

WATER METER PLAN URGED BY DETROIT MAYOR. System Proposed for Portland Will Prevent Waste and Prove Most Equitable, As-sets Oscar Marx.

MICHIGAN CITY TRIES METHOD, SUCCEEDS. "We Proved Efficacy of Meters," Declares Executive, on Visit Here.

"The only way to prevent waste of water by consumers is to meter the town and let everyone pay for what he uses. We are using meters again. Once we had them, they showed them and afterward discovered our mistake and back they are going," declared Oscar M. Marx, mayor of Detroit, Mich., who is known throughout the United States for his great fight on the Detroit United Railways, which resulted in his securing reduction in fares from 5 cents to seven tickets for a quarter with universal transfer privileges.

Mayor Marx arrived in Portland last night from San Francisco, and is registered at the Multnomah. He is accompanied by Robert Oakman, secretary, but who was Michigan's first state tax commissioner, and Mrs. Oakman. They are now working eastward after a four weeks' tour that took them as far south as New Orleans. They will visit Seattle, Vancouver, B. C., and Winnipeg, en route home and will leave for Seattle probably tonight.

Meter Plan Indorsed. "I understand that you are having a local fight over a proposition to meter Portland," said Mayor Marx. "Of course I am a stranger here and do not feel that I can advise. However, the underlying principle in my opinion is the right thing. Portland is growing rapidly just like Detroit. We now have more than 600,000 population, and we are constantly putting in additional pipe lines into the newer districts. I know that the presence of meters saves us much construction of new lines because the meters stop the waste."

"Detroit was once metered, but the water commissioners figured that it was unnecessary with Lake Erie to the west and the Detroit river, which connects the chain of lakes. This of course gives us an unlimited amount of water.

"But we soon learned that it was not a question of water but one of expense. The people simply wasted the water with wanton hand. In summer they kept the faucets open, and in winter they kept the pipes from freezing. We soon saw that such waste must either be stopped or the pipes would have to be constructed to care for the unnecessary demand.

"Since then we have been installing meters and intend to keep it up. In Portland I understand that the gravity system. In Detroit we have to pump our water. Our power is secured very cheaply, however."

Mayor Marx is expected to officiate two years ago this fall, on a platform advocating municipal ownership of water.

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THIN ICE INCIDENT IS REVIVED IN SENATE BY JONES AND POMERENE.

Newlands Declares There Is Studied Attempt to Misrepresent President Wilson.

Washington, March 21.—Sharp debate in which Senators Jones, Newlands and Pomerene figured was precipitated in the senate today when Jones read a newspaper article in which it was stated that President Wilson wanted the debate on the Panama canal tolls limited. It came when administration leaders attempted to squelch Jones.

"I believe," said Senator Newlands, "that there is a studied attempt on the part of the press to represent President Wilson as a lackmaster. Most of the newspapers seem to be trying to convince the public that the president is trying to control congress. He certainly has not shown any such desire in his public utterances and there has been nothing in his private conversations intended to create such an impression."

Senator Jones denied the president had told him that he was "skating on thin ice" when he intimated that the president's repeal address followed a conference with Englishmen.

"But," said Senator Jones, "I would like mighty well to be assured by the president that there is any good reason why he wants the tolls exemption clause repealed."

"I have introduced a resolution inquiring if the foreign powers protested against it, and if so, for the answer made by the state department. I do not want to misrepresent the president as has been suggested by Senators Borah and Thomas. I would like to go and see the president about this question, or have him send for me if he wants to give me the particulars."

"I would just like to inquire," interrupted Senator Pomerene, "as to whether the fee is any thinner today."

Senator Jones made no reply.

IMPEACHMENT OF JUDGE DEMANDED



Judge Daniel Thew Wright.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT SUPREME JUDGE IS SCORED IN HOUSE

Charges of Private and Official Misconduct Are Made Against Judge Wright.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, March 21.—Rising in the house today on a question of personal privilege, Representative Park of Georgia formally demanded the impeachment of Justice Daniel Thew Wright of the District of Columbia supreme court. Park alleged private and official misconduct.

