

## D.C. UTILITIES NOW FACING RATE FIGHT

### Valuation to Come Next, Newman Tells Cit- izens at Meeting

## TALKS TO FEDERATION

### Siddons and Kutz Favor Re- survey of District's Fis- cal Relations With U. S.

Assembled to inaugurate a "get-together" movement in which Congress, the District government, and the people of Washington will work in harmony for the best interests of the National Capital, a meeting of the Federation of Citizens' Associations last night listened to notable addresses by Commissioners Newman, Siddons, and Kutz, Senator Martine, and others. Following are some of the features of the meeting in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce:

1. Commissioner Newman for the first time publicly explained his reasons for resisting the suit to oust him from office.

He predicted that as soon as the Public Utilities Commission has ascertained the physical valuation of the properties under their jurisdiction "rework" will commence in the commission, and local utility companies will be forced to prove their right to maintain existing rates for service.

2. Commissioner Siddons urged a survey by a joint committee of the Senate and House of the fiscal relationship and inter-responsibility for the National Capital of the Federal government and the taxpayers of the District. This he advanced as the best method of settling the existing controversy over the half-and-half plan.

3. Engineer Commissioner Kutz declared that, in his opinion, after a study of the statistics involved, such a survey not only would show that the taxpayers of the District are not bearing more than one-half of the expenses of the government of the National Capital, but would react to the benefit of the citizens of the District.

D. C. Pays More Than Half.

"We have been operating under the half-and-half plan for thirty-seven years and the results speak for themselves," declared Mr. Kutz. "I believe an investigation of the fiscal relations between the Federal and District governments would result beneficially to the people of the District, for I think that in reality the people here already are paying more than their half under the half-and-half plan."

Commissioner Kutz declared the replacement of the Apocrite bridge is the most important public project before the District, and said he would not be adverse to seeing the people of the District pay a part of the cost of erecting the bridge so that the people may have a voice in the site of the new bridge. He pointed out that the pending bill provides that all the cost should be borne by the United States and said if the United States pays all it would want to fix the location of the bridge to furnish the most direct route to Fort Myer.

"I am in favor of the new bridge being erected near the site of the present structure," he said.

Mr. Newman's Platform.

The following is a summary of Commissioner Newman's platform as outlined last night:

"Socialism, in the broadest sense, of the instrumentalities and functions of the District government.

Effective and most highly useful regulation of privately owned public utilities with the hope that ultimately these concerns will pass from private to public ownership.

Reorganization, readjustment, and reform of the taxation methods of the District.

Commissioner Newman, in beginning his address, said: "I am going to open wide the doors of my mind and show you just what is there. First, I believe that I do, in fact, meet the statutory requirements for Commissioners of the District. Before I was appointed I investigated the law as to qualifications of a Commissioner and gave President Wilson a copy of the law, a complete statement of all the facts, and called his attention to the fact that there might be some question as to whether I was qualified. Mr. Wilson is a lawyer and he personally considered the law and facts before he sent my nomination to the Senate. Senate Action Studied.

"The Senate did not act in a perfunctory way but made a careful, thorough and complete investigation on its own account. I gave the Senate District Committee the same facts I have given the

## SHE WAS ONLY AN OUTCAST.

### But Charity Died in Whitman's Heart When He Heard Camera.

Special to The Washington Herald. Albany, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Gov. Whitman was stepping into his limousine at the Washington avenue side of the capitol today when a young girl with a shawl over her head and her toes protruding from her shoes, begged a few cents. The governor pulled from his pocket a handful of change.

"You look as though you have suffered, little girl," he remarked. She began to sob and with her hands in a prayerful attitude, muttered: "Please help me, I am only a poor outcast."

At the moment the governor heard a whirring sound and turned about quickly. Half concealed behind a pillar was a moving picture camera. Mr. Whitman ran to his limousine, jumped in and slammed the door.

The camera man said that Mr. Whitman was the most unsatisfactory movie actor he had ever encountered.

