

ST. JOHNS WATER CO. MAY ACCEPT CITY'S NEW \$108,000 OFFER

Commissioners Instruct Attorney to Make Tender, Over Protest of Daly.

RESCIND PLAN TO BUILD

R. W. Montague, for Water Company, intimates Offer Would Be Acceptable, Probably Ending Matter.

With the city now offering the St. Johns Waterworks & Lighting Co. \$108,000 for its water system in St. Johns, it is probable that no further action will be taken toward the establishment of a city of a plant of its own within the district.

The city council this morning, over the dissenting voice of Commissioner Daly, voted to give the company \$108,000 for its plant. R. W. Montague, appearing for the owners, said he thought the amount would be favorably considered.

Today's action rescinds the action of Wednesday, when the city council authorized the water bureau to begin construction of its own system in the district. If the owners of the system accept the offer the question of purchase is settled.

The first indication that the water company officials would accept less than \$108,000 for its plant was noted when Mr. Montague appeared before the council.

The motion to give the company \$108,000 was made by Commissioner Baker, who said:

"I stated the other day that I was willing to vote for \$108,000, and I believe Commissioner Bigelow said the same thing. This is within the water engineer's estimate."

"If the city will make a definite offer of \$108,000," said Mr. Montague, "I think it will be given favorable consideration."

"City Attorney La Roche was instructed to offer the company the amount fixed."

EXAMINATION NOW ORDERED

New Rules for Foremen in the Water Bureau.

As a result of complaint made by Will H. Daly, commissioner of public utilities, that rulings of the civil service board to the effect that foremen in the water bureau had to be appointed from the laborers' ranks, the civil service board has ordered an examination for foremen. Only those who have seen active service in the water bureau are to be permitted to take the examination and credits are to be given for past efficient service.

Daly in a letter to the board said that the seniority rule of the board would force him to replace all of his experienced foremen with unskilled laborers and tend to demoralize the service.

George W. Caldwell, chairman of the board, authorized the letter from Daly, saying:

"The letter makes interesting reading for the public, but it is devoid of many facts."

It is proposed to hold an examination February 23 to secure eligible for appointments to the positions of foremen. Under this plan, the person fit for the positions will be entitled to appointment, which is the very thing advocated by Daly.

DOG POUND PLAN OUTLINED

Oregon Humane Society Submits Scheme to Council.

The Oregon Humane society will spend \$180.50 a month more to operate the dog pound than it is now expending, provided the dog pound is turned over to the society to operate. A detailed account of proposed expenditures was filed yesterday with Commissioner Baker.

The present cost is \$475 a month under the city's management. The society proposes to add \$50 a month to this for rental of grounds, \$50 a month for veterinarian service, \$12.50 a month for light, \$10 a month for telephone service, \$65 a month for an additional helper, \$25 a month for the maintenance of building and grounds, \$60 a month for care of vehicles and \$15 a month for miscellaneous expenses. The society also proposes to expend \$4000 for original equipment.

FILM CENSORSHIP DISCUSSED

Details Explained at Meeting of the Board.

Details of the plan for censoring motion pictures were explained yesterday at a meeting of the board of motion picture censors and motion picture exhibitors.

Under the new arrangement at least two viewers are to see films as they pass upon them without discussing the pictures with the board of censors. In case of question the owner of the picture, exhibitor, manager or exhibitor can appeal to the board.

An announcement was made that Mayor Albino has appointed Rev. Oswald Taylor to the board of censors. The board also passed on the appointment of 11 more viewers. Those appointed are Mrs. Jay Smith, Rev. St. D. Martin,

U. S. WILL WARN HER

CITIZENS TO REMAIN OFF OF ARMED SHIPS

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British See Complications.

London, Feb. 11.—(U. P.)—Issues as grave as the Lusitania case may arise between the United States and the central powers, officials declared today, as a result of the Lusitania announcement of intent to attack armed merchantmen.

The entente allies do not yield the right to arm such vessels for defensive purposes, a practice universally recognized. Moreover, they do not believe that America, in taking recognized this right, will change its policy in the middle of the war, though they have suggested disarmament of ships.

Authorities here believe the United States would take prompt and decisive action in the event that an American or German submarine torpedoed an armed allied liner carrying American passengers.

Under headlines like "A New Plea for Piracy" the newspapers today declared that the Germans after seeming to yield in the Lusitania case are embarking on a new campaign of "rightfulness" in disregard of law and humanity. They expressed the view that the German announcement resounds the German-American dispute.

Vienna Serves Notice.

