark will at least dispel the belief existing in some quarters in America that a so-called "militarist" party in Germany is guiding the country's destinies. Had Germany desired war with the United States, it was pointed out, she would have delayed the release of the Yarrowdale men, by one pretext or other, until public sentiment in the United States became more inflamed.

Now that the Laconia sinking has passed without a declaration of war by the United States, official circles here are awaiting the action of the United States Congress on President Wilson's request for authority to arm ships (the result of the House vote, empowering the President to act, had not reached Berlin when this dispatch was filed.)

The German Press almost unanimously agrees that the arming of American merchantmen can mean nothing but war.

## YARROWDALE PRISONERS ARRIVE AT COPENHAGEN

London, Mar. 2.—Dr. H. B. Snyder, of Norfolk, Va.; Dr. John Davis, Columbus, Miss.; Richard Zabriskie, Englewood, N. J.; and Orville McKim, Watertown, N. Y., the four Americans from the steamer Yarrowdale, who were released by the German government, reached Copenhagen today. They appealed to the United States Legation for assistance in getting home.

## LUCKY WOMAN WINS A VALUABLE SOUVENIR

At a party held in the home of Mrs. Joseph Schultz in Seneca a large potato, wrapped in fine paper and enclosed in a candy box was given a prize.

A conductor on the C., O. & P. interurban tells of a man who went into a La Salle saloon and ordered a glass of beer. He laid down a potato. The bartender rung up the cash register, asked the customer if he did not have anything smaller and suggested that he take the change in trade.

## OTTAWA ENLISTED IN FIGHT AGAINST CHILD PARALYSIS

### DR. EAST ARRIVES IN CITY TODAY TO EDUCATE PEOPLE AGAINST RE-OCCURRENCE OF LAST SUMMER'S EPIDEMIC.

To Parents: It is vital to you and yours that all be done within your power to stamp out infantile paralysis—the worst and most violent form of contagion infesting this climate. It is nothing short of imperative that you hear Dr. East at the high school tonight. It is your duty to be there.

The state today is carrying its message of infantile paralysis prevention into the homes of Ottawa. A campaign now in the waging is being conducted in every locality where this dread malady made its presence known during the summer and fall of 1916. Ottawa and other cities in La Salle county were particularly hard hit and records at Springfield show this community had the greatest number of cases of any in the state.

Dr. East, representative of the Illinois Board of Health, and recognized as one of the greatest authorities in the mid-west upon infantile paralysis, arrived here today and this afternoon is conducting a clinic for doctors in the supervisors' room of the court house. After instructing the medical men in the sciences of combating the malady he will go before the public and carry his message right to the hearthstones in a hope his visit will eliminate further fear of the contagion during the warm months to come.

Tonight he will address residents of the city at the high school auditorium. He should be heard by an audience that will require every seat in that spacious assembly place to seat. Statistics show that none are exempt from infantile paralysis ravages. Homes visited by the contagion last summer in Ottawa were among the best.

The gathering will be of an interesting nature—anything that will tend to minimize the baby plague cannot be uninteresting to parents. There will be slides to emphasize the talk and there will be instrumental music by an orchestra.

Last year there were 1,200 cases of the paralysis in Illinois outside of Chicago, and many of the patients were left in a crippled state. By clinics, which are held in the cities in which the lectures are given, Dr. East is assisting the medical profession in solving the after-effects, and also is showing the doctors and parents how to treat the afflicted children before the paralysis sets in. In New York, Massachusetts and Vermont where the paralysis has been highly prevalent, there has been considerable success in preventing the after-effects.

"We are particularly interested in this phase," said Dr. East. "A certain percentage of victims who become cripples eventually become public charges, and we are seeking to treat and save these. Simply speaking, it is a sort of muscle re-education we have adopted, by which we hope to save for them means of upright locomotion."

The medical profession of Ottawa is co-operating with the State Board in the work and urges the public in general—and parents in particular—to attend tonight's lecture.

## FRANK HALL IS DEAD; FUNERAL SATURDAY

Frank Hall, well known Ottawa resident, passed away this morning at 2:30 o'clock at Ryburn hospital following a two weeks' illness.

Mr. Hall had been employed for a number of years at the St. Xavier's academy and was well known in this city.

He leaves surviving one sister, Mrs. C. C. Duffy, of this city, and one brother, Judge S. P. Hall, of La Salle.

The funeral services will be held at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Duffy. Interment will be in Ottawa Avenue cemetery. Funeral services will be private.

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The sheriff believes the bandits who are operating thru this section have been working out of Peoria and make that city their headquarters. Efforts will be made to get the police of that city to investigate the robbery.

The bank in Kinsman is owned by State Representative Daniel O'Connell. Kinsman is a small village, lying across the La Salle county line in Grundy county.

