

## MOVEMENT AFOOT TO RECALL COMMISSION FORM OF GOV'T

### NAMES OF BACKERS OF PLAN ARE BEING WITHHELD PETITIONS ARE OUT

#### CIRCULATION BEGINS TODAY— CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE SAID TO HAVE STARTED AGITATION TO ESTABLISH ALDERMANIC SYS- TEM AGAIN.

A movement having as its inception in unnamed circles, has been started to recall the commission form of government in Ottawa. Rumors to this effect were in circulation for several days before formal announcement was made of the reality of the undertaking today by James J. Conway, counsel for the adherents to the old aldermanic system of operating the city's affairs.

Mr. Conway drew up the petitions, and presented them to his clients, who now are preparing for a campaign thru the residence and business sections in an effort to secure enough signers to bring the proposition to a vote of the people. Sources behind the movement would not be revealed by Mr. Conway, who held that the men were his clients and to disclose their identity would be violating a confidence he had no right to violate.

To get the proposition on the ballot and to insure a special election to determine whether the form of government shall be changed requires twenty-five per cent. of the vote at the next municipal election. In 1915 when the present mayor and commissioners were named there were approximately 5,600 voters participating in the election. That means there will have to be 1,400 sign the petitions before the proposition can be brought to a vote.

In an interview with a Free Trader Journal representative, Mr. Conway in withholding the names of the agitators for aldermanic form said:

"A committee of property owners and business people came to my office and asked me to draw up petitions for a recall of the commission form. This I did and the papers yesterday were turned out of the printery ready for circulating.

"Disclosing the identity of this group would be violating a trust, and for this reason I cannot give out their names. I will say they are all reputable and high class citizens. They were handed the petitions late yesterday afternoon and doubtless they are now in circulation thru the city.

May Start Another.  
From other directions it is authoritatively learned a plan is on foot to start a recall on one member of the commission. The element back of this movement, it is said, do not object so much to the form of government as to the individual. Attorneys have been visited to start formal steps in the matter and within the next two weeks the city is liable to be confronted by a two-pronged battle against its present form of government.

## MARY CUNNINGHAM DIES AT HOSPITAL

Miss Mary Cunningham, aged fifty-five years, died yesterday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock at Ryburn hospital. Miss Cunningham was taken to Ryburn hospital about three weeks ago at which time she submitted to an operation and for a time was on the way to recovery until a relapse set in. The deceased was born in this city and resided here her entire life. She was engaged as a dressmaker and had many friends in this city.

Miss Cunningham was a member of the Rosary and Altar Society of St. Columba church, and took an active interest in the affairs of St. Columba parish.  
She leaves surviving one sister, Mrs. M. N. Brundage of Dubuque, Ia., and three brothers, John, of Seneca, and Lawrence and Frank, of this city.  
The funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Columba church. Burial in St. Columba cemetery.

## PALMER REPORTS DINNEEN SALOON CONTINUES OPEN

#### COUNCIL HEARS REPORT BUT NO ACTION IS TAKEN—WILL AD- VERTISE FOR BIDS IN WEST OT- TAWA PAVEMENT.

It was reported to the council this morning by Commissioner Walter B. Palmer that the saloon of Daniel Dinneen on North Columbus street, whose license was revoked at the meeting of the city council Monday, was still open for business in defiance to the mandate of the council, revoking his license. In his report Commissioner Palmer stated that the license was given over to Captain of Police Charles Montgomery Monday evening and delivered to him. The report of the commissioner was recorded and filed; no action being taken.

#### Appoint Inspectors.

Milton Waterman and Robert Rhoades were appointed as sanitary inspectors this morning by the council, at a salary of 3 per day. The men will have authority of police power while acting as inspectors.

#### Are Ready for Paving.

Bids will be advertised for the work of two pavement jobs in west Ottawa, one known as the Phelps-St. James streets improvement and the other Lafayette street and adjoining streets. It is expected that work on the improvements will be started immediately after the awarding of the contracts.

The Board of Local Improvements today, in session with the council filed the ordinance for the pavement in the north central district. The estimate of the entire cost, including the court proceedings, made by City Engineer Farnsworth is \$31,482.32. The ordinance must remain on file a certain length of time before acted upon by the council as a whole. No other matters coming up at the session the council adjourned.

## LEGISLATURE WILL DECIDE MEANS OF TAKING WAR CENSUS

Springfield, Ill., April 18.—The general assembly which reconvened late yesterday afternoon and resumed work today will decide this week what form its action for industrial preparedness for the state shall take. A voluntary mobilization of all boys and men not of military age or not capable of military service is one of the suggestions which is capable of military service is one of the suggestions which is appealing to former members of the assembly especially. A meeting of the former members may be called for the purpose of discussing the farm labor problem.

