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CITY EMPLOYEES WOULD BE GIVEN EIGHT HOUR DAY

Petitions Asking It Will Be Presented to Next Meeting of City Council.

MATTER MAY GO TO A REFERENDUM VOTE

Petitions Presented Last Year Not Considered and Ten Hour Day Prevails.

Petitions will be prepared and circulated in a few days and will probably be presented to the council at the meeting April 20, asking that the eight hour day for city employes be established in Virginia. It is probable that the power of "initiative" will be exercised by Virginia voters on this matter for the first time since the passage of the initiative, referendum and recall bill.

As a provision against having the petitions pigeonholed or tabled one of the clauses will be in substance, that in the event that the council does not wish to take action on the matter, that it be submitted to vote of the people at a special election, the date to be set by the council.

New Work Ten Hours.
Laborers employed by the city are now working ten hours a day. Virginia is perhaps the only place on the Range where this is true. Hibbing, Chisholm and other towns put into effect the 8-hour day for city employes several years ago and it has proven very satisfactory.

Petitions were presented to the city council of Virginia last year, but no action was taken and the petitions were pigeonholed. The signatures of 16 per cent of the voters will have been affixed to the petitions this year when they are presented.

Laboring men, generally, in the city are in favor of the 8-hour day for city employes and it is believed that it will carry by a large majority in the event that it is submitted to a vote of the people.

NEPHEW IS A GERMAN AVIATOR

Edward Weiss, employed in the sausage kitchen of the Mesaba Meat company, has received a letter from his sister at Gera, Elgesburg, Germany, telling of war conditions. It tells him that the German people are confident of victory in the great war and that while there is beginning to be felt the high cost of living incident to the blockade no one in Germany believes there will be any end of the war except complete victory for the German arms. Mr. Weiss has three nephews in the German army. One of them is an aviator attached to the staff of General von Kluck. Two others fight in the ranks. With the letter also came a picture of a family group showing four generations of the family of Mr. Weiss' brother, who was a veteran of the Franco-Prussian war. Mr. Weiss of Virginia has been ill for some time and confined to a local hospital. He is convalescing from an attack of pneumonia.

SCHOOLS STOP AUTO BAITING

The school faculty will start a campaign against automobile baiting by school children, according to Superintendent P. P. Colgrove.

"Teachers will co-operate with the city authorities by advising the children of the dangers of that pastime and it is hoped that a stop will be put to the practice which is very much in vogue with the children, especially those on the Northside and in the locations," he said.

"One especially dangerous practice which has been brought to my attention is that of catching a ride on the side step of the large motor trucks, while the machines are moving. If at any time a youngster should miscalculate it is likely he would fall under the truck, probably with fatal results. The driver, who probably would not see the boy, would be blamed for the accident. Several such cases have been brought to my attention," he said.

HERITAGE TO BE NAMED FOR NEW POSITION

Member of Council Will Succeed J. W. Murphy on Water and Light Board.

A. D. Heritage, present alderman at large on the city council, will be appointed to succeed J. W. Murphy as a member of the water and light commission. Mayor Boylan authorized the announcement this morning. Heritage's appointment to the vacancy on the board which will occur with the expiration of the term of Mr. Murphy May 1, will go to the city council at its regular meeting next Tuesday evening.

"I shall name Alderman Heritage to succeed Mr. Murphy," said Mayor Boylan this morning, "and will recommend his appointment at the next council meeting. I do not anticipate any trouble in securing the approval of the council." Regarding the appointments to the three positions vacant on the library board the mayor said he had reached no decision and was not certain that he would announce them at the next council meeting. He indicated, however, that R. C. Pickering, who has been secretary of the board, and whose term has just expired, would not be reappointed.

While today's statement of the mayor is the first official announcement of who would succeed J. W. Murphy on the water and light commission, it has been rumored for some time that the mayor would name Mr. Heritage. The latter has served several terms on the city council and is regarded as one of its most valuable members.

