

THREATENS AN ATTACK ON CAPITAL

Zapata, the Southern Rebel Chief, Begins Movement Which Makes Huerta's Position All the More Precarious—Anti-Huerta Plots in His Army Growing.

HUERTA PUTS MINES UNDER THE RAILROAD

To Blow Up the Tracks in Case Americans Should Attempt Attack on the Capital From Vera Cruz—Mediators Leave Carranza a Loophole.

Washington, D. C., May 5.—The South American envoys resumed their conferences to-day in an effort to compose the differences between Huerta and the United States, leaving open to the rebel chief, Carranza, an opportunity to enter the proceedings whenever he was ready to fix an armistice.

Huerta's position in Mexico was declared to-day as increasingly precarious, as Zapata, the southern rebel, threatened an attack on the federal capital during the day.

Information came from Vera Cruz to the war department that Mexican federal troops have mined the railroad tracks from Vera Cruz to Mexico City in preparation for the destruction of the road in the event that the Americans attempt to march on the capital.

GEN. VELASCO MAY START NEW REVOLT

Federal Troops Commander Said to Be Very Much Disappointed Over Huerta Government to Support Him at Torreon.

Vera Cruz, May 5.—The outbreak of another military revolt in Mexico, headed by General Jose Refugio Velasco, who was recently driven out of Torreon by Francisco Villa, would not cause great surprise in the federal capital, according to conservative observers among the refugees who arrived here yesterday.

General Velasco is said to be grievously discontented concerning the failure of the government in Mexico City to support him properly in the defence of Torreon.

The fall of that city and the subsequent disaster to the federal troops are asserted by General Velasco to have been entirely due to the failure of the war department to heed his appeal for small arm ammunition.

Gen. Javier De Moure and Gen. Carlos Garcia Hidalgo, who were sent to the relief of General Velasco at Torreon, are reported to have been found by General Velasco hiding under freight cars during the heavy fighting at San Pedro de Las Colonias after the fall of Torreon, and to have been upbraided by him for their cowardice.

Another officer who reported that his station had been captured, was shot dead by General Velasco when he learned that the position had been abandoned without sufficient cause.

Another officer who was charged with cowardice in the face of the enemy, committed suicide while General Velasco was rebuking him.

Of the 6,000 troops with which he started out, General Velasco succeeded in reaching Saltillo with 1,200. Many had deserted, but his casualties had been very great, although he says he withstood 83 attacks by the rebels.

During the first excitement in Mexico City over the American occupation of Vera Cruz many of the better element of the population enlisted in the regular army. On the first day 8,000 are said to have been enrolled, and among them were 80 members of the Jockey club, who had long been criticized by the native press for their apathy regarding the progress of the revolution.

The enthusiasm among the populace soon abated when it was found that about those enrolled had been sent north to fight against Villa.

HEAVY GUNS AT TAMPICO

According to Reports Which Reach War Department.

Washington, D. C., May 5.—Firing continues daily at Tampico between the federals and constitutionalists, according to a report from Admiral Mayo to Admiral Badger to-day. Heavy guns were heard yesterday. The steamer Camagney, which has arrived at Vera Cruz from Tampico, reports that the Mexican federal forces there were reinforced by 1,500 men last week.

AMERICAN SHIPS ARE UNDER BAN

May Not Leave or Enter Tuxpan and Other Ports in State of Vera Cruz.

Washington, D. C., May 5.—Admiral Badger reported to the navy department to-day the receipt of word from

the torpedo boat destroyer Drayton at Tuxpan that Territorial Minister Hacienda had ordered the customs officers not to clear or enter any vessels from or to American ports.

This order is also reported to have been given to all ports in the state of Vera Cruz.

The state department to-day sent urgent telegrams of inquiry to the Brazilian minister at Mexico City and the consuls at Monterey and Tampico regarding acting American Consul John R. Silliman at San Luis Potosi, who is reported to have been a prisoner of General Maas, the federal commander, for two weeks.

