

Our Own Ice Plant To Be In City Yard

Mayor Wilson's Citizens' Commission in Executive Session For Discussion of Site and Equipment of Municipally Owned Ice Manufactory.

Cold Storage Feature is Given Considerable Attention—Commission Fears This May Be So Expensive That It Will Have To Be Eliminated.

Bridgeport's own ice plant will be erected in the city yard, Housatonic avenue, and the money the commission might be called upon to spend for a site will be saved for the use of the board in the construction and equipment of the building. This was decided upon at an executive session of the board, in city hall, last evening.

Having decided on the site of the plant the commission is now considering the matter of machinery. There are many kinds of machinery for making artificial ice such as it is proposed to manufacture in the municipal plant. There are also a number of different methods of cold storage. Most of these methods of refrigeration are so costly that the commission is seriously considering leaving out the matter of cold storage. Whether they have a right to do so or not was another matter the commission discussed behind closed doors at its session last night.

Regarding the ice plant the question on the voting machine on which the people balloted the special election last spring was whether or not a municipal ice and cold storage plant should be established. Now whether they can establish the plant without the cold storage feature is a problem which the commissioners will probably decide to put to the city attorney.

At this writing the commissioners are undecided as to whether they will choose the plate system of making ice or adopt the method known as the can system. There are a number of special types of machinery for each system.

During the past few weeks the commission has made a number of trips to other towns to inspect systems of making ice. The commission will probably have several more meetings before deciding on the system of making ice to be accepted. The commission is also getting figures as to what it would cost to build a plant which will be and how cheaply its product can be sold.

The members of the commission are: Mayor Vincent S. Whitney, chairman; Timothy C. Cummings, assistant chairman of the Connecticut National bank; Frederick W. Hall, assistant cashier of the First-Bridgeport National bank and former Alderman Frederick Cederholm. The latter is engaged in work for the American Federation of Labor at New Britain and was not at the meeting last night. In fact, although he was an ardent advocate of the ice plant he has been at but few meetings of the commission. Mayor Wilson presided at the meeting last night. The commission will meet again in about a week.

TUG CAPTAIN LOSES TONS IN BIG BLOW

Ten Thousand Dollar Cargo Sinks and Vessel Is Severely Damaged in Storm on Sound.

High winds and waves on the Sound yesterday caused havoc among shipping which was compelled to put into port all along the Connecticut coast. A small fleet of tugs and barges are tied fast in Bridgeport harbor.

The tug Clarence Blakeslee of New Haven, in command of Captain Walter Camp of this city, well known to excursionists here as the former captain of the excursion boat Elm City of New Haven, which for many years has plied to Fort Jefferson, put into port last night after a desperate battle with the elements.

In the fight for port the Blakeslee received a damaged stern and lost two heavily loaded traprock barges valued at about \$10,000 with cargo.

According to Captain Camp, who reported the matter to his owners at once upon reaching shore, he was off Norwalk when he was caught in the stiff northwesterly gale. In shortening his hawsers he was in collision with the four barges which were blown alongside. Although he struggled to save the barges by making a safe port when off Captain's Island, near Greenwich he was compelled to cast two of the barges loose.

An attempt to anchor them proved fruitless and it is believed that they have drifted on shore.

Captain Camp reached Bridgeport with two tugs and is now laid up for repairs which will probably be completed before the wind subsides enough to proceed on the trip from Pine Orchard to New York.

PROJECTILE CO. ABLE TO STOP MANUFACTURE OF ALLIES' MUNITIONS

(Special to the Farmer.)

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 16.—The working of German influence were rife here today when it became known why the Camden Iron Works, one of the largest producers of shrapnel shells in the country, hasn't put any of its machines on the market since last May.

A contract with the Bridgeport Projectile Co., which was established several months ago on Union avenue, Bridgeport, and which subsequently received great notoriety in an expose of German propaganda here, was the pivot around which the testimony revolved in a hearing before Judge Faught of the United States District Court for New Jersey.

