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INVADERS LOSE HALF MILLION IN POLAND

But Still They Have Fallen Short of Their Efforts to Capture Warsaw, as Russian Line Holds Stubbornly Just as Germans Are on Threshold of Success

VON HINDENBURG BARRED IN NORTH

Combined Austro-German Armies Have Not Been Able to Seize the Lublin-Chelm Railway to South of the Capital, Where the Key to the Situation Lies

London, July 28, 12:27 p. m.—Though the Germans now hold the great line from the Gulf of Riga, sweeping southwestward around Warsaw, thence encircling the city and stretching away to the Galician frontier, near Sokal, it is estimated they have lost 500,000 men and perhaps more in this most ambitious movement of the war, and the Russian front is not yet broken.

On the Narew river, north of the Polish capital, the Russians have made a stubborn resistance, holding Field Marshal Von Hindenburg for the time being in check, while to the south, the combined Austro-German forces, struggling to seize the Lublin-Chelm railway, have been for days on the threshold of success without being able actually to achieve their goal.

Immediately west of Warsaw quiet prevails and it is along the Lublin-Chelm sector or in the Narew river region that it is believed the crisis will be reached.

Severe Fighting on Italo-Austrian Frontier.

Severe fighting in the Italo-Austrian frontier, which has been going on approximately for weeks, shows no signs of letting up, nor is there any clear indication of the definite outcome, but the Italian official statement continues to claim a succession either of advances or of holding the Austrians in check.

ITALIANS CAPTURED 3,200 AUSTRIANS

Drove Them Out of Position at Monte Dei and Seized Great Quantities of Munitions After Fierce Battle.

Rome, Tuesday, via Paris, Wednesday, July 28.—The official statement from the headquarters of the general staff says:

"In the Aione valley, we are now in full possession of the heights on the right slope, having occupied Monte Lavanesch and the Pissona crest. From points dominating the opposite slope, the enemy's artillery attempted to hinder the operations, but without success. In the Monte Nero regions, the struggle continues unabated, notwithstanding the fog. At Plava, the second operation undertaken to enlarge the bridges is developing favorably. On the Carso plateau, the battle continued yesterday. Our troops advanced along the whole front with great dash and boldness, conquering a strong position on San Michele, commanding the greater part of the plateau. After being subjected, however, to a violent cross-fire from the enemy's artillery, our forces were obliged to fall back below the crest where they are now maintaining their positions. On the center, we progressed toward San Martino. On the right wing, we completed at nightfall the conquest of a position at Monte Dei, driving out the enemy, who was strongly entrenched. We made about 3,200 prisoners, including one lieutenant-colonel and 31 other officers. We took five machine guns, two small cannon, french mortars, quantities of rifles, ammunition, war materials and food, as trophies of a day of fierce fighting."

FRENCH CAPTURE A HEIGHT.

Dominating Principal Valley of the Fecht in Alsace.

Paris, July 28.—The following official communication was issued by the war office last night:

"In Artois, in the sector of Souchez, the cannonade has become more intense. The town of Arras was twice bombarded. A fire which was started was quickly extinguished. One civilian was killed.

"From the Somme to the Aisne, there has been continuous activity on the part of the artillery of both sides.

"In the Argonne, a violent cannonade has occurred along the whole front.

"In Alsace our troops Monday achieved the conquest of a very strongly organized position, which the Germans occupied at an altitude of about 650 feet above our initial trenches on the crest of Lingekopf, Schratzmannele and Barrenkopf—that is to say, on a front of two kilometers (about a mile and a third). These heights dominate the principal valley of the Fecht, as well as the great road from Notre Dame des Trois Epis.

"We made prisoners of several officers and more than 100 men belonging to five different regiments."

YARD BY YARD.

German Progress Toward Warsaw Is Much Slackened.

London, July 28.—The Austro-German attempts to envelop the Russian armies defending Warsaw and to capture the Polish capital have been brought nearly to a standstill, and where the Germans are moving forward it is only yard by yard and at tremendous cost in men and material.

The German field marshal, Von Mackensen, has taken a few villages on the way to the Lublin-Chelm railway, between the Vistula and the Bug rivers, and the Austrians, by a counter offensive at Sokal, have captured positions which will make the German flank safer, but as has so often occurred lately, Berlin officially reports that "otherwise the position of the German troops under Von Mackensen remains unchanged."