The Drayton also reported thirteen Americans held against their will near Tuxpan. The British consul has wired the governor, requesting their release.

MORE TROOPS FOR MEXICO.

Transports Will Leave Galveston Next Friday.

Galveston, Tex., May 5.—The waterfront is humming with the preparations to embark more troops for Mexico. Instructions have been given the quartermasters' department to have the transports loaded with supplies and ready for sailing by Friday.

FUNERAL OF THREE DROWNING VICTIMS

Service in Congregational Church, Newbury, Members of Knight Family Interred.

Newbury, May 5.—Four funerals in one day, three from practically one household, cast gloom over this village yesterday. At 2:30 were held the funerals of Mrs. Clara Knight, aged 47, wife of M. Clarence Knight, town clerk of Newbury; Mrs. Leon Knight, aged 35, wife of the manager of the Pike manufacturing company of Pike, N. H., and the 6-year-old daughter of the latter, Dorothy Knight.

These three were the victims of the drowning accident last Friday evening while driving from Haverhill, N. H., to Newbury. The Connecticut river backed up over the highway and the wagon was driven off the end of a culvert concealed by the water, the carriage overturned and the occupants were thrown into about 10 feet of water.

The service was held in the Congregational church and was conducted by Rev. Clark Duell and Rev. Mr. Sturtevant of Newbury, Rev. Mr. Van Hagan of Pike, N. H., and Rev. Donald Fraser of Wells River, Vt. Interment of all three was in Ox Bow cemetery.

Mrs. Clara Knight was born in Westmore, Vt., in 1867, the daughter of William H. Silsby. She was married in 1888 to M. C. Knight of Newbury. Besides her husband she leaves a brother, A. W. Silsby of this place, a sister, Mrs. Stetson of Abington, Mass., and four children, Horace B. Knight, cashier of the Woodville National bank; William A. Knight of Hanover, N. H., and Harry B., and Martha Knight of Newbury.

Mrs. Leon Knight was born in Carleton, N. B., and was married to Mr. Knight August 4, 1897. She is survived by her husband and three children, the eldest 15 years of age.

The funeral of Dr. George B. Hatch was held at 12:30 in the Congregational church. Rev. Mr. French of Hardwick conducting the service. Dr. Hatch lived here more than 29 years. He was 62 years old and was born in Groton. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Ervin Dickey, and a son, George H. Hatch. Burial was in Ox Bow cemetery.

DIDN'T KNOW HER OWN NAME NOR WHERE SHE LIVED

Woman Wandered Aimlessly About Streets of Rutland and Finally Was Identified as Mrs. Anna Morris, Who Left Hudson Falls, N. Y., on Sunday.

Rutland, May 5.—Wandering about in an aimless fashion and finally appealing at the rectory of the Church of the Sacred Heart of Mary on Lincoln avenue for assistance, a woman who last night was identified as Mrs. Anna Morris, a prominent resident of Hudson Falls, N. Y., was locked up in the house of correction on State street in charge of the matron, and her relatives were notified in the Empire state city. A brother-in-law, Alfred Morris, a merchant in that city, will come to Rutland and take the woman back to her home.

Mrs. Morris at first gave the name of Mrs. Annie Morse to the Rev. N. Proulx, who answered the bell at his home. She said she did not know where she came from, where her home was, or anything about her relatives. The police were notified and Chief of Police Jesse Young got into communication with the Rev. G. A. Osman, pastor of the Advent Christian church in Rutland, who said he knew a Mrs. Anna Morris. Last night he went to the house of correction and made sure the detained woman was his acquaintance. In her handbag Mrs. Morris carried a key to her home and about \$10 in money, and she wore a fine gold watch, besides other jewelry.