There is also talk of a state food conservation commission which would have authority to regulate the marketing of food products and could make recommendations as to crops to be planted, etc.

The need of action on the farm labor problem is proven by cries for help from various parts of the state. One member of the assembly cited an advertisement inserted in the daily papers by a Peoria private employment agency, calling for 250 farm hands to be sent outside the state and offering them \$45 a month and railroad fare. This, he declared, is a thing that may be expected as the demand for farm help increases following the request of the governor for more extensive planting. Some concentrated effort must be made if the farmers are to be enabled to plant big crops.

## J. S. TODD, CARPENTER, DIED THIS AFTERNOON

Joseph S. Todd, age 65 years, died this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at his home at 229 Christie street, following a lingering illness.  
Mr. Todd was born in Kenosha, Wis., Nov. 13, 1851 and was married Feb. 13, 1876 to Flora A. Warriner. The deceased came to this city about thirty years ago and was a resident of Ottawa ever since with the exception of five years when he lived at Greeley, Colo.  
Mr. Todd was employed for a number of years a carpenter for Bennett Bros., and was considered a skilled workman.  
Surviving he leaves his wife, and four sons, Lewis, Charles and James of Ottawa, and Harry of Aurora, and one brother, C. E. Todd, mayor of Greeley, Colo.  
Funeral arrangements have not been made.

## O. H. S. ORCHESTRA AT ITS FINEST IN RECITAL LAST NIGHT

#### ENTHUSIASTIC APPLAUSE GREETED MUSICIANS—SOLO NUM- BERS BY MISS ELLIOTT AND CHARLES HENTRICH REVEAL GREAT TALENT OF ARTISTS.

It has long been contended that if it were possible for some leader to get together the orchestral musical talent of Ottawa, both amateur and professional, and induce them to forget for a time the petty jealousies and antagonisms which exist, and to work together in an effort to make real music, that Ottawa would have an organization of which she might well be proud.

This object was attained for the time being by Prof. John Hoff, under the appellation of the "Ottawa High School Orchestra," and last evening's concert demonstrated what the possibilities are.  
The concert which was given at the new high school was a mighty good entertainment, viewed from any standpoint. The numbers by the orchestra were mostly old favorites of recognized merit and were given with a precision and vim that were delightful. In their work of accompaniment, both for the vocal and instrumental numbers, it was demonstrated that Mr. Hoff has many of the elements of a true leader, for he kept his musicians thoroughly with him through it. It is to be hoped that something may be done to keep these people together and that some inducement may be offered to keep them re-hearing at least occasionally. With proper effort they could give a concert far above the one given last evening, highly creditable as that effort was.

The numbers by the Girls' Glee club showed that some good work has been done there and that there are some unusually fine voices in the school. Their numbers were beautiful and finely rendered.  
The vocal soloist of the evening was Miss Gladys Elliott, of La Salle, and after last evening it is easily understood why she is such a great favorite in Ottawa. To a magnificent voice of unusual range and sweetness and showing great cultivation, is added a most pleasing personality. Her numbers were most thoroughly enjoyed, and the demonstration following the waltz song from "Romeo and Juliet" almost reached an ovation. The number was "plentifully" given and gave Miss Elliott ample opportunity to demonstrate that she is a thro artist.

The applause which followed Charles Hentrich's song for the concert, "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice," must have been most gratifying to that gentleman. It was spontaneous and most enthusiastic and sincere. Everyone expects Mr. Hentrich to "do a good job" when he plays a cornet solo, but last evening he was certainly "at himself," and he never played better nor more effectively in his life. The beautiful number gave him a splendid opportunity for effective work, and he certainly made the most of it.

The orchestra included the members of the high school orchestra as it now is organized at the school, and in addition many former members and a number of the best musicians of the city. Preceding the concert program proper a short demonstration and drill was given by representatives of the high school cadets and the sponsors, which was enthusiastically received. Prof. Hoff is to be congratulated on the splendid entertainment of last evening. The program was as follows:

- PART ONE.  
March, "America Forever" (Fillmore)—The Ottawa High School Orchestra, Cadets and Sponsors.  
The Caliph of Bagdad (Overture) (Bololdieu)—The Orchestra.  
(a) From the Land of the Skyblue Water (Cadman); (b) Home to Our Mountains (Verdi); (c) The Beautiful Ship From Toyland (Fritt)—The O. H. S. Girls' Glee Club.  
(a) The Pretty Creature (Storage); (b) Irish Love Song (Lang); (c) Villanelle (Dell 'Aqua)—Miss Gladys Elliott. Accompanist, Miss Ida Chamberlin.  
(a) Norwegian Slumber Song (Gildor); (b) Turkish Patrol (Michaels)—The Orchestra.