The contract with the Bridgeport Co., which is in the hands of a receiver, through its president, Walter Wood, for the Camden corporation from selling presses to any other persons or corporations than the Bridgeport Projectile Co.

It was a common report that insidious forces tried much to do with the establishment of the agreement, but nothing along this line could be confirmed, and nothing to indicate it was brought out in the hearing.

Wood, it was testified, had been paid \$187,000 for executing the contract, and \$42,000 of this went to the agent as commission. Heulings Lipincott, he receiver, claimed that the \$125,000 is rightfully the property of the Camden Co. Creditors.

Wood contended that half the money is rightfully his as he had obtained enough other work to keep the plant busy.

GOVERNMENT WON'T BARTER FURTHER WITH FAY, WHO SOUGHT IMMUNITY

New York, Nov. 16.—When the case of the five men indicted here in the alleged German bomb conspiracy was called in the Federal district court today demurrers were entered in behalf of two of the defendants, Robert Fay and Walter Scholz. The demurrers allege that the indictment against these men is insufficient and does not state an offense under the laws of the United States in that the munitions vessels on which bombs were to have been placed, according to the charge, would have been blown up on the high seas.

Counsel for Robert Kienzle, Max Breitling and Engelburt Bronkhurst, the others under indictment, did not enter demurrers but stood on the pleas of not guilty entered at the first arraignment.

Fay was taken before Assistant District Attorney Knox again today, presumably to continue the statement he began yesterday.

A few minutes later, however, Fay was returned to the Tombs. It was announced that Fay would not make a confession or any further statement.

When Fay agreed to make a statement for the government attorneys and plead guilty to the indictment the prisoner thought he would escape with a sentence of one, or at most two years.

Mr. Knox informed Fay, however, that a plea of guilty would carry with it a sentence of 12 years. Mr. Knox said that so far as the government is concerned, it will not discuss the matter further with Fay.

CREDITORS FIGHT DISCHARGE OF BURR & KNAPP FROM BANKRUPTCY ON GROUND OF FALSE TESTIMONY

On the ground that Herbert M. Knapp gave false statements at a former hearing and also concealed assets to defraud creditors, notice of opposition to the discharge from bankruptcy of Herbert M. Knapp and Mary E. Burr has been filed by Attorney George S. Flanagan, representing six creditors.

It is alleged in papers filed today in the office of Referee in Bankruptcy John W. Banks that certain notes, life insurance policies and large sums in cash were concealed or removed, within four months of the time the petitions in bankruptcy were filed.

Included in the assets said to have been concealed are \$11,000 in cash sent to Burr & Knapp, \$10,000 in cash sent to the bankers by the Georgia Loan and Trust Co., two insurance policies of \$10,000 each, taken out on the life of Herbert M. Knapp, a mortgage on the residence of Mary E. Burr, 779 Fairfield avenue, valued at \$14,000, and about 20 mortgages on other city property.

The creditors who oppose the discharge are F. W. Tomlinson, Elizabeth C. W. Lockwood, R. G. Estlin, Howard Wheeler estate, Mendelsohn Bros. and Levy & Co.

NEW YORK BOARD FEDERAL SERVICE TO SHIP FOOD TO CENTRAL POWERS MEN EMPLOYED IN SALT'S CO. MILLS

Business Not For Profit, But To Sustain Life in Warring Peoples.

New York, Nov. 16.—An organized movement to aid the civilian population of Germany and Austria by sending food from the United States was launched here today by a "citizens committee for food shipment," consisting of 45 physicians, clergymen and prominent women. The organization has provided for branch committees throughout the country. Dr. Henry J. Wolf is chairman of the committee.

The committee's announcement says: "America's position with reference to the Central powers, especially Germany, is peculiar. Germany has for many years depended on us for large quantities of food and wheat, and is the principal purchaser of our cotton seed meal for the support of her vast herds of cattle. The shutting off of our exports of cotton seed meal curtailed the milk supply and created problems in the feeding of children that are now becoming increasingly acute.

