

## OVERTURES FOR SETTLEMENT MAY BRING END OF STRIKE

### PLUMBERS' CHIEF MET WITH CONTRACTORS' PRESIDENT CARPENTERS SETTLE

INSIDE WORKMEN AT SANDERS  
BROS. RETURN TO BENCHES AF-  
TER TWO DAYS' LAYOFF—  
AGREEMENT WOULD SEE  
BUILDING RESUMED.

John M. Dougherty, president of the Contractors' Employers Association will meet today with Frank J. Kenedy, of Chicago, organizer of the United Plumbers and Steamfitters' Union in view of effecting a settlement between the plumbers and their employers.

Plumbing work in Ottawa has been tied up for the past month as a result of the labor trouble and it is hoped that some sort of a settlement may be reached today.

The plumbers are asking an increase of fifty cents per day for the first year and another fifty cents increase for the second year, in signing a two years' working agreement. Their employers asked that they sign an agreement for two years, with a fifty cent increase per day for that period.

#### Inside Men at Work.

Inside carpenters employed for Sanders Bros. have reached an agreement with their employers and this morning the men are back at their work after a two days' layoff. The workmen asked for an increase in their wages, daily of a little over fifteen per cent. The company agreed to give them over one-half of the amount asked for and the workmen came to terms. It was known all along that a settlement would be reached along these lines.

#### Carpenters Still Out.

Outside carpenters have not reached a settlement with their contractors, but it is expected that some agreement will be reached before the week is ended. By that time there is possibility of the tie-up in all building may be brought to a close, and that the men will return to their work as soon as they can.

## MASTER OF TANKER AND EIGHT GUNNERS SAVED BY PATROL

London, May 2.—A British patrol boat has picked up Captain S. S. Harris, master of the American oil ship Vacuum which was torpedoed with out warning last Saturday, along with eight other men and landed them, it was announced today.

The port where the men were landed was not given. Six of the survivors were United States naval gunners.

## EASTERN STAR HAS PRETTY MAY PARTY

Mary E. Chapter O. E. S.'s annual May party given last night at the Masonic Temple, was voted a rousing success by the large number who were present to enjoy the function. The program was featured by a Maypole dance with sixteen young ladies doing the very intricate steps and maneuvers in very clever manner. The dancing of three little girls was nothing short of a revelation in terseness of skill. Misses Catherine Bradford, and Harriet Springhorn furnished this delightful entertainment. Catherine Bradford danced an Irish number that was exceptionally well executed. Harriet Bradford and Harriet Springhorn gave a butterfly dance that won hearty and spontaneous applause from the audience.

Following the program dancing was enjoyed until 12 o'clock. Music was furnished by Henrich's four piece orchestra.

#### Bismarck Drug Store.

A Bismarck drug store is a curious thing. Almost all of the drugs on sale are in a crude form, and the shelves are lined with bottles of wood. The bottles are filled with wood and are supposed to be medicinally valuable. Then there are heaps of wood of many kinds of animals, the horns of buffaloes, tusks of elephants, etc., tied with straps into bundles. In addition, you will find packages of snake skins, bodies of insects and many familiar species, such as cats, dogs, antsnags, cardamom, etc. These latter are in large wooden boxes and give a balmy odor to the atmosphere of the store.

## A. J. O'CONNOR STIRS ROTARIANS TO HIGH PATRIOTIC FERVOR

OTTAWA ATTORNEY LAUDS  
ROOSEVELT FOR HIS LOVE OF  
NATION—STRONGLY CONDEMNS  
"BIG BILL" THOMPSON IN BAN-  
QUET SPEECH.