Vienna, Feb. 11.—(U. P.)—Belgium's ultimatum to the armed enemy merchantmen will be treated as war.

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Make Love in Pidgin English Language Is Most Expressive

Mrs. Carl Crow, former Portland resident, who has returned from Shanghai, China, says Pidgin English letter she has just received from her husband in the orient, is "just great." Mr. Crow is a well-known magazine writer.



By Volla Winner.

"Pidgin English is the most expressive language in the world and the best to make love in. I had a love letter yesterday from my husband written in Pidgin English and it is—well, it is just great," laughingly declared Mrs. Carl Crow yesterday in the course of half-hour's chat about Shanghai, China, where she has made her home for the past five years with her gifted husband, who is one of the best known writers on far eastern matters now contributing to magazines. He is also the writer of several books.

Mrs. Crow was formerly Mrs. Mildred Powers, a popular and attractive Portland girl, before her marriage to Mr. Crow. Five years ago they went to China to live and since that time Mr. Crow has written a "Handbook for China," now the standard guide book for that interesting country.

"Aren't you glad to get back to the United States once more?" I asked.

"I suppose I ought to whisper it, but as a matter of fact I will be glad to go back to the old Shanghai. I love it. Of course I love my friends here, but there is a fascination about the far east, and then the standard isn't wholly money. You like people for what they have in their heads and their hearts rather than what they have in the bank and people like you for the same reason. In the United States is not a hindrance, yet if people have only money they are not received into the really interesting and worth while circles."

"The country is so interesting and the people are even fascinating and a never ending study to anyone interested in human nature. We talk pidgin English to the help and they talk it to us and it is so expressive that my husband and I have gotten so we talk it almost exclusively. We write ourselves. We have written a series of sketches in pidgin English, perhaps you will read them in one of the popular magazines."

Mrs. H. P. Coffin, Mrs. W. B. Gilbert, Mrs. George Strong, Mrs. W. A. Evans, Mrs. Barnard Hutchinson, David Robinson, Mrs. William Heuser, Mrs. E. J. Mosler, like Mr. Crow, have been in the land of the yellow peril.

Poolroom License Revoked. The poolroom license held by John Olson was revoked by the unanimous vote of the city council this morning. Olson was charged with allowing gambling in his poolroom at 127 Russell street.

Cretic Carries Gun. Boston, Mass., Feb. 11.—With a four inch gun mounted on her taffrail and a machine gun in the bow, the steamer Cretic arrived here today from Naples.

Press Comment on Resignation Terms It A Deplorable One (Continued From Page One.)

Regret Expressed in Washington. Washington, Feb. 11.—(U. P.)—Regret over the resignation of Lindley M. Garrison, of New Jersey, as secretary of war, was expressed here this afternoon by Representative Claude Kitchin of North Carolina, leader of the house majority and chairman of the house ways and means committee.

"We are all sorry," said Kitchin, "to see Garrison leave. But President Wilson realized that congress was not a national body for the country to be deprived of its ability, integrity and fine Americanism."

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ANNUAL CHARITY BALL SPLENDID FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL SUCCESS

Scene at Multnomah Hotel Last Night One of Kaleidoscopic Beauty.

SPECIAL DANCES PRETTY

Committed From Women's Exchange Entitled to Honors for Success Which Crowned Affair.

The second annual charity ball for the Women's Exchange went into history last night, a splendid success, socially and financially. A whirl of gaiety, a scene of kaleidoscopic beauty, colored as a spring garden, was the charm of the affair.

The mezzanine floor of the Hotel Multnomah was turned over to the dancers, the white and gold ballroom being strung with light banners which shed their varied-colored hues on the throng of dancers. A bower of palms screened the orchestra on the east side. The tea room adjoining the ballroom was set with small tables amidst palms and ferns, and here supper was served throughout the latter part of the evening.

The honors for the success which crowned the ball go to the committee from the Exchange board, which included: Mrs. Holt C. Wilson, chairwoman; E. L. Harrison, Mrs. F. L. Fanning and Mrs. W. O. Van Schuyver. There was not a smooth course of progress.

Relieving the guests were Mrs. Helen Ladd Corbett, Mrs. Lucius Allen Lewis, Miss Henrietta E. Failing, Mrs. W. B. Ayer, Mrs. Theodore B. Wilcox and Mrs. J. D. Wheelwright.

Dances Are Pretty. At 10 o'clock the first special dance was introduced, a fox trot, given by Miss Claire Wilcox and Miss Mary Stewart Smith, dressed in elaborate costumes of bright blue satin and huge black dots, stiff white fluffs that extended to their shoulders and little black caps with red bows.