Along the western bank of the Vistula, from Ivangorod to Novogeorgievsk, even less progress apparently has been made, while along the Narew, where Von Hindenburg has been directing operations in an effort to drive a wedge in behind the city, he is now largely occupied in meeting the Russian counter-attacks.

These counter-attacks, according to Petrograd, had succeeded in forcing the Germans who had crossed the river to return to the northern bank at several points, but Berlin asserts that they completely failed and that the German force is advancing in an easterly direction.

The Russians, who were defeated in the Baltic provinces recently, have also turned and, according to the Berlin official report, have delivered an attack from Mitau, which, however, was repulsed.

Further to the south, the Germans continue their advance eastward towards the Vilna-Petrograd railway, but there is a lot of territory to cover before this is reached, and it is considered more likely that General Von Buelow, who is in command here, will return to the southward to threaten the Russian armies which are facing Von Hindenburg.

Everywhere the battles are at their heights, especially that in which Von Mackensen is engaged. All the military critics here believe that is the most critical point of the campaign, for the whole German plan depends on his reaching the Lublin-Chelm railway.

HAITI'S PRESIDENT ASSASSINATED BY A MOB

Took Vilbrum Guillaume From French Legation at Port Au Prince and Shot Him to Death—City in Great Excitement.

Port Au Prince, Haiti, July 28.—A mob of Haitiens to-day removed Vilbrum Gillaume, president of Haiti, from the French legation, where he took refuge yesterday, and shot him to death. This act of violence was followed immediately by the burial of 160 political prisoners, massacred in prison yesterday at the time of the revolutionary outbreak against Guillaume.

The mob to-day was composed in a large part of the relatives of victims of the wholesale execution. Even after shooting the president the anger of the mob was not appeased. The body of the president was mutilated and tied to the end of a rope, was dragged through the streets of the city. The people of the city are in a state of intense excitement.

JITNEY STRUCK TRAIN.

Seven Persons Were Injured at Hudson, Mass.

Hudson, Mass., July 28.—Seven persons were injured when a jitney bus crashed against the side of a Boston & Maine freight train that was standing at the Washington street crossing here last night. Chief of Police Joseph Light charges that the driver, Hiram McLauflin, was running his automobile at between 30 and 40 miles an hour.

McLauflin is at the Marlborough hospital with an ugly gash in his left side. Physicians say he may not recover. Walter Taft of Hudson, a passenger, is also at the hospital. He is thought to have a fracture of the skull, and is not expected to live.

Mary Sweeney and Alice and Margaret Thompson of Hudson were severely shaken up. Harry Ray and Henry Butler of Marlborough received slight injuries. The jitney struck the freight train with such force that the machine was reduced to a mass of twisted iron. It is said the passengers who are only slightly injured jumped from the jitney before it hit the train.

MUCH FISH LOST.

When Wharf Collapsed—Several Men Had Narrow Escape.

Ellsworth, Me., July 28.—A cargo of salt and all this season's stock of salted fish valued in all at about $15,000, were ruined when Gug H. Parker's fish wharf at Bass Harbor Tremont collapsed yesterday afternoon, carrying storehouses and contents into the water.

Several men, who were at work on the wharf, were sent with the structure, but escaped with slight injuries.

ONLY SIX CUTTERS STARTED.

Hallowell Granite Co. Resumes After a Nine Months' Suspension.

Hallowell, Me., July 28.—For the first time in nine months the sound of the hammer was heard in the sheds of the Hallowell Granite Co. yesterday. Although but six cutters started, more will be added soon, according to the company, and it will not be long before the entire plant is in operation.

Special Meeting of Clerks' Union.

Special meeting of Barre local, No. 261, R. C. I. P. A., to carpenters' hall, Nichols' block, to-night at 7 o'clock. Business of importance; international president is here and lockout pay will be distributed. Per order recording secretary, William Dolan.

