



COUNCILMAN IS ELECTED

Fred Karinen Fills Lebeck Vacancy.

STACKS OF BUSINESS

Council Has an Extended Session and Disposes of Various Matters.

MANY REMONSTRANCES FILED

Sanborn, Cutting Company File Protest Against Paying for Improvements on Bond Street Claiming That Contract Was Done by Councilman Lebeck.

After a vacation that has been forced upon Astoria's law makers for a period extending from October 22 last, with only a special session intervening, the Mayor and Common Council presented themselves at their desks in the City Hall last evening with fear and trembling, facing an amount of work that had accumulated since their last meeting, that would cause the stoutest heart to quail. That the gentlemen were enabled to dispatch the business and to go to their homes before the midnight hour speaks well for the business sagacity of the City's Fathers.

Most of the business was of a routine nature, and but one or two instances enlivened the monotony of the session, the election and reception of Fred Karinen as Councilman, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Leader Lebeck, furnishing one of them.

Promptly at eight o'clock Mayor Herman Wise called the Council to order and Councilmen Hansen, Kaboth, Leinenweber, Logan, Henderson, Robinson and Stengland answered to their names. Councilman Bellard being absent.

The minutes of the previous session were read as was also the minutes of the special session, and no objections being offered they were approved.

The selection of a successor for ex-Councilman Lebeck coming before the council at this time the names of Oswald Gustafson, Geo. Morton and Fred Karinen were placed before the council to choose from and on the second ballot Mr. Karinen was elected to fill the vacancy in the First Ward. The Chief of Police was instructed to inform Mr. Karinen of his election and upon presenting himself before the honorable body was sworn in and proceeded to take his seat as one of the members.

The business of the evening was then proceeded with as follows:

Communication from F. L. Parker, in re Ninth street sewer—Read and referred to the committee on ways and means and the city attorney. Committee recommends that the communication be placed on file.

Remonstrance from V. Boelling against the acceptance and assessment for the construction of a sewer on Ninth street from Commercial street to the A. & C. R. Co. right-of-way—Read and referred to the committee on ways and means and the city attorney. Committee recommends that the communication be placed on file.

Protest of G. L. Parker regarding the sewer on Ninth street—Read and referred to the committee on ways and means and the city attorney. Committee recommends that the protest be placed on file.

Communication in regard to the salary of Pound Master—Read and referred to the committee on ways and means. Ordered placed on file, and salary not allowed.

Communication in regard to the city engineer from the Astoria water commissioners—Read and referred to the city attorney. Placed on file.

Bills—General Fund.
John Svenson, \$1.00; E. A. Higgins, \$1.00; Daily Budget, \$102.11; John Svenson, \$8.05; O. Anderson, \$25.20.

Petitions for retail liquor license: Aug. Rautio, Wm. Rock, Chas. J. Bertelsen, August Byyny, P. A. Peterson, Niels Simonson, Harry Jones, C. H. M. Greenwall, John D. Manolet. Petitions are granted.

Petition for transfer of retail liquor

license by Chas. Wesche—Read and referred to committee on health and police and the city attorney.

Communication from the secretary of the State Board of Health in regard to the plague situation—Read and referred. Placed on file.

Petition from Chas. Dahlstrom for transfer of liquor license—Read and referred. Committee recommends that the petition be not granted.

Petition of Dora Badollet and others asking that no retail liquor license be granted for any saloon west of Tenth street—Read and referred to committee and committee recommends its adoption.

Bills Allowed—General.

D. H. Welch, \$20; P. C. Stamp Co., \$4.50; Prael-Ebner Co., 25 cents; Alex Johnson, \$10; H. Humbel, \$26.20; Sherman Transfer Co., 50 cents; Eagle Drug Store, \$10.25; Central Drug Store, \$18.40; Otto Bangsand, \$15; W. E. Smith, 50 cents; Alex Johnson, \$15; H. Humbel, \$26.20; Phillips Transfer Co., 50 cents; T. F. Laurin, \$1.25; T. F. Laurin, \$0.40.

Petition from the Chamber of Commerce in re instructing the city surveyor to prepare data with a view to building a seawall in the city of Astoria. Read and referred to the committee on streets and public ways. Committee recommends that the petition be placed on file. Adopted.

Petition from John Jackson and others asking that a tree located opposite the premises of No. 487 Thirty-first street be moved as it interferes with the light in that vicinity—Read and referred to the committee on streets and public ways. Committee recommends that the petition be placed on file and the matter referred to the superintendent of streets. Adopted.