### FEARS FOR SIXTY ON SHIP.

### No Trace of Alaska Steamer Long Overdue—Storm Is Raging.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. Valdez, Alaska, Jan. 9.—Fears are felt here for the sixty passengers and sailors on the mail steamship Dora, which left Kodiak for Seward, a run of thirty hours, on January 2, and has not reported.

A terrific storm is reported off Cook Inlet. The ship is a wooden vessel owned by the Alaska Steamship Company.

## VILLA PROMISES TO END FIGHTING

### Tells Scott Maytorena Will Be Ordered to Sign Agreement.

## CONFERENCE AMICABLE

### Carranza Orders Oil Well in Mexico to Stop—Canova Reaches Washington.

Special to The Washington Herald. El Paso, Jan. 9.—Gen. Villa promised today that he would put a stop to all fighting along the Mexican-United States border. This promise was made in the American custom-house here to Brig. Gen. Hugh Scott, U. S. A., with whom Villa had a long and amicable conference.

The Mexican chief said he would order Gen. Maytorena to sign the agreement already signed by Gen. Hill of the Carranza forces, neutralizing all border towns. He also said he would abandon the plan of sending Gen. Cabrera's forces to attack the Sonora border towns and would send Cabrera instead to invade the interior of Sonora and the west coast.

The firing along the border has been a constant source of trouble ever since the Madero rebellion of 1911, and during the last two months more than fifty noncombatants on the American side of the line have been killed or wounded.

### Prohibits Oil Well Drilling.

That Carranza is in a position to make serious trouble for foreign owners and operators of oil and other mineral properties in Mexico, most of whom are Americans, was the opinion that followed the receipt by the State Department of reports of Carranza's decree, ordering the suppression of all further development of mineral lands.

Practically all the oil lands in Mexico are in territory which Carranza controls. His decree asserts that no operations must be carried on henceforth without the consent of the constitutional authorities. Just what steps they will attempt under the new decree is not yet known here. It is anticipated that serious controversies are likely to be precipitated soon and that the aid of the State Department will be invoked by the oil men.

It is provided in Carranza's decree that work on the oil lands shall remain suspended until new laws governing their operation can be enacted. It is alleged by Carranza that the properties have been operated to the detriment of the nation and to the exclusive benefit of the owners, and that the Mexican government has been defrauded out of benefits which should have accrued to it.

### Villa and Zapata Agree.

A cryptic announcement by Provisional President Gutierrez, intimating that the Villa-Zapata government is nearing an arrangement with the provincial authorities which will lead to a strengthening of the central government under the domination of the conventionist party, but without dependence upon any particular leader or faction was issued yesterday.

Leon Canova, one of Mr. Bryan's special agents in Mexico, arrived in Washington yesterday to consult with officials of the department and had a brief interview with the Secretary. Reports from Mexico City have indicated there is a notable lack of good feeling between Mr. Canova, George Carothers and John R. Silliman, all three of whom have been in Mexico City supposedly for the purpose of keeping this government advised of the real happenings in the situation there.

It is the opinion of officials here that George Carothers, special agent of the government in Mexico, will not long remain in the service. So far as can be learned, Mr. Carothers has had no misunderstanding with Secretary Bryan. His

## MORGANS CONSIGN \$3,000,000 TO VILLA

### Gold Guarded by Eight Armed Men Passes Through Fort Worth on Way to El Paso.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 9.—Guarded by eight armed men, a sum of money said to be \$3,000,000, passed through here today from New York to El Paso. Consignee to Francisco Villa. The money was in charge of the Wells-Fargo Express Company.

According to reports the money was consigned by the Morgan Company, of New York.

## 'OLD MAN' ELOPES WITH SON'S BRIDE ON WEDDING NIGHT

### Now He's Sued as Co-respondent in Young Physician's Divorce Case.

## MOTHER AIDS "GROOM"

### Says She Saw Husband and Daughter-in-law in Room Together.

## QUIT HIM AFTER CEREMONY

### Pair Would Wed, but Deserted Wife May Not Sue and Leave Them Free.

Special to The Washington Herald. New York, Jan. 9.—Dr. Franklin D. Wood is only twenty-three years old; his wife, Lella, is twenty, and his father, Henry Jackson Wood, is forty-seven, but the charms of Wood, per se, overshadowed those of Wood, III, in the eyes of the young woman, that she eloped on her wedding night with her father-in-law.

