

COUNCIL ASKS MAYOR TO NAME JUNE 10 AS "PREPAREDNESS DAY"—OTHER DOINGS

The city council last night voted for the preparedness parade featured by the Ass'n of Commerce, the Illinois Manufacturers' ass'n and other Big Business organizations.

With only two dissenting votes—those of Ald. Rodriguez and Kennedy—the city council asked that the mayor name June 10 as "Preparedness Day" and name a committee to work with the commercial committee who framed the stunt.

John M. Glenn, the busy sec'y of the Ill. Manufacturers' ass'n, says he has arranged with the big bosses to have all their employes forced to take part in the parade.

The council also took a hand in international affairs by a prolonged discussion of a resolution offered by Ald. Kennedy asking that Pres. Wilson and congress use every effort to avoid a break with any foreign power. This was placed on file. Ald. Merriam's resolution of "peace with honor," after a long and hot scrap was beaten 33 to 17.

The mayor was victorious in his fight for appointments announced last week. The biggest fight was the appointment of Jos. J. Elias, Thompson leader in the 29th ward, to the local improvements board. Ald. Hrubec presented affidavits which purported that Elias, as treasurer of a church fund, had refused an accounting. One of the affidavits was repudiated by the signer.

Another communication on Elias was the letter dug up by Hrubec and Buck that Elias had the city send free cinders to a contractor who controlled 75 votes. In spite of this scrap Elias was confirmed by a vote of 54 to 13.

Other Council Doings

Confirmed appointment of C. R. Francis as city att'y and F. L. Francisco as city's representative on the board of supervising engineers.

Passed ordinance for street car

extension on Lake Park av., between 47th and 55th sts. Illinois Central has long fought this.

Chicago Law and Order league's offer to finance survey of four-mile limit on North Side was shoved over to license committee.

Central Polish relief committee given permission to have tag day June 12. Order to permit only two tag days a year buried in judiciary committee.

Ald. Kennedy asked law dept to give opinion on power of city council to close barber shops on Sunday.

Proposal to raise municipal judges' pay sent to finance committee.

Finance committee asked to look into proposal that surplus Bridewell funds be used for relief of families of destitute prisoners.

Chief Healy's answer that he did not think he had to submit Funkhouser's vice report to council sent to judiciary committee.

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COUNCIL SIDESTEPS AUTO FENDERS AGAIN

Ald. Otto Kerner, aroused at the increased number of deaths caused by fenderless auto trucks, last night asked that the city equip all their motor trucks with fenders. He asked that the rules be suspended and that the order be immediately passed. His proposal was voted down and the matter sent to the finance committee.

The report of the public safety commission, just published, shows 254 deaths caused by autos in 1915 as against 5 in 1905. Of these, 38 were caused by fenderless auto trucks. There were also 333 accidents caused by fenderless auto trucks.

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Louis Kassell, 60, night clerk, Manhattan hotel, 801 S. State, risked life to warn 154 of fire which filled five floors of hotel with dense smoke.