Petition of H. M. Lorentzen and 70 others asking that the city continue to make improvements regardless of hard times croakers—Read and referred to the committee on streets and public ways. Recommended that the suggestion contained in the petition be adopted and acted upon as near as practicable. Adopted.

Petition from Gust. Sanvold in regard to improving Franklin avenue from Twenty-first street by private contract

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SUBMIT STATEMENT

Mine Owners Declare Federation Restrains Trade.

TREASONABLE ORGANIZATION

Commission Spends Day Going Over Information Obtained by Funston and Gov. Sparks—President of Miners' Union Gives His Version of Affairs.

GOLDFIELD, Dec. 16.—The Goldfield Mineowners' Association has submitted a statement to the commission which Roosevelt has sent to Goldfield which declares that the Western Federation of Miners is not a labor organization, but a combination engaged in restraint of trade; that it is in fact a treasonable organization and in the statement are quotations and bylaws of the Federation in support of the contention. The consideration of the statement will be begun tomorrow morning. Today was spent by the commission in going over the information obtained by Funston and Governor Sparks. The entire day was consumed in considering it in executive session. Funston returns to San Francisco on Wednesday morning. Tonight President McKinnon of the Goldfield Miners' Union appeared before the commission and gave his version of the trouble. No intimation is given of what passed during the session, but it is understood that he declared the Federation was peaceably inclined at all times. He will make a detailed statement to the commission later. Thirty strikebreakers were brought into Goldfield today. There was no demonstration. The mine operators claim that 100 men have sworn allegiance to the Federation, but the officials deny that the number is so great. The mine owners have suggested to the commission the bringing of suit by the government for a dissolution of the Federation and also bringing criminal proceedings against the officials of the Federation because of an alleged conspiracy to restrain trade.

QUARANTINE INSPECTION

Dr. Holt Refutes Portland's Allegations.

ILLUSTRATES PLAINLY

Shows Conclusively That to Establish Station at Ft. Stevens Would Cripple Service.

ROUSING RESOLUTION PASSED

Chamber of Commerce Attends to Many Things for Good of Astoria—Report on Cost of Survey of Astoria Harbor is Filed.

With President J. W. Welch, Secretary and Manager John H. Whyte and Assistant Secretary James Wallace at the fore-front officially, and 50 members in their places, last night's session of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, was pleasantly and profitably spent in the disposal of an even 60 minutes devoted strictly to business.

After the applications of Messrs. Carl E. Francese and Charles Darland, and Mrs. Dr. B. Owens Adair, for membership had been duly read and accepted, and they had been voted to prompt affiliation with the chamber under suspension of the rules, the main event of the evening was brought to the front, to wit: the resolutions recently passed in the several civic bodies of Portland finding fault with the administration of federal quarantine affairs at this port, with an address from Dr. Holt, quarantine officer in charge of this district ably refuting the buncombe allegations set up at the metropolis, and illustrating plainly that under present conditions he has invariably been able to despatch all vessels subject to quarantine inspection in from 15 minutes to one hour of time after he had reached them; and that he, as invariably, met them in reasonable, and seasonable, time, the weather conditions, especially as to fog, and the sighting and reporting their presence in the harbor, permitted. He showed conclusively that the idea of the Portland complainants to establish the quarantine office and station at Fort Stevens, would cripple the service, since the eastern line of the quarantine grounds was now within the western limits of the city, and to headquarter at the Fort, would take the service farther away from the usual anchorage grounds than it is now and make the work harder and of longer duration. He showed that it was through his own efforts that all vessels which must be fumigated are now permitted to proceed to Portland and discharge cargo before being fumigated rather than forced to unload here and undergo the work, thus saving owners and captains an infinite amount of time and money; and told enough of his experiences in the service here to indicate plainly the Portland people had missed it badly in not asking him to meet them and discuss the situation before springing their evidently inspired resolutions. He was listened to closely, and questioned at length on many of the main issues involved, and the result of the hearing was that a rousing resolution sustaining the doctor and commending the practice he followed and the amendments he had asked at the hands of his department in this relation, was submitted and unanimously adopted, and copies of it will be forwarded to the Oregon delegation, in contravention of the fault-finding comments sent there from Portland in this relation. President Welch, who drew the resolution referred to, included in it a plea for the extension of the eastern limit of the local quarantine grounds, from the present point, the Union Cannery, to some point well up in front of the city, so that vessels may ascend to a place in the harbor where they can be seen instantly and be waited upon without loss of time, now inevitable on account of the seasonable fogs that prevail on the lower line.