Park's denunciation was accompanied by a resolution asking the house judiciary committee to investigate Justice Wright's conduct.

Among other things Park charged that Justice Wright allowed a street railway lawyer to endorse his note while the lawyer was appearing in his court; that he accepted an attorney's fee during his judgeship; that he wrongfully collected and appropriated "other people's money"; that he purposely changed a record to prevent reversal for causes in a case wherein he presided; that he was guilty of judicial misconduct in a habeas corpus trial to the extent of provoking the reviewing court to characterize the trial as a travesty; that he was guilty of "various acts of personal and judicial misconduct and is morally and temperance unfitness to hold judicial office."

Charges recently made by Wade H. Cooper, a Washington banker, that Judge Wright, who is nationally known because he sentenced President Gomez of the mercantile Federation of Labor to a term in prison for contempt of court, with participating in fraudulent transactions with business concerns, trying cases in which he was notoriously prejudiced and with favoring some of the lawyers of the District of Columbia, were investigated recently, resulting in the exoneration of Wright.

Jane Addams Hugs Her Friend in Court

Ellen Starr Acquitted of Disorderly Conduct in Connection With the Picketing of a Chicago Restaurant.

Chicago, March 21.—Ellen Starr, a Hull House official, was acquitted here today on a charge of disorderly conduct in connection with picketing at Henri's restaurant. The jury returned a sealed verdict last night but it was not opened until this morning.

Jane Addams hugged and kissed the defendant when the verdict was announced. Late last night someone telephoned Hull House: "Tell Miss Starr not to worry. Everything is all right."

Chicken Thieves in Auto Are Captured

Exciting Early Morning Chase Covering Twenty-five Miles Results in Arrest of Three Offenders.

Pomona, Cal., March 21.—After a wild automobile ride covering more than 25 miles, through orchards, plowed fields and dusty as well as paved roads, Chief of Police Tracy and Constable Sianker captured three men and two automobiles loaded with chickens, at an early hour today and are believed to have broken up an organized gang of chicken thieves that has been cleaning out the coops in the Pomona valley for some weeks, resulting in losses of hundreds of dollars.

Breaks Contract and Must Pay Damages. Florence Constantino Owes Oscar Hammerstein \$25,000 for Failure to Keep Her Word to Sing for Him.

New York, March 21.—Oscar Hammerstein got a \$25,000 damage verdict against Florence Constantino for breaking a contract to sing exclusively for him during a whole season.

Tolls Repeal May Reach House Today

First Fight Will Be for Extension of Time for Debate From Original 15 Hours Now Allotted to Bill.

Washington, March 21.—Democratic leaders believed at noon today that there was a bare chance of the resolution providing for the repeal of the exemption clause in the Panama canal tolls bill coming up for consideration in the house this afternoon. Consideration of the rivers and harbors bill was being rushed in an effort to reach the canal matter.

The initial fight on the canal bill was expected to center in the demands for more time for debate. A special rule, under which the resolution will get the right of way, provides only 15 hours for debate. Many insist that the time be increased.

Fearing Rabies, Old Man Walks Baker County Prospector, Bitten by Dog, Tramps 50 Miles for Treatment and Shows No Ill Effects.

Baker, Or., March 21.—E. J. Ferris, nearly 70 years of age, reached here late yesterday after covering 50 miles from his home at Rye Valley, on foot. He was bitten by a dog several days ago, and fearing hydrophobia he came here for treatment. He was on the road two days and nights and is but little the worse for his experience. He is not certain that the dog was infected. Ferris has several jagged wounds on his arms from the animal's teeth.

Ferris is a pioneer prospector of Baker county. He had not been in Baker for 15 years.

Congressman Urges Government Union

Nolan of California Wants Federal Employees to Organize and Demand \$3 a Day Minimum Wage.