It was some meeting which the Rotary Club pulled off at the New Clifton last evening. The occasion was marked by the presence of district governor of the Rotary clubs, Frank P. Manly, of Indianapolis, whose district covers Indiana and Illinois. Mr. Manly explained in a very lucid manner what Rotary is and what it stands for. He demonstrated some of the reasons for the remarkable growth of the movement, showing that during the twelve years of its existence it had developed from the small beginning of less than a dozen members who met in a Chicago eating place to an organization which today is spread all over the English speaking world. He showed that Rotary is always behind the greatest and best things in the community, in the state and in the nation. He attributed much of the success to the selective membership, which is so generally misunderstood by non-members, and to the really great democracy of the organization. His explanation of the great part the Rotarians were taking in the present great world struggle, together with the communications read previously by President Richardson of the local club, were revelations not only to the visiting guests but to the members of the club themselves.

Representatives were also present from the clubs in Joliet, Morris and Kankakee. Short addresses were made by Messrs. Vaughn Brooks, and President J. Stanley Brown, of Joliet; E. S. Hedeco, of Morris, and Mr. Swannell, of Kankakee, which showed that the clubs in those cities are very much live wires in their community.

The Ottawa high school orchestra furnished their most excellent music during the evening and added new laurels to those long since won as the best high school orchestra in Illinois.

Miss Dorothy Refior delighted the gathering with two very choice vocal selections. Miss Refior has a really unusual voice and gives great promise for the future. Her selections were very enthusiastically received, and she was compelled to respond to most hearty encores.

The feature of the evening, however, was the masterly address of Andrew J. O'Connor. With the announcement that Mr. O'Connor was to speak came the expectation that something would be heard really worth while, but surely not even this most enthusiastic address were prepared for the wonderful patriotic address delivered by that gentleman last evening. It is safe to say that his equal was never delivered in Ottawa. A man who could listen to Mr. O'Connor and not leave the gathering a better patriot and citizen would indeed be hopeless. It was by no means a "spread eagle" effort, but a direct appeal that went home to every man to be a real patriot and supporter of the President, the Government and His Country in this, a vital moment. Interspersed were some of the most beautiful thoughts and comparisons that it was ever the privilege of any audience to hear. And the real Irish wit which Mr. O'Connor has so generously inherited was at all times in evidence. He paid his respects to "Big Bill" Thompson, Chicago's disgrace, and had that individual been present it is a cinch that he would have been in full accord with that portion of the speaker's remarks in which he said he was glad that spring was at hand and that the snakes were leaving their holes to come out of the ground that Thompson might have some refuge in which to crawl. His tribute to Roosevelt and his present position as a patriot was a remarkable effort, particularly in view of his advance explanation that until very recently he "never thought very much of Roosevelt." His praise was as just as it was deserved, and the speaker showed his own broadmindedness when he stated that he was one who refused to believe that there was any political significance in the ex-President's present stand, but that he gave him the credit of being actuated by motives of the purest patriotism. Any attempt to reproduce or even "report" Mr. O'Connor as he

## RESIGNS ATTORNEY OFFICE TO BECOME U. S. ARMY OFFICER

TAYLOR STRAWN SURRENDERS  
POST AT HEAD OF CITY'S LEGAL  
DEPARTMENT TO TAKE MILITARY TRAINING.

Announcing that he was going to war, and that he intended to take training as a reserve officer of the U. S. Army, City Attorney Taylor Strawn this morning unexpectedly to his superiors tendered his resignation as chief of the city's legal department, to take place on or before May 8.

Mayor and commissioners were taken by surprise at the decision of the attorney and tried to invent some means of circumventing his decision from public life without avail. Mr. Strawn has determined to take training at the Great Lakes Camp, Fort Sheridan, having already passed its preliminary examination as an officer in his country is of vast more importance than any private interests he may have the attorney refused to listen to anything but absolute resignation thru which he could serve the flag until the present war is over without being hampered by work undone at home.

No provisions were made at today's meeting to name his successor but steps probably will be taken at the next regular meeting of the commissioners. Mr. Strawn leaves on May 8 and will be in training during the months of May, June, July and part of August, after which, if he passes his final tests, he will be assigned to a regiment for duty at the front.

