

# EXPLAINS REMARKS

## ON ALIEN ENEMIES

### Ald. Muir Corrects an Erroneous Impression as to What Was Meant.

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Speaking on a question of privilege in the city council last night, Ald. Muir said:

"Reports which have been given to the press regarding an incident which occurred at a meeting of the waterworks committee on Wednesday last, are misleading, and so it has been reported that I stated that a certain employee had been dismissed from a labor union for expressing pro-German sentiments. I did not say so. I said my information was that a certain employee had been dismissed from a labor union for alleged conduct unbecoming a member of a union. This was the only reason I gave for his dismissal. However, I added that I had been informed that this same employee had been accused of expressing pro-German sentiments, and had got himself into trouble for so doing.

"The acting engineer volunteered that the name of the employee was Peters, and when I asked him why he retained a man in the employ of the city, who had been charged with this, he replied that no one would come forward with an affidavit to back up the charges.

"After commenting that it seemed absurd to appoint guards to take care of the works, and yet employ a man of whose loyalty there was doubt, I moved a resolution to the effect that no alien enemies should be employed by the waterworks committee.

"Newspapers were informed that the resolution could not get a second. This also is not so. Every member of the committee present was emphatic that no dangerous man should be employed, but it was thought better that the engineer should be requested to provide the committee at its next meeting with a list of the employees of the waterworks, including place of birth, extraction, age, length of service with the city and if of alien birth, when naturalized. Accordingly I withdrew the motion, pending the receipt of further information."