The Committee on Commerce filed its report on the matter of the cost of a survey of the Astoria harbor, herefore proposed, showing that it would

cost from \$300. to \$1000, and at the present juncture of affairs, was inopportune. Accompanying it was a report from Engineer Hegardt, on the same subject, and, for the time being the report was filed without definite action being taken.

A vote of thanks and commendation of report, was tendered to Committeesmen Bowlby and Wingate, of the Committee on Commerce, for the analytical map and table compiled by them, showing the relative distances from "common points" for wheat shipments in the Columbia River Basin; one of the clearest expositions ever made in the course of the commercial work of the present Chamber. It shows the indisputable advantage of Astoria over every port of dispatch on the Pacific coast north of San Francisco, in point of distance from all the shipping stations of the Inland Empire to the sea, the substance of the presentments made being that Astoria is but 31 miles farther from the inland center than Seattle, and from 115 to 180 miles nearer the sea than any of the ports on the upper coast, this on a down-grade with no mountains to climb and a water-level haul down and back. The table will appear in these columns at an early date and is worth the close study of every friend that Astoria has, at home and abroad.

The announcement that the Revenue Cutter Bear or McCullough was to be despatched to this port for permanent service, at the instance of U. S. Senator Charles W. Fulton, was received with pleasure and a vote of thanks extended to the Senator for the interest he had manifested in the urgent demand of this Chamber for this relief.

The request of the farmers on the Lewis & Clark river, members of the Chamber of Commerce, for suitable provision to be made for them in the matter of hitching their teams when visit the city and the securing of a lot or square for that purpose, was read, and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Chairman James Finlayson, of the Special Committee in charge of the Banquet tomorrow night at the Occident, made a verbal report indicating that his arrangements were all complete and as thorough as could be made, and urged the presence at the banquet of every member of the Chamber.

Chairman Fisher, of the Committee on the Automobile Road to the coast through Clatsop county, reported that the committee was simply waiting for decent weather conditions to prosecute the work of selecting a route, and would report in full at the next session. Adjournment was then taken.

LUMBER RATE CASES

James J. Hill Principal Witness at Commissioners' Hearing

COST GREATER THAN REVENUE

Questioned as to Relations Existing Between Great Northern and Northern Pacific Hill Admits They Are Getting Farther Apart.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—James J. Hill was the principal witness today in the hearing before the interstate commerce commission of the complaints of Washington and Oregon lumber associations against the railway lines of the Pacific Northwest States in respect to the advance in rates on lumber. Hill said that by personal investigation he found the cost of handling lumber by his road to be far greater than the revenue gained from it. The difficulty in his judgment was that cars had to be hauled from East to West practically empty. The haul is substantially 4000 miles and cost the lines \$280, while the revenue per car from the Northwest on lumber products is \$200, producing a loss of \$80 per car, hence the increase in rates.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—In cross-examination this afternoon Hill said that the increased cost of operation during the past year was largely due to increased wages, which had figured in the consideration of rates on lumber shipments. Questioned as to the relations existing between the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, Hill said that they were not so close as they formerly were. The roads are going farther and farther apart. Hill said he was a stockholder in both companies and later said that a considerable part of the Burlington was owned by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific.

DENOUNCES PRESIDENT

Senator Tillman Makes a Fiery Speech.

HE ROASTS FINANCIERS

Secretary of the Treasury and Department of Justice Come In for Grilling.

INVESTIGATE BOND ISSUE.

Resolution to Inquire Into Reason for Recent Bond Issue Causes Fiery Statesman from South to Vent His Spite on Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—A speech by Tillman, filled with denunciation of the President, Secretary of the Treasury, the Department of Justice, of financiers and "captains of industry," was the subject of interest in the Senate today. His remarks were based on his resolutions directing an investigation by the committee on finance, of the recent bond issue by the Treasury Department and of the issuance of clearing house certificates throughout the country.

Culberson introduced a resolution directing that congressional investigation into the cause of the present financial stringency and calling on the committee on finance to recommend measures of immediate relief to the country. The resolution was allowed to go over. Tillman expressed his opinion that Roosevelt was a patriot and that while he might be guilty of many indiscretions, and had said many things which in cooler moments he would have been willing to take out of print, he did not believe the President felt any satisfaction whatever in being instrumental in the present financial paralysis, as has been charged. He referred to a published interview with the President by Mayor Dabman, of Omaha, in which the President declared, it is alleged, that if he was responsible for the panic, he was glad of it, as it had brought to view the rotten conditions of the country's finance. Tillman said that he could not believe the President was correctly noted. He said he feared Dabman was in imminent danger of joining the Annanias Club.

