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Workmen Who Oppose Radical Plan to Tie Up City in Strike Favor Baker.

ISSUE IS SHARPLY DRAWN

Agitators Seeking to Paralyze Shipbuilding Industry Seek Daily's Election in Order to Profit by Official Indulgence.

The outstanding feature of the closing days of the city election campaign is the race for Mayor between George L. Baker and Will H. Daly.

These two are coming down the stretch far in advance of the other five candidates in the field. The final lap of the campaign finds the contest unquestionably between Baker and Daly, with Baker a decided favorite and gaining in strength every day.

The supreme effort being made by radical labor leaders to elect Daly on the straight-out issue of making Portland a closed-shop town is gaining hundreds of votes for Mr. Baker.

The trend in his direction has been very pronounced in the week just ending. Right now plans are under way on the part of the radical labor leaders to precipitate a general strike in Portland, if Mr. Daly is elected, to force the Willamette Iron & Steel Works to operate as a closed-shop plant.

These leaders make no secret of the fact that their plan involves the calling out of the men working in the new shipbuilding plants in Portland and the stoppage of all work at these plants, without regard to the injury that would be caused thereby to Portland's most important industry.

Nor do they make a secret of the fact that they are counting on Mr. Daly's election as the first and one of the most important steps leading up to their general strike programme.

With Mr. Daly in the Mayor's chair, they figure on controlling the Police department, the Municipal Court and the City Attorney's office. In furtherance of their plans, efforts are under way to organize the platform men of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, so they can be called out to tie up all street railway transportation in the event of a general strike.

The danger this situation involves for Portland's new shipbuilding industry is arousing thousands of voters to the necessity of defeating Daly.

These votes are going to Mr. Baker, who is the one man under the circumstances that can defeat Daly. Mr. Baker will get the votes of a great many union men, besides, who do not favor the radical steps advocated to endanger the shipbuilding industry.

A number of prominent Portland physicians and dentists have written a letter to members of their professions in Portland warmly endorsing the candidacy of George L. Baker for Mayor and urging them to vote for him.

The race lies between Mr. Baker and Mr. Daly, reads the letter in part. "A careful study of both men convinces us that Mr. Baker is not only the more representative of the people, but also the man of far broader business experience, whose policies are more constructive, and who will, as Mayor, do much to restore to Portland its former prestige in the business world. Mr. Baker is not in any sense a class candidate but represents all the business interests and the responsible, thinking, working-class. Our mutual interests depend upon the election of Mr. Baker."

"Having considered Mr. Baker with consideration, we, the undersigned, having the best interests not only of our profession but of the entire city at heart, advise the electors to vote for and bad qualities of each and every candidate, do unqualifiedly endorse George L. Baker as our next Mayor."

The letter also urges that the recipient or his friends have promised a complimentary vote to any other candidate, to give Mr. Baker a second choice vote. The letter is signed by the following physicians:

Dr. Kenneth A. Mackenzie, Dr. J. K. Locke, Dr. Thomas J. Fox, Dr. M. G. McCorkle, Dr. H. I. Kenney, Dr. Charles L. Rybick, Dr. Robert Nichols, Dr. W. S. Nichols, Dr. William O. Spencer, Dr. John Higgins, Dr. D. H. Jessop, Dr. W. Hugh Williamson, Dr. C. E. Morrison, Dr. George Farwell, Dr. E. J. Smith, Dr. James T. Walls, Dr. A. C. Pantou, Dr. Arthur S. Rosenfeld, Dr. R. F. Davis, Dr. Ralph A. Fenton, Dr. T. Homer Coffey, Dr. E. J. Crockett, Dr. George F. Koehler, Captain H. M. Greene, M. D., Dr. L. Buck, Dr. R. C. McDaniel, Dr. S. B. Dickinson, Dr. John F. Beaumont, Dr. R. M. Joyce, Dr. John Scully, Dr. E. A. Sommer, Dr. Thomas W. Watts, Dr. John F. Worcester, Dr. Roy D. Stearns.

The following dentists signed the letter: Dr. M. C. Shearer, Dr. O. J. Ferris, Dr. F. H. Walgamot and Dr. M. C. Holbrook.

Speaking at a meeting of the Progressive Business Men's Club yesterday, Robert G. Digney called for the election as City Commissioner, discussed some of the big savings that have been effected under his administration:

"I am no orator, nor am I qualified to speak of other than the legitimate duties of a municipal official," he said in part. "Those of you who have any considerable business at the City Hall know that an efficient, business-like administration of our government is more than all the theories and remedies for the many ills, local, state and even National, which always appear for solution at election time and are largely forgotten thereafter."

