

# BOTH FACTIONS AIR ASTORIA TROUBLES

### Committee of 50 Hears Frank Statements.

### ACTION HELD ILL-ADVISED

### Failure to Recognize Newly-Elected Officials Is Admitted to Have Been Tactless.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Radical conflict of opinion concerning the supervision of Astoria's rebuilding programme, which has torn this city of ashes asunder, was today laid bare in detail for the first time by both sides to the controversy. Frank statements concerning the organization of the executive committee of safety, around which the controversy has raged, were made at a meeting of the committee of 50, an organization out of which this same executive committee was born.

By the statements at this meeting, it was plainly evident that lack of diplomacy on the part of the committee organizers during the last time that the flames of Friday's conflagration were still wreaking destruction, brought about the present row.

It was also indicated that the taking over of authority in the reconstruction programme by members of the city council, which is the only legal procedure in sight, will bring the present unfortunate situation to an end.

### Selfish Interests Charged.

O. B. Setters, mayor-elect, and members of the present city council, declared that failure to recognize the present officials or incoming officials was in effect a direct slap in the face and that this action was taken because a small group of men in the city was anxious to wrest control from constituted authority in order to further selfish interests.

W. S. Gilbert, chairman of the committee of 50, who presided at the meeting, took issue with these remarks by declaring that while errors of judgment may have been displayed, all that had been done in the way of committee appointments was only for the purpose of handling the emergency.

When the vast majority of the meeting showed by both talk and applause that they were ready to strip the executive committee of authority to arrange or even plan the rebuilding of the city in the name of the committee of 50, Major Gilbert made a passionate plea for harmony, maintaining that continued friction at this time would be a greater tragedy than the fire itself.

### Delicate Action Forestalled.

The plea forestalled any definite action by the committee, but this was only because it was plain to all present that the city council was the only body that had the legal power to handle the huge and intricate rebuilding programme.

But before the meeting adjourned Mayor-elect Setters declared that representatives of the executive committee had approached him Saturday and had attempted to have him sign a paper which would turn over the city government to a small group of citizens. That was how the row began.

"I want everyone here to know that when they came to me and told me they wanted authority to run this city without showing any evidence of even consulting with present councilmen or members of the incoming administration, I refused it."

"That's why you saw an article in last Sunday's Oregonian pointing out that the present mayor and myself were not in accord concerning the relief plans. When I take office on January 1, I'll be mayor, make no mistake about that."

### Overnight Held Sessions.

"This committee of nine was appointed by the executive committee," declared the chairman, "and remember that this is not a mass meeting and if you are not a member of the committee of 50, please do not attempt to upset our meeting today."

Failure of the large committee to include the mayor-elect or other members of the new city commission on the executive committee was a serious oversight, Major Gilbert admitted. But to offset this, he declared that the executive committee had added Mayor-elect Setters to the committee, had bidden him welcome to the meetings and had assured him that if he would attend they would "care him to death," a prospect that appeared to give Mr. Setters scant delight.

The executive committee has been divided according to the chairman, into various bureaus, with various members of the committee at the head of the departments. The department of safety is headed by G. C. Fulton, who has named Mayor Bremner, Chief of Police Carlson

and Sheriff Slusher to handle the work.

Mayor Bremner was put in charge of the health bureau, with Dr. Nellie Variano, city health officer, handling the work. C. R. Higgins, local banker, was made chairman of the bureau of finance and banking with Frank Patton, J. E. Roman and S. R. Gordon, officers of the four local banks.

### Committee to Handle Funds.

In connection with the work of this committee, it was explained that all money received for distribution is to be placed in the hands of this committee, and all matters of financial relief will be handled by the bankers.

Organization of other bureaus, such as the relief headed by Major Gilbert and supplies by E. B. Hughes, was explained.

Bremner and Mayor-elect Setters and then looked around the room and picked citizens who were present. Major Gilbert explained that there is no question but that I overlooked many representative men. But in the emergency hasty action was essential.

On Saturday the committee of 50 again met. Major Gilbert stated, and upon motion of G. C. Fulton, who was named as a member of the committee, appointment of the now famous executive committee of nine was authorized.

**Council Has Last Say.**

Mayor-elect Setters at the meeting made a motion that everything concerning executive and administrative functions of the city be dropped by the committee of 50 and the executive committee be adjourned. This motion was later withdrawn. No sooner had the mayor-elect concluded his statement when Councilman Whitman took the floor to explain why the present city council was mightily disappointed over the events of the last few days.

"I waited all day Sunday in my house to hear from some one and nothing came," he said. "Today I came to the city hall to see if there was anything to do, but the committee did not care to confer with members of the council, but they will and must come to the council before anything can be done and that will settle this whole mess."

O. C. Narvestad echoed the sentiments of his colleagues and prophesied that the present city council, while willing to listen to suggestions from all, would not be ridden over by anyone. Responsibility for discussion was laid by Dr. William Logan to men who had no property interests. He held that he had not been heard and that because the council had full and exclusive power there was no need for difference of opinion. The meeting came to a close without definite action after Chairman Gilbert appealed to the group to indulge in no more rowing, but strive to work as one man in the rehabilitation of the business district of the city.

### CRUDE OIL IS ABUNDANT

#### SIMPLE DISTILLING METHOD TO CONSERVE SUPPLIES.

Industry Outgrown Present Plan of Distillation and Adoption of New Process Urged.

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A simple distilling operation converting all crude oil, except a very small portion, into a high-grade motor fuel, outranking the present run, is advocated by Mr. Manning.

"This can be accomplished," he said, "by a single distillate from the crude to the refined, without the distill incurred by redistilling, refining and reprocessing as now practiced, which requires a disregard for the lesser distillates, which would allow the alarm felt by many at the diminishing oil supply."

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### Students Invited on Trip.

Reed college students and faculty have been invited to accompany a delegation from the City club Saturday on an inspection tour of the big industrial plant being erected

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The body was left chained to the tree in a creek bottom three miles south of Streetman. Feeling continued to run high following the shooting. Local and county officers held a parley shortly after noon in a bank building here and decided the only chance for the negro's safety lay in its removal to Fairport. Approximately 250 automobiles were in the line of march when the sheriff's party removed the negro from the building where he had been kept under guard.

At a point where the highway crossed a creek bottom the sheriff's party was overtaken and the negro was removed from its custody by the mob.

The officers were held under an armed guard while the negro was chained to the tree and many bullets fired into his body. The evidence against Gay was declared by officers to be circumstantial, the young woman having failed to identify him as her assailant.

The girl's condition was not serious, the negro having been frightened away after throwing a sack over her head and stuffing her mouth full of cotton.

### INCUMBENT IS RETAINED

#### City Recorder Ely of Estacada Wins Election Contest.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—J. K. Ely will remain city recorder of Estacada, under a decision of J. U. Campbell, judge of the circuit court, here today. Action was brought December 1 by F. C. Bartholomew, who contended that there was not the slightest ground for charges brought against her of pro-German activities during the war, and although she believed members of the American Legion themselves would be the first to defend her against ruffianism at her proposed concert, she nevertheless did

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### County Agent to Be Retained.

BEND, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Objections to the retention of the Deschutes county agricultural agent, made in a petition with 148 signatures, presented at this afternoon's meeting of the county court, were overruled. Another petition, asking that the appropriation for the agent be left on the budget, was signed by 203 ranchers of the county. The budget will not be adopted finally until the amount of the state tax is learned.

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