

WATER EXTENSION PLANNED BY CITY

Tentative Arrangements Made for Expenditure of Perhaps \$15,000,000

PAY-AS-GO FINANCING

Councils' Committees Working With Chief Davis on Proposition

This is the fourth of a series of articles on municipal affairs in Philadelphia.

Extension and improvement of the city's \$68,000,000 water system is one of the most important municipal plans for future enlargement.

The work calls for the expenditure of between \$12,000,000 and \$15,000,000 and provides for the employment of many classes of expert and skilled labor.

Although the water extension plan has just been sent to Councils by Mayor Smith, alternate plans for varying kinds of extensions have been completed. When a course is chosen and the money authorized by a councilman's plan, work can be started at once. Plans are under way to provide for the work in a loan now under consideration.

The financing of the work includes a pay-as-you-go feature. In that Chief Davis, of the Water Bureau, and those affiliated with him in the effort to obtain a safe and adequate supply, want only a portion of the money needed included in loans of future years. The work will cover at least four years, and they plan asking Councils for \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000 annually until the task is finished.

Proposition in Councils' Hands
The entire proposition is now in the hands of Councils' Committee on Finance and Water and the members are working in combination with Chief Davis and City Solicitor Connolly with a view to a quick decision as to what is best to do.

A part of the general scheme is for the city to acquire independent water companies operating in the city limits, thus making the municipal plant a monopoly. It also presupposes the adoption of the universal metering system.

Although the work of the framers of the proposed plan is being kept secret, it is understood that those back of the water extension plan have received assurances that the money for financing the project will be forthcoming in the spring. If this is done Chief Davis believes contracts can be let within a few months that will employ hundreds of men. Certain water lines must be built, no matter what plan is finally decided upon and it is proposed to start work by placing the needed new mains underground.

The three alternate methods that have been outlined as possibilities to insure a central and South Philadelphia an adequate water supply are widely varying, but are claimed to be equally certain of results.

One plan provides for the enlargement of the present filtration plant at Torresdale at a cost of \$12,000,000. This cost would include big mains in the northern section to re-conform the supply now being sent to the central and southern parts of Philadelphia.

A second method would be to go to the headwaters of the Schuylkill River, many miles from the city, and bring an adequate supply here by means of aqueducts. This would be the most costly of the suggestions outlined and is not likely to be adopted because of its prohibitive cost. It is founded on the plans adopted by New York city in bringing its fresh water supply from the mountains.

Contemplate Series of Basins
The third and last method under consideration, is to construct several fresh water basins at the headquarters of the Schuylkill and thus increase the volume in the river itself. This plan contemplates the water making its way to the city by its natural course and would make the supply of more than present value to other cities along its banks. The estimated cost of a series of basins of a size adequate to carry the necessary supply to this city is \$18,000,000.

Chief Davis and other water experts consider action imperative and little delay is anticipated in obtaining the necessary funds from Councils to proceed with the plan, finally agreed on. For years the water supply has been inadequately kept up, owing to Councils' failure to provide badly needed funds. The result has been an inadequate supply for stores and dwellings over miles of city territory and the gradual wearing out of machinery kept going twenty-four hours each day of the year.

It was this condition that led the Chestnut street and other business associations to organize a campaign in favor of the expenditure of funds for water extensions.

THE THREE ARTS CLUB'S CAMOUFLAGE BALL AND FROLIC



THREE ARTS CLUB FROLICS IN ESTHETIC BOHEMIANISM

Annual Revel a Carnival of Beauty and Music to Stagger Visitors From Greenwich Village—Euphonious Title of "Camouflage Ball" Well Vindicated by Some of the Costumes

The Three Arts Club had its annual costume ball and carnival of music, beauty and intellectual and artistic nonsense in the Rittenhouse Hotel last night.

And the things that were done and the sights that were seen were such as staggered the Washington Square (N.Y.) contingent and made it turn green with envy.

Those who missed last night's affair, and yet would escape being intellectual should get over to Greenwich Village within the next six weeks or so and attend some of the "warrior's" of the Purple Pup, the Taupe Rhinoceros or the Champagne-colored Peacodillo.

For Greenwich Villagers were on hand last night—not in numbers, of course, for the prosaic and unsympathetic railroad administration is no respecter of persons with either a big idea or a big name.

Only a few of Greenwich Villagers more prosperous citizens—those who have made the biggest success of Bohemianism—could raise the funds for tickets. But they will tell their friends what they saw, so it's all right, Comrade.

Somebody from Greenwich simply had to come to the Three Arts Ball, for while such affairs are diversion here, they are business in Greenwich Village, and professional Bohemians must, as a business proposition, keep informed regarding the activities of casual Bohemians and Bohemians for pastime only.

Last night's frolic was called a "Camouflage Ball," and there was much camouflage present, though little of the sort that was employed on the battlefields and the seas during the late unpleasantness.

The visiting Villagers had the best camouflage at the party when they turned to recognize when they could be recognized at all and as the night wore on they developed a low visibility that was positively the final yep.

There were the usual number of Pierrots and Pierrettes and an assortment of devils—without which no costume ball is complete. Somebody was there as "The Red Death" and his admirer said his get-up was perfectly killing.

The zoo was well represented, kangaroo, bear and apex being on hand. Some of the guests apparently had misread the invitations and got a notion that it was to be a camouflage ball, for they were a minimum of camouflage.

There was nothing annoying about it and there were no complaints that the dictata of good taste were violated. Some were prepared to be shocked at the appearance of a young man who had said he would "be there with bells on," but the bells were large enough to serve as a test of military courage and everyone breathed easily again.