"The foregoing are generalities. Now I want to give you some facts. As Commissioner of Public Works I have reduced expenditures 29 per cent against a 35-per-cent increase in the previous four years. Some may say this is not enough. In view of the reduction in public improvements from \$19,000,000 to \$5,000,000, I might prefer to spend \$100,000,000 if it meant that I could say to you there is no merit in that statement, for these millions of dollars of hastily constructed improvements are now a tremendous burden on the pair, of which the following is but one item:

"In 1912 there was not a yard of pavement which the city was obliged to keep in repair. In 1914 there were 20,000 yards; in 1915, 1,054,000 yards; in 1916, 2,832,000 yards, while this year we have to keep in repair over 3,492,000 square yards of hard surface pavement alone. I have made these reductions in expenditures in spite of this inheritance, in spite of heavily increased duties and higher prices, and have kept these same improvements in the best possible condition for less than one per cent yearly cost."

George L. Baker led for Mayor in a straw vote taken in St. Johns yesterday. There were 32 votes for Baker to 20

for Will H. Daly, while the other candidates received only scattering votes. For example, only four votes were cast for Wheeler, two for Josselyn, four for Rushlight and two for Warren. This vote is typical of most of the straw votes taken in various parts of the city. The two leaders are always Baker and Daly, with the other candidates barely in sight. All of which only serves to emphasize the fact that the race is between Baker and Daly and that the election of Mr. Baker is the sole hope of defeating Mr. Daly.

Another straw vote, taken in Albina, where Daly is considered to be especially strong, gave Daly 36 votes to 26 for Baker. These votes were divided by choices, as follows: Daly, first choice 18, second 4, third 8, total 30; Baker, first choice 19, second 7, third 4, total 30. Again the other candidates were far behind.

"In my administration of the office of City Auditor for the past 10 years," said A. L. Barbur, candidate for City Commissioner, yesterday, before the Progressive Business Men's Club, "I have disbursed \$50,000,000 of the taxpayers' money and the annual audit by experts has never disclosed any irregular or unbusinesslike transactions. Some of the things I have accomplished during my administration are:

1. Procurement of adequate requisitions for purchase and receipt of goods bought for the city; corrected fire insurance abuses and saved city large sums; eliminated cash disbursements which netted city from \$150 to \$200 per month; obtained legislation which drove loan sharks from the City Hall; was the man who put vacant lots on the map to reduce the high cost of living and has placed in the hands of the people over 3500 lots and ground; and I have been a deep student of city financing and am the only candidate who is advocating better financing for the city."

George W. Caldwell is campaigning actively in his race for City Commissioner. He spoke yesterday at Montebello, where the Colored Baptist Church and will be one of the speakers tonight at the political meeting in St. Johns. Saturday night, Mr. Caldwell will wind up his campaign with a political rally of his own in room A of the Central Library, followed by a meeting at Lents.

The Progressive Business Men's Club yesterday went on record as the first civic organization of the city of Portland to oppose openly by resolution the election of George L. Baker to Mayor.

The club also adopted a resolution to preserve Portland's shipping interests. The club also adopted a resolution to support the proposed highway in behalf of the military highway on the Pacific Coast.

When Senator Ashurst, of Arizona, who was scheduled to speak to the business men at the club's luncheon, found he would have to pay his own fare back to Washington if he did not accompany the Senatorial special with his colleagues, he decided he would have to cancel his engagement to speak till some later date when on a West Coast tour, so the club arranged to hear short talks from Commissioners Daly and Dieck, W. L. Brewster, A. L. Barbur and K. K. Kubil.

Mr. Kubil said that with the burden the people are now carrying and will carry to meet the demands of the war, it is imperative on the part of city officials especially to conduct affairs economically as possible. He said that if elected City Commissioner he would exert every effort to keep taxes down and would be opposed to the expenditure of public funds above the current cost of administration, except in instances where such would be absolutely necessary.

Mr. Kubil reviewed his record in the last Legislature and showed that it was largely through his efforts that appropriations were pruned and held within the 6 per cent limitation law.

"You already have approved a part of my record by increasing the important measures I worked for in the Legislature, and I now ask you to give me your complete endorsement by voting for me as City Commissioner," concluded Mr. Kubil.

All the candidates for Mayor and City Commissioner have been invited to speak at an open-air meeting to be held at 8 o'clock tonight near the St. Johns City Hall. This is at the end of the city's main business street.

The meeting will be held indoors. One of those active in arranging the meeting is D. C. Lewis, Representative in the Legislature.

"There should be a heavy vote at the city election next Monday," urged W. H. Baker, candidate for Mayor, in a statement yesterday. "Matters of such importance as choosing a Mayor and two Commissioners and deciding measures to be put on the ballot, which report should receive careful attention from every elector. While I am one of the seven candidates for Mayor and City Commissioner, I naturally hope to be elected, but my main purpose in issuing this statement is to emphasize the urgent necessity that every man and woman go to the polls next Monday and register their votes one way or the other, not only on candidates for Mayor and Commissioner, but also on the measures that are on the ballot."