#### Refuse Dinneen License.

Daniel S. Dinneen, by unanimous vote of the council this morning—only Commissioner Meagher being absent—was denied a license to operate a saloon at 1215 Columbus street. Mr. Dinneen's former license was revoked a few weeks ago and when he made application at the time the new grants were up for issuance, action was deferred until today for the council to straighten out what was termed a "confusion in names."

Commissioner Helfrich, who voted with the mayor, Commissioners Palmer and Campbell, supplemented his "aye" on a motion to deny the license, with a statement explaining his vote. He said he was against revoking Mr. Dinneen's license because of the offense being his first, but that later actions on the part of the saloonman, caused him to be against permitting him another license.

#### Argue Elevator Case.

The proposed Rockwell elevator, against which protests in the form of a petition were filed by residents in the vicinity of the contemplated new building, was up for discussion this morning and was voted out of the council's hands at the suggestion of City Attorney Strawn, who said the commissioners had no interest in the matter as long as the elevator was not to be a fire menace nor a public nuisance.

#### Wheat Mart Slumps.

Chicago, Ill., May 2.—The wheat market opened today 1 1/2c lower than yesterday's close. May was off 4c shortly after the opening. The trading was light and the market was easily influenced. Once the break there was short covering in evidence and a fair rally from the extreme low followed. May rallied sharply, selling up about 8c over the early low. Corn opened unchanged to 1/2c higher. Provisions were higher.

#### The Old, Old Story.

"What did you do when your husband told you the old, old story?"  
"I told him to shut up before he was half through."  
"Why, what a funny way to reply to a confession of love!"  
"Oh, is that what you mean? I thought you meant the story he told last night when he came home from a time with the boys."—Houston Post.

spoke last evening could only result in absolute failure. It was an appeal from the heart to the best in every man, and there is little remarkable in the fact that today the recollection of that address is the big thing in the mind of every man who heard it.

## MARSEILLES VOTES TO OUST SALOONS

WOMEN VOTE IS RESPONSIBLE  
FOR VICTORY OF DRYS IN  
MANUFACTURING TOWN EAST  
OF HERE.

After first voting dry, and then returning to the wet column for a year, Marseilles, yesterday voted to oust their saloons, by a majority of 191 votes. The women vote was largely responsible for the return of Marseilles to the dry column. In the vote to recall the commission form of government Marseilles decided to continue under commission rule by a majority of 115.

The ousting of the saloons from the manufacturing town east of here came as a surprise as it has been generally conceded that the town would stay in the wet ranks by a large majority. It is believed, that by reason of the fact that Morris voted dry that this had some influence on the votes cast yesterday, but Ottawa's large wet majority was supposed to be sufficient to swing Marseilles in the line of the wets.

With Marseilles ousting the saloons, the territory east of here as far as Joliet is now in the dry territory.

The keeping of the commission form of government was also a big surprise to people who had worked against this form of rule. Neither the wets or the drys were satisfied with the result yesterday, both parties claiming that a much larger vote should have been secured.

## PIONERR EMPLOYES GET ANOTHER BOOST UNDER BONUS PLAN

Employees of the National Fireproofing Company at the Pioneer and Twin Bluff plants who worked a month steady were given a bonus of \$3 in a general order issued May 1. The plan of giving premiums to the steady workmen went into effect April 1, without notifying the men and will hold good now for the future. The premium will mean that one hundred and sixty-five men can merit an additional increase each month, providing they are at work every day.

#### Monday evening banquet

Monday evening a banquet was tendered the foreman of the Pioneer and Twin Bluff plants, by General Manager and Superintendent G. P. Fisher. The feed was given at the Chop Sney restaurant. Following the banquet many informal talks were made.

## C. OF C. TO ARRANGE FOR PATRIOTIC DAY

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce will meet this evening at which time the question of deciding the date for Ottawa's big patriotic day will be taken up. Committees will be named to look after the work.

#### AV. E. Saylor, of Waukegan, will be at the meeting this evening and will confer with the directors relative to the matter of handling the Chamber of Commerce work in this city.