TEACHERS ARE COMPLIMENTED

The ladies of the Belgian Relief committee who managed the performance at the Rex yesterday afternoon, feel that much of the success in handling the crowds is due to the interest and untiring efforts of a few of the city school teachers. They came of their own accord, guiding pupils from their schools, although a half holiday had been announced, and while their fellow teachers were enjoying a rest held and worked with crowds of children for hours at the entrance of the Rex theatre. They guided and seated the crowds, themselves furnishing many of the tickets for their pupils, the northside teachers escorting their pupils across the tracks at 5:30. It was an unusually long and hard afternoon for the teachers, and the members of the committee wish to express their appreciation and to thank them for the inspiration and help their presence gave. Special mention is made of the Misses Flora Chisholm, Regina Stenger, Anna Anderson, Emily Smith of the northside school, of Mrs. Wiswald of the Johnson school and Miss Wright of the public library.

COST OF LIVING HIGH IN HAMBURG

Carl Hendrickson, meat cutter at the Mesaba market, has just received a letter from his sister at Hamburg on the Elbe, Germany, in which she states that the cost of living is constantly increasing due to the war. The government is giving out bread tickets in Hamburg as elsewhere in the empire. Mr. Hendrickson's cousin has been recalled from the western front near Rheims to attend the officers school in Berlin and will be promoted within a short time. A second cousin is with Von Hindenburg's veterans on the east front and participated in the campaign which drove the Russians out of East Prussia.

STANDARD OIL BUYS A FORD

The Ford auto has received another endorsement. The Standard Oil company is equipping its Range agents with new Ford runabouts to enable them to cover their territory more advantageously. Agent McCabe in charge of the Virginia station received a new Ford this morning in which he will hereafter make his trips to Range towns for the Standard Oil company.

AN EXPERT TO REPORT ON THE SEWER WORK

Council Committee of Whole Fails to Settle Matter in Controversy Last Night.

REPORTS OF THREE ENGINEERS DISAGREE

C. T. Sandhoff of Minneapolis Asked to Make Inspection and Report to Council.

Whether or not the omission of the 1-inch concrete base from the construction of the 6-foot storm sewer recently built for the city of Virginia by the Lawrence-McCann company was a breach of the specifications and whether or not it affected the durability and efficiency of the sewer, was a matter having so many angles that the city council as a committee of the whole could not agree upon a satisfactory report at its special session last night. Accordingly a resolution was adopted instructing the city engineer to write to E. T. Sandhoff, Minneapolis engineering expert, and request him to make an inspection of the sewer and submit an independent report to the council. In the event Mr. Sandhoff is unable to accept the position he is asked to recommend a capable engineer for the work.

Special Committee Appointed.
Aldermen McGhee, Matheson and Coffey were appointed a special committee to retain the engineer and co-operate with him in his inspection. The council heard the opinion of three different authorities on whether or not it was a breach of contract and a mistake to omit the concrete base. The Red Wing Sewer Pipe company, who furnished the pipe for the sewer, declared that the concrete was unnecessary where the pipe was laid in a clay soil such as that in Virginia. City Engineer E. B. Banks of Superior declared he would not specify a concrete base for such work in soil such as that in Virginia and did not regard it as necessary. These two reports agree with that of City Engineer Edward F. Johnson who says the concrete was not specified, except as it was necessary in the judgment of the engineer, and that it was unnecessary in the case of the Virginia sewer. Otto Claussen, engineer for the city of St. Paul, declared he always specified a concrete base for sewer pipe in dry soil. He said also that in this case he should have insisted on its use.

Sandhoff Expected Next Week.
If Engineer Sandhoff accepts the inspection of the sewer he will be asked to make it as soon as possible and will also probably be asked to measure up all public improvements made during the past year. Sandhoff was the engineer employed by the city last year on a similar job. Last night's action of the council in deciding to have the advice of an expert engineer was taken in executive session. It was the only matter which came before the meeting.

WILL INSTALL ANOTHER DRILL

Moe Brothers, diamond drill operators, who have several drills in operation on the Cuyuna Range will install one in a few days on the north end of the Range near Crosby, according to Martin Moe, who left at noon on a business trip to Duluth.

He stated that there has been no material change in business on the Cuyuna Range but that a spirit of optimism prevails as several of the companies are expected to commence the season's operations soon.