GIVEN WARNING BY GERMANS BEFORE ATTACK

Submarine Fired Shell Behind the American Steamer Leelanaw and Allowed Her Crew Time to Get off the Vessel Before Beginning Attempt to Destroy the Vessel

COURTEOUS TREATMENT GIVEN THEM

Captain Delk and His Crew Were Unanimous in Giving Credit to Germans Who Attacked Their Vessel — Submarine Carried Them 60 Miles

Aberdeen Scotland, via London, July 28, 6:15 a. m.—"They could not have treated us more courteously than they did," was the unanimous verdict of Captain Eugene Delk and the members of the crew of the American steamer Leelanaw, when they were questioned last night regarding their encounter with a German submarine. They travelled about 60 miles on the deck of the submarine and became well acquainted with the crew.

Captain Delk made a matter-of-fact statement regarding the sinking of his ship, saying: "There is no story in it. We stopped when a shot was fired behind us and then we had to leave Our ship was shelled, combed and torpedoed but it took four and one-half hours to sink her. The Germans took us aboard the submarine, carried us about 60 miles and then gave us direction, getting to Kirkwall, which we reached safely in twelve hours."

AMPLE WARNING GIVEN.

Say Captain and Crew of the Destroyed Leelanaw.

Aberdeen, Scot., July 28.—The captain and crew of the American steamer Leelanaw which was sunk by a German submarine in the North sea Sunday night, arrived last night. They say that several shots were fired at the vessel by the submarine but that they were given ample warning before the steamer was sunk.

SUBMARINE WARFARE IS REDOUBLED

One Swedish Steamer and Three Danish Schooners Fall Victims to German Activity.

London, July 28.—German submarines show no cessation in their activity in the North sea. The latest reports set forth that the Swedish steamer Emma and three Danish schooners, Marta, Neptunis and Lena, have been sunk by them. The crews of these vessels were landed to-day at Blyth.

THREE WERE KILLED ON ROLLER COASTER

The "Rough Rider" Jumped the Track at Coney Island—Woman Saved Herself and Young Son.

New York, July 28.—Three persons lost their lives when a roller coaster on the "Rough Rider" at Coney Island jumped the track late yesterday while traveling at high speed. The dead are:

James McDonnough, jr., 24 years old of Coney Island, driver of the car.

Miss Ruth Cudy, 19 years old of Long Island City.

Mrs. Anna Hartman, 35 years old, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. Clarence Moles of Spring Valley, N. Y., and her 7-year-old son, Edward, the other occupants of the car escaped injury.

Mrs. Moles saved her son by her presence of mind, when, after being thrown clear off the car, she clung to the track, holding her son in one arm until they were rescued by the police.

CANCEL WAR ORDERS.

After Finding Dynamite Under Houses of Two Men Interested.

Dallas, Tex., July 28.—As the result of finding dynamite under the house of J. D. Padgitt here Sunday night and the dynamiting of the home of W. T. Moore, a foreman in the Padgitt saddlery factory, the saddlery firm announced yesterday it would fill no more European war orders for saddles for the present.

CHASED BY SUBMARINE.

The Carpathia Escaped by Running a Zigzag Course.

New York, July 28.—The Cunard liner Carpathia, which arrived here last night from Liverpool, was chased by a submarine off the Irish coast Sunday, July 18, according to several of her passengers, who said the Carpathia had steered a zigzag course until dark.

WOMAN AUTOISTS IN ACCIDENT.

One Ran Into Team and Another Was Struck by Second Car.

Burlington, July 28.—Mrs. G. P. Burns received serious injuries to one arm yesterday afternoon when the automobile in which she was riding was struck by another machine. The accident seems to be one which could easily have been avoided and, according to those who witnessed it, was the result of reckless driving. The car which was responsible for the accident bore the Vermont license number 1967 and is said to be the property of Mrs. Josephine N. Wood of North Ferrisburg. The accident was placed in the hands of State's Attorney Hopkins for investigation.

Miss Clara Enright, while driving her car early last night, struck a team which Mrs. George Gaines, who lives near Malletts bay, was driving on North avenue, breaking one wheel of the carriage. It is said that the low rate of speed at which the Enright car was traveling prevented a more serious accident.

The accident was the result of Miss Enright's attempt to pass the carriage at the same time that an automobile, traveling the same direction as the carriage attempted to pass. Miss Enright was driving her car toward Burlington at about 6:10 o'clock and met the carriage near the Barker farm. The other automobile was driving toward the north in the same direction as the carriage, which was on the right hand side of the road. It is stated that Miss Enright tried to drive her car through the space on the road between the carriage and the other automobile, which was about to pass it, approaching the team from its rear. Miss Enright's car crowded up against the team and broke the front wheel. No one was injured.

