

MEYER SAYS CITY IS IMPEDING WORK OF HIS COMMITTEE

And O'Brien, Mayor's Counsel, Says the Inquiry Is a Fishy Expedition

Chairman Meyer of the Joint Legislative Committee investigating the City Administration notified Corporation Counsel O'Brien to-day that the privilege accorded assistants to the Corporation Counsel of being present at "preliminary" examinations of city employees by sub-committees has been rescinded. The reason alleged is that the representatives of the Corporation Counsel have attempted to obstruct the proceedings.

Corporation Counsel O'Brien in answer said that the step was another proof that the Meyer Committee does not want publicity. He suggests a committee of citizens to investigate the investigators, for the reason that Senator Meyer when asking for an appropriation of \$100,000 for expenses of his committee stated that he had sufficient evidence of graft and incompetency on hand at that time to begin investigations immediately. The misleading nature of that statement, Mr. O'Brien said, is shown by the fact that the committee is on a fishing expedition through the expedient of "preliminary" examinations.

Voicing the feeling of several members of the committee that there has been too much talk of graft hunting in the preliminary investigations and that the talk has interfered with the work, Elton R. Brown, counsel for the committee, attempted to clamp down the lid yesterday.

From now on the work of the committee will be done as secretly as possible until the public hearings start, in a statement yesterday, which he began by saying he would not be able to devote his entire time to the committee until the end of this month.

Ex-Senator Brown said he had come to the conclusion there were a number of things to be avoided.

Among the things which he named were jumping at conclusions "before the committee possesses the information on which its own conclusions must rest, inferring that the committee would rather find inefficiency, dishonesty and waste than the opposite; treating the committee's work as a hunt for salacious or sensational bits of information, treating matters of incidental nature as representative of the purpose of the committee and treating the committee's work as the best gun in the Mayor's campaign."

Mr. Brown said the object of the committee "is not the impeachment or discrediting of this or any other Administration, but constructive work in fundamentals that will improve the finances and government of the city."

The ex-Senator warned the City Administration that it should avoid "withholding information and obstructing inquiries as to official conduct."

He said that the Administration should also avoid treating the State

"as the enemy of the city and forgetting whence the City Charter comes and where the citizens must look for corrective charter provisions."

"The committee," he went on, "cannot do its preliminary work on the lawn of the City Hall."

MUTINEERS LOOT AMERICAN SCHOOL

Chinese Troops Rob Institution at Wuchang, but Do Not Harm Teachers.

HANKOW, China, June 10 (United Press).—Mutinous troops in Wuchang, capital of the Province of Hupeh, were under arrest to-day after they had destroyed much property by fire, looted American property and killed scores of persons. The soldiers were quieted when 13,000 men were given their back pay.

At the Government bank a director was tortured till he gave up the combination of the safe. The American Trinity School was visited by one band, which ransacked the building and took away everything of value. The American teachers were not threatened and no effort was made to fire the institution. Many frightened Chinese sought protection at the school. Fifty of the mutineers were arrested when it was found they were carrying bars of gold and silver from the mint.

Y. M. C. A. MEETING IN HOLLAND OPENS

World's Committee to Survey Work in the International Field.

LONDON, June 10.—A plenary meeting of the World's Committee of the Y. M. C. A. opened to-day at Utrecht, Holland; to survey the work of the organization in the international field.

Among the subjects to be discussed are: "Our relations with the Roman Catholic Church," "The duty of the hour," emigration work, the Y. M. C. A. press, and "The International Badge and the Red Triangle."

Delegations of many nations are in attendance.

SAY DEAD RECLUSE HAD \$20,000 IN BANK

Starvation Believed Cause of Death of Charles F. Mack, 70, in Rooming House.

The body of Charles F. Mack, found dead in his room at No. 31 West 97th Street, was removed from

the West 100th Street Station to an undertaker's to-day by order of relatives. Mr. Mack, who was seventy, had lived in the rooming house for eight months. Dr. Homan, Assistant Medical Examiner, said death might have been due to starvation.

In the pockets of his trousers was found \$40. The room was littered with scraps of food, fruit and vegetables. The old man, who was un-

married, received an allowance by mail. According to his landlady, although he ate very little, she saw no reason for supposing he had starved to death. Frequently, she said, she induced him to eat a substantial meal. Neighbors declared the old man had \$20,000 in bank but no bank books were found, according to the report of the police who investigated the case.

Hugo S. Mack, an attorney, of No. 4 Beekman Street, a brother of the

dead man, who identified the body, said he felt confident his brother did not starve to death.

Killed by Chimney Fall.
Louisia Della, six years old, was killed last evening when workmen pulled down the chimney of a building being demolished at No. 75 Hayes Street, Newark. She was not seen when the chimney came down, and her death was not known until workmen found her body in the debris to-day. The family lives at No. 63 Hayes Street.

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