## AUTOS MUST HAVE LICENSE—EMMERSON

A special request has been sent by Secretary of State Louis Emmerson to Chief Eulich, requesting him that an investigation be made to find out owners who have not yet purchased their 1917 licenses. Mr. Emmerson has named special investigators and asked that the police co-operate with them in arresting parties who refused to purchase their new tags.

## OTTAWA GOLFERS GO TO PRINCETON TODAY

Eight Ottawa representatives of the local Golf Club are at Princeton today taking part in an informal tournament. The Ottawa experts left here at 8:30 o'clock this morning with the intention of putting the day in on the Princeton links. Those who are taking part in the competitions are Wilson Marmichael, Al. Lesperance, Lr. Lou Jordan, Rev. Carl Stackman, Joseph Megaffin, W. F. Carr, John Hanifan and Arthur Colwell.

#### Saloon Licenses \$3,000.

Savanna, Ill., May 2.—The Fulton (Ill.) city council has reduced the number of saloons in the town to five, and made the annual license fee \$3,000, the highest in the state. Saloons were banished from the main business district of Fulton.

#### In Sheep's Clothing.

"Let us in!" cried the paragraphs, knocking at the gasmith's door.  
"Who are you?" demanded the humorist.  
"We are jokes about the high cost of living and—"  
"Oh your way! There can be no joke about that. It is a crime and an outrage. Be off!"—Exchange

## C. J. BYRNE AGAIN AT HEAD OF CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

SUPERINTENDENT CHOSEN TO  
SUCCEED SELF AT MEETING OF  
BOARD—MISS SINNOTT RESIGNS  
FROM TEACHING STAFF.

The regular monthly meeting of the Public School Board was held last evening. The matter of the appointment of teachers for the ensuing year was not taken up, a special session of the Board will be called within a week or ten days at which time the list of teachers will be selected.

All of the teachers in the city school have made application for reappointment and not many changes are contemplated.

Bill for the past month were read and ordered to be paid. The question of re-establishing the kindergarten in the Washington school, in east Ottawa was informally discussed but no definite action was taken.

#### Byrnes Reappointed.

Superintendent of Public Schools Prof. C. J. Byrnes was reappointed to his old position. Members of the board were unanimous for My Byrnes's reappointment.

#### Miss Sinnott Resigns.

Miss Katherine Sinnott, who has long been a member of the teaching force of the city schools and who last year took a leave of absence has resigned as a member of the teaching force. Miss Sinnott's resignation will probably be read at the next meeting of the school board, at which time her successor will be named.

#### Nurse Sick; Coming Delayed.

Pursuant to instructions given at last meeting Red Cross Nurse has been employed. Chairman Woodward reported that the nurse who had been employed is sick with the measles at the present time so that her coming to Ottawa has been delayed for a short time.

## MAN WHO TRIED TO SAVE WIFE FROM A SANITY QUIZ IS HELD

Because Charles Weistark, an Oglesby Russian-Pole, tried to intimate nurses at the county farm by threatening them with physical violence if his wife was brought to Ottawa to undergo a sanity test, the foreigner was placed under arrest and must face a justice upon a charge of disorderly conduct.

Weistark arrived at the poor farm a few hours after his wife had been taken there by Deputy Sheriff Mischke. This afternoon Mrs. Weistark whose given name is Barbara, was found to be unsound mentally and was ordered taken away. Complaint was made against Weistark and he was placed under arrest as soon as the hearing before Judge Mayo and a commission of doctors, consisting of Doctors Roberts and Edgcomb, was concluded this afternoon.

## CIRCUS HERE EARLY; KIDDIES ARE HAPPY

Yankee Robinson's Wild Animal Circus will be the big attraction in Ottawa tomorrow. The shows, armed with a reputation of being among the best in the exhibiting business, will arrive in the city over the C. B. & Q. at about 5 o'clock from Sandwich, Ill., and will exhibit on the grounds east of King field.