She has been missing from Hudson Falls since Sunday afternoon and relatives there said it was not the first time she had been taken with a sudden attack of loss of memory. Mr. Morse died about a year ago and since then his estate has never been settled. Alfred Morris, a brother, running the business, Mrs. Morris is supposed to be in comfortable circumstances and she comes from a highly respectable family. When she attempted to concentrate her thoughts she broke down and cried. She could give no idea as to where she passed Sunday night, or how she came to this city. Mrs. Morris is about 40 years old and of attractive appearance.

3,000 ENRAGED MEN SEEK GIRL'S SLAYER

Another Girl Fled and Gave the Alarm at North Braddock, Pa., Late Yesterday—Two Suspects Put Under Arrest.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 5.—After attacking Florence Dove, aged eight, and Elizabeth Klenck, aged nine, while the children were picking violets in a ravine at North Braddock, a suburb, late yesterday, an unknown man slashed the body of the Dove child into pieces with a razor. Elizabeth Klenck fled while her companion was murdered and gave the alarm.

Within an hour 3,000 steel workers, heavily armed, were searching for the assailant, while hundreds of officers had thrown out a drug net.

Two suspects were arrested and rushed to the county jail here for safe keeping. The Klenck child is seriously hurt and may die. She described the assailant as a "tramp."

COMPLETE FEDERAL BOARD.

Nominations Will Be Sent to Senate in a Few Days.

Washington, D. C., May 4.—President Wilson last night had selected the five men who, together with the secretary of the treasury, W. G. McAdoo, and the comptroller of the currency, John Skelton Williams, are to compose the federal reserve board.

All of those selected had not yet accepted, so formal announcement will not be made for another day or two. The men to whom the president has offered places are:

Richard Olney of Boston, Mass., former secretary of state under President Cleveland, to be governor of the board.

Paul Moritz Warburg of New York, member of the banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.

Harry A. Wheeler of Chicago, vice president of the Union Trust company of Chicago.

W. P. G. Harding of Birmingham, Alabama, president of the First National bank of Birmingham.

The fifth member is from the Pacific coast and is believed to be Dr. A. C. Miller of San Francisco, at present assistant to Secretary Lane of the interior department. The nominations will be sent to the Senate in a few days. As yet Messrs. Olney and Harding have not indicated whether or not they would accept.

VERMONT AT VERA CRUZ.

Tells of Forlorn Condition of American Refugees.

Salisbury, May 5.—Letters received from Harold Kent of this town, who is a wireless operator on the United States battleship Connecticut at Vera Cruz, Mexico, tell of the forlorn condition of American refugees aboard his ship. He writes that there are about 1,300 refugees aboard the Connecticut and that the ship's officers have given up their quarters to the unfortunates, many of whom are women and children.

Mr. Kent writes that many of the refugees possess absolutely nothing but the clothes they wore when they came aboard the ship. He says the navy department is in shape to feed these people well and make their condition as cheerful as possible. He said that several aged couples were in a pitiable condition and that a number of the refugees had recently undergone surgical operations when they were brought aboard the ship.

Mr. Kent speaks of the efforts of Mexican newspapers to buoy up the patriotism of the constitutionalists by publishing reports to the effect that the army is driving the Americans back into northern Mexico. He says the newspapers contain lurid accounts of imaginary engagements between United States naval forces and English, German and French battleships in which it is stated that the American ships have sunk their opponents and this battle has lined up the powers against the United States.

Notice.

Only two days more in which to pay your water rent. H. E. Reynolds, water superintendent.

DURVEA KILLED BY SON

New York Millionaire Slain in His Own Home, Seven Shots from Rifle and Automatic Pistol Being Fired into His Body During a Struggle

SON ACTED STRANGELY FOR SEVERAL DAYS

Murder Occurred in Sleeping Porch, Where Hiram Duryea and His Son, Chester, Slept—Servants Say They Did Not Hear Sounds of Quarrel

New York, May 5.—Hiram Duryea, a millionaire and retired starch manufacturer, was murdered early this morning at his home in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn by his son, Chester Duryea. Seven shots were fired by the son into his father's body, the slayer using a rifle and an automatic pistol.

