

WATER COMPANY SEEKS RIGHT TO RAISE RATES

Alexandria Concern Makes Move Despite Suit Now in Courts.

THE HERALD BUREAU, R. R. Knight & Son, 62-63 King Street.

Alexandria, Va., May 28.—With a suit now pending against the Alexandria Water Company for a reduction of its water rates, this company has just filed a petition asking the State corporation commission for permission to increase its rates.

The company in its petition in some instances asks permission to increase rates 100 per cent. This is true in the case of the minimum charge for a hydrant or one spike, which is now \$8, and which the company asks be made \$12 a year.

Under the prevailing rates the lowest amount for one spike in a house is \$6 a year and this is supposed to vary according to the rental value of the house, going as high as \$12 a year.

An increase in meter rates is also asked for, as follows: The first 10,000 gallons, 30 cents a thousand; next 10,000, 25 cents; 20,000, 20 cents; 40,000, 15 cents; 80,000, 12 cents; 160,000, 10 cents; over 200,000, special rate, according to conditions.

The Alexandria Chapter of the American Red Cross has appointed a committee to arrange for the collection of funds for the relief of the starving children of our allies.

The marriage of Clarence Maitry Sale, of this city, and Miss Pawling Adelaide Nelms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Edwin Nelms, of Heathville, Va., was solemnized at 11 o'clock this morning at the home of the bride's parents, at Heathville.

About twenty persons this afternoon attended a meeting in the rooms of the chamber of commerce, presided over by John W. May, at which it was decided to request ministers of the city to hold appropriate services in their churches on registration day, at 3 o'clock at night.

Richard A. Diggs, one of the best known colored school teachers in the city, died this afternoon at his home, 605 South Columbus street, of a teacher in the Snowden School for boys.

IOWAN SUGGESTS TAX ON DOGS OF NATION

20,000,000 Hounds, He Says, Could Be Soaked \$5 A Head.

A. F. Bonney, of Buck Grove, Iowa, put Congress wise yesterday to a source of revenue heretofore entirely overlooked by the tax weasels of the Federal government.

"If your respected body would care to raise a large amount of revenue and at the same time add indirectly to the food supply of the country, while at the same time inflicting no hardship on any one, tax dogs—\$5 a head on all dog dogs, \$25,000 a head on all female dogs." He estimated there were 20,000,000 dogs in the country.

"Why not make them into sausage?" suggested Senator Stone, when the clerk finished reading the letter.

Count Andrássy Asked To Form New Cabinet

London, May 28.—Emperor Charles has requested Count Andrássy to form a new cabinet for Hungary, says a dispatch from Vienna today.

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The Fotygraft Album By Frank Wine

Shown to the new neighbor by REBECCA SPARKS PETERS aged eleven. COPYRIGHTED, 1917, BY THE PICTURE NEWSPAPER SYNDICATE.



"Why, how d'do, Mrs. Miggs? Come right on in. Ma's jist run over t' Smith's a minute t' borruh some thread and some m'llasses and a couple uh' aigs. Aw! yes, come on—she'll be right back. Let's see: S'pose we set on th' sofa and I'll show yuh th' album, so's yuh'll kinda begin t' know some of our folks. We like t' be real neighborly and make new folks feel t' home. There! now we're fixed.

"This here first one's ma when she was little. Ain't she cute? Her Uncle Seth kep' a store up t' Davenport and he give her them furs. Real mink, I think it was.

HAS SEALED MESSAGE FOR AMERICAN PEOPLE

Italian Prince, for King, Will Present It Through Senate.

A sealed message from King Victor Emmanuel III of Italy will be presented to the American people through the Senate on Thursday at noon. The message will be delivered to the president of the Senate by Prince Udine, head of the visiting Italian mission.

The details of the presentation were arranged yesterday when Prince Udine and the members of the mission called on Vice President Marshall. The Vice President received the visitors in his room of the Senate chamber, talking with them for over fifteen minutes through an interpreter. The prince was attired in full uniform, and was attended by his staff in uniform. Several members of the mission called on Speaker Clark after their conference with Mr. Marshall.

The commission yesterday continued its conference with American officials over questions of American assistance and the international pool.

Italy has sent her representatives to this country not to ask anything in particular for herself, but only to seek the fullest mutual co-operation, because the weakening of any one nation means the weakening of all nations fighting Germany." That is the way Francesco Salerio Nitti, a member of the commission, explained the purpose of the Italian government in sending its representatives here.

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U. S. EXPORTS SUFFER UNDER U-BOAT WARFARE

Commerce Report Shows Great Falling Off Since January.

The ravages of ruthless U-boat warfare are shown partially in the monthly report of the Department of Commerce on American foreign trade, issued yesterday. In January, just before Germany started her unrestricted campaign, the exports were \$613,000,000. By March the total had fallen to \$554,000,000, and in April the total was \$530,000,000. This was \$83,000,000 less than in January.

