

Putnam Named Director of Regional Port Body; Two States Interested

At a meeting yesterday of the Chicago Regional Port Commission, Major Rufus W. Putnam was appointed director of the commission and will have executive charge of its affairs, according to announcement issued by William R. Dawes, president of the commission.

Major Putnam is a local engineer of notable experience and reputation in Chicago and elsewhere and is particularly versed in marine and transportation terminal matters. He served for several years as United States District Engineer in the Chicago territory and has had many contacts with port terminal and shipping projects. He is author of the Harbor Plan of Chicago, which plan was drafted under the auspices of the Commercial club at the request of the city government in 1926, and he has been active for many years in various advisory capacities in commercial and civic bodies.

The Chicago Regional Port Commission was created by the Illinois-Indiana legislatures and is directed to draft a report for submittal to the next regular legislative sessions of the respective states relative to the feasibility of the establishment of a permanent interstate Port Authority in the port district which embraces the area bounded by the Lake Michigan shore line between Waukegan, Illinois and Michigan City, Indiana, and an imaginary boundary line connecting Waukegan, Elgin, Aurora, Joliet, Chicago Heights, La Porte and Michigan City.

More Trouble Over Labor Employment Is Reported in County

Trouble broke out again last week over employment of labor on the sanitary district jobs in North Chicago and Highland Park, when close to 50 men made demands on the Alexander Repass company that local men be employed.

Repass had previously agreed to demands of the unions that union labor be employed. This ended a controversy that had been running two weeks and had kept the work fairly well tied up.

The men who stormed the job complained that very few of the laborers were from North Chicago, and insisted that they be favored with work in preference to outsiders. Unions are demanding that home labor be employed on all Lake county jobs.

While the crowd dispersed after a time, it was feared that a second attempt with a larger crowd would be made by the disgruntled unemployed.

Trouble broke out on Belvidere road, a state resurfacing job, at the west end of the pavement yesterday when close to 200 union laborers and workmen on the job argued. Some came to blows and bloody noses resulted in some cases, it was reported.

Workers have invaded all sections of the county in making their demands for home labor and as a result a number of jobs have been tied up.

Close to 200 went to Winthrop Harbor Monday to make a complaint on construction in progress there.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM LAKE COUNTY

Happenings About This Part of North Shore and Vicinity; County Seat

A. C. Packer, agent for the North Shore Line, was named commander of the Libertyville Post 329, American Legion, at the annual election of officers held last week.

Wauconda's volunteer fire department has raised \$900 of the \$5,000 fund it is seeking to buy new fire fighting equipment it was announced by leaders of the drive.

Dying a few minutes after she came in from swimming in Long Lake last week, Mrs. Michael Orbas, 58 years old, of 857 North LaSalle street, Chicago, was held to have been a victim of a heart ailment by Coroner John L. Taylor, who investigated the death.

A pitchfork, casually thrown from a hayloft on the C. R. Faunt farm near Grayslake last week struck William Waehm, 8, of Chicago, who was playing outside the barn. The tool drove through the calf of his leg.

Robert N. Phillips, a deserter from Great Lakes, wanted by the Waukegan police since last March for the burglary of a home and the theft of an automobile, was captured by the police of Hackensack, N. J., last week.

Mrs. Bertha Corinne Claeboe, of Waukegan, died recently at her home in that city.

Professional bondsmen, operating in Waukegan and Lake county, whose scheduling of property in numerous cases before justice courts has been under fire, must secure a certificate from the state of Illinois before they are entitled to receive pay for their services, an amendment to the bonding laws provides.

A drop of approximately \$20,000 in the assessed value of Libertyville real and personal property from the values of 1930, was announced yesterday by Lloyd Ray, assessor.

Operating his motorcycle without adequate lights, Wesley Clark, 19, 1414 Laurel avenue Waukegan, crashed into the moving machine of Dr. John E. Freeland, in that city last week. Clark being killed outright and his companion, Rayfield Peterson, 18, 144 North Butrick street, being slightly injured.

An informal discussion of the findings of a special committee investigating the proposal plan for development of a municipally owned airport for Waukegan took place last week after the regular session of the Forward Division of the Chamber of Commerce of that city.

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