"Our government has declared that the present English blockade is 'ineffective, illegal and indefensible,' and that it is entirely within the rights of any citizen of the United States to deal with civilian Germans in foodstuffs, and these rights are not merely privileges. Our obligations to Germany as a customer in the past and of the future, and innumerable ties of relationship and sympathy, impose a duty on us to live up to our rights, because shipments of foodstuffs, while a matter of profitable commerce for us, may become to many of our friends a matter of life and death."

TWO BURGLARIES DURING LAST NIGHT

The tailor shop of Abraham Cohen at 86 Catherine street was entered by thieves during last night and several suits of clothing were stolen.

The meat market kept by Irving Davis at 235 State street was also entered during the night. Entrance was gained by breaking a panel out of the rear door. The thieves smashed open the cash register with a meat cleaver and took \$5 in change.

THE WEATHER

Fair with continued low temperature tonight and Wednesday; moderate westerly winds.

SAID "RELATIVES NEVER CARED" IN LAST STATEMENT

"I Will Leave Them Nothing," John F. Clancy Declared on Deathbed.

FRIEND'S TESTIMONY STARTLES WITNESSES

Probate Court Finds That Estate is Now \$3,000 Instead of \$5,000.

"They never cared for me. I will leave them nothing."

This, according to former Alderman John F. Clancy, was what the late deputy collector of internal revenue, John F. Clancy, said in reference to his relatives while giving instructions to Attorney Hugh J. Lavery about drawing up his will.

"After my debts and funeral expenses are paid I want all the rest to go to St. Patrick's church," Mr. Clancy is alleged to have said next. The former alderman and Michael J. Dwyer, Democratic leader in the Eighth district, were present when Mr. Clancy made the disposition of his estate and were witnesses of the will. They were close personal friends of Mr. Clancy.

Despite the protests of relatives of Mr. Clancy, Judge Miller admitted the quiet though dramatic testimony offered by Attorney Coughlin concerning the last moments of Mr. Clancy's life. Attorney John J. Cuneo, who represents Miss Hazelett of Norwalk, cousin of Mr. Clancy, filed notice of intention to appeal.

The will was firm and direct in his testimony and did not change his story in any instance although Attorney Cuneo in his cross-examination vigorously tried for an opener.

It developed at the hearing yesterday that the estate will be about \$3,000, instead of \$5,000, as was first supposed.

The estate consists of about \$1,500 in banks and the remainder in life insurance policies on Mr. Clancy and on his mother, who died a few hours before he died.

Mr. Coughlin told of several visits he made to the Clancy home in Housatonic avenue, prior to Mr. Clancy's illness, and of the fact that his mother was dying.

Mr. Clancy was very interested with him and Michael J. Dwyer in politics. In his opinion Mr. Clancy was in perfectly sound mind and knew exactly what he was doing when he willed his property to St. Patrick's church and to the Dwyer family and the following Sunday Mr. Clancy died.

In telling about this, Mr. Coughlin said in part:

"I was sitting in my office with T. J. McNamara, when I was told that Mr. Clancy was dying. He came in and went out and Mr. Dwyer asked me to come to Mr. Clancy's house as soon as possible."

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PARCEL POST TO GERMANY, AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY ENDS

Service Discontinued Because Steamships Will Not Carry Packages.

Persons who have been sending packages by parcel post to Germany, Austria and Hungary will be unable to do so from now on according to a notice contained in the Daily Bulletin of Laws and Regulations. Relating to postal service, which says that the suspension of the parcel post service to these countries are necessary because steamship companies refuse to carry such packages.

Post offices will not refuse to accept any packages mailed for delivery in those countries. Such packages as may have been mailed, or may be inadvertently mailed, hereafter, will be returned to the senders and the postage prepaid on the said packages refunded to the senders if application is made in accordance with the postal laws and regulations.

PAN-AMERICAN SCIENTISTS EN ROUTE FROM ARGENTINA VISITING AT SANTIAGO

Santiago, Chile, Nov. 16.—The delegates from Argentina to the Pan-American scientific congress which is to meet in Washington on Dec. 27 reached here today on their way to the United States. The Chilean delegates will depart soon.