Despite these figures the exports of the United States for the first time in the history of the country, exceeded \$5,000,000,000 in the twelve months ending with April. This is against less than \$4,000,000,000 in the same period of 1916 and \$2,500,000,000 or less in previous years.

While no figures will be issued for the first ten months of the year, the export trade with Canada, Mexico, Central and South America have increased greatly so that the decreases in exports to Europe, caused by the U-boat, are greater than the above totals indicate.

The imports during April amounted to \$24,000,000, which with the single exception of March, is the record month of the last six years. The excess of exports over imports amounted to \$3,500,000,000 in the twelve months ending with April, against \$1,914,000,000 in 1916 and \$848,000,000 in 1914.

M'MILLAN EXPEDITION SAFE, PARTY CABLES

Crockerland Explorers Returning After Long Journey in Arctic.

New York, May 28.—The MacMillan Crockerland expedition in the safe, according to a cablegram from the Shetland Islands received here this afternoon. A third relief ship expedition, commanded by Capt. Bartlett, was to have been sent soon by the American Museum of Natural History to rescue the marooned explorers.

The cablegram, reporting all members safe, said Hunt is due soon at Copenhagen. MacMillan, Comer and Scot have arrived at Etah, and Etiblow is at Disco. The steamer Danmark, sent to rescue the men, wintered at North Star Bay.

The MacMillan expedition went to the Arctic in the summer of 1913 to look for the north continent which Rear Admiral Peary thought he had discovered and which he named Crocker Land. The expedition was headed by Dr. Donald B. MacMillan.

In the autumn of 1915, Dr. MacMillan sent back word that he had made a discovery of 100 miles across the ice in the direction of the submerged continent without finding any trace of land.

NO SUGAR SHORTAGE, SAY CUBAN OFFICIALS

1917 Production Placed at 2,800,000 Tons—Nearly Equals 1916 Crop.

New York, May 28.—There will be no sugar shortage this year, the Cuban government's official estimate of the sugar crop shows. The season's production is placed at 2,800,000 tons, second only to last year's crop in the history of the island.

The government's statement was issued by Eusebio S. Apizaco, private secretary to President Menocal, and transmitted by cable last night to the Republic of Cuba News Bureau in this city. The bureau reports that the statement is an alarmist report which indicated that the production of the principal sugar companies would be more or less curtailed.

"That the reserve stocks on hand are less than last year's," the bureau adds, "indicates, too, that the present price levels, due to the proved economic conditions, must necessarily be maintained. With the weather continuing favorable, as it has in the past three months and more, the marketing of the crop will proceed with the utmost facility."

HOUSEWIFE'S DAILY ECONOMY CALENDAR

By FRANCES MARSHALL. Be Adaptable.

One of the most interesting things about housekeeping is the game of food planning, in that it is necessary to be adaptable if you are to win it. For instance, take potatoes. We have, in the last few months grown used to looking upon potatoes as a luxury. We have called them diamonds, and we have cheerfully substituted rice and spaghetti for them.

But before we know it, potatoes may be cheap. And then the truly progressive housewife, that means, nowadays, the truly patriotic-housekeeper will learn to use potatoes liberally. She will substitute potatoes for white flour, when she cannot get potatoes and white flour both contain starch, and there is little likelihood that white flour will go back to normal standing for a long time.

And as it may be with potatoes, so it may be with other food commodities. Nothing in the world stands still—least of all do conditions in the food market, wherein steadily changing crops create steadily changing conditions.

So the housewife must keep abreast of the times. She must learn to adapt the cheap and seasonable foods to the needs of her family.

Perhaps never in the history of the world has housekeeping been so truly interesting as it is now. For now there is a real problem to be solved, and in the careful solving of it lies a real service of patriotism and loyalty. And work that in its accomplishment surmounts a difficult obstacle is interesting.

Of course, in the past housewives have the problem of high food prices and scanty supplies to deal with. There have been wars and famines always. But never before has the housewife faced her task so well equipped as she is now. Never before has she had so much help as she has from scientific authorities. Never before has she had the courage and disinterestedness of the world's food supply been recognized as one of the most important problems in the wide world.

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Care-Free Vacations. Your only problem—which jolly thing to do next. Do you know these beautiful lakes? Deep in the woods, among the foot-hills of the White Mountains. Lakes Winnepesaukee and Sunapee in New Hampshire. Every land and water sport in full swing all summer—canoeing, swimming, fishing, motor-boating, golf, tennis, tramping.

PITTSBURGH OFFICIALS MEET BODY OF GUTHRIE

Pittsburgh, May 28.—The body of George W. Guthrie, former mayor of Pittsburgh and former ambassador to Japan, who died recently in a coal mine, arrived in Pittsburgh on a special train from San Francisco early today.

Kentucky Bore Brunt Of Mid-Western Storm

Chicago, May 28.—Kentucky, with 120 persons dead, bore the brunt of the tornado which swept through seven States, according to revised figures today. The fatalities totaled 246: Kansas, 29; Tennessee, 4; Alabama, 46; Arkansas, 10; and Indiana, 7.