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CITY COUNCIL REPUDIATES ACTION OF MAYOR NEWTON RE CONCILIATION BOARD.

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veloped in connection with the consideration of the matter. The council divided itself even more distinctly into two camps, the mayor and Alderman Stephens taking the lead in the discussion. The public section of the council chamber was practically filled with spectators, the group sympathizing with the Civic Employees' Union being most vociferous in their plaudits when the mayor made a thrust.

The fireworks opened with the second item on the agenda paper which called for the reading of the correspondence leading up to the establishment of the conciliation board. Mayor Newton asked the city clerk as to who had authorized the placing of the matter on the agenda. Mr. Jones replied that it had been Ald. Stephens. The latter immediately took to his feet then to state that the matter he considered was one for the whole council to deal with and not the mayor alone.

Agenda Paper
"That may be your opinion on the matter," replied His Worship, "but I think I am but due the courtesy of knowing what is going on the agenda paper."

"I would suggest that you have no right to keep anything off the agenda paper which a member of the council wants thereon," declared Ald. Stephens.
"I am satisfied now I have my answer," said His Worship.
"And if you are not satisfied you can leave it to the council," from Ald. Stephens.

The reading of the correspondence then proceeded. Immediately after it had been concluded Ald. Stephens rose to his feet and moved the resolution. Ald. Collart seconded it.

Backs the Mayor
Ald. Macdonald expressed his opposition to the resolution. He believed that the mayor had power to call a board of conciliation if he believed it would protect the city from rising trouble. The mayor had called a meeting on Friday afternoon to put the situation before the council but there had been no quorum. In then bringing about the creation of the board of conciliation to avoid the impending strike, he believed the mayor had acted in the best interests of the city. In view of this it was his opinion that there was no justification for such a resolution condemning the mayor. His action had not been illegal or without the limits of his jurisdiction and prerogative.

Ald. Stephens said that it was at least not very courteous for the mayor to withhold information from the city council when he had received it.
His Worship then proceeded to recite the circumstances leading up to the calling of the council committee meeting prior to the creation of the board.

Ald. Stephens interrupted with the statement that His Worship was commencing to talk in his usual wandering manner.
"I want to start this thing from the beginning in my own way without any interruption from you, Ald. Stephens," from His Worship.

"All right then shoot," urged Ald. Stephens.
"I want to tell you that I will not be aggravated and told to shoot by you, and I would ask you to take your seat until I am finished. Neither you, nor any other alderman or citizens can

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bulldoze me," ejaculated Mayor Newton amid the rousing cheers of the section of his sympathizers seated to the rear of the public section. "I am here to give the aldermen an explanation of why I acted as I did."

Mayor Explains
His Worship then went on with his explanation. He told of the failure of the aldermen to respond to his call for a meeting after the strike had been threatened. Then he had concluded that it was best to avert a strike and had wired to Ottawa accepting the Board of Conciliation and appointing a representative for the city on the written understanding with the employees that the strike would be called off. He had done all he could to get the council together and failing that had considered it his duty to avert the strike. As for the meeting of the council on Friday and his notice to the aldermen thereof, shortly after Ald. Stephens had received his notice he (Ald. Stephens) had come to the mayor and asked for the purpose of it and he (the mayor) had read him every line of the notification of the strike committee. What was his surprise then when he arrived for the meeting in the council chamber to find only Ald. Munro, Ald. Macdonald and Ald. Macenzie present. For some reason the majority of the council had failed to come together. Realizing then that the matter could not then be dealt with by the council until tonight (Monday) and the strike was called for Saturday night, he believed it in the best interests of the city to take action in averting the strike and he had done accordingly.

Not Justified
"For these reasons, I do not think that the motion now proposed to censure me is justifiable since I did all I possibly could in order to get the council together," continued the mayor.
"However, if the majority of the council may see fit to pass the resolution, I can assure you that my relations with you will in the future be just as straightforward and frank as they have been in the past. I do not think that I defied the majority of the council when they failed to answer to my call. I do not think that it is fair that motion of censure should be passed upon me though I can easily bear the ordeal."

Ald. Stephens declared that from what the mayor had just said it was evident that no 48-hour notice had been given the council as to the meeting. There had been time to call the council together in a properly constituted meeting. Even if the council had come together when the mayor had called it no legal action could have been taken.

Cross Questions
"You proposed this Board of

Conciliation on Thursday night, did you not?" queried Ald. Stephens.
"No," replied the mayor.
"Then why did you notify Mr. Fisher that night and ask him to represent the city of the Board?" again queried Ald. Stephens.
"I learned late Thursday night that there would likely be a confirmation of the strike vote," replied His Worship. "I then called up Mr. Fisher asking him if he would act if necessary. Finally, he agreed, but I told him, and he will hear me out on this, that I still hoped there would not be a strike declared."

"In view of the fact that all the requests for a Conciliation Board came addressed to the mayor and council, did you not believe that the council had a right to choose its representative to such a board?" from Ald. Ald. Stephens.