Today Ottawa was flooded with printed circulars alleged to have been sent out by the John Robinson's Circus, and none of which did the John Robinson shows much harm.

The intent of the letters was hard to fathom and many who received them in the mails are wondering just why they were sent out a day before the Yankee Shows exhibited here.

"Punch" Robinson please write.

The circular says:  
"The John Robins'n Circus will not exhibit in Ottawa or in the County of La Salle during the season of 1917."

"The reason we are taking this method of notifying you is that we do not want our friends to be misled by advertising that you may see that is circulated by other claiming the John Robinson's circus will exhibit in your locality."  
"We have the honor to be your obedient servants,  
"JOHN ROBINSON'S CIRCUS."

#### SERENA MAN SUFFERS FRACTURE TO RIGHT LEG.

John Johnson, farmhand, employed on the Engel farm in Serena township suffered a fracture to his right leg as a result of a fall this morning. He was taken to Ryburn hospital, where Dr. A. J. Roberts set the fracture.

## GERMAN PEACE OFFER WILL BE REJECTED BY UNITED STATES

### OTTAWA MAN WILL BE AWARDED TWO PAVING CONTRACTS

JOSEPH J. LEIX LOW BIDDER  
AMONG LIST OF FOUR AT LET-  
TING BY CITY COUNCIL THIS  
MORNING.

Joseph J. Leix, Ottawa contractor, will be awarded two important paving contracts by the city of Ottawa at a meeting Friday morning, as a result of his bids being low at the letting this morning of improvements for two west side jobs.

Four firms were in the field for these two contracts—the paving of Phelps and the extension of Lafayette Jackson and Madison between Sanger and Forest streets. Mr. Leix was the successful bidder for both lettings, but will not be awarded his contracts until Friday morning. The law provides that the bids must remain on file for forty-eight hours, thereby giving the property owners the chance to come in and do the work at the figure placed by the lowest responsible bidder.

Mr. Leix, even though he is a responsible bidder, is not looking for anyone to take the work off his hands, as both his offers were considerably lower than the estimates placed on the work by Public Engineer George L. Farnsworth. For the Lafayette and other streets Mr. Leix bid \$21,560.15, while Mr. Farnsworth had estimated the expense at \$22,073.37. On the Phelps street improvement Mr. Farnsworth put the estimate at \$7,096.64 while Mr. Leix's bid was \$6,933.49, or \$163.24 lower than Mr. Farnsworth's compilation of costs.

F. E. Ball, who laid the pavement on Ottawa Avenue, and under whom two miles of state aid roads were constructed, was next closest bidder to Mr. Leix, only a slight difference separating the two men.

#### The bids as submitted by the four contractors were as follows:

Joseph Leix, Ottawa.....	\$6,933.40
F. E. Ball, Ottawa.....	7,616.44
T. W. Keys, La Salle.....	7,983.42
Jansen & Schafer, Pekin.....	8,009.76
Lafayette Street.	
Joseph Leix, Ottawa.....	\$21,560.15
F. E. Ball, Ottawa.....	23,169.87
Jansen & Schafer, Pekin.....	24,589.38
T. W. Keys, La Salle.....	24,691.24

#### Advertise Loop Work.

The council and board of local improvements sitting this morning recommended all haste be used in getting work started on the down town pavement. Bids will be advertised or tomorrow in both Ottawa dailies and contracts will be awarded on May 15, as previously stated by the Free Trader Journal.

## WIDOW AND CHILDREN GET LA SALLE ESTATE

M. F. Gilbertson, La Salle dairyman who was killed in front a Rock Island passenger train, April 23, left all his property to his widow and children, according to the will which was filed for probate in Ottawa today. Mr. Gilbertson owned real estate worth \$18,800 and personal property, including an action against the Rock Island railway for \$5,300.