BECKER MAY TESTIFY.

In the Hearing Brought About to Save His Life.

New York, July 28.—Whether Charles Becker, the former police lieutenant, twice convicted of instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal, will meet death in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison Friday morning or will be given an additional respite rests with Supreme Court Judge John Ford, who, yesterday received briefs for and against a motion for a new trial. He promised to give his decision as quickly as possibly and it is expected to be handed down late to-day or Thursday morning.

Both briefs are lengthy, the one submitted late yesterday by W. B. Cockran, chief counsel for the condemned man, consisting of 18 typewritten pages, and that of the state, presented by District Attorney C. A. Perkins, covering 48 pages. Mr. Cockran also filed a supplemental brief covering points raised by the district attorney. The briefs take up the legal phases of the affidavits filed before Justice Ford Monday by Becker's counsel and the district attorney's office.

Justice Ford has the right to call for witnesses and it is believed both the prosecution and the defense are ready to produce them if needed. Should the justice indicate his desire to hear witnesses, it is believed that Mr. Cockran would ask that Becker be brought from Ossining to testify in his own behalf, although no definite statement on this point has come from Becker's counsel.

Mr. Cockran argues in his appeal that the judgment of death against Becker was obtained by the suppression of vital facts and the misrepresentation of other facts by the chief witness for the state. The brief says: "In the light of the facts embodied in the affidavits, the entire character of the issue submitted to the jury which convicted the defendant is changed so completely that every feature advanced by the prosecution to establish his guilt is completely refuted. Is the court, nevertheless, without the power to prevent the execution of the defendant for an offense it now affirmatively appears he never committed?"

It is declared in the brief that the affidavit of Hartford T. Marshall, former counsel for "Bridgie" Webber, should in itself be sufficient to grant a new trial as should also the affidavits of Benjamin Kauffman and Louis Harris. Kauffmann was an associate of Rosenthal's for 20 years and Harris is at present confined in Sing Sing prison. Attorney Marshall in his affidavit alleges that Webber confessed to him that Becker was not a party of the murder plot.

Mr. Cockran's brief refers to Becker's failure to testify at his trials as follows: "In the case the defendant remained silent during his trial not through fear of any discreditable revelation or through a reluctance to make any damaging confession, but through a quixotic notion of loyalty to a promise, itself improvident and extravagant. Indeed his conduct in this respect is so extraordinary that were it not established by proof and conceded by the district attorney it would be considered incredible."

The brief charges that the whole structure of the case against Becker is based upon fraud and perjury. It criticises the district attorney's office as seeking to send Becker to the electric chair, not because he procured murder, but because a mistake was made in conducting the trial.

District Attorney Perkins in his brief contends that the justice has not the sovereign power to grant a new trial as claimed by Mr. Cockran. The district attorney declares the justice is limited by statutory provisions. The so-called new evidence is declared to be cumulative to impeach witnesses at former hearings. It is charged that it is valueless because "the great mass of it is hearsay and irrelevant."

MAY BE MIDDLEBURY AUTO.

Machine Which Was Abandoned in Fitchburg.

Fitchburg, Mass., July 28.—A roadster automobile driven into a garage in this city Monday without number plates is believed to be the property of a business man in Middlebury, Vt. A car answering the description of the one held here was stolen a week ago in that place. The owner of the car stolen in Middlebury will come here to look at the car. The chief of police at Keene, N. H., telephoned here to hold the car until a man from that city came here to look at it, as a car has been stolen there.

CALLED BOAT UNSEAWORTHY

That Is What Ship Official Was Reported to Have Said

HE WAS ARRESTED FOR THE INQUIRY

Six Indictments Are Expected in Eastland Case

Chicago, July 28.—At least six indictments for responsibility for the Eastland disaster last Saturday will be returned by the state grand jury to-day, according to the announcement of State's Attorney Hoyne. It will not be decided until late in the day whether to ask for indictments for criminal carelessness or manslaughter. There is plenty of evidence on either charge, Hoyne declared. The grand jury will go into session at the conclusion of the coroner's inquest, which is expected to consume most of the day.

Explaining the detention of W. K. Greenbaum, general manager of the steamship company which leased the Eastland Saturday, State's Attorney Hoyne said Greenbaum admitted he knew nothing about the Eastland but added that he knew or had heard she was unseaworthy.