LORIMER MUST STAND A TRIAL

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
CHICAGO, April 9.—William Lorimer, a former federal senator, and other officials of the defunct LaSalle Street Trust and Savings Bank, must stand a trial on a state charge of conspiracy to wreck the institution. This was the effect of a decision in the criminal court today by which a motion to quash the indictments was overruled. Twenty-four of the 25 counts in the document were sustained.

IRON ORE PRICE MAY BE HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR

Eastern Furnace Concern Takes Option on 25,000 Tons at Advance of 25 Cents.

Iron ore prices may advance 25 cents a ton over last year's levels. Among the inquiries received on the Range this week was one from an eastern concern for 25,000 tons of ore. It offered last year's prices. The operating company declined to accept them and an option was taken on the amount desired for 60 days at an advance of 25 cents a ton over last year's prices.

To date there has been little inquiry for ore. Such shipments as are going forward are under reservation and the impression prevails that the price of ore for the season will not be fixed until after the first of June.

DR. M'GRUDER DEAD IN SERBIA

American Red Cross Physician Is Typhoid Fever Victim Abroad.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
WASHINGTON, April 9.—Dr. Ernest P. Magruder of Washington, one of the physicians at the head of the American Red Cross unit in Serbia, has fallen a victim of typhoid fever. His death was reported today from Belgrade to the Red Cross headquarters here.

MRS. JAMES IS FORD ADMIRER

Mrs. Mary H. James, formerly post-mistress in Virginia, but who removed from this city about a year ago to make her home in Detroit, sends the Enterprise a copy of the Detroit Free Press containing a page story of Henry Ford, the Detroit automobile manufacturer, containing a story of "Henry Ford's Method of Dealing With Human Difficulties." Mrs. James is much interested in Mr. Ford's philanthropies and considers him the model public man and employer. Her many old friends in Virginia will be glad to know she is happy and prosperous at Detroit although she sometimes longs for Virginia and a visit with her old friends here.

WILL APPEAL TO DISTRICT COURT

H. K. Chance, attorney for Frank Atydan, announces that the case of Atydan vs. Petroskey, tried in the municipal court Wednesday in which a verdict was returned for the defendant will be appealed. Papers in appeal will be filed within a short time. Chance declares his client was given a verdict in district court on substantially the same grounds as the case was brought on in municipal court.

BENEFIT WAS FINE SUCCESS

One of the biggest successes of the season was scored yesterday with the benefit for Belgian babies given at the Rex theatre. The theatre was crowded at both afternoon and evening performances to see the popular picture, "Little Lord Fauntleroy." The entire receipts go to the Belgian relief fund, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roman having very kindly donated the theatre for the benefit performances.

SUBMARINE F-4 WAS DEFECTIVE

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
LOS ANGELES, April 9.—Allison D. Ide, brother of Lieutenant Commander Alfred Ede, commander of the submarine F-4, which was lost off Honolulu March 25, says he received a letter from the commander in which he declared the submarine was defective. Lieutenant Ede, his brother stated, wrote that the vessel was leaky and otherwise in bad condition.

STUDENTS SHORT OF FUNDS RIDE IN A BOX CAR

Duluth Pair Return to School from Easter Vacation in Side Door Pullmans.

ARNOLD HAWKINSON AT JEAN DULUTH FARM

Michael Bonner and Miss Ruth Jesmore Among Range Students to Graduate.

(By RALPH WILK.)
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 9.—"On a Slow Freight Through Minnesota," may be the title of a book written by two Duluth students at the state university who arrived in the city last evening from the head of the lakes in a freight car.

The students ran short of funds and decided to return to school via "blind baggage." They paid their way to Duluth, as the weather was too cold for the freight car trip. However, the appearance of the sun yesterday morning induced the boys to make the return journey in a freight car.

Virginia Students Return.
With the exception of Harry Pribnow, an academic student, all the Virginia students have returned to school. He is visiting at Madison and other points in Wisconsin, but is expected back tomorrow. He plans to attend the University of Wisconsin next fall as a student in the commerce department.