Sam Wolfe, the well-known Democratic war-time "fisher," is back in South Portland. Sam returned from San Francisco a week or so ago and last night called a meeting for Will H. Daly for Mayor. The meeting was set for 8 o'clock. Mr. Wolfe appeared with John Manning, ex-District Attorney, Mr. Daly, and a waiting until 9 o'clock, they finally had an audience of 12 persons. John Manning, the first speaker, then told these 12 of the things he has done for the man he tells you to vote for, and that is Mr. Daly for Mayor.

Sam headed off "what's right," while the 12 in the audience grinned. It was a very enthusiastic funeral. The "boys" of South Portland know Sam Wolfe, all right.

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AUDITORIUM FACTS ARE TOLD PUBLIC

Complete Explanation of Building Tangle Given to Refute Campaign Canards.

MR. LA ROCHE IS AUTHOR

City Attorney in Letter to Commissioner Baker Commends His Attitude Throughout in Dealing With Contractor Pederson.

A complete explanation of the facts concerning the contract for the public Auditorium, naming as false certain campaign canards, is being made against City Commissioner Baker, who has charge of the building, was issued yesterday by City Attorney LaRoche.

Mr. LaRoche has had charge of the legal end of the contract and has worked hand in hand with Mr. Baker and the City Council in straightening out the complexities encountered.

In his statement addressed to Mr. Baker, City Attorney LaRoche says: "You asked me to give you all of the facts within my knowledge concerning the Pederson contract for the construction of the Auditorium relating to the errors claimed by Mr. Pederson in the sum of \$21,525 and the action of the Council thereon."

On February 18, 1916, bids for the construction of the superstructure of the Auditorium were opened by City Auditor Barbur, and Hans Pederson, a contractor, of Seattle, was found to have bid \$217,400, which was a sum nearly \$100,000 less than the estimates made some time previously to that date and this bid was about \$27,000 less than the next low bid.

The Oregonian, under date of February 19, 1916, says: "The bids are astonishingly low, in the judgment of men well posted on the quotation for building material. Accordingly will be able to erect the structure at far less cost than was figured originally, and for considerably less than the total cost authorized by the voters in 1911."

Telegrams, under the same date, says: "So low is Pederson's bid that the contractors and city officials acquainted with the proposition say that it will be impossible for him to construct the building for the amount specified."

On February 23 Harrison Allen, attorney for Hans Pederson, appeared before the Council and pointed out mistakes in the computation of Mr. Pederson's bid. The errors amounted to \$21,525, and urged the Council to permit Pederson to withdraw his bid. Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, Manufacturers' Association, the Builders' Exchange and the Building Trades Council also urged the Council to reject the Pederson bid and award to the next lowest bidder. Eugene E. Smith, representing the Building Trades Council, said that he thought a mistake had been made if the City required Pederson to complete the work.

On February 25 at an informal meeting of the Council Hans Pederson requested the Council to permit him to increase his bid by \$21,525, the amount of the errors made by his engineer in making up his estimates on which his bid was based. The errors in calculation were shown to the Council, and were self-evident, one being \$10,000 in addition to the \$11,525 in multiplication. "The mistakes," Mr. Pederson said, "were caused by the physical condition of the building at the time he made the estimates."

On February 28 Mr. Pederson again appeared before the Council and stated that he had not yet signed an account of errors in computation made by the Council, but he again brought to the attention of the Council the mistakes made by Mr. Pederson entering into a contract with the City and performing the work. The suggestion was made by members of the Council never, to Mr. Pederson, that when he had not money on the contract, he should have again brought to the attention of the Council the mistakes made by Mr. Pederson entering into a contract with the City and performing the work. The suggestion was made by members of the Council never, to Mr. Pederson, that when he had not money on the contract, he should have again brought to the attention of the Council the mistakes made by Mr. Pederson entering into a contract with the City and performing the work.

On March 1 Hans Pederson and Harrison Allen, his attorney, requested Commissioner Baker to sanction a plan of the Council to let them to them that they secured the matter directly to the Council. Mr. Pederson and Mr. Allen, at the Council meeting immediately afterward, but left the Council Chamber without addressing the Council, and on March 1, Mr. Pederson and his attorney, Mr. Allen, again appeared before the Council and requested assurances of a consideration of errors claimed in the Pederson bid if Mr. Pederson took the contract, completed the work and it was evident to the Council that he had no money to complete the work.

Mr. Allen requested the Council to make some record of this, and the Council declined to do so. Mr. Pederson would have to rest content with the verbal assurances given, and there was no protest against this. I heard at the time from any member of the Council, and the report of the proceedings of the Council of this date in The Oregonian under date of March 5, 1916, is as follows:

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Dr. Van Doren Ordered to Duty. SEASIDE, Or., May 31.—(Special).—Frank Van Doren, a physician of Seaside, has been ordered by the War Department to Fort Riley for active duty and will leave at once for his place of assignment.

Under all the circumstances it seems to me that the Council acted fairly and rectify errors in his bid if it was conclusively shown that the errors resulted in a loss to Pederson of that sum at the end of the work."