PART TWO.  
Selection from the Musical Play, "Kathinka" (Friml)—The Orchestra.  
Song for Cornet, "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice" (Saint-Saens)—Mrs. C. E. Hentrich and Orchestra.  
Voice, Waltz Song from "Romeo and Juliette" (Gounod)—Miss Gladys Elliott and Orchestra.  
Funeral March of a Marionette (Gounod, Note.—This is a real bit of musical humor, written, strangely enough by one of the most serious of musicians, for it was written by none other than the great "Gounod" the composer of "Faust" and "Romeo and Juliette." It is played in a jaunty and flippant manner with exaggerated expression. The music describes the fatal accident of a showman's marionette

## EXTRA

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE IS AGAINST DRAFT.

Washington, April 18.—The House military affairs committee this afternoon voted against selective draft as a means of raising an army and in favor of some form of voluntary enlistments. The committee voted 12 to 8.

## MANY REQUESTS FOR VACANT LOTS

#### APPEALS SENT TO SECRETARY O'KANE ASKING HIM TO FIND VACANT SPOTS FOR GARDEN- ING—ASPARAGUS SHIPMENTS START.

President Wilson's appeal that every one take an active part in home gardening, to reduce the cost of living, has apparently struck a responsive chord among hundreds of Ottawa people. Never before has there been such a universal interest taken in gardening and as a result of the interest shown, John O'Kane, secretary of the Ottawa Business Men's association has received numerous "phone calls asking him information regarding vacant lots that might be planted.

In many instances Mr. O'Kane has been able to supply lots for rent but the "acreage" has been exhausted.  
In spite of the fact, however, that home gardening will be the popular "outdoor sport" in this city truck gardeners are devoting much more land to their crops.

There is a general demand for garden truck all over the country.  
Asparagus Shippers.  
Ottawa consignments of asparagus to Chicago markets are being shipped each night. Ottawa asparagus is in much demand with jobbers on South Water street. The "Ottawa grass" is rated much higher than the shipments from other portions of the country and always finds a ready market. About one carload a day is being shipped to Chicago, but in the matter of a few days this amount will be doubled.

Truck gardeners are finding it difficult to secure help to cut the asparagus.

## BANK AND GARAGE HELD UP BY STRIKE

There is no change in the strike situation in Ottawa, but its effect is not noticeable excepting in the completion of the improvements being conducted in the Arnold building on Court street and the Opera House block on La Salle street.

The store room formerly occupied by Levy's cigar store is being put in shape for the New Savings Bank. But the job was pronounced "unfair" when the plumbing work was attempted by members of the master plumber organization, and it was necessary for the union managers to call the other workmen off the job. The same condition prevailed at the Arnold building on Court street. This store room, formerly occupied by the Free Trader, is being remodeled for the new home of the Reo, which is represented in this city by Howard Butterfield. The plumbing in this building was in charge of one of the members of the master plumber organization and when work was commenced on the plumbing, following the strike, this job was also placed on the "unfair" list. The carpenters who were not affiliated with the Trades and Labor are not affected by the strike and the other trades and labor employers are all working for independent contractors who are paying the scale. The whole question of the strike rests upon the demand of the plumbers who are seeking a raise of \$1.00 per day.

## Where He Saw Him.

"Did you see that actor in repertoire?" "No; in Philadelphia."—Baltimore American.

## CHICAGO YOUTHS ARE ARRESTED IN CITY

Joseph McNichols, and Edward Balge, both 16 years of age and claiming Chicago as their homes were arrested at 2 o'clock this morning by Officer James Sheehan. The lads were wandering about the streets when taken into custody. The pair were taken to the city jail and this morning stated that about a month ago they ran away from home.  
Chicago authorities have been notified and the youths will be sent to their homes.

## REAL "TORRID WAVE" HITS OTTAWA TODAY

With the thermometer registering 82 degrees, summer clothing gave place to the winter woollens today. Ottawa for the first time felt the real touch of spring after many months of winter.

## FOUNDER OF LUCEY BROS. STORE DEAD AT LA SALLE HOME

#### TIMOTHY LUCEY, FORMER OTTA- WAN, AND SENIOR MEMBER OF DRY GOODS FIRM, EXPIRES AF- TER TWO YEARS ILLNESS.

Timothy Lucey, founder of the La Salle and Ottawa stores under the firm name of T. Lucey & Bros., passed away last night at 8:30 o'clock at his home in La Salle. The passing of Mr. Lucey closes the career of one of Illinois' best known merchants. Ill for more than two years of a general breakdown, Mr. Lucey was not taken seriously and dangerously sick until Sunday night. Stomach trouble is attributed as the direct cause of his demise.