This was the strange story that young Dr. Wood unfolded today in Justice Colahan's branch of the Supreme Court, where he has named his father as the co-respondent in a bill for divorce. The narrative was corroborated by Mrs. Henry Jackson Wood, who the elder Wood deserted the night he stole his son's bride.

The wedding took place two years ago, and for part of that time the fugitives lived in Chicago, but are now said to be in St. Louis, where they are living together as man and wife and eagerly waiting for Mrs. Wood and her son to obtain divorces, so that they may marry.

"Our courtship covered six months," said Dr. Wood on the witness stand.

"Lella seemed to love me dearly, and I was deliciously happy when I went to the altar with her. But on the way to my home, my father's home it was then, she suddenly became very frigid in her manner. I asked her what the trouble was.

Two Vanished Same Night.

"I love another man," she told me. He is older than you are, and you know he is, but I'm not going to tell his name. But I really love him, and I don't love you."

"We had planned a honeymoon, but I immediately abandoned it, and my wife went to her home, while I went on to my own. In the morning my mother told me father had left. She didn't know where he had gone. I found out later in the day that my wife had packed her trousseau and left also, and that her family didn't know where she had gone. Mother and I continued to live at our house, but it was six months before we heard from father.

"We never did hear from Lella, and had no suspicion that they were together."

Mrs. Wood, when on the stand, wept, and had to talk very slowly, as she had been in a hospital until yesterday, and had left it only to testify in her son's suit.

"I received a summons to visit my husband in Chicago," she said. "I did not tell him when I would arrive there. He had been gone six months. I got to Chicago one evening and went to the address he had given me. It was 225 Milwaukee avenue, and there I found an apartment with his name on the door.

Jumped Out of Bed.

"I rang and was admitted by a servant. I walked into a bedroom, and as I entered my husband sprang out of bed. As he came to the door Lella, my son's wife, jumped out of the same bed and ran to the window.

"What does this mean?" I demanded, and my daughter-in-law in a shrill told me she loved my husband—her father-in-law. I tried to persuade them to behave themselves and return to their homes. But my daughter-in-law wrapped her arms around my husband and said she wouldn't leave him."

Mrs. Wood said she returned immediately to New York, and later, when advised by Wood that he and the girl had moved to St. Louis, visited them in the Missouri city and again tried to persuade them to return home, but found them determined to remain together.

Whether Mrs. Wood will sue for a divorce after her son's decree is granted is problematical. She is said to be averse to clearing the way for a marriage between her husband and her daughter-in-law.

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## TURKS TURN ON RUSSIANS.

### Ottoman Forces Again on Offensive in Caucasus.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. Petrograd, Jan. 9.—The Turkish forces overwhelmingly defeated at Ardahan and Sari-Kamisch have rallied and again have taken the offensive against the Russians.

An official dispatch received today from Caucasus headquarters says:

"To relieve their deplorable position, the Turkish troops of the Tenth Corps have resumed the offensive near Karaurgan."

This town is southwest of Sari-Kamisch and on Russian territory.

### HAD \$400 MORE THAN HE KNEW.

### So John D.'s Pastor Hastens to Pay Additional Tax.

Special to The Washington Herald. Cleveland, Jan. 9.—Rev. W. W. Bustard, pastor of John D. Rockefeller's Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, today wrote to County Treasurer O'Brien asking to be taxed on \$400 additional property and enclosing a stamp so O'Brien might mail him the extra tax bill.

"Having recently received a bank book in which I find \$400 that was not reported, you will kindly add that to my tax account and mail me the bill" to his letter says.