HAVE YOU MALARIA? QUICK! THE NEEDLE!

Monroe, La., Nov. 16.—Surgeon R. H. Von Esdorff of the federal public health service, has been detailed by Surgeon General Rupert Blue to come here and, with Dr. T. E. Wright, a local physician, study the intravenous injection of quinine in the treatment of malaria.

Dr. Wright has made original investigations of the subject during the last two years and recently read a paper on his discoveries before the convention of the Southern Medical Association in Dallas, Tex.

GREECE NOW WILLING TO HELP SERBIANS RETREATING BEFORE ADVANCE OF GERMANIC ALLIES

SERBIAN TROOPS NOW ASSURED OF SAME FOOTING AS ALLIES' SOLDIERS ON SOIL OF GREECE

London, Nov. 16.—The Greek government is reported to have modified its position somewhat in favor of the Allies. The correspondent in Athens of the Exchange Telegraph Co. says it has decided that in the event of a retreat of the Allies to Greek soil, Serbian troops will be placed on the same footing as the British and French.

Premier Skoufoudis, originally proposed to permit the French and British to reach the sea without interference from the Greeks, but to disarm Serbians who crossed the border.

The change is due, the correspondent says, to formidable objections raised by the French minister in Athens. However, it still remains for Greece to define her position clearly. Designation of a neutral zone has been suggested.

ITALY AND AUSTRIA IN SHARP DISAGREEMENT IN REPORTS ON SINKING OF ITALIAN LINER

Washington, Nov. 16.—The American government will await the receipt of the Austrian government's statement of facts concerning the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona before considering whether any rights of Americans have been violated. These facts probably will be sought through Ambassador Penfield in Vienna.

The State Department now has before it the Italian government's communication addressed to neutral nations, denouncing the sinking of the Ancona as "an unparliamentary act," and officials have also seen the published statement of the Austro-Hungarian Admiralty describing the attack.

The two statements differ. Italy's communication charges that without even a blank shot of warning from the attacking submarine, the Ancona was shelled and that the killing and wounding of passengers continued after the vessel stopped.

The Admiralty statement, on the other hand, declares that the Ancona attempted to escape and only after repeated shelling was brought to a stop. It also claims that the passengers and crew were given 45 minutes in which to escape in small boats, and denies the charge that the submarine fired on the boats.

Diplomatic exchanges between the American and the Austrian governments probably will follow over the entire question of submarine warfare and the obligations of a submarine commander to see that neutrals are safe before destroying a prize.

SIEMON EMPLOYEES FOUR CHURCHES TO MEET TO PERFECT THEIR UNION HERE EVENING SERVICES

Strong Organization is Expected To Be Completed In Convention.

Congregationalists Provide Unique Plan For Spread of Christianity.

A federal union meeting of the workers in the Siemon Hard Rubber Co. of this city will be held this evening in the Park Theatre building, where it is believed that a strong organization will be effected.

A benefit for Hungarian corset workers in the Federal union will be held in Rakoczy hall on Friday night. A playlet, especially written and dealing with factory life, will be presented by a cast of eight Hungarian workers.

"WIFE WOULDN'T LET ME," WITNESS WHO DIDN'T APPEAR, SAYS

Because he wanted to eat "a nice piece of red hot mince pie" without being disturbed by a visitor, Henry Beaudin of 1249 State street, ordered his visitor, Harold Blakeslee of Fairfield, to leave his home at midnight Saturday night. Blakeslee became offended at being ordered out of the house and he resented by punching Beaudin on the nose.

Beaudin had Blakeslee arrested but failed to appear in court when the case was to be tried yesterday. He gave as his excuse this morning, after being arrested on a capias warrant, that Mrs. Beaudin had ordered him not to appear against Blakeslee.

Judge Bartlett fined Blakeslee \$5 and costs and Beaudin was released upon payment of costs of the capias being issued.