Washington, March 21.—That he was advising government employees to organize for higher wages and affiliate with the American Federation of Labor was admitted today by Representative Nolan of California. Nolan said he had received hundreds of letters from government employees, many of them unsigned, supporting a bill for a minimum wage of \$3 per day for government workers.

Sharp Considered for Russian Post

Representative From Ohio May Be Named Ambassador to St. Petersburg; Is Backed by Ohio Delegation.

Washington, March 21.—It was believed here today that President Wilson planned to appoint Representative Sharp of Ohio ambassador to Russia. Sharp has the backing of Ohio congressmen.

Speaks From Ambulance. Mrs. Glassell Gets Half.

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Washington Believes Latest Proposal by Mexican Dictator Is to Resign in Favor of Minister Rojas.

HUERTA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RUN AGAIN

Bryan Receives Full Report of Conference at Vera Cruz of Lind and Rojas.

Washington, March 21.—That President Huerta has made a proposal which may solve the Mexican problem was admitted at the state department today.

This proposal was the subject of Mexican Foreign Minister Rojas' conversation with John Lind at Vera Cruz. The conference lasted three hours and Secretary Bryan has received a full report of it. He did not make the report public, however. He was considering it, it was stated.

It was believed here that Huerta offered to turn the presidency over to Rojas, himself taking the field in person against the rebels, if the Washington administration would recognize Rojas and raise no objection to himself (Huerta) as a candidate at the next presidential election.

It was believed, too, that United States Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy went to Vera Cruz in connection with the rumored new proposals, though he said he took the trip for recreation.

It was rumored at the war department today that friends of Clemente Vergara, an American recently enticed into Mexico and killed by federalists near Nueva Laredo, were planning to cross the border with a party of Texas rangers to seize the horses and other property which Vergara said federal soldiers stole from him. Secretary of War Garrison immediately telegraphed to General Bliss to prevent such a raid.

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Arrangements Made for Redfield's Visit

Committee Named to Receive Secretary of Commerce, Who Will Spend Next Friday in Portland.

Although Secretary of Commerce W. C. Redfield is stipulating throughout his trip over the country that no formal affair, such as banquets, luncheons, receptions, be tendered him, the visit of President Wilson's cabinet officer in Portland will not go unnoticed.

A committee has been named to receive him and show him at least the civilities due to a man of his position. On his arrival early next Friday morning, he will be met at the union depot by the committee, which is composed of:

Horace D. Ramsdell, president Commercial club; A. H. Averill, president Chamber of Commerce; J. N. Teal, Chamber of Commerce; E. C. Giltner, Chamber of Commerce; Edgar E. Piper, chairman reception committee, Portland Commercial club; Captain J. J. Reynolds, Oregon-Washington-California Salmon Packers' association; Henry L. Beck, inspector Seventeenth coast surveys, bureau of navigation and coast surveys, bureau of navigation and the bureau of steamship inspection.

Mr. Redfield has made it known that his trip is strictly for business and he wishes to confer with the different interests of Portland which have business with his department. The scope of the department of commerce includes the census, the bureau of corporations, the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, the bureau of standards, bureau of fisheries, bureau of lighthouses, bureau of geodetic and coast surveys, bureau of navigation and the bureau of steamship inspection.

'I'm Just Poor Weak Mortal,' Says Wilson

President Tells Press Club He Often Feels Like Giving the Wink to Show He's a Real Man.

Washington, March 21.—Washington was marveling today at the manner in which President Wilson unbosomed himself Friday at the National Press club's house warming in its new quarters here.

It is borne in on me by the articles I read about myself," he said, "that I am a cold, removed person with a thinking machine inside which he adjusts to circumstances."

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Bantry Bay Fleet Ordered to Belfast and Two Training Ships Sent From Kings-ton to Quell Orangemen.

FIELD MARSHAL FRENCH DIRECTS PREPARATIONS

Hussar Officers Stationed at Curragh Resign Rather Than Fight Fellows.

