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ALD. LITTLER CALLS ILLINOIS CENTRAL DEAL A STEAL

Illinois Central lake front ordinance came before harbors committee of city council today in complete printed form, so everybody can read how much and what it is the I. C. is asking people of Chicago to hand over free gratis. People from organizations which refuse to approve the land contract between the I. C. and the South Park board were in the committee room. Among these were George Hooker, civic secretary of the City club; Lessing Rosenthal, former president of the Municipal Voters' league; Amelia Sears, civic director Woman's City club; George Hyers of the South Side Improvement ass'n.

Theexciting part of the ordinance—the joker that trades away land running into million-dollar values—the clause in the ordinance that will be under attack is in Sec. 41 and says "the city hereby ratifies, approves and confirms all the singular and provisions, stipulations and agreements contained in two certain contracts made between the Illinois Central Co. and the South Park Commissioners, dated, respectively, March 20, 1912, and June 26, 1912."

Presence of George Hooker and Lessing Rosenthal at the committee hearing was considered significant. None of the big downtown daily papers has backed up the City club in its position that there ought to be changes in the contract between the I. C. and the South Park board before it is approved by the city. A quiet, persistent campaign operated from the Chicago Plan com'n and like organizations with railroad and bank connections has been going on since 1912, directed at Rosenthal, Hooker and others to make them look like knockers, hagglers, obstructionists and cheap killjoys.

Chairman Littler of harbors committee and other aldermen, however, have taken more and more the view that the contract is crooked, and Ald. Littler now declares not merely that the trade is "unsatisfactory," but designates it "a steal."

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LAWSON ASKED TO TELL WHAT HE KNOWS ABOUT LEAKS

Washington, Dec. 29.—R. L. Henry, chairman of the house committee on rules, wired Thomas W. Lawson today asking him to come to Washington immediately for a conference if he has any information regarding leaks to Wall street on President Wilson's "peace note."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. M. Lewis lectures for Young American Br. 227, W. C., Fri., 8 p. m., at Douglas Park auditorium, Ogden and Kedzie avs. Subject: "The Intellectual Bankruptcy of Philosophical Anarchism."

Northwest Side Y. P. S. L. meets Fri., 7:30 p. m., 2725 Division st. Election of officers and committees.

Englewood S. E. C. meets Sun., 8 p. m., at 64th and Yale av. J. T. Graves on "Preparedness After Peace."

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WEATHER FORECAST

Fair tonight and probably Saturday; continued cold tonight with lowest temperature near zero; slowly rising temperature Saturday; gentle variable winds. Temperature Thursday—High, 21; low, 3.