#### Dcny Peace Reports.

Amsterdam, May 2.—The report printed in the Berliner Tageblatt yesterday that Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German chancellor, would make a peace offer to the Allies in the Reichstag tomorrow was denied by the Verwaerts of Berlin today. The Verwaerts, altho a Socialist newspaper, has been exceptionally close to the German government during recent months.

#### Engine Explodes; Five Killed.

Philadelphia, May 2.—Five men were killed and another injured when a shifting locomotive of the Penna Railroad exploded early today at the Philadelphia Terminal. A super-expansion of steam in the boiler is believed to have caused the explosion.

#### Artificial Flowers.

It was in Italy that a demand for artificial flowers first arose. This was due primarily to a caprice of fashion which demanded that during festivals slousins in and out of their seasons should be worn and also to the fact that their color and freshness were stable. Later on, in the middle ages, the artificial so far superseded the natural that both men and women decked their heads with imitation flowers of ambric, paper, glass and metal.—London Standard.

## GOVERNMENT MUST BE UNQUALIFIEDLY WITH ITS ALLIES

### SO SAY OFFICIALS

U. S. AWAITS SOME DEFINITE  
WORD TOUCHING UPON INTERN-  
AL CONDITIONS IN PRUSSIA—  
RUSSIAN SITUATION GROWS  
MORE COMPLEX.

BY JOHN EDWIN NEVIN.  
International News Service Staff Cor-  
respondent.

Washington, May 2.—No peace offer which Germany may make under existing circumstances will be considered by the United States or the entente. High Administrations officials made this plain today in discussing the report that chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg will lay a new plan for ending the war before the Reichstag tomorrow. The very fact that the unofficial advices make it plain that the new German suggestions will carry with them again the declaration that Germany is victorious in the war, altho the willing to relinquish "conquered territory" will preclude consideration at this time.

Meanwhile this government is very anxiously endeavoring to learn further facts regarding the economic conditions in Germany. There have been many hints of impending changes in the German cabinet as the result of the present series of strikes and authentic advices to the government show that the unrest within the empire is being held in check only thru the use of the sternest repressive measures by the local authorities in several centers, notably the great shipping centers.

It is believed that any change in the German cabinet at the present time would aid in shortening the war. The people have followed the war party blindly up to the present time and have accepted the chancellors' changed views on the submarine situation when he, at the behest of Von Hindenburg determined that truthless warfare should be entered upon. Now a change must be accepted as the first admission that the submarine campaign, while bringing admittedly great results, has failed as a weapon to starve England and France and to bring them to their knees, in the opinion of officials here who are closely following the German situation.

With the Russian situation daily growing more and more complex and rioting in the streets of Petrograd now being officially admitted it is believed here that the internal situation in Germany must very closely be followed. The next few weeks must be fraught with serious consequence. England, is admitting that the ravage of the submarines "are extremely disastrous, is about to undertake a general disposition to reduce the consumption of foodstuffs at least 25 per cent. This will greatly aid the situation.

Meanwhile the United States, thru the Federal Shipping Board and its advisory committees, expects to furnish the entente with ships to take the places of those which are being destroyed. Under the new arrangements which practically creates an international shipping agreements the shipping problems of all the nations will be handled direct from Washington. The entente will furnish the board here a statement of its desires. Vessels then will be apportioned to carry foodstuffs, fuel and ammunition in quantities that will assure a sufficient supply reaching all of the allies of the United States. Entering into the shipping problem is the question of the transportation of troops to the western battle front. The cable, it is understood agrees with the visiting French military experts that sooner a division is sent to France to be trained behind the battle lines there and then to take its place first on the transport lines and later in the trenches, being replaced at the various successive steps by other forces from this side, the better will be the effect on the allied troops. The general staff opposed this plan but it is considered certain that it will be carried out. And it will require many ships to carry these troops and all of their equipment thus reducing the available supply on the high seas.

The question of an early expedition to France again will be considered at next Friday's cabinet meeting.

#### Await Hollweg Speech.

The Hague, May 2.—The possibility that Germany's peace terms may be

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