Dublin, March 21.—Determined to desert rather than fight for home rule, a soldier at Curragh camp tried this afternoon to scale the barrack wall and a sentry fired at him. While the incident itself was insignificant, it created great excitement as many believed it was the opening shot in a civil war in Ireland.

Dublin, March 21.—All troops in southern Ireland were ordered to the Orange counties today. Leaves of absence were cancelled and absentees were recalled. The southern Irish militia, which will be overjoyed to fight the Ulstermen on the home rule issue, were instructed to be ready to join the colors on short notice.

Nor were naval preparations overlooked. The fleet in Bantry bay was already steaming for Belfast. The training ships Gibraltar and Royal Arthur were on their way to the same port from Kingston.

Field Marshal French, who arrived today, was directing all preparations. He also did some investigating into the report that many army officers in Ireland had resigned rather than fight for home rule, and learned that about 100 officers of the Fourth hussars stationed at Curragh, really had surrendered their commissions.

They were having serious trouble with the troops. Reports were current that a battalion of Dorsetshires positively mutinied in the barracks here when they were about to be transferred to another station, and were downing their arms and declaring they would not fight for home rule. This report was highly exaggerated, but it was certain the men were discontented and unruly.

The officers were even more so. Just how they felt could not be learned, but the number was sufficient to cripple the government in its military dispositions. The transfer of troops from Curragh was suspended, but it was cancelled temporarily, for lack of officers to command it.

There was an unconfirmed report that Brigadier-General Hubert De Poer Gough, commanding the Curragh cavalry, was among those who resigned.

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HEALTH BREAKING UNDER GREAT STRAIN



Herbert Asquith, Premier of Great Britain.

GOOD ROADS DAY FOR ALL OREGON PLANNED; GOVERNOR CONSENTS

Movement Launched by the Ad Club Meets Hearty Approval of West.

An All-Oregon Good Roads Day with 100,000 Oregon men wielding picks and shovels, the women preparing camp dinners for the workers, organizations competing in amount of work done for prize banners, and the event appointed by proclamation of the governor, was planned by the Ad club executive board yesterday noon.

S. S. Hewitt, chairman of the club's special committee, contacted with Governor West by telephone yesterday afternoon. The governor gave his approval to the plan, suggested that a day in the latter part of April will be best and asked that the idea be further outlined in a letter which was sent him today by special delivery reading as follows:

"Confirming our telephone conversation of yesterday afternoon the Portland Ad club, by action of its executive board, desires to aid in arranging for the observance of an All-Oregon Good Roads Day to be set aside by governor's proclamation.

100,000 Men May Aid. "It is our belief that 100,000 men of Oregon will be glad to give each a day's good work on the roads, that business and civic organizations of each community will be eager to co-operative in arrangements, that the good women of each community will gladly serve in the preparation of camp dinners for actual workers, and that such is the earnestness and enthusiasm of Oregonians that the result, and permanent road building itself be given an important stimulus."

The Portland Ad club will be more than glad to give the services of its entire membership in completing the plan for All-Oregon Good Roads day. We will take steps toward the award of prize banners to organizations doing the greatest amount of work.

"It is our belief that a day in the latter part of April will be best for the purpose. "We know you are heartily in favor of the good roads movements and feel it to be the most important phase of the whole situation."

Helen, aged two and one-half years, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hawley. When she was a child, Margaret never did anything to excite her jealousy. The sending of the poison by Mrs. Hawley to her seems to me to be the most peculiar phase of the whole situation."

Water Flows Upon Umatilla Project

Farmers and Orchardists at Hermiston Take Advantage of Opportunities and Are Making the Most of Conditions.

Hermiston, Or., March 21.—Irrigation water is now available on the Umatilla project and many ranchers today were busy spreading the water over their alfalfa fields and early planted gardens. The winter has been an exceptionally good one for those who sowed alfalfa in late fall and, as many acres were sown the increase in the production of alfalfa will be large. Spring seeding of alfalfa has been in progress since the middle of February, and it is expected to fall to have several hundred additional acres in alfalfa. The owners of older alfalfa fields are busy cultivating and preparing their fields for this year's crops.