During the evening a series of artistic dances was introduced. Rebecca Abbott Hunt offered a teppichino competition of "The Vampire of the Sea"; Dorothy Fisher, a chief yeowoman, and Mildred Stern danced as "The Tide and the Storm"; Maude B. Isaacs gave "The Paris Doll"; Miss "Jerry" Meyers gave a Pierrette and an Oriental dance.

Honor guests were Commander F. W. Hoffman, Captain E. B. Van Hook, Ensign N. E. Henderson, Jr., Ralph Boyer, James P. Belderson and Lieutenant Commander James McCay.

The ball committee was composed of Mary Spencer Leitch, president of the Three Arts Club; Rebecca Abbott Hunt, Flora Lash, Beatrice Barner, Lillian Jones, Virginia Kelley, Genevieve Edsall, Hope Lennon, "Patsy" Van Wyck, Kathleen Mason.

Masks to Stop Australian "Grip"
Melbourne, Feb. 6.—(By A. P.)—Because of the prevalence of the influenza, the Government of Victoria has ordered that every person appearing on the streets or in public gatherings after next Monday must wear a mask. Seven hundred thousand of these masks must be manufactured before that time. After Monday all persons without them will be liable to arrest.

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Contracting the influenza herself in January, she died on last Tuesday. She was thirty-five years old. Her funeral will be private, held at the home of her uncle, Benjamin Bertolo, 2112 Columbia avenue, tomorrow. Interment will be made at the Bertolo burial plot.

Two Held for Coroner
James Wayne a negro, of Clifton street near Locust, driver of the motor-truck which struck and fatally injured Melvin Selts, fifteen years old, of 4227 North Twenty-ninth street, was held without bail by Magistrate Meckley today to await the action of the Coroner.

The accident occurred at Tenth and Chestnut streets, when Selts stepped into the path of the truck. He died in the Jefferson Hospital last night.

Albert Manning, of 3429 North Hope street, was today held without bail by Coroner Knight to await the action of the Grand Jury. He is accused of causing the death of Alexander Crawford, forty-seven years old, of 2911 Pine street, at Fifty-seventh and Market streets on January 30.

Concert for Sick Soldiers
Nineteen of the men who arrived here on the Havertford and are under treatment at the Pennsylvania Hospital were given a concert last night by Mrs. William Green, James Andrews and Frank B. Linton.

PLAN \$120,000 FUND FOR CHARITY SOCIETY

Committee Will Be Appointed Today to Arrange for Campaign

Plans for the financial rehabilitation of the Society for Organizing Charity are under way.

A committee of ten citizens today will be appointed by John Hampton Barnes to raise \$120,000 which is necessary to avert a suspension of the functions of the organization. This money will enable the society to continue its work until October.

Seven hundred citizens and leaders of various organizations met yesterday afternoon in Witherspoon Hall to protest against a discontinuance of the society, which several days ago made public a statement that unless more funds were forthcoming it would be obliged to end its work. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Barnes.

After hearing reports from Theodore J. Lewis, president of the charity organization, and Karl De Schweinitz, its general secretary, the entire assembly pledged its aid in raising the necessary funds. Director Wilmer J. Krusen, of the Department of Health and Charities, and many other well-known citizens were present to give their support to the organization. The consensus of opinion at the meeting was that discontinuance of the organization would be a public calamity.

Charles Z. Tryon, of the charity and welfare committee of the Chamber of Commerce, said he considered the Society for Organizing Charity "absolutely essential for the welfare of Philadelphia."

DEAD IN BED FROM GAS

Despondent Camden Man Found With Tube From Jet in Mouth

William P. Seymour, seventy-seven years old, of 1177 Lawrence street, Camden, was found dead in his bed today with a gas tube in his mouth.

The aged man, according to Coroner Pratt, had sealed the cracks of the door and windows in the room before turning on the gas. George Jerry, a son-in-law, broke down the door of the room when Seymour failed to appear for breakfast, and found him lifeless.

Seymour, who was a Palm reader and an expert in electrical work, had recently written a book on the latter subject which was not a financial success and brooded over the fact, according to Jerry.

Abandon Stolen Car After Long Ride
The five-passenger automobile belonging to George M. Hicks, a plumber, of 329 North Ninth street, which was stolen from in front of the Northeast High School, Eighth street and Lehigh avenue, on Wednesday, was found last night in Gloucester. Witnesses declare that the white men and a negro abandoned the car.

STOWAWAYS ESCAPE; ALLEGED DESERTERS

Federal Officials and Police Searching for Men Found on Ship Bound Here

Government officials and the police are searching for two alleged army deserters who quit their commands in France, stowed away on the O. C. Warring, at Antwerp, and escaped when the vessel docked at Point Breeze.

Police "Aiers" were sent out today at the instance of officials of the Quartermaster's Department.

The men are "Dick" Wells, of the 126th Machine Gun Company, attached to the Thirty-seventh Division, and Arthur Staples, who, while wearing a uniform of the Fifty-second Canadian Battery, possessed a United States army serial number. Both are twenty years old.

Wells, according to the police, wore a Canadian uniform, a United States army overcoat and Belgian hat. Both men carried a considerable amount of French money.

When the men were found in the hold of the Warring, after she had been several days out at sea from Antwerp, the captain sent word by wireless to officials here, and it was arranged to apprehend them.

When the vessel was coming into its dock, however, the men in some manner obtained a rowboat and escaped.

To Induct Two New Judges

Francis Shunk Brown, former Attorney General, president of the Lawyers Club, has requested attendance of the members at the installation of the recently appointed judges of the Municipal Court, Thomas F. McNichol and former Assistant District Attorney Charles E. Barlett, tomorrow at 10 a. m. in Room 676, City Hall.

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