The other special dance introduced was given by four maids and men of the exchange board, dressed in elaborate costumes of bright blue satin and huge black dots, stiff white fluffs that extended to their shoulders and little black caps with red bows.

The annual St. Andrew's ball given by the English the big German ball and the annual ball of the Americans given on Washington's birthday, are notable social events in Shanghai, are not being held this year.

"Everyone expected trouble in the south of China," says Mrs. Crow, "and Yuan was the least surprised of all. He is a man of great ability and a thorough gentleman. I differed with him regarding the continental army idea, but I regard him very highly."

Senator O'Gorman of New York: "I certainly beyond words to see Secretary Garrison leave Washington. The administration and the country can ill afford to lose a man of his ability and character."

Senator Kern of Indiana: "Other Good Fish in the Sea. Personally, I like Secretary Garrison and have to see him go. There is an old saying that there are as good fish in the sea as were ever taken out and I little doubt but that the president will find many more patriotic and just as able to take his place."

Senator James of Kentucky: "I certainly will be sorry to see Mr. Garrison leave the cabinet."

John Hays Hammond: "Secretary Garrison was always regarded by the Republicans as one of the strongest men in the cabinet. It is a national loss for the country to be deprived of his ability, integrity and fine Americanism."

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Cregon Stone Not To Be Used in New Public Auditorium

H. P. Scheel, representing the Hercules Stone company with headquarters at Portland, Ore., says that the city council this morning to have the specifications for the public auditorium changed to allow bids to be made on the Oregon Sandstone.

The council refused the application for the use of the sandstone, but the specifications could not be changed in time to allow the bids for the superstructure to be opened next Friday.

Scheel stated that he did not want to delay construction of the auditorium. He said he had not made application sooner because his company had purchased the quarry since the specifications were originally drawn up.

MILITIA TO BE BASIS OF ARMY SAYS SENATOR (Continued From Page One.)

its own plan of army reorganization. "Congress is the legislative branch of the government," said Hay. "It gives due consideration to suggestions and proposals of the executive branch but reserves the right to decide finally any legislative question."

Garrison Plan Shuffled. Hay stated that the continental army plan Garrison had foisted is definitely and finally shelved. Replying to the secretary's statement that the plan was a sham and a mockery, Hay observed: "General Wood said the continental plan is a 'sham and a stopgap.'"

Hay did not know that the dispute over the continental plan had reached such a serious stage as to cause the secretary's resignation, but he expressed the view that the move would not injure the general preparedness program.

"The committee," he said, "will bring out a bill satisfactory to the administration and congress and with real progress for preparedness. We shall have a hearing on the army and militia organization bill, and I hope to have it out within a fortnight."

May Oppose Garrison. Garrison has more keenly resented the attitude of Chairman Hay than that of any other leader in congress. After the secretary had submitted a complete plan for a military system, which, though estimated at \$100,000,000, would eliminate the present militia system, he found them entrenched in Hay's bill.

In the first place, Garrison favored putting militia officers under the administration and congress and with real progress for preparedness. We shall have a hearing on the army and militia organization bill, and I hope to have it out within a fortnight."

Wanted Federal Direction. The secretary's second objection was that the militia was governed from 45 different state centers with as many different standards of efficiency. Garrison wanted the whole soldiery system directed from Washington. He did not plan to eliminate the militia, but to substitute the continental army for it. But he did believe that a plan for 400,000 volunteers, controlled by the federal government, would be men who would not join the militia.

He planned to enlist 120,000 yearly, three years and to train them under regular army officers, and to have camps near their homes. They would receive the pay of regulars. He estimated the cost of \$45,000,000 annually, while the militia would be maintained as at present, but as a separate institution. The militia, however, thought that the plan was on the preserve and it was found in Chairman Hay a thorough opponent of the continental plan.

Scott's Views in Four Words. Washington, Feb. 11.—(U. P.)—Acting Secretary of War Hugh Scott fell into the routine of the war department instantly following his temporary absence today by President Wilson. He received the newspaperman and at the usual hour. Four questions were asked today by the press: "Do you favor the continental army plan?" "No."

"Do you believe it possible to provide an adequate defense through reorganization of the militia with federal pay?" "No."

"Do you believe it possible to federalize the militia?" "No."

"Do you favor compulsory military service?" "Yes."

House Discusses Resignation. Washington, Feb. 11.—(U. P.)—The resignation of Lindley M. Garrison as secretary of war cropped up in the house of representatives today.