CHARGE OF RECKLESS DRIVING IN CASE OF S. B. STERLING NOLLED

Judge Bartlett ordered a nolle in the city court today in the case of Samuel B. Sterling of 4052 Main street, arraigned on the charge of recklessly driving an automobile Nov. 1. Sterling was outwitted west on State street near Warren, when his machine skidding on the wet pavement and leaping from the sidewalk, crashed through the fence in front of the home of Dr. Rodman C. Townsend at 456 State street. Witnesses said that the pavement was wet and the affair was unavoidable.

CITY OFFICIALS JOIN HEALTH BUREAU

Supt. Spencer R. Gordon of the local charities department and Dr. Florence A. Sherman of the local public schools, have been appointed members of the publicity committee of the Connecticut Research Association and Bureau of Public Health, the headquarters of which are at 35 Washington avenue, Greenwich.

The annual meeting of the association will be held at the home of Mrs. A. A. Anderson at "Millbank" Green wick, Monday, November 22.

Confusion in Despatches From Macedonia Beclouds Real Condition of Affairs—Bulgarians Apparently on New Defensive In Plan of Joint Armies to Sweep to Mediterranean.

London, Nov. 16.—The exact situation in central Macedonia is uncertain. Despatches from the Near East are conflicting, and doubt as to the time of events to which they refer injects an additional element of uncertainty. It is clear, however, that the Bulgarians have been reinforced and have begun a new offensive.

The operations in central Macedonia, according to Rome accounts, present a most powerful menace to the armies of Serbia and her allies which are attempting operations from Tetovo through Perlepe to the southeastern Serbian frontier. Telegrams received almost simultaneously from Greece announce that Tetovo is in the hands of both the Serbians and the Bulgarians, but the preponderance of evidence points to Bulgarian occupation of that front.

The Bulgarians are making desperate efforts to force their way through Katchank Pass in the direction of Pristina. They also are attempting to advance from Tetovo to Perlepe and Monastir and from the Anona Pass to reach Perlepe from the other side. These operations are said to have placed Monastir again in danger.

It is at present a problem whether the newly arrived French and British forces are large enough to meet this Bulgarian onslaught, which apparently has begun with extraordinary vigor.

What Greece will do in the event that the Allied troops are forced back over the Greek border is still a matter of speculation. A message from Greece says the government will extend to the Serbians the same privileges accorded to the French and British in case of their encroachment on Greek territory, but in view of the fact that no definite announcement has been made as to what these privileges will be, it is thought that the original statement of Premier Skoufoudis that the Allied troops will be permitted to reach the sea unmolested, the intentions of Greece remain obscure.

On the Galician front the Russians, while admitting that they have yielded some ground in the neighborhood of the Stryk forts, do not concede that they have been forced back across the river. They will do the control of the Galician railway thereby endangered.

Kitchener Preparing Egypt For Threatened Invasion By Germany

Milan, Nov. 16.—Earl Kitchener, the British secretary for war, who has arrived in Milan, is according to the resident general of Egypt, according to a Saloniki dispatch to the Corriere della Sera.

The resident general of Egypt referred to, Major Gen. Julian H. G. Byng, who has been commander of the British forces in Egypt since 1912. It has been assumed that during his trip to the east Earl Kitchener would visit Egypt and prepare its defenses to resist a possible invasion of troops of Germany and her allies.

BENNING TRACK SWEEPED BY FIRE; ONE MAN KILLED

Score of Valuable Horses Burned—Loss Is Estimated at \$135,000.

Washington, Nov. 16.—One man was burned to death and three others were probably fatally as a result of a fire at the historic Benning race track, in the suburbs of Washington, last night, which in addition to destroying 14 of the stables and other structures, burned at least 20 valuable horses. Estimates today placed the loss on the buildings and horses and equipment at \$135,000.

While the track had not been used since 1908, having been turned into a winter home and training quarters for horses, the stables were filled with horses racing at nearby tracks. Among the stables destroyed was that of August Belmont, but none of his horses was on the grounds at the time.

A hundred or more valuable horses were turned loose to seek safety and it is feared that many of them were burned or otherwise injured.