## SENATOR LEWIS GOES SOUTH.

### Receives Sufficiently from Illness to Take Train for Hot Springs.

Special to The Washington Herald. Springfield, Ill., Jan. 9.—United States Senator James Hamilton Lewis had sufficiently recovered from his attack of indigestion to enable him to take the 6:30 train today for Hot Springs, Ark.

The Senator was ordered South by his physician.

## WOMEN INTEND TO END STRIFE

### Great Peace Society Will Be Formed to Stop War in Europe.

## TIME TO STRIKE BLOW

### Famous Women Realize Opportunity Is Here, Says Miss Richards—Of- ficers Will Be Elected Today.

A national organization of the women of the country for the purpose of ending the war and assuring peace for all time will be formed this morning as a result of meetings at the Willard yesterday of women pacifists, delegates from peace societies from every part of the United States. Officers will be elected and a platform will be adopted probably consisting of the following plans:

1. A request that the President call a conference of all the neutral nations to devise ways of ending the war.

2. The nationalization of all factories turning out munitions of war.

3. A provision that no war indemnities be exacted unless for a violation of international law.

4. A provision that no province be transferred as a result of conquest without the people being given the opportunity to express themselves on that transfer or on their being given autonomous government.

5. The provision of machinery whereby the people of every country, through their representatives, be given a voice in the formation of their foreign policy.

6. The re-enforcement of the democracies of the world by the inclusion of women in the ranks of equal citizenship.

7. Prohibition of the exportations of war munitions from any country during the time of hostilities.

8. Gradual delimitation of the armament of the United States.

9. Establishment of an international court of courts and an international police force.

### Will Act on These Today.

The discussion of these planks formed the principal work of the peace workers yesterday. They were returned to the platform committee last night to be revised, and will be acted on this morning. At the same time a committee on organization and a committee on plan of action will report. It is probable the name "Woman's Movement for Constructive Peace" will be chosen for the national body.

Among the women who met at the New Willard yesterday to take the preliminary steps toward this nation-wide society there were many of national reputation. On the platform were Miss Jane Addams, of Hull House, Chicago; Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, of New York, president of the International Alliance for Women's Suffrage; Miss Janet Richards, of Washington, and in the audience were others of almost as wide reputation.

Meeting Closes Today.

This afternoon a public meeting will be held at the Willard at which Mrs. Catt, Miss Addams, Mrs. Patrick Lawrence, of London, and Miss Richards will speak. This, with the possible exception of an executive meeting in the evening, will close the convention of the peace workers.

Great things are expected as a result of the meetings in Washington. Of the prospects of the organization, Miss Janet Richards, who presided at yesterday's sessions, said last night:

"I feel—we all feel—that this is the time for the women to strike their blow

## CONGRESS LAYS GHOST CONGRESS MEMBERS RAISED

### Opponents of Half-and-half Plan Were Not Snubbed by Society.

## THEY DENY PHANTOM

### Heroic Speeches Will Go Back Home as Part of Record No More.

## VOTERS WERE MISINFORMED

### Favorite Plan Was to Tell Colleagues How Wrath of Powerful Interests Descended Upon Them.

By JOSEPH P. ANSIN.

Members of Congress have laid a ghost. A phantom grown from the overexcited imaginations of zealous attackers of the existing order in the District, is laid to rest, let us hope, for all time.

The heroic figure of a statesman-politician, vociferously braving the eerie wrath of powerful interests that control the affairs of the National Capital, and waxes fat on the sweat-wring toll of distant thousands, will be posed no more in the Congressional Record, and mailed by the thousands to gullible constituents by their intrepid protectors.

### "Snub" Unknown Quantity.

The Washington Herald has assurances from the lips of no less than twenty-four present members of the House of Representatives that they never have suffered a snub and never have been ostracized socially; in short, never have experienced any unpleasant incident as the result of votes in favor of the abrogation of the half-and-half plan.