Peaches, apricots, cherries and almonds are now in full blossom and early apples and other fruits are beginning to show pink and white buds. The orchardists are busy with their spray pumps in war against the fungus and insect pests. The quality of fruit is now the best in years, and the work that the summer crops may be planted.

Work on the West Umatilla project has all now the new areas of the extended project, and there are no idle men in the community.

INSANTY PLEA TO BE DEFENSE IN POISON CASE

Attorney Says Mrs. Hawley Has Been Ill Two Years, Which Explains Her Sending Poison to Family.

REAMES CONFIDENT OF MENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Prisoner Glares at Inspector During Hearing Twice Interrupts.

A defense of insanity will be the only one interposed to account for the actions of Mrs. Edna Hawley, the woman who yesterday confessed the attempt to cause the death of her husband, three step-children and a neighbor woman, by sending them boxes of candy which included a dose of mercury had been placed.

That such a course could be followed was indicated by a statement today of Attorney Ray Compton, counsel for Mrs. Hawley, in anticipating such a move. United States Attorney Clarence L. Reames directed government attorneys to begin an inquiry as to her mental condition.

At a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner A. M. Cannon yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Hawley was found sane to await the action of the United States grand jury on a charge of sending poison through the mails with intent to kill. Ball was fixed for the trial at 10 a. m. today.

Attorney Compton stated this morning that the woman has been suffering for the past two years from a mental disease which has preyed upon her mind, and that she did not think she was responsible for her action.

Attorney Says Mind Deranged. "That even the government has some doubt as to her sanity can only be inferred from the fact that United States Attorney Reames has already put the government attorneys to observing her," Mr. Compton asserted. "I feel sure that her mind is somewhat deranged, and for the present no other defense of her action will be presented."

"She has confessed to sending the poison through the mail with the intent to kill, and that fact is admitted," Mr. Compton is attorney for Mrs. Hawley. He stated that the action now pending in the state district court. This suit charges cruel and inhuman treatment. After it had been filed, several other suits were filed by the pard and Brock acting for the husband, filed a cross complaint, asking that he be granted a divorce from the woman, and he also charged her with cruel and inhuman treatment.

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Woman Not Drug User. "The story that Mrs. Hawley is a drug user is manifestly out of place," Attorney Compton declared. "The detectives found in her house a bottle of strychnine tablets. She has been under the care of physicians for a long time, and I know for a fact that they prescribed for her the use of strychnine as a light stimulant. As to the domestic troubles, I think it is the usual instance of where there are grown up stepchildren. As the wife of Mr. Hawley she was treated with disrespect by them all the time, and they were always quarreling between the two reached the point where the divorce proceedings were started, the attorneys for both sides stipulated that this little girl should be with Mrs. Hawley. She is now with Mr. Hawley.

Alonist Visit Woman. Dr. W. T. Williamson, mental specialist, who is the alonist called in by the government to examine Mrs. Hawley in cases of suspected insanity, this morning admitted that he had gone, at the request of the United States attorney, to the city jail yesterday afternoon and made an observation of Mrs. Hawley.

"I reached no conclusions through that investigation," he asserted. "The woman talks rationally enough. The only thing that might lead me to think that she was laboring under a mental delusion, was because she dwelled particularly on the fact that she had been married to her husband."

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IN TODAY'S POULTRY NEWS

Mrs. W. H. Orrington and Miss W. H. Orrington have set-tings for sale. The Misses Lehigh, pullet debutantes of note, are eager to find a home. Three young White Leghorns are open for engagements.

Several mechanical mothers are offered for purchase. By using these the birds save time for social and political duties. If you are interested in feathered society you will find more social notes on the Poultry Page in today's Journal.