Range Students Will Graduate.
Among the Range students who will complete courses at the state university in June are Michael Bonner of Virginia, a dental student, and Miss Ruth Jesmore of Eveleth, an academic student. Miss Jesmore plans to teach high school classes next fall. Mr. Bonner's brother is a dentist at St. Paul, and it is thought, he may join him there.

Olson Becomes Active.
Halvor Olson of Virginia, who is a pitcher of experience, is now training daily with "Frosty" Thomas' candidates for the "varsity" baseball team. Olson did little practicing before the Easter vacation, but expects to win a place on the nine. He has little opposition. Captain Pennington, who is an infielder, is being groomed for the hurling staff and is showing good form in the box.

The players hope to make a trip to the Panama fair in San Francisco and are now trying to raise money for the jaunt. They will play many "varsity" and independent teams en route. Captain Solon of the football eleven is a candidate for one of the receiving berths.

Roth Switched to Infield.
Bobby Roth, with Virginia in 1913, has been switched to third base by Manager Rowlands of the Chicago White Sox. Roth has played the outfield, but while with Virginia he covered the hot corner. Roth is competing with Jimmy Breton, his old teammate with the Kansas City American association club. Critics expect Roth to displace Breton.

With St. Paul Bobby Nifnecker, A. Donley and Bert Larson, Grand Forks graduates, are making a fight for their baseball lives. Nifnecker, who has been playing shortstop, is being tried out at third and second. He is doing fairly well and his friends are hoping he makes the team.

Pitcher Donley has been troubled by a sore hand, but is rounding into shape. Larson has been used in the box in many of the practice games. Manager Kelley is signing many big league castoffs, and it is thought Donley and Larson will be found in the Northern league next month.

Pitches Fait and Dumont, with Fargo in 1914, are still being carried by Manager Cantillon of the Minneapolis American association club. Dumont has excelled Fait in the tryouts and may make the team. Fait is certain to be returned to the Burmeister loop. Both Managers Unglaub and Patterson of the Fargo and Winnipeg clubs are after his services.

"Alice of Old Vincennes"
Ollie Pickering, a major league veteran who has performed in several circuits, is after the managerial plum at St. Boniface. Last year he managed the Owensboro club in the Kentucky league. Pickering, who is known as "Alice of Old Vincennes," hails from

PEACE DAY AND LEE'S SURRENDER ARE OBSERVED

Flag poles over public buildings in Virginia are today floating the stars and stripes in joint observance of Peace Day and the 50th anniversary of the surrender of Commander in Chief Robt. E. Lee of the Confederate army at Appomattox courthouse to General Ulysses S. Grant, ending the Civil war.

MINING ON THE CUYUNA RANGE

Mining operations on the Cuyuna Range are being resumed. The Armour No. 1 is being stripped and is expected to ship its first ore this season. J. S. Lutes of Biwabik, is in charge of the stripping. The property will be operated by the Inland Steel company. At the Armour No. 2 a full force of men is working underground. At the Thompson mine the Rogers-Brown company are making arrangements for the erection of a small concentrator. The Pittsburg Steel Ore company is at this time the largest operator on the new Range and is operating two steamshovels and two sand pumps at Riverton. It is also making arrangements for the erection of a large steel concentrator. At the Croft mine of John A. Savage development work continues. The Hillcrest will begin hydraulic stripping operations within the next week.

NEW MANAGER AT PRATT STORE

George B. Noll, recently of Duluth, and formerly connected with a wholesale grocery house at Bemidji is the new manager of the grocery of W. B. Pratt & Co., Virginia. The business is one of the oldest and best established on the Mesaba Range and is constantly growing. Mr. Noll has had much experience in grocery lines and will be manager and treasurer for the W. B. Pratt company. No other changes will be made at the store. He is already much impressed with Virginia although he has been located here but a short time. The W. B. Pratt Co. have a well established reputation for service and for carrying the best lines on the market and enjoy one of the largest patronages of any store carrying similar lines on the Mesaba Range.