The younger man would give no reason for killing his father when he was taken into custody. The servants in the house declare that he had been acting strangely during the last few days and had feared a breakdown. Five years ago his father sought to have his son removed to Bellevue hospital for observation, but his request was refused.

The murder occurred on the porch of the house, where both the men slept. The servants said they did not hear any noise going on, but the overturned furniture on the porch indicated that there had been a struggle.

Prisoner Talks Wildly in Cell.

In the Brooklyn police station cell, Duryea talked incoherently of the events leading up to the shooting and gave evidence of being stark mad. He dug his finger nails into his palms until they bled. He said he shot his father when he received a spiritual message from George Washington, and said: "If he were here now, he could explain the whole matter. I really don't know why I shot him." Before his arraignment, Duryea became violent and beat the doors of his cell with his bare knuckles.

When Duryea was arraigned, he appeared more rational. As he had no attorney, his examination was postponed until Thursday. L. G. Duryea, a cousin, said the family had believed for some time that Chester was mentally unbalanced, due to overstudy. He was constantly engaged in a two years' study of a formula to revolutionize the manufacture of starch.

The slain man was 81 years of age, having been born at Manhasset, L. I., on April 12, 1833. He was educated in public and private schools, after which he became a partner in the firm of H. V. Duryea & Son, manufacturers of starch.

Later this concern became merged with the Glen Cove Starch Manufacturing Co. of which he became vice president. Later he became president of the concern, until 1890, when the business was absorbed by the National Starch Co. He was president of that company for a year and a half.

Mr. Duryea was a veteran of the Civil war, having previously for some years engaged in military service with the New York militia as first lieutenant of artillery. At the outbreak of the war he entered the service and went through the grade of captain to colonel, resigning in November, 1862, because of permanent injuries. On May 29, 1866, he was brevetted brigadier general of the 8th S. volunteers because of distinguished service.

HAD LOST LEG IN BATTLE.

A. L. Champeau, Civil War Veteran, Dead at Morrisville.

Morrisville, May 5.—The death of A. L. Champeau occurred Monday after an illness of pneumonia, and complications, since last Friday. Mr. Champeau had been in failing health for some years, but was still engaged in the harness business which he has conducted for about 50 years, when taken ill Friday.

Alexander Lewis Champeau, a son of Toussaint and Marguerite (Getwood) Champeau, was born at Isle La Poudre, October 6, 1840. He came to St.owe when but 16 years of age and soon after came to Morrisville where he had passed practically the whole of his life. In June, 1861, he enlisted in company E, 3rd Vermont, and served a year when he was discharged on account of illness. Later he re-enlisted in the 11th Vermont, from Stowe, and did service in several engagements. He finally lost a leg at the battle of Cold Harbor, June, 1864. He was united in marriage April 27, 1872, to Emily J. Leslie of Morrisville, who survives him. From this union three children were born, one son dying in infancy, and two sons who survive him, George A. Champeau of Morrisville and Lewis N. Champeau of Boston.

Mr. Champeau was a member of James M. Warner post, G. A. R., which body will conduct a prayer service at the home Wednesday morning at ten o'clock and will then escort the remains to the Catholic church, where the Rev. Father Crosby will conduct funeral services. Burial will be at Hyde Park, the bearers to be chosen from members of the G. A. R. post.

EIGHT DEAD; 19 HURT

Terrific Explosion of Government Dynamite Magazine at Panama Shook the Whole Neighborhood and Caused Great Damage To-day

BRUSH FIRE CAUSED THE CATASTROPHE

Most of the Casualties Were Among the Firemen Who Were Combating Flames to Protect the Magazine, Explosion Coming Before They Could Get Away

Panama, May 5.—An explosion this morning at the government of Panama dynamite magazine resulted in the killing of eight persons and 19 others were seriously injured, while much property was also destroyed. The explosion was caused by a brush fire. Six of the dead and most of the wounded were firemen who were summoned to combat the flames. The concussion shook Panama and caused considerable damage in the neighborhood.