"Yes, if they showed the inclination to deal with the situation," replied His Worship.

Dignity of Chair
Ald. Stephens—"I would also like to ask why Your Worship objected to this matter being placed on the agenda without being authorized by you. Did you not intend to report to the council tonight?"

Mayor Newton—"The step was taken by me after the council had failed to come together and I felt the matter was closed. I also feel that I might at least have been consulted regarding such matters coming up. I did not object to the matter coming up but I did feel that it was not treating the chair with ordinary dignity in not consulting it on the matter."

Ald. Stephens—"Speaking of discourtesy, do you think that it was courteous to pass up an elected council and have them read of the act of you as mayor in your own daily paper before you had consulted with them? Does that not make you yourself guilty of the very thing of which you complain—discourtesy and indignity?"

Mayor Newton—"I published it in my paper for the enlightenment of the people and not as a matter of discourtesy to the council. The city council had a chance to get the information before it was published."

In reply to a criticism by Ald. Collart regarding getting the council together on 24 hours notice, Mayor Newton said that when less important questions than this had been coming up he had not stood on the formality of a 24 hours notice.

Macdonald Explains
Ald. Macdonald rose to explain that he had no brief for the mayor for he was able to take care of himself. Neither did the fact that he was an employee of the mayor have any bearing on his attitude. He merely felt that, in fairness to the Mayor, the urgency of the situation had justified him using his prerogative in averting a strike and he should not be condemned for it. He could not see where his methods had been high handed.

Ald. Munro said he would have been satisfied to allow a Board of Conciliation if the men affected had applied for it and not the Civic Employees' Union. He felt that the petition, presented last week asked for better working conditions for the men and stated that 50¢ an hour was not high enough to pay for labor and had in its intent nothing to do with the Civic Employees' Union. However, they had chosen their

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course and he would not hesitate in saying that he would oppose naming a member of the board representing the city to deal with the Civic Employees' Union.

Ald. Macenzie defended the action of the mayor and said he failed to see why the Civic Employees' Union had to be taken into the matter, anyway. The resolution was then put and carried on the division of 6 to 2.

Mayor Also Wires
"You have passed a motion which is to be wired to the Minister of Labor. Let me be open with you. I shall also wire to the Minister of Labor myself and shall ask him to pay no attention to your resolution."

"At your own expense, too," interjected Mr. Collart.
"No, the bill shall be presented to the Finance Committee of this city for payment. If they refuse to pay it, however, I will of course pay it myself. I am not so nearly broke that I cannot afford to pay for a telegram, let me tell you."

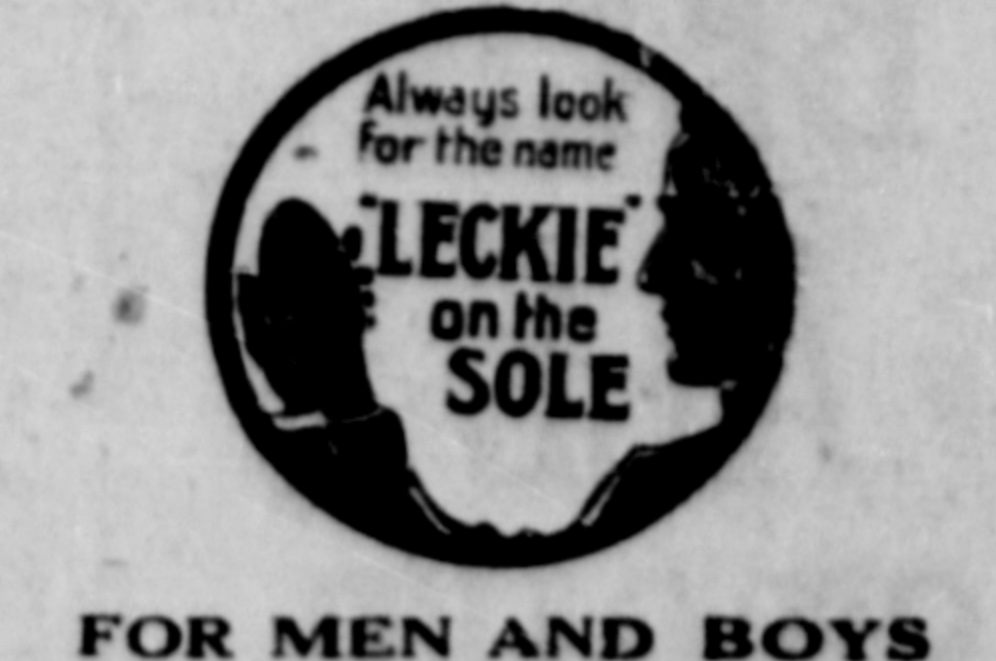
Later in the evening, the mayor explained to the council that his action in further wiring to the Minister of Labor was not intended in the sense of defiance. In bringing about the appointment of a Conciliation Board he had received the written undertaking of the employees that there would be no strike. He would merely point out that he had fulfilled this requirement and that he had been no party to the undertaking being now broken.

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