

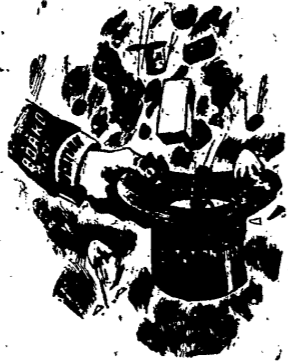
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## ALDERMAN GILLEN ACCUSES COLLEAGUES OF MANY CRIMES

He Says That Alderman Kelly and Peck Are Bad, Wicked Men and the Rest of the Board is Dishonorable—Other Aldermen Think Gillen's Reputation Needs Repairs

### INVESTIGATION OF ALL CHARGES ORDERED

The only way in which last night's session of the common council can be fittingly described is to use an expression which was recently made by an English traveler who examined the industries of America and said the United States resembled "hell with the lid off." The remark covers the meeting very satisfactorily. There was enough brimstone in the remarks used by Ald. Kelly, Peck and Gillen to start a brand new Hades, and for a time it was thought that the session room was an annex of the hot region. The aldermen were told that they ought to be in the bottomless pit, and, in fact, Ald. Kelly remarked to Ald. Gillen that "a man like you ought to be forty miles in hell." The language of the disputants was picturesque in the extreme, and the charges and counter charges, accompanied by asbestos proof remarks, rolled back and forth like an angry sea, now running high and seemingly about to overwhelm everything, and then sinking away with a sudden roar, only to gain power for a fresh attack on the citadels of the personal honor and integrity of each member of the board.

Never has a meeting of the board of aldermen been marked by such scenes as were presented last evening; never has the chamber been filled with such an amount of personal abuse and vituperation and never has a meeting of the board come so near culminating in a riot. The trouble did not end with an adjournment, as the three principal disputants carried their dispute into an adjoining room and the battles were fought over again, with such ferocity that violence was narrowly averted.

Ald. Gillen went to the meeting with his artillery charged to the muzzle and he was met with an attack from what he chose to term the camp of "scoundrels, thieves, dishonest men, crooks, rags," etc. He said that he couldn't be a Christian gentleman and associate with them, that he had been made "a fool of the board," and "swallowed a pill after pill," had seen everybody "take pork from the same barrel," and used other kindred expressions to show what he thought of his associates. He even went so far as to withdraw from the meeting, stating as he did so that he could no longer associate with the other aldermen. He left his seat and went out of the room into the city engineer's office, then proceeded to the rear of the council chamber where he became a spectator, and when the battle opened on his behalf he pushed his way through the crowd, seated himself on the railing separating the aldermen's seats from the public part of the chamber and finally climbed over the railing and again took his seat, a sort of a loop the loop proceeding.

The process of telling each other what they thought of each other as used by Messrs. Gillen, Kelly and Peck was not that used in giving experience in prior meetings and if there are to be any future sessions of a like nature the woodwork in the chamber should be fireproofed and an extra force of firemen kept on duty.

Every alderman was in attendance and Mayor Covell was in the chair. Ald. Gillen's desk was piled high with papers and it was evident that there was to be "something doing" as soon as the meeting opened. There was almost a change in the temperature of the room when the fifth ward alderman looked at his colleagues on the sixth ward, but before ice could form in the pitcher on City Clerk Steison's desk the atmosphere changed and the opening remarks were as thunder, clouds portending an approaching storm. It broke with fury, flashes of innuendo, chain lightning in the shape of giving files and getting them back instantly, illuminating the proceedings and threatening to completely demolish any political lightnings rods which any of the contestants might have erected.

As soon as the preliminary business of the board was disposed of, Ald. Strauchen offered the following resolution: Whereas, there has recently appeared in the Morning Herald an article signed by Alderman C. H. Gillen, wherein he impugns the honesty and integrity of this common council; and whereas, said article is made up of a mass of insinuations and wild rumors; therefore, be it Resolved, that we, the members of the common council, demand that any and all persons having charges to make against this board, or any of the departments under its supervision, make the same in writing and file them with the city clerk in order that a thorough investigation may be had. It was immediately seconded and an eye and nay vote was called for by Ald. Orr.

Ald. Gillen jumped on his feet and said that he had charges to make against various members of the board and he would back them up, but he would refuse to give away any evidence until a motion of his was acted upon. He stated that he would vote contrary on the motion, but wished to explain his position. A vote was then taken and Ald. Strauchen's resolution was adopted, involving in favor of it with the exception of Ald. Gillen. Mr. Gillen then offered the following resolution and moved that it be adopted: Resolved, that a committee of three

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