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THE WATER SITUATION

Observations which this newspaper has made during the current week indicate in no uncertain manner that the temper of this community is for a more adequate water supply. In every section of the city and from persons in every station of life there has been voiced an urgent hope that some solution of the present deplorable water situation be found as speedily as possible.

There appears, too, a strongly expressed wish for a more thorough discussion and explanation of the city manager's proposal for the appointment of a municipal water commission on whose shoulders would fall the important task of seeking a remedy for the present lack of water, and then passing it on to the voters for their final consideration.

For these reasons, and for the further reason that the water question is far too important to be lost in the shuffle of personal animosities or disputes, The Tidings strongly hopes that members of the city council will proceed with caution in the matter of the city manager's resignation.

The American people have long been noted for their sense of fair play. It is an inherent quality which has come down through the years. And Ashland is no exception.

Let us consider it simply from a straight business standpoint. The city council, just three months ago, passed by unanimous vote an ordinance providing for a city manager. It was agreed at the time that the new form of government should be given a thorough trial. Six months was the limit placed on this experiment. If in that time the modified form of city managership should prove best for Ashland and her people, it would be continued indefinitely. If not, it would be discontinued.

Acting under this announced agreement, the present manager took over his duties. He came to the office with a record of achievement behind him in the management of the city light department.

In common with so many of us, the city manager saw the vital need of a better and larger water supply for the city. It was his duty to correct it if possible. He made known his willingness to shoulder the responsibility and has already taken certain decisive steps in his investigation of the water question, believing that he will be able to announce a solution long before his six-month probationary period has expired.

The Tidings pleads only for simple justice and fair play. The city manager has announced that he is willing to rise or fall on his ability to provide an answer to the water question. The same council which appointed him to the office gave him the authority to proceed with his investigations. It voted him money with which to carry on the work. And now, before he has the opportunity to demonstrate whether or not he is equal to the task, he stands on the inner threshold, with the door to his office swinging outward.

The city council last Tuesday night stood ready to accept his resignation. Aye, it was eager to do so, we are reliably informed. But calmer deliberation prevailed, and the council gave itself two weeks in which to consider every angle of the controversy. Right there it showed a commendable spirit of fair play. We devoutly hope that the same spirit will continue to prevail.

The city manager probably has made mistakes since he has taken over his new duties. He is only human. But if he is the man who can solve the city's present important water problem, and give this city the supply it needs and deserves, both the city council and the public can well afford to overlook what minor mistakes he might have made. Let's be fair to ourselves and the city manager. Give him this opportunity to prove his worth. He needs only a few more weeks to demonstrate whether or not he can produce results. Because of these things The Tidings believes that members of the council can well afford to submerge their personal feelings, and the public, whether or not it believes in the managerial form of government, can wait a little longer.

It's dangerous to change horses in the middle of the stream. Let us not make this fatal mistake right now when the stakes are so high.

Growing up is largely a matter of settling down.

Waitin' For Trouble



STEWART'S WASHINGTON LETTER

BY CHARLES P. STEWART
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON—When a member of the diplomatic corps in Washington is recalled by his government or transferred to some other post, Washington generally has at least an inkling of the reason why.

The case of Ambassador Don Juan Riano Gayangon of Spain puzzles everybody, including the ambassador himself.

American Wife

His connection with King Alfonso's embassy in the United States dates back to the re-establishment of diplomatic relations between Madrid and Washington, following the Spanish-American War. He was named ambassador in 1913.

From his 27 years' residence in it, he knows the country thoroughly. He is very popular. He has an American wife, formerly

Alice Ward, of the capital. Madrid's choice of his successor—Don Alejandro Padilla, present minister to Portugal—suits the state department well enough, but it can't see why it has to lose Don Juan.

Just venturing, some of the ambassador's diplomatic colleagues think perhaps he had been here so long that his home government had an idea he had lost touch with conditions of today in Spain.

That unquestionably was the view in Paris when the government there retired the French ambassador, Jules Jusserand, after twenty-four years' service in Washington.

Was Americanized

Possibly the Gallic office of foreign affairs was right about it, too.

Jusserand had become so far Americanized that, while he was an admirable French ambassador

for the United States, it may be he wasn't quite so good for France.
It may also be true that Don Juan Riano, much as he's liked here, is no longer as satisfactory as he was to Spain.

NEW HUMAN RACE BEING DEVELOPED

BY JOHN O'BRIEN
(U. P. Staff Correspondent)

PARIS, (UP)—There is a new race of mankind being developed in America, Australia and New Zealand, a new epoch in the history of the world is about to dawn, and Krisnamurti, the young Hindu who has been proclaimed a species of messiah, is its prophet, Annie Besant, president of the Theosophical Society, declared in a lecture here.

Mrs. Besant, who has been propagating theosophical ideas for half a century, explained that the expression messiah used in referring to Krisnamurti is incorrect. She said he is really a "great teacher," such as Buddha, Zarathustra, Moses and Mahomet. One of these always appears when the trend of civilization is changing. Buddha, in India, represented the closeness of man's relation to divinity; Zarathustra, in Persia, stood for wisdom; Orpheus, in Greece, for unity; Jesus Christ, described as the teacher of the Germanic races, being the living embodiment of the individual conscience.

Artistically clad in long, clinging white robes, the high priestess of the doctrine of reincarnation recently won the sympathies of her audience. She told of the attempted schism in the theosophical world ten years ago when several European thinkers, notably Rudolph Steiner in France, tried to found a new religion. Steiner established a society called Anthroposophy and built a university known as the Goethenue to protest against the ultra Anglo-Saxon ideas propounded by the theosophical cult of Adyar.



TOM SIMS SAYS

A bandit who robbed a Pittsburgh hotel didn't leave anything.

Filipinos want more freedom, but we haven't any to spare.

Even if it doesn't matter, a finger has been sent to Sing Sing.

Thousands of motorists will enjoy learning a Detroit motor car was jailed for reckless driving.

If it wasn't for mice, some women wouldn't get any exercise at all.

About all a rolling stone gathers is momentum.

Being both a "good fellow" and a good husband is just about the hardest thing I can think of today.

Hez Heck says: "Women lie to each other a blamed sight more than men lie to women."

At the center of the teachings, The Goethenue was destroyed by fire and just as it was rebuilt Steiner died and with him vanished the new religion.

Mrs. Besant declared Krisnamurti, who was born in India about thirty years ago, is the messenger who is to bring God's will to the new American civilization. This epoch will have thoughts and needs entirely different from those of preceding eras and a new religion must be evolved, she said.



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