

CITY COUNCIL ASKS HEALEY TO EXPLAIN HIS BACKWARDNESS IN FENDER CASE

Enemies of the auto truck fender ordinance were blamed for death of Miss Catharine Goggin by Ald. Kerner, chairman of judiciary committee of council, who introduced an order before council yesterday asking Chief Healey why he had failed to enforce the ordinance. Miss Goggin, treas. of the Chicago Teachers' Federation, was killed by a Marshall Field truck a week ago.

The city council has not been officially notified that the ordinance is illegal and Ald. Kerner wants to know why the chief has failed to enforce the law according to the instructions of the council.

"I say that this negligence or to this deliberate disregard of orders of the council may be attributed the recent death of a woman whose life was one of unselfish devotion to the best interests of Chicago," said Kerner.

"Gentlemen, how much longer are you going to stand for this disregard of your orders? I suppose tomorrow I'll be accused of 'playing politics.' If that is called 'playing politics' I'm proud of it and I wish that more of you would 'play politics.' My people sent me here to save their lives by this ordinance and I'm going to do it."

Ald. James Kearns, chairman of the compensation committee, had an order passed by the council last night again boosting the rent of Butler Bros.' tunnel under Washington street. Hereafter Butler Bros. will have to pay \$1,878.74 yearly to the city for use of this tunnel. The rent was boosted from \$541 to \$751 several months ago pending investigation into how much eastern cities charge for right of way under their streets.

"The compensation committee has increased the rates on everything the city has that big corporations want to use, such as switchtracks, tunnels and the use of streets and

alleys," said Ald. Kearns. "We have almost doubled the amount brought into the city treasury by this committee under former administrations. We want to make it easier for small taxpayers."

Other Council Doings

Passed Ald. Geiger's resolution instructing terminals committee of the council to take up matter of relocating and rebuilding I. C. depot.

Ald. McCormick had referred to finance committee resolution holding \$685,452 in escrow until the city should determine how it should be spent. Contends it should go for permanent improvements, not current expenses. Money is last payment by Union Station Co. to city for streets and alleys vacated.

Ald. Richert had resolution asking state legislature to combine judiciary election with aldermanic election on April 4 and to eliminate the March registration period to save the city \$360,000. Also protested against the consolidation of presidential and aldermanic primaries.

Next meeting of council set for Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 2 p. m.

WOULD HALT GERMAN GROWTH BY STRANGLING EXPORTS

London, Jan. 11.—Insertion of a clause in the peace agreement, binding Germany to refrain from all export business for a period of years, is one of the methods suggested by British trade experts to cripple German trade after the war, it was learned today.

Leading London business men today generally approved the statement made by Pres. Walter Runciman of the board of trade in commons last night that Great Britain must so cripple German commerce that the Germans cannot again dispute world supremacy with the British nation.