Born in Ireland of stolid parentage, Mr. Lucey began life in the capacity of clerk when a young man and by his thrift and energy elevated himself to the chieftancy of two of the county's greatest mercantile institutions. Even in the days when his health was not at its best he continued to advise with his brothers whom he established at the managerial head of his two great stores, and it was thru his exceptional business sagacity and foresightedness that those establishments grew to their present stability.

The parents of the deceased were John and Johanna Lucey who came to Ottawa from Ireland in 1863. The elder Mr. Lucey passed away in 1892 and Mrs. Lucey passed away in 1891. Born in Ireland in 1852, Mr. Lucey came with his father and mother to this country when a boy of eleven years. The family upon landing started directly for Ottawa. In 1887 Mr. Lucey opened his La Salle store and eleven years later opened the store in Ottawa.

He was married to Miss Ellen Cody at La Salle in 1886. To this union were born no children. Besides his widow he is survived by three brothers and sisters: John, of La Salle, ex Attorney General Patrick J. Lucey, now of Chicago, Lawrence, of Ottawa, Miss Nora Lucey, Miss Anna Lucey, of Ottawa and Miss Catherine Lucey, a teacher in the public schools of Chicago.

The funeral will be held from the late residence in La Salle Friday morning at 9 o'clock to St. Patrick's church where services will be conducted. Interment will be in La Salle.

## ADJOURNED C. OF C. MEET IS SCHEDULED FOR WED., APRIL 25

The adjourned meeting of the Ottawa Chamber of Commerce that was postponed because of the death of the late Judge Albert T. Lardin, will be held at the Elks' club, Wednesday evening, April 25, according to announcement made today. At this session the new members will be received into the Chamber.

E. Bently Hamilton, Peoria attorney and prominent in Chamber of Commerce work will be the speaker. Mr. Hamilton was engaged to deliver the address at the meeting that was postponed and has announced his willingness to be in Ottawa next Wednesday to talk to the booster organization.

## BOAT CLUB ERECTS A BIG FLAG POLE

Following the path of numerous clubs and societies the Ottawa Boat Club has constructed a fifty-one foot flag pole in their yard, directly east of the club house on the bank of the Fox river. From this pole will fly a flag twelve feet in length and six and three quarter feet in width. The flag raising data has not been definitely decided upon.  
The pole is of steel and set in concrete.

## DRUNKEN WOMAN ARRESTED; IS IN COUNTY JAIL

For the second time within the history of police annals the authorities were called upon to arrest a woman for drunkenness. This morning at 8:20 o'clock Officers Looney and Holmes were called to a local feed yard when a complaint was made that a woman was drunk before.  
Today Mrs. — is confined in the county jail, recuperating from the results of her spree.  
The name has been withheld to shield members of the family.

## WASHINGTON AFLUTTER AS WORD REACHES CAPITOL OF SEA BATTLE

## HEAR HEAVY FIRING OFF COAST OF MASS.; MAY BE SEA FIGHT

#### CAPE CODE IN HEARING DIS- TANCE OF CANNONADING GOING ON IN ATLANTIC—U. S. SHIPS ON TRAIL OF GERMAN SUBMAR- INES?

Boston, April 18.—Heavy firing due north of Provincetown was reported today by three coast guard stations. Shipping all along the coast was notified by wireless of a possible naval engagement in that vicinity.

Requests for a full report were made at once by Captain Rush of the Charlestown navy yard. The firing took place at 9:40 a. m. and continued for some time.

Provincetown is adjacent to Cape Cod on the Massachusetts coast about 18 miles southeast of Boston. It lies on the southern entrance to Massachusetts Bay and near the steamer lane for ships entering and leaving Boston.

The firing was first reported by the Race Point Coast guards. A moment after that report was received the Peaked Hill Bar station wired living similar information. A minute after the Beaker Hill Bar report the operator at the High Head Station got into communication with the navy yard with a similar story.

The engagement was reported north of the extreme point of Cape Cod. While the firing was distinct and of great volume all vessels engaged were below the horizon.  
Immediately after the receipt of the report the Charlestown navy yard showed the greatest activity since war was declared. Wireless orders to various ships of the patrol fleet began to sputter from the big sending station of the Radio service.

United States war craft in the vicinity were apprised of the engagement.  
Shipping known to be in the neighborhood of the firing was warned and told to lay to or turn back for shelter.