From the inception of the campaign against the organic act of 1873 it has been a favorite oratorical and political trick of certain gentlemen to tell their colleagues how the patriotic statesman who desired to change the half-and-half plan must suffer the sneers, snubs and social ostracism of citizens of the District in return. A vague mention of champagne and caviar in this connection, and one carries away, if one knows not to the contrary, a lurid picture of great wealth and social power arrayed against the fearless but unequal force of a patriotic purpose lodged in the breasts of certain members of the House and Senate.

This, of course, makes fine reading for the home folks. After such a speech—for of course the maker of such a speech is modestly portraying himself—mails from Washington to distant districts are heavy with franked mailings, envelopes marked, "Part of Congressional Record."

The home folks are being enlightened. It all counts at election time.

### They Deny Kenyon Charge.

The Herald has been at some pains to ascertain from members who have been foremost in movements to change the half-and-half plan, just how much truth there is to the oft-repeated charge that opposition by a member of Congress to the organic act results, to quote the words of Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, in the Senate last Thursday, with reference to Representative Ben Johnson, in his being "snubbed, ostracized and regarded as an anarchist" and, in the same connection, "and also the distinguished Congressman from Iowa, Judge Prouty, who has brought his great ability into this fight."

Here are a few of the statements made to The Herald by members in this connection:

Representative Robert N. Page, of North Carolina, former of the House District bill for two years, author of the Page rider in 1914, and supporter of the Johnson rider this year:

"I have never been snubbed, nor have I felt in any way any effects from any vote of mine touching the District. If I had any criticism to make it would be that the newspapers do not apportion their space and their consideration fairly between supporters and opponents of the half-and-half plan."

Representative Sisson, of Mississippi:

"I haven't suffered from social ostracism. If I had I never know how I could have been made to feel it, for I am not in the social game. I don't recall ever having been snubbed because of my votes against the half-and-half plan."

Representative Borland, of Missouri:

"I don't know a great many of the people of the District, but to those I do know it seems to make little difference personally whether or not I oppose the half-and-half plan. I never had been snubbed or offered any kind of indignity. It seems to be natural for the people of the District to talk about their troubles when they meet a member of Congress, but they never had injected any unpleasantness in unbecoming themselves."

Representative Crisp, of Georgia:

"The people of Washington have always treated me with the utmost courtesy even though some may have believed I wanted to take away some of their special privileges."

Representative Kitchin, of North Carolina:

"I never have heard of any member of

## TEXAS SUES SEVEN BREWERIES.

### Anti-Trust Action Asks \$22,000,000 Penalties—Stop Fund Alleged.

Special to The Washington Herald. Austin, Tex., Jan. 9.—Attorney General Looney today filed suit against seven Texas breweries companies for penalties aggregating nearly \$22,000,000. The petition alleges that the defendant companies violated the anti-trust laws and that during the last five years as members of the United States Brewing Association they raised a fund of \$19,000,000 which has been and is being used to influence legislation, both State and national.

The defendant companies are the Galveston Brewing Company, of Galveston; American Brewing Association, of Houston; Lone Star Brewing Company, of San Antonio; San Antonio Brewing Association, of San Antonio; Houston Ice and Brewing Company, of Houston; Dallas Brewery, of Dallas; Texas Brewing Company, of Fort Worth.

## PADS ADDED TO CHARMS.

### She Says He Ever "Elsewhere," Says She Put "Elsewhere."

Special to The Washington Herald. Portland, Oreg., Jan. 9.—Sued for divorce on the grounds that he padded his shoulders to conceal a humped back, Jacques Roderiz today filed a counter complaint alleging that his wife added to her charms by padding herself "elsewhere."

The couple have been married only three weeks. The day after the wedding they separated. Roderiz is a wealthy ranchman.

## GRAND DUKE IS SLAIN BY TURKS

### Alexander Michaelovitch, Brother-in-law of Czar, Falls at Miandab.

## VISITED U. S. IN 1913

### Had Been Mentioned as Commander- in-Chief, but Peace Advocacy Caused Him to Lose Out.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. Berlin, Jan. 9. (wireless via Sayville).—The imperial press bureau makes the following announcement:

"An official statement from Constantinople says Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitch, brother-in-law of the Czar, was killed in the fighting at Miandab (Mehmetabad), in the province of Azerbaijan, Kurdistan, in Persia."