In response to a proclamation by Mayor Thompson, Chicago observed to-day as a day of public mourning.

HOMESICK YOUTH CAUSED ALARM

By Leaving Boy Scout Camp on Camel's Hump and Striking Off for Home—Whole Region Searched Over for Him.

Waterbury, July 28.—This village and the surrounding towns were thrown into considerable excitement this morning over the report that a boy had been lost on Camel's Hump and that it was feared he had come to harm. The boy, John Ramsey of Charlotte, was a member of a boy scout party that was camping on the mountain and he disappeared during last night. After a search all the forenoon, report came from Richmond that a boy answering his description had called at Richmond and inquired the way to Huntington and later was seen walking toward Burlington, which led to the calling off of the search, as it was thought probable the pedestrian was the missing youth, who, driven by homesickness, had started off home alone.

Shortly before that time it was learned that a youth called at the house of William Martin near the Elliott mill in North Duxbury at 2 o'clock this morning and that at 5:30 the boy was seen near Jonesville.

When members of the boy scout party on the hump began stirring at 4 o'clock this morning it was learned that the Ramsey boy was missing from the squad of 14 boys from Charlotte under the charge of Rev. Frank Place, pastor of the Baptist church at East Charlotte. At first it was feared he had walked in his sleep and perhaps fallen off the cliff known as the "ledges"; but search at the base of the cliff failed to give any trace. Then Rev. Mr. Place and the boys began a search over the entire mountain, covering about 15 miles.

Again failing, they notified people in the valley and also the boy's father, Mr. Ramsey started by automobile from Charlotte and searching parties started out from Waterbury and North Duxbury, the Waterbury party including Rev. W. L. Boicourt and his boy scouts and two of the most skillful searchers at the state hospital. All of them were well on their way when word came here that traces of the lost youth were found leading in the direction of his home; and there was much relief all around. In the meantime the 11 youngest members of Rev. Mr. Place's boy scout party had been sent to their homes only the two oldest being retained to assist in the search.

VISITOR WAS NABBED.

Came to Brattleboro and Ran Into Non-Support Case.

Brattleboro, July 28.—Cleve Shipman of Hartford, Conn., came here to attend the funeral of his father, Ezra O. Shipman, and was arrested in an action brought by the state for non-support of his wife and child. He was arraigned in the municipal court yesterday.

His wife testified he left his family in 1909 and went to Hartford, promising to send for them. She said he returned once or twice, but for several years he had not contributed a cent for their support. She testified that she wrote him some sharp letters because of jealousy of another women.

BODY OF VICTIM ARRIVES.

Charles Goyette Was Drowned in the Eastland Disaster.

Burlington, July 28.—Lysle, Francis and Cornelius Goyette, and their aunt, Mrs. Agnes Apple, arrived in this city last evening from Chicago with the body of their brother and nephew, Charles Goyette, who was drowned Saturday in the Eastland disaster. When seen last night, they had stories of the catastrophe so overwhelming to relate that one would almost think them unbelievable or impossible to happen in real life. G. A. Goyette, father of Lysle, Francis, Cornelius, and Charles, who was lost, was unable to make the trip, having sustained a dislocated knee in the accident. Joseph Winkel, son of George Winkel of North avenue, was also on the Eastland, but escaped.

A "SPY" DETAINED.

He Came Swooping in During the Fog to Get the Enemy's Tactics.

One of the most audacious attempts at espionage that has ever been written in the annals of police activity in Barre was uncovered this morning when Jonas Stubblefield was detained at city hall after his attempt to obtain, surreptitiously, information calculated to work no end of harm to a local organization that is just now in the center of public interest. Confronted by a rapid fire of questions from the authorities the man is alleged to have broken down, making a clean breast of everything. Stubblefield's appearance on the streets of Barre, his suspicious operations and his dramatic capture form a diverting story, the parallel of which seldom creeps into print.

"Whoa, there! Whoa!" as though someone was attempting to assuage a team of runaway horses, was the clarion call that came from an uncouth-looking individual at the postoffice corner on South Main street around 8 o'clock today. A close scrutiny of the scene would have failed to disclose any runaway horses, but the man with the straw-colored head continued to call. As he stood there gazing down the street at the imaginary dust kicked up by the fabulous hoofs of a fictitious team of chimerical quadrupeds, a blue-coated officer touched him on the shoulder and beckoned him to follow.

