

DALY WATER POLICY DECLARED UNSOUND

Claims of Economy Made by Candidate for Mayoralty Are Refuted by Experts.

SINKING FUND INADEQUATE

Revenue Not Sufficient to Pay for Operating Cost and Provide for Renewal of Plant—Financial Collapse Ahead.

The campaign claims of City Commissioner Daly that his four years' administration of the City Water Bureau has been one of economies and savings is called as fiction by expert accountants who have just completed an exhaustive study of the financial reports of the Water Bureau.

The report of the accountants show conclusively that not only are Mr. Daly's claims without foundation but that his policies, which to all appearances have been for political rather than business purposes, have placed the Water Bureau on an unsound ground financially, reducing it from its self-supporting basis of 1912 to a non-self-sustaining basis in 1916, with apparent financial stress in prospect.

Figures of the accountants have been taken from Mr. Daly's official reports. They show in brief that the percentage of operating and maintenance expense of the Water Bureau in 1916 was the same as in 1912, being 25.5 per cent of the total revenue in both years.

Margin of Profit Narrow. It is shown also that revenues have been so reduced as to give the Water Bureau a surplus of only 10.7 per cent in 1916 to take care of the replacement of the system, while in 1912 the surplus was 30 per cent. The 30 per cent surplus would amply take care of all depreciation. The 10.7 per cent surplus will not. On the present Daly basis, the accountants show that the Water Bureau could not avoid the financial rocks in 1917, when it will face \$760,000 in matured bonds with \$174,770.19 on hand to retire them. In 1912 the bureau was on sound ground and the danger was not there.

The revenue from the sale of water in 1912 was \$778,912.55; the expenses of operation and maintenance \$207,666.56, or 26.6 per cent of the revenue. Interest on bonds amounted to \$230,000, or 29.5 per cent of the revenue. Sinking-fund payments amounted to \$108,000, or 13.9 per cent of the revenue, making a total of \$565,666.56, or 72.6 per cent of the total revenue received from the sale of water. This left an excess of revenue from the sale of water over expenses of \$213,245.99, or 27.4 per cent of the total revenue.

Contrast Is Marked. In 1916, under Mr. Daly's administration, the total revenue from the sale of water was \$754,176.10. Expenses of operation and maintenance, \$200,963.89, or 26.6 per cent of the revenue; interest on bonds, \$228,510, or 30.3 per cent of the revenue; sinking fund payment, \$146,250, or 19.4 per cent of the revenue, making a total of \$575,723.89, or 76.3 per cent of the revenue. This leaves an excess of revenue from the sale of water over the expenses of \$178,452.21. This excess is only 23.7 per cent of the total revenue as compared with 27.4 per cent in 1912.

The city charter provides that a sufficient amount must be charged for the sale of water to take care of all operating expenses, interest on bonds and a sum of not less than 2 per cent of the total outstanding water bonds to create a sinking fund for the retirement of bonds when they come due. Bonds can only be issued for extension work, but there is no provision for replacements by the issuance of bonds. Consequently the sum of not less than 2 per cent of the sale of water a sufficient amount to replace the water system when it becomes worn out.

Sinking Funds Necessary. Assuming that the water system will last 100 years, 1 per cent of the total value of the system would have to be set aside as a fund to renew the present system, so that the Water Bureau would be self-sustaining. The total value of the water system November 30, 1916, was approximately \$13,900,000, 1 per cent of which would be \$139,000. Charging this against the revenue derived from the sale of water, a deficit of \$55,477.79 would be created, conclusively showing that in 1916 the Water Bureau was not self-sustaining.

The total value of the system in 1912 was \$10,136,923, and charging 1 per cent of this amount, or \$101,369, against the revenue, a surplus of \$130,477.99 would be left, showing that in 1912 on the same premises the Water Bureau was self-sustaining.

An indication of what the Water Bureau is coming to under the Daly regime is shown in black and white by a study of the sinking fund figures.

Collapse Is Foreseen. Assuming that it will be possible to invest practically all the funds held in the sinking fund in investments which can be bought at par and pay 6 per cent interest, there will be a sufficient amount in the sinking fund to pay the \$2,200,000 bond issue falling due on that date. The bond issues falling due on and up to October 1, 1917, are deemed, but on March 1, 1917, a bond issue amounting to \$500,000 has to be retired with only \$174,770 in the sinking fund for the redemption. November 1, 1917, there will be another issue of \$250,000 due with nothing in the sinking fund; in 1918, up to November 30, \$389,000 become due, with no funds in the sinking fund for the retirement. The sinking fund created for the retirement of bonds becoming due subsequent to 1918 will have to be used to retire bonds coming due in 1921, 1923, 1925 and 1928.

Any business man at all far-sighted could see the conditions and make provision for them. There is no way of getting around the fact that as the policy and practice now stands the city will have \$750,000 bonds to redeem with no money available to care for them. How will this be met? By a new taxation, or how? Mr. Daly will not be there then, in all probability, so "he should worry."

SEVERAL SEEKING DIVORCE

Wife of Convict Among Those Wanting Separation.

Frank E. Boothe is serving a five-year sentence in the Federal penitentiary at McNeil Island, and Mrs. Boothe is asking for a divorce. She charges her husband with cruelty and declares that he was sent to prison because of his alleged cruel treatment of her. She asks for the custody of a minor son.

Edwin Mayor began his cruel treatment of Anna Mayor one week after they were married, she says in her divorce bill filed yesterday. They were married in 1912.

Otto and Leone Skofstad were married at Salem in 1912 and have two small children. Despite the fact that Otto has been a good provider and dutiful husband, he says Leone has turned to one James Hook, who is named as co-respondent.

Pearl Bissell alleges that John Bentner at frequent intervals since her marriage to him in 1915. She wants a divorce on the grounds of cruelty. Irene Conde says that Montague has been extremely cruel in his treatment of her. They were married in 1908 and have one child.

PERMITS GIVEN 500 ALIENS

Many Unnaturalized Germans Ask to Enter Barred Zone to Work.

Applications of unnaturalized Germans for entry within the barred zone about the Army exceeded 500 when the United States Marshal's office closed last night.

Throughout the week the force worked incessantly in receiving and examining applicants, with a waiting line always stretched along the anteroom and corridor. Applicants were required to submit three photographs, a detailed account of prior employment, the names of witnesses who vouched for them, and the indorsement of employers, if employed.

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On Thursday, May 24, 1917, the Central Labor Council, with City Commissioner Will Daly (now candidate for Mayor) present, voted and took active steps to bring about a great strike in the shipbuilding and steel industries for the purpose of forcing the Willamette Iron & Steel Works to abandon its present policy of open shop and become a strictly union shop. The plan contemplates a general strike all up and down the Coast in all industries allied to steel making and shipbuilding. You can readily understand what this will mean.

City Commissioner Daly was present; he did not protest; he acquiesced in the general plan. He is a member of a local union and of the Central Labor Council.

Do we want a man so strongly partisan as Daly as Mayor of Portland? Shall he appoint the chief of police, judge and city attorney, who shall handle the cases arising out of this strike? Do you realize what that means?

The employees of the Willamette Iron & Steel Company (and of other allied industries) are satisfied with their working conditions, hours, wages, etc. They are not asking for the strike. This is to compel them to unionize.

Do you desire to see our new industry demoralized? Our country is crying out for ships. Sixty ships, with a total value of \$48,000,000, to be built at 16 yards, are being contracted for here. Shall we undergo a series of strikes and boycotts, like England, before we arouse enough patriotism to respond to the demands of our country?

This is a serious matter. If you are opposed to throttling the best interests of Portland, vote against Daly.

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