When Representative Barnhart of Indiana wanted to speak, Representative Hays of Illinois, who was in the house, objected. Thereupon Representative Humphrey of Washington asked permission to print into its record letters which had passed between President Wilson and Secretary Garrison.

"The gentleman from Illinois," asked Barnhart, "willing that this matter be printed?" "I am always ready to have anything printed," said Hays, "knowing the conditions in the Democratic party."

"Then I object," responded Barnhart. The correspondence was barred.

Thinks Peace Cause Helped. Washington, Feb. 11.—(U. P.)—World peace was given impetus through the resignation of Lindley M. Garrison of New Jersey, as secretary of war. So declared Representative Barnhart of Indiana in introducing a resolution in the house today.

It provided for a conference of representatives of world powers to move toward disarmament and to establish a world peace tribunal.

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Singer and Clerk Are Arrested in London

Department Employee Seized to Have Sold Information to Russian and Aided Enemy Spies.

London, Feb. 11.—(U. P.)—Not Joseph Altani, a Russian spy, and John McPherson, a clerk in the office of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, were arrested here today.

Scotland Yard charged that Altani, who has worked but seldom in seven years, has had plenty of money and has paid Dallas for valuable government information.

Dallas has access to England's safe conducts and it is believed he assisted enemy spies.

Arrests will be made soon, Scotland Yard officials say.

MOTHER DEFENDS SON CHARGED WITH CRIME OF MURDERING MAN

State Closes Its Case Against William Branson Accused of Murder of William Booth

McMinnville, Or., Feb. 11.—The state closed its case against William Branson, charged jointly with Mrs. Anna Booth, for the murder of William Booth near Willamina on the 8th day of last October, by placing on the stand Deputy Sheriff Duncan, who claimed to have heard conversations between the co-defendants in the county jail, in which Branson cautioned Mrs. Booth to be careful because she was being watched.

The defense went directly to the question of alibi, calling a number of witnesses to trace the whereabouts of Branson in the town of Willamina, and show that he could not have been in the vicinity of the tragedy at the time the shot was alleged to have been fired.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Branson, parents of the defendant, were both on the stand during the forenoon. As the wiped tears from her cheeks, Mrs. Branson told of the friendly relations always existing between their family and that of Booth's. She described her son's room at home, which she always cared for, declaring that the 38 caliber revolver had not been in it since before her picking time last summer. She told of her son's presence at home and in town on the fatal day.

Unfrocked Priest Must Pay Penalty for Death of Anna Amulley No Further Stay Is Expected.

Cosmoline, N. T., Feb. 11.—(U. P.)—Warden George W. Kirshway of Sing Sing has set the execution of Hans Schmidt, who has just been denied further executive clemency, for Friday.

Friday's execution was granted by Governor Whitman expires Monday, but Warden Kirshway has given Schmidt four extra days to live. The belief about the execution is that there will be nothing further to save Schmidt from paying the penalty for the murder of Anna Amulley.

"Jinks" Last Event On Conference Eve

Laymen's Gathering in Portland Next Week to Be Biggest on Coast, Says Executive Committee.

In point of size, the laymen's missionary movement convention to be held in Portland, beginning Sunday afternoon, will exceed any one in the northwest and possibly on the coast, according to a statement by the executive committee of the convention.

The pastors and committee members are requested to "be at the high jinks and champagne at the banquet at the M. C. A. Saturday noon." It will be the last gathering before the big convention opens.

Bryan Is Surprised. Palatka, Fla., Feb. 11.—(U. P.)—"Peace advocates had absolutely nothing to do with the resignation yesterday of Secretary of War Lindley M. Garrison."

This declaration was voiced here today by former Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan, when informed of a statement by the International News Service that Garrison had quit President Wilson's cabinet.

"I have heard of the resignation of Garrison," he added, "and I do not care to discuss the matter further at this time, but I may have a statement to give to the press later."

Not Indicted Upon Bootlegging Charge

Charge Against Otto L. Holgate of Alleged War Distributing Liquor Advertisements.

Toledo, Or., Feb. 11.—Otto L. Holgate of Newport was indicted by the grand jury this week on a charge of distributing liquor advertisements, and not on a charge of bootlegging as stated in an item appearing in the Journal February 8, under a Toledo city police reporter's name. There was no charge of bootlegging, and a correction is made in justice to him.

Double Bill Planned. The Portland Opera society has decided to put on the double bill of "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pagliacci" in the near future. It is regarded possible, however, that "Roméo and Juliet" will be repeated for the benefit of the Baby Home. In that event Mrs. Jane Burns Albert will sing the role of Juliet.

Earthquake Is Recorded. Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 11.—(U. P.)—