The jig was up for Mr. Jonas Stubblefield. He had played his game well, but with ill-starred success. He was a Reub, all right, as far as the blue jeans and cow-hide boots went; but his hands were not the horny hands of the ploughboy. The toil-worn look of the man with the hoe was lacking, and the spear of herdsgrass that protruded through a crevice in his hayseed hat might have belonged to the property man in the Old Homestead Co. Indeed, to a casual observer, even the gold bug lapel badge, a relic of the McKinley campaign in 1896, which the bogus farmer wore on his coat, did not serve wholly to allay suspicion that the wearer thereof was either a matinee actor or a spy.

"Gosh blame them darned hosses," old strawtop started to apologize, but the bluecoat interrupted him with a peremptory order to "lay off that yarn-mitten stuff and come along."

Surrounded by a cordon of city dignitaries at police headquarters, Stubblefield submitted to a bit of third-degree work and finally gave forth his story. The farm atmosphere was a simulation on his part, he confessed, the team a mere hypothesis, and the runaway a phantom flight of horses that were nonexistent. He had tried the ruse because he thought it would divert attention long enough for him to make his escape. Getting nearer to the core of his amazing revelations, Stubblefield said he had been hired by a baseball team in Squaug Holler to ascertain the plan of attack meditated by a rival team—the Goose Greens, Stubblefield believed was the name. At any rate he had secured the desired information and was about to deliver the goods to the Squaug Holler people when the police nipped him so handily.

High officials of Goose Green were indignant when they learned of the affair, but the authorities have decided to detain Stubblefield only until Thursday night, when the big playground benefit carnival will be a matter of history and when the information he gained so vicariously will be of no use to the Squaug Hollers.

Facts About To-morrow's Carnival.

Granite plants in Barre as a whole will shut down at 3 o'clock for the playground carnival Thursday afternoon and merchants, individually, have consented to close their stores at the same hour, thus giving employes an opportunity to view the parade and participate in the festivities at the Berlin street grounds. Many of the business offices and barber shops will also suspend business after 3 o'clock.

All those intending to participate in the parade are urged to muster at the Ayers street park as soon after 2:30 o'clock as possible, an early hour for the mobilization having been chosen because a little time will be necessary to organize a parade of such considerable length. Owners of pleasure cars are invited to join with the freak cars, horribles, bands, pipers and floats in making the parade a success. Ample opportunities for parking cars will be provided near the grounds in the north end. Tickets for the game may be procured at any drug store in the city.

Parade starts promptly at 3:30 o'clock, the line of march to extend from Ayers street to the baseball park. Score cards with both teams lined up thereon will be sold at the grounds. In case of rain the entire program will be postponed to Friday afternoon.

(Signed) H. P. Hinman, W. G. Reynolds, K. H. Gale, Frank L. Small, Donald Smith, Athol Bell, chairmen of allied committees.

SEVENTEEN APPLICANTS

For Citizenship Papers at Naturalization Court in Montpelier.

Seventeen applicants appeared yesterday afternoon and evening at the session of naturalization court held at the federal building in Montpelier, ten being granted their first papers by Clerk Fred S. Platt, and seven appeared to make application for their final papers.

Following is the list of applicants to whom the initial papers were granted, with their residence and place of birth: Clinton L. Thompson, Marshfield, Canada; Myr Bluston, Montpelier, Russia; Miecric Bova, Montpelier, Italy; Antonio Bonacorsi, Waterbury, Italy; Frans Hjalmar Hoglund, Waterbury, Finland; Jose Gobo, Montpelier, Spain; Leutpold Nuisal, Berlin, Germany; Ernesto Pagliara, Montpelier, Italy; Frank Fiorravanti Abbati, Montpelier, Italy; Noel Bovy, Worcester, Canada.

Applicants for the final papers: Neils C. Neilsen, Montpelier, Denmark; Carl G. Nielsen, Montpelier, Denmark; Carlo Bestelli, Montpelier, Switzerland; Alfred Millette, Montpelier, Canada; Andrea Bergenti, Montpelier, Italy; Ernest Beaudet, Montpelier, Canada; Frank Whiting Jenne, Montpelier, Canada.