At 10:45 Captain Rush was still making every effort to get a more complete report of the supposed battle.  
At 10:45 Provincetown Cape coast guard stations reported the firing continuing north of the stations.  
The Provincetown station report stated that fifteen guns were counted at 10:30 and that the firing had continued at fifteen minute intervals with great fury since that time.

The Race Point dispatch stated that the coast guards at that station heard five guns at 10:15 and few minutes later "heavy and continuous firing."  
The Provincetown Cape Station located the firing north northwest of the station and in the direction of Boston. They estimated the firing of 30 miles from Boston harbor.

At 11 o'clock commandant (Correct) Rush was still in the dark as to details of the firing. Navy yard officials including the commandant stated that they knew no reason why any of the patrol ships should be cutting loose their heavy guns unless they were in action.  
It was believed that the intervals in the firing might indicate a pursuit in the vicinity of the cape.

## Confirm Smith Attack.

Washington, April 18.—The navy department today officially confirmed reports that firing of big guns was heard off the Massachusetts coast today. The statement authorized was as follows:  
"Coast guard stations along Cape Cod reported to the district commander at Boston hearing firing of heavy guns in rapid succession out to sea northward to stations. The reports were made in quick succession of each other of the three stations and transmitted to officers in command in that district at 9:41 a. m."  
The department is without information as to the nature of the firing or whether war ships were engaged.

## War Chest Is Filled.

Washington, April 18.—Within 24 hours the war chest of the United States will be filled. As soon as the House agrees to the Senate amendments to the bond and certificate issue bill it will be rushed to the White House for the President's signature. Then, of course, will come the proposition of marketing, but this is detail only. So far as the actual needs are concerned the money will be available for any and all purposes of war.  
The question of the amount of the first issue, of how the bonds and certificates are to be absorbed by the nation and all such questions are matters of routine only. They will be worked out at conferences between Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo

## BELIEVE PATROL MAY HAVE RUN ONTO SUBSEAS

## RUMOR CONFIRMED

#### OFFICIALS ADMIT COAST GUARDS AND ATLANTIC STATIONS HEARD DETONATIONS OF LARGE GUNS—SUBMARINES KNOWN TO BE LURKING IN U. S. WATERS.

By JOHN EDWIN NEVIN.  
(International News Service Cor-  
respondent)

Washington, D. C., April 18.—Reports of cannon firing off Cape Cod today electrified officialdom here today. The reports came from the coast guard stations and officials were inclined to believe that they indicated that the patrol fleet might have sighted German submarines. No official information, however, was available. The Navy Department took occasion to confirm the press reports from Boston that such firing actually had been heard but officials refused to speculate on what it all means.

Officials said they will not be surprised to learn that German submarines now in American waters have been sent to the bottom. The fleet is leaving nothing to chance but is scouring the waters adjacent to the Atlantic coast in an effort to locate the submarines that now are positively known to be lurking there.  
The Navy's reply to the assertion of the land experts who had asserted that commanding officers of the Destroyer Smith mistook a big fish for the wake of a torpedo came today when it is positively declared that the officer of the deck on the destroyer not only saw the passage of the torpedo boat but that he also saw the periscope of the submarine.

The Smith, like all boats of her class, has had plenty of actual practice with torpedoes. They also pointed out today that it would be utterly impossible for a trained man to mistake the wake of a torpedo at a shallow angle as it would be to sink a destroyer, for any sort of a fish. The Navy realizes the peril to navigation that these submarines carry. The firing reported off the Massachusetts coast today has brought home to officials the damage that a submarine could do to the coastwise trade. The point where the guns were heard was in the steamer track from Halifax. All inward and outward bound ocean liners under normal conditions would follow this track and submarines would get rich prizes if able to lie in wait here.

## No Compromise on Service.

Washington, April 18.—At least partial collapse of the house military affairs committees opposition to the administration's conscription bill seemed in sight when the committee re-assembled today. Secretary Baker in two extended conferences yesterday Chairman Dent, who sought to interest the President in a compromise whereby the bill should embody both the volunteer and compulsory systems had his proposals again flatly rejected at the White House. Later Mr. Wilson, in conferences with Republican leader Mann and Representative Lenroot also a Republican, was assured that the Republicans would make no partisan fight on the administration bill. If the President can control his own partisan the bill is due to receive early and favorable consideration.

Such opposition as remained today was for the most part among Democrats. The leading Republican opponent of the measure has been Representative Anthony, of Kansas. But the chief support of the measure from its inception has come from Republicans. Chairman Dent early announced his opposition.

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