CRUGNOLA—BUZZI.

Marriage of Barre People Took Place at City Clerk's Office.

In the presence of a few near friends and relatives at the city clerk's office late yesterday afternoon, Miss Laura Buzzi of 13 1/2 Cottage street was united in marriage to Andrea Crugnola of 3 High Holburn street. Justice of the Peace James Mackay performed the ceremony and the bride was attended by Miss Eva Rullo, one of her intimate friends. Egedio Rullo, a long time acquaintance of Mr. Crugnola, acted as groomsmen. The bride was becomingly gowned in a traveling suit. It was nearly 5:40 o'clock before the ceremony was over and the newly wedded couple had to hurry to catch a train due to leave at that hour for New York via Boston. A crowd of friends gathered at the station to wish the couple good-speed caught but a fleeting glimpse of them as they boarded the train. From New York, Mr. and Mrs. Crugnola will sail to-morrow on a North German Lloyd steamship for their former home in Italy to make a stay of three months. At the end of their honeymoon, they will return to Barre to make their home on High Holburn street.

The bride is one of the best known young women in the Italian colony. For some little time she has been employed as a saleswoman in the Perry & Camp store. Mr. Crugnola is a stonemason. The couple received a large number of presents.

GORDON RATIFICATION MEETING

Will Be Held at Howland Hall Tuesday Evening, May 12.

A citizens' meeting in behalf of John W. Gordon, candidate for the national House of Representatives from the second Vermont district, will be held in the Howland hall on Tuesday evening, May 12, and an invitation is extended to all to be present. It is hoped that Mr. Gordon's fellow citizens will take this opportunity to stamp his candidacy with unequalled approval by being present at this meeting. The Barre Citizens' band has volunteered its services to add to the interest of the occasion.

Mr. Gordon will be called upon to give a brief presentation of his position, and it is expected that brief remarks will be given by two or three other persons. Possibly one or two from Montpelier may speak, as invitants will be extended to them.

HER ANSWERS DISQUALIFIED HER.

Say Burlington Police Commissioners in Turning Down Application for Police.

Burlington, May 5.—The police commissioners have decided not to recommend the application of Miss Sophia Tabouret as being in the qualified list of applicants for the police force. Miss Tabouret recently made application for a position on the force in the usual manner filling out the blank required. The commissioners say that her answers to the questions disqualify her. When all the questions are satisfactorily answered by applicants the successful ones constitute a list from which the mayor may make his appointments. Miss Tabouret served some weeks as a special policeman. By the terms of the charter special police who are appointed for one year are entitled to draw pay only for thirty days.

WANTS PEACEMAKERS.

Montpelier Would Entertain the South American Mediators This Summer.

Mayor Boutwell of Montpelier has telegraphed Senator Dillingham at Washington, inviting the commission of South American countries which is endeavoring to mediate the Mexican troubles, to hold its summer session in Montpelier, in case decision is reached to hold the session in New England. It was said that quarters might be arranged in the capitol through state officials, with the city hall to be used if required and "Redstone" also ready for use if desired. It is proposed to send a committee to Washington to make known the invitation in more detail if desired.

WOMAN HELD FOR COUNTY COURT.

Mrs. Leonard Bergonzi Is Charged with Furnishing Liquor.

On the testimony of her 13-year-old daughter and the supplementary statement of Carl M. Hendrickson, Mrs. Leonard Bergonzi was held for county court on a charge of furnishing and liquor seized at her apartments in Tomasi place Friday night was ordered committed by Magistrate H. W. Scott in city court this forenoon. Bail in the sum of \$500 was furnished by the respondent, who appeared at the hearing without counsel. Grand Juror William Wishart represented the state.