MERDINK WILL LOCATE AT ELY

H. J. Merdink, for the past year or more associated with City Attorney Montague as assistant city attorney, has resigned his position and the first of next week will open a law office at Ely. Mr. Merdink is a graduate of the law school of the University of Minnesota. He has had charge of the greater part of the municipal court work for the city attorney's office for some time past and has made many friends in Virginia who will regret his intention to remove from the city. He spent several days last week at Ely and reached a decision to locate there. Many Virginia friends wish him success in his new location.

REV. PORTER IS GIVEN SHOWER

Rev. J. E. Porter, pastor of the First M. E. church was last night tendered a surprise party and shower at the parsonage by members of the Epworth League. About 28 young people were present. The pastor was showered with kitchenware. There was spent a very pleasant evening with music and games and refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

Vincennes, Ind., is a heady pilot. Due to his terrific hitting while with the Minneapolis Millers, the word "Wabashing" was originated.
Pitcher Tony Faeth of the Virginia club is leading Dawson, an expert, in a St. Paul billiard exhibition. In 1913 Pitcher Ralph Comstock, then with Minneapolis, contested with Faeth for Northern league billiard honors. He is now with the Boston Americans.

BIG BATTLES IN PROGRESS BOTH EAST AND WEST

May Vitality Affect Future Course of the War; French Claim Big Gains.

LOSS OF LIFE IN THE WEST ZONE HEAVY

Struggle in Carpathians Continues With Russians Slowly Gaining Ground.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
LONDON, April 9.—On both the eastern and western fronts battles are progressing which may vitally affect the future course of the war. In French territory between the Meuse and the Moselle rivers the Allies are attempting to force the German wedge. Paris claims a large amount of ground has been won, but Berlin contradicts this. The loss of life is probably heaviest in the west since the battle of Soissons.

In the east the struggle is carried on furiously along the Carpathian front, particular importance attaching to the fighting in the Bekids, over which the Russians are attempting to force a way to the plains of Hungary. Petrograd claims the Austrian army is cut in two, giving the Russians a clear road to Hungary, but Vienna insists effective resistance is being offered.

Dispatches via Athens set forth that the allied fleet is facing the Dardanelles not far from Bolair on the Gallipoli peninsula, but this news is without official communication.

Nothing has come to hand to confirm a rumor circulated yesterday that Germany has declared war upon Holland.

Talk of Separate Peace Revived.
Petrograd, April 9.—With the Russian forces in possession of all the main summits and slopes of the Beskid mountains, army officers here assert that Austrian operations in the Carpathians have collapsed. The Russian general staff is now considering the best approach to Hungary. In view of these conditions, talk of a separate peace for Austria-Hungary is revived. Such a possibility has been widely discussed in the Russian press and diplomatic circles. It is based largely on the reported attempt of Emperor Franz Joseph to enlist the influence of the pope in this direction. From the first it has been maintained here that the only terms Russia would consider would be an unqualified concession to all Slavic demands.

Long Casualty Lists.
London, April 9.—Another extended list of casualties totaling 1,108 names has been issued by the British war office, emphasizing the fierceness of the battle of Neuve Chapelle in France last month. The killed in this latest list, given at 336, makes the total of dead, wounded and missing in the three lists about 4,000.

Negotiate With Bulgaria.
Paris, April 9.—The Allies are considering the advisability of opening fresh pourparlers with the Bulgarian government to learn definitely what position that country intends to take in the European crisis, says the Petit Parisien Rome correspondent, who adds that these negotiations are desired by the pro-Russian element in Bulgaria, who wish to act in connection with the triple entente.

Railroads Moving Troops.
Geneva, April 9.—Railroad rolling stock is being withdrawn by Italy from the Swiss frontier, it is reported here for the movement of troops and military supplies in northern Italy destined for regions bordering on the Austrian Tyrol. It is reported that the towns which form the fortresses in the famous quadrilateral are garrisoned with fully equipped troops who lack only heavy artillery. With this they soon will be supplied.

A Milan dispatch says that at a mass meeting last night attended by five liberal deputies from Milan a resolution was adopted characterizing as absolutely necessary Italy's participation in the war.

NOTICE!
Loyal Order of Moose Will Hold their annual Memorial Service in Moose hall at 2:30 p. m., Sunday April 11. The public are most cordially invited to attend these services. By the Dictator.
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