E. S. Marshal Carpenter of Brattleboro and A. G. Theriault, bailiff, are with Clerk Platt.

DECLARES CITY CHEATS ITSELF

Report Says $1,248 Is Lost in Water Charges to Stonesheds

CITY COUNCIL GETS REPORT OF FINDINGS

Some [illegible] Said to Be Paying More Than Others

By the report of the water superintendent, submitted to the city council last evening, showing the results of the inspection of meter service in the granite plants of Barre, it was said that through the alleged neglect of the water department in the past to check up such service systematically, the city has cheated itself yearly out of more than $1,000. It was also said during the meeting that, although the city had established meter rates this action was not followed by charging on the meter basis ordered, but that there had been discrimination and favoritism shown to certain consumers. It is proposed to remedy these conditions and a special meeting of the council will be held at 6 o'clock Friday evening to consider water rates.

A brief aldermanic meeting, presided over by Alderman Bruce in the absence of Alderman Keast, was followed by a more protracted session of the council, in which various phases of the superintendent's special report were considered and discussed at length. A table covering each granite shed, a total of 60 plants, was submitted by the superintendent and in a large majority of instances it appeared that the city has been getting inadequate returns from its water service in the granite belt. On the basis of the latest reckoning, the city is receiving $3,107.50, where the revenue should be $4,356, the difference representing $1,248. A mass of data bearing on the rate question was uncovered and closely scrutinized before the councillors decided that a little leeway should be allowed before any action is taken. Sometime before Friday night the water committee will draft a tentative schedule and submit it to the council for approval, amendment or rejection.

New Bids for Opera House Lease.

Once and for all, it seems, the city is through dickering with George J. Goodkowski of York Beach, Me., and right on the heels of that young man's decision, reported last night, to vacate his part of any agreement existing with the city in the matter of leasing the opera house, came a unanimous vote to advertise for new bids. Mr. Goodkowski's deposit of $100 is forfeited to the city and new bids on the lease of the theatre are to be in by next Monday night, when the council, at its regular monthly meeting, expects to sew up all negotiations. Mr. Goodkowski's communication to the city clerk, a reply to the ultimatum mailed him as the result of action taken last week, spoke of his partner's failure to support him in the proposed theatrical venture. The letter was accepted and ordered filed.

Wanted Opera House Without Paying.

For the flying squadron of New England, R. B. Herrick of Boston asked for the free use of the opera house on the afternoons and evenings of Aug. 30 and 31. The mayor took exceptions to Mr. Herrick's statement that the hall would not be used for political purposes and declared that prohibition is one of the paramount political issues of the day, a viewpoint which was shared by Alderman Rossi. Mr. Herrick said the meetings were to be neither partisan nor sectarian. Mr. Rossi thought it would be establishing a bad precedent to permit the squadron to use the theatre without paying for it. Asked by the mayor as to whether the Perry referendum to be brought before the people next spring would be broached at the proposed review of the squadron, Mr. Herrick admitted that the speakers might possibly skirt around the edges of that proposition. On Alderman Cook's motion to grant the request, both he and Alderman Shurtleff voted in the affirmative. Alderman Rossi opposed, Alderman Glysson did not vote, nor did Alderman Bruce, who was presiding. The motion was declared carried. A request from the Barre Woman's club to use the theatre next September for a pageant was granted.

Water and Sewer Extension.

After patiently striving for water and sewer extensions for two years, upper Merchant street people are to have their request granted this season. John Turner's delegation was down again last night and after a report from the city engineer estimating the cost of the project to be $950 had been read and accepted, an aldermanic committee of the whole report recommended that the extensions be made at once. The report was accepted, along with the recommendations. The cost is to be divided proportionately between the water and sewer departments. The engineer's report on the cost of a similar extension on Railroad street, as read at a previous meeting, was accepted, and on the report of the water committee it was voted to do the work as soon as the finances of the committee will permit. City Engineer Lee's report, assigning numbers to houses on Fortney place, was read and accepted.

Alexander Ironside appeared in behalf of the Central Labor union with a request that the city employes be allowed to work under the newly enacted workingmen's compensation act. He explained that in order to attain this end the matter must go before the voters at a special city meeting. The council asked for a week to consider the proposed referendum.

An amendment to the city ordinance

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Vermont State Library