Hendrickson testified to giving the Bergonzi girl fifty cents to buy him some beer one thirsty day in April. The girl disappeared, to return with the beer and ten cents in change. Hendrickson occupies a part of a double-decker tenement in which the respondent lives. Little Antoinette testified to complying with Hendrickson's requests for wine and beer at divers times. Invariably she went upstairs and got the stuff from her mother, but never received any compensation from Hendrickson. In the measure that she flatly denied receiving money from Hendrickson, her testimony was at variance with his. The court decided that an illegal transaction had been aired by the evidence and held the respondent forthwith for alleged furnishing.

Two other material witnesses were Floyd W. Holt, who said he operates moving picture shows here in town, and Joseph Ladrie, a North Barre granite manufacturer. Holt testified to consulting Mrs. Bergonzi several weeks ago about some music for the young people of her household. After that he was a frequent visitor at the house, drinking beer there sometimes three and four times a week, and usually sharing Mrs. Bergonzi's hospitality with Ben Tassie and Mr. Glidden. According to the witness, Mrs. Bergonzi's hospitality appeared to be boundless, as she never would take so much as a sou for the beer.

Officer Harry Gamble, the leader of the raiding party, testified to finding the witness, Holt, and Ben Tassie seated around the kitchen table when the raiders arrived Friday evening. There was beer in a pitcher on the table, along with glasses and cork screws. In a bedroom adjoining was an empty beer keg. Officer Dineen said that a careful search for alleged contraband goods failed to disclose a piano in the apartments. Joseph Ladrie testified to visiting Mrs. Bergonzi's husband, who worked for him. He also told of drinking beer at their house on several occasions. He, too, was a beneficiary of Mrs. Bergonzi's open heart, according to the testimony.

Other officers who participated in the raid were subpoenaed, but as their testimony tended to corroborate that of Officers Gamble and Dineen, they were not asked to take the stand.

DEATH OF LEWIS E. ROBERTS.

Former Resident of Barre Passed Away in Boston.

News was received here last night of the death of Lewis E. Roberts, a former resident of Barre, which occurred at his home in Boston. Only a few particulars concerning Mr. Roberts' demise were included in the dispatch, but it is known that he had been in failing health for several months. He leaves his wife, who was formerly Miss Potter of Barre. According to arrangements made by the relatives the body was to arrive in Barre at 4:35 o'clock this afternoon, and be taken to the home of Thomas Bailey, 67 Maple avenue, whence the funeral is to be held Wednesday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock.

Mr. Roberts was born in Canada about 45 years ago. His residence here extended to the time of his death, which occurred during which time he was employed as a stonemason and latterly as a member of the firm of Roberts & Patterson. He was a member and past master of Granite lodge, No. 35, F. & A. M., a past high priest of Granite chapter, No. 20, R. A. M., and a member of St. Aldemar commandery, No. 11, Knights Templar. The family moved away from Barre three years ago, going from here to Iowa, where they remained for a short time before returning east.

Building Inspector Rand reported favorably on a number of applications to build and permits were granted in each instance. The applications were as follows: S. Manera, to build a barn on Spring street; G. Buzzi, to erect a dwelling on Long street; E. N. Normandeau, to erect an annex to his cottage at the corner of Merchant and Warren streets; Mrs. Adele Buzzi, to repair a piazza at 41 Blackwell street; C. N. Woodcock, to repair a piazza at 145 North Main street; F. Ottoneil, to erect an annex to his barn at 52 Granite street; Allen Lumber Co., to erect shed annex off Depot square. For the month of April, the inspector reported the issuance of 38 minor permits, which were approved by the council. S. Manera was given permission to make a barn across his lot on Spring street.

Street Sprinkling Assignment.

By virtue of a resolution offered by the street committee, the street superintendent was authorized to sprinkle with water or oil a large number of streets during the coming summer. The list of thoroughfares sprinkled last season is retained practically intact. The aldermanic committee was authorized to confer with abutters on certain proposals to sprinkle at the west end of Granite street and the west end of Depot square.