Grand Duke Alexander was not only a brother-in-law of the Czar of Russia, but also he was a second cousin.

He visited America in the fall of 1913, and was a guest of Mrs. John Astor, at Beechwood, Newport. His mission to this country was secret, according to reports at the time, and had to do with the placing of a large order for a rapid fire, air-cooled automatic aeroplane rifles for the Russian government.

Before the war he was mentioned as the probable commander-in-chief of the Muscovite forces, though his bent was naval.

### Enjoyed Great Influence.

There was none who enjoyed such an amount of influence over the Russian Emperor as this energetic and progressive son of the house of Romanoff. He was a determined champion of peace and his advocacy of peace plans is believed to have influenced the Czar to appoint Grand Duke Nicholas to command his forces in preference to Alexander. He was forty-four years old.

He was the fourth son of Grand Duke Michael and grandson of Nicholas I. His mother was the Princess of Baden.

He married, when quite young, the Emperor's sister, and they had six children. They enjoyed the distinction of being almost the only grand ducal couple who lived on terms of loyalty to each other. Their home was at Peterhof, near the palace of the Czar. The grand duke was reckoned one of the wealthiest members of the imperial family.

## HUSBAND IS BARTENDER; SHE SEEKS ANNULMENT

### Woman, Widow of Harry C. King, of Washington, Says Spouse Misrepresented Himself.

Special to The Washington Herald. Chicago, Jan. 9.—Charging that her husband was only a bartender and not a high-salaried salesman, as he professed to be when she eloped with him a year ago, Mrs. Evan Sample King Johnson, daughter of a prominent Chicago family, filed suit in the Circuit Court for annulment of her marriage to John H. Johnson.

Mrs. Johnson, whose father, E. S. Sample, is a wealthy real estate operator, alleges in her bill that Johnson represented to her that besides being a salesman earning a large salary, he had a bank account of several thousand dollars and that he was able to support her in the way to which she had been accustomed. But during the entire courtship, it is said, he was sending her within a few blocks of the Angelus apartment, where she lived with her parents.

Mrs. Johnson formerly was the wife of Harry C. King, a real estate man of Washington, who died and left her a fortune several years ago.

## WARSAW'S FALL NEAR SAYS BERLIN; FRENCH TAKE AISNE TRENCHES

### Kaiser's Government Advises Ally that Teuton Troops Will Enter Russian Stronghold Within a Few Days, Ac- cording to Reports in Austrian Capital—Joffre's Men Driven Out of Steinbach, in Alsace, but Capture Line After Line of German Trenches from North of Soissons, Eastward Almost to Craonne—Fierce Fighting Leaves Section of Twenty Miles a Shambles—Thousands Lie Dead in Denuded Fields.

## GERMANS ATTACK VALIANTLY TO REGAIN LOST POSITIONS; ALLIES KEEP BATTERING VON KLUG

Special Cable to Washington Herald. Paris, Jan. 9.—Attacks and counter-attacks delivered with bewildering rapidity on two short stretches of the battle front along the Aisne yesterday and today have turned this region into a veritable inferno. The fighting has exceeded in intensity the original battle of the Aisne.

On the twenty-mile section of front from north of Soissons eastward almost to Craonne the country is a shambles. No less so in the front to the north of Perthes-les-Hurlus.

On both these fields the French have captured line upon line of German trenches by an extremely violent offensive and have rolled back time after time the counter-attacks of the Kaiser's troops.

After the capture of two lines of the German trenches to the north of Soissons when the Germans were forced from the plateau of Vregny toward Nanteuil and Aisy, the French attack was carried along the line eastward and debouching from Vailly and Chavonne, they advanced under cover of heavy artillery, and charged the height to the northwest of Soupir known as Hill 122, carrying it in a dashing charge.

### Take Three Lines of Trenches.