OLD POINT COMFORT, Va., Dec. 16.—Sixteen hard-hitting, steel belted American battleships, guns bristling and burly of girth, but sparkling white in their immaculate dressings of peace, started today under a dazzling sun and cloudless sky on the famous twin sea expeditions of 14,000 miles along foreign shores and changing climes, to the west coast of the United States. President Roosevelt on the bridge of his cruiser yacht, Mayflower, personally led the magnificent four-mile line of fighting vessels during the first stage of the voyage. Then when the wide reaches of the sea were visible through the Capes of Virginia he turned aside and coming to anchor again reviewed the passing pageant.

DISASTROUS EXPLOSION.

Forty Miners Killed in Wreck of Mine in Alabama.

YOLANDE, Ala., Dec. 16.—A disastrous explosion in mine No. 1 of the Yolande Coal & Coke Co. this morning resulted in the death of from 40 to 60 miners. The work of rescue is extremely slow owing to debris in the mine. The bodies of 12 white and seven colored men have been identified. It will be tomorrow noon before all the dead have been recovered. The explosion was doubtless due to "Windy" shots. The explosion in the same mine about two years ago killing 112 men.

MITCHELL TALKS.

Considers it Duty of Every Citizen to Work for Peace.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The eighth annual banquet of the National Civic Federation, John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, said that he considered it the highest duty of every man with the welfare of the country at heart to work toward a degree of peace and plenty. Mitchell said: "As far as I have been able to control the affairs of my organization it has been toward the cause of peace. Happy would be the day if strikes, lockouts and attendant evils were no more. I am not sure that such a time will come in our lives. But is it not better that we sit down and reason it out and see if reason cannot take the place of force?"

A number of other speakers, including men of eminent position in finance, spoke on the financial question with various plans for the correction of financial conditions in this country.

REFUSE TO SURRENDER BANDITS.

HELENA, Dec. 16.—The county attorney of Flathead county, has refused to surrender two alleged bandits, C. McDonald and Ed Smith, arrested at Spokane on a charge of holding up the Oriental Limited, on the Great Northern, near Round Bay, September 12th, last. The robbers secured \$40,000 in currency. Attorney-General Bonaparte instructed the United States district attorney to present the evidence to the grand jury to proceed with the prosecution in the federal court, but the action of the Flathead authorities means that the alleged highwaymen will be tried by the state courts.

CARNEGIE SPEAKS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Addressing the civic federation today Andrew Carnegie declared that "No system of currency will enable us to escape the season's depression, failures and losses. Prosperity is bound to stretch the lines beyond the breaking point, and dull times are needed to restore them; and just in proportion as the percentage of the total of legitimate business grows smaller to that of speculation gambling on margins, financial disasters will increase in number and severity."

SQUADRON SAILED

Pacific Bound Fleet Starts on Long Voyage.

PRESIDENT EXTENDS ADIEUS

America's Brilliant Battleship Fleet Weighs Anchor and is Now on the Sea Headed for the Pacific Coast—Inspiring Marine Pageant.

The blue of the sky, the stretch of green sea, the glistening spotless hulls, the curl of foam crested waves, cheering of sailors, admat, and friends on shore, the breeze blown strain of "Auld Lang Syne" floating across the waters, the blare of trumpets, ruffle of drums, flash of signals and boom saluting cannon marked the departure of the fleet presenting to the people who watched a spectacle never to be forgotten and to the world at large the reality of the trimmest, most homogenous, most thoroughly equipped, most mobile and self-reliant assemble of first-class battleships ever gathered in one command. The sailing fleet was preceded by a reception on the deck of the Mayflower which shortly after 8 o'clock steamed into the center of the anchored fleet. The President sent words of confidence and well wishing for all but made no formal address. The President admired the enthusiastic appearance of the fleet and constantly inquired of Secretary Mitchell and other guests: "Did you ever see such a fleet and such a day? Isn't it magnificent, and ought we not feel proud?" The President was photographed with the officers grouped about him. In parting with the officers the President was wholly informal and for each one had a cordial hand clasp, a grasp of the uniformed shoulder and a hearty "Good-bye, old fellow, and good luck." Not a hitch occurred in any of the details of a well-planned program. Tonight sixteen ships of the massive fleet are steaming at a uniform speed of 10 knots according to orders, well down the coast toward the treacherous waters of Hatteras. They will arrive at Trinidad on Christmas eve and there amid the heat of the tropics Christmas celebrations will be held.

The President and party on the Mayflower started for the Potomac shortly after noon.