The streets to be sprinkled at the discretion of the committee are as follows: Depot square to the M. & W. R. railroad tracks, Ayers street from South Main street to the second angle, South and North Main streets, entire length, Maple avenue and Cottage streets, Seminary street, south end, from North Main street to Sumner street, north end, from North Main street to Maple avenue, Granite street from North Main street to Bolster's siding, West street, from North Main street to Summer street, Merchant street, from North Main to Summer streets and from Wellington to Warren streets, Eastern avenue from Elm to Park street, Keith avenue, Summer and Central streets, Pearl street from North Main to Summer streets, Elm street from Washington street to Eastern avenue, Averill street, Park street from Eastern avenue to Academy street, Church, Jefferson, Washington and Liberty streets, Hill street from French to Washington street, Academy street from Washington street to East street, North street, Prospect street from North Main street to the bridge, French and Richardson streets, Orange street from Liberty

NO ONE CLAIMED BODY.

Of John Koski Who Met Violent Death at Graniteville.

Funeral services for John Koski, the young Finnish quarryman, who is supposed to have met death by drowning at Graniteville early Sunday morning, were held from M. J. Whitcomb's undertaking establishment at East Barre this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. James Rainey, pastor of the Congregational churches in East Barre and Orange, had charge of the services. The burial of Koski in Wilson cemetery at South Barre followed a futile effort to locate any of his relatives in Graniteville or elsewhere in this section. The funeral was attended by many of the man's compatriots, four of their number acting as bearers.

Since Sunday the Barre Town authorities have been trying to get in touch with some of the man's kinsmen. At one time it was rumored that Koski had a brother living in Massachusetts, but this was found to be untrue.

Weather Forecast.

Rain to-night and partly cloudy on Wednesday; strong south winds, shifting to west.

MAY KEEP POOR AT CITY FARM

Cemetery Commissioners Grant Concession for an Indefinite Period

ALREADY DEEDED PROPERTY 5 YEARS AGO

And Might Have Been Disposed After June 1 of Present Year

A privilege given away without reservation by the city council five years ago was returned last night by the cemetery commissioners in the shape of a tentative agreement in which the commission offered to permit the city to use the city farm as heretofore without any additional restrictions excepting a few stipulations regarding the right of the commission to take over the property at any time after a year's notice.

To those who are familiar with the situation, it is superfluous to say that the council eagerly ratified the agreement.

Back in 1909 the council voted to deed the city property at the farm to the cemetery commission five years hence. At the time the reason for this move seemed ample enough, but more discerning minds have observed a mistake in that policy and as the years went by it became apparent that before June 1, 1914, the city might be compelled to relinquish its hold on the property and proceed to find a new home for its poor and indigent, or to pay the cemetery commission whatever it chose to ask in the way of an annual rental fee. Just what the commission would ultimately do had not been definitely clear until the agreement was uncovered last night.

According to the agreement, the city must continue to maintain the buildings at the farm, to allow certain of the outbuildings to be diverted to the use of the commission, to keep the property well insured and in a good state of repair, and in the event of its reverting to the commission on its own demand, the city is to remove all of the outbuildings, if so requested, to grade properly the site of the structures and to leave the brick building to the use of the commissioners. Should the commission desire at any time to profit by the council a year's notice, nor is the city bound to keep the property unless it so desires. By the agreement the council is permitted to relinquish it at any time of its own volition.

The motion to ratify the agreement was made by Alderman Bancroft and seconded by Alderman Hoban. So far as a generally fair response to the mayor's call for ayes and nays, the vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Comparatively little routine business came up before the council for consideration. Alderman Cook was detained from the session by illness, but the others were all present. Latterly the council went into executive session on the motion of Alderman Hoban. Fred W. Sutor, representing the Central Labor union and various city employes, appeared to hear the reading of a committee report on the proposed plan of the street and water department employees on an eight-hour basis. Chairman Hoban of the street committee explained that the report was not in shape to be read, and that the committee would be ready to report at the next meeting.

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