## PATRIOTIC MOVIE SATURDAY AT LIBRARY

There will be a good program of movies and stories for the children at the library Saturday afternoon. The following films will be shown: "Declaration of Independence," a fine historical sketch leading up to July 4, 1776.

"Poor Baby," by mistake Mrs. Jones' baby is taken by a tramp and all concerned have amusing experiences in securing baby's return.

Miss Dorothy Nertney will entertain the children who have to wait for the second and third shows. None of the children can afford to miss Miss Nertney's part of the program. It will probably be a good mixture of the serious and the comic.

## MEET UP FOLKS WITH A VERY STRANGE MAN

Illinois' most unusual man, particularly so as inspector, visited Ottawa yesterday, and instead of discovering wholesome quantities of error in an eating house, he found virtue. Stranger yet he went out of his way to add praise to a dining institution that is deserving of all he said.

Lon Harvey and his good wife, together with their corps of faithful and efficient employees, enjoyed this eventful experience and the man speaking in such laudatory tones was State Food Inspector Thompson, who visited the New Clifton and inspected its cuisine from top to bottom. Besides placing the commonwealth's seal of purity upon the quality of the food, Mr. Thompson took advantage of an opportunity to tell the Clifton proprietors of the cleanliness and neatness of their kitchens. Incidentally he inquired of Mr. Harvey how such meals could be served at the Clifton rate of fifty cents each and received the reply "I appreciate my patronage and feel that I can 'break even' under these prices. Some day I hope the high cost of living will go down and then we'll do better."

The Clifton has a pay roll of \$1,000 a month, while in Streator the Columbia costs Mr. Harvey \$800 a month to operate. All of this money is being spent in these two cities.

More men at home like Mr. Thompson would make the divorce courts the exception, rather than the rule and life one heavenly bliss for housewives.

## AUTHOR OF MEXICAN PLOT ADDRESSES REICHSTAG ON U. S. CRISIS

## STANDS BY SUBSEAS

### ZIMMERMANN INTIMATES HE WAS READY TO CONFER AFTER FIRST SECURING CONSENT TO ALL RULES PREVIOUSLY LAID DOWN.

Berlin via Sayville, March 2.—German will not back down. Maintenance of her new submarine policy must be a condition of any understanding reached with the United States to prevent a widening of the present breach.

Foreign Secretary Zimmermann made this assertion in the Reichstag in the course of his discussion of the efforts of the Swiss minister at Washington to bring the two nations into agreement.

"Obviously our wish to come to an understanding only can be accomplished so far that we do not conflict with our declaration of barred zones, which we are firmly decided to maintain against our enemies under all circumstances, the foreign secretary declared.

Secretary Zimmermann first detailed to the Reichstag the negotiations attempted by the Swiss minister at Washington.

"In the affair of our negotiations with the United States, the underlying facts are these," he said. "On February 28, we received by the Good Offices of the Swiss Federal Council a telegram from the Swiss Minister at Washington, who after the breaking off of relations with the United States represents our interests there. The telegram had the following contents: 'If the German government would now show inclination to negotiate with the United States about the blockade then he (The Swiss minister) would be gladly willing to take further care of this affair.'"

"All the speakers yesterday declared that the breaking off of relations with the United States was regrettable. No doubt it would be still more regrettable if there would be war with the United States. Between both countries there exists the old friendly relations. There is no political antagonism between both countries and in the economic domain they more or less depend on each other. One could even say that they ought to be economic allies."

"Therefore, it is easy to understand that the government took care to avoid everything which might intensify the conflict and cause war with America. From the standpoint of these considerations we examined the suggestion.

"From the very outset we were absolutely certain that our part in the submarine war ought in no way be limited by concessions.

"We only hinted at our readiness to enter into more detailed negotiations with America about the admission of passenger ships. The Swiss minister at Washington transmitted our communications and thereupon received from Mr. Lansing a note in very polite terms. Lansing says he is authorized by President Wilson to say that the government of the United States will negotiate with Germany very gladly if Germany cancels her decision of January 31. This being absolutely impossible, the negotiations had to be considered as a failure before they really had begun.

Foreign Secretary Zimmermann's statement to the Reichstag is the first official admission that Germany did suggest to the United States the admission of passenger ships to the barred zone as a basis for further negotiations. Earlier dispatches from Berlin asserted that the Swiss minister was acting on his own responsibility and not under instructions from Berlin, when he made this proposal to Secretary Lansing.

Congress Blocks President.

Washington, Mar. 2.—President Wilson will deal with Germany in his own way. This was made certain today when assurances of support reached the White House from Senate and House leaders of both parties. The revelation of the enormous extent of the German plotting against the United States has proven a trump card for the administration. It has solidified the country behind the President. Before the end of next week, unless something entirely unforeseen shall develop, the mail carrying liners of the American line will be back on their accustomed routes on the Atlantic.

The President, his advisers say,

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