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A BONDING SCHEME WITH MORE LIVES THAN A CAT

THE HERING SEWER plan, which has been offered to the people of Bridgeport for some six years, seems to be immortal. Or if not, it has as many lives as a cat. Killed again and again, it returns for another try at the city treasury.

The Hering plan was an ambitious scheme to bring all of the sewage of the city to two or three common points and, from thence, to pump it some two miles into Long Island Sound, among the oyster beds.

The Farmer steadily opposed this scheme for two principal reasons, the first being that it was too costly, and unnecessary; and the second, that ultimately the sewage would have to come out of the Sound, and that, in any event, if it were taken to the oyster beds, they would have to be condemned and paid for.

DeVer H. Warner, who has large interests in Bridgeport, and who undoubtedly is strongly and sincerely interested in the city and its welfare, revives the Hering program, before the Advisory Committee, which Mayor Wilson has formed in the hope that it will aid him to put over bond issues which the people have hitherto defeated.

But Mr. Warner's demand is based upon grounds which support The Farmer in its contention that the Hering System was a mistake.

The new demand for an expensive sewer system rests upon the claim that—**WITHIN TEN YEARS THE STATE WILL ORDER SEWAGE OUT OF LONG ISLAND SOUND.**

With this view The Farmer is inclined still to agree. What a ghastly mistake it would have been to have dumped the sewage out among the oyster beds, six years ago. According to the now accepted theory, all this work would soon have to be thrown away.

But upon the theory that ten years hence the sewage will be ordered out. Why not wait until then? The order will be conditioned upon the status quo, and a number of years, or the time necessary to do the work, will be allowed. There are many things to be done. There is much the city needs. What is to be gained by anticipating by ten years an order which may never come?

That there are indeed sewage problems which require immediate attention in individual districts, as Franistan avenue, is true enough. But the needs of those districts can be simply met, at moderate cost, by an expenditure less than the interest for one or two years on a great bond issue.

The districts that need care because their sewers back up are entitled to relief, and this relief can be easily and inexpensively furnished.

There is a general principle involved in bonding for sewers, which has force in Bridgeport.

Here the land owners pay 75 per cent. of the cost of sewers—those who use them—while the city pays but 25 per cent. Now the few people who are charged 75 per cent. of the cost of the sewer they used are expected to pay their assessment at once; sometimes they do make a delay of two or three years.

If the people who use the sewers can pay 75 per cent. of the cost of them within a very short time, why can't the city pay its twenty-five per cent., at least as speedily as its citizens pay?

Reason and common sense, which have hitherto defeated the utterly misconceived, mistaken and aggrandized Hering plan, are equal to the task of providing sewers on the pay as you go plan, which for fifty years has proved adequate.

The Farmer agrees with Mr. Warner in this extent; there are points at which the sewer system needs improvement.

The Farmer entirely disagrees with Mr. Warner's view, that there ought to be or that there is need for a great large bond issue for the construction of sewers.

A LONG WAR IN PROSPECT

INDICATIONS MULTIPLY that the war is to be long drawn out. There is nothing encouraging to the thought that the war is to be shortened in the idea that it has a mechanical basis, and that the fight is one between machines.

This is the most recently expressed view of Lloyd George, a view that is in large part correct, and entirely correct if latitude enough is given to the term "machine."

The war today is scarcely at all a matter of individual valor. It rests almost entirely upon the ability of nations to co-operate in the production of machines for killing. But back of this, and for the maximum production of machines for killing, there must be thoroughly organized social and industrial machines, by which the maximum number of men may be released for military purposes, and the maximum production of things necessary to the war continued by the rest of the nation.

When the war opened Germany was superior in its social and industrial machinery, as it was in its military machinery. But since the fighting began England and France have made tremendous strides in efficiency, and have adopted schemes of social and industrial organization which are typically German.

So far as mere machines for killing are concerned, there must come a time, if the Allies can hold their lines, when their equipment will be superior to the equipment of Germany, for at this time, by virtue of British control of the seas, the whole world is engaged in producing for the Allies, who can draw freely on the labor of millions of men in other countries for every kind of commodity, necessary or merely a luxury.

There is nothing as yet to show that Germany has approached economic exhaustion, which makes an almost certain prospect for a long drawn out contest, like that on the French front, in which millions of men batter away with cannon and high explosive shells, until at last the man power gives out, or what is more likely, the economic power to keep armies in the field dwindles, somewhere, to the breaking point.

THE MERIDEN ELECTION

THE VOTERS of Meriden are less tolerant of eccentricities in contract letting than those of Bridgeport. The defeat of Mayor D. J. Donovan was largely contributed to by the accusation that trap rock quarries in which he was interested were alone successful in selling rock for use in the widely extended street improvement in which Meriden has recently engaged.

Dr. Joseph A. Cooke, who was chosen mayor on the Demo-

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GERMAN GENERAL WHO TOOK LIEGE DIES AT HANOVER

Berlin, Dec. 22—The death at Hanover, of General Emmich, the conqueror of Liege, is announced by the Overseas News Agency.

General Von Emmich was commander of the 10th army corps. He figured prominently in the early events of the war, being in command of German troops which invaded Belgium. It was he who issued an appeal to the Belgian people not to resist the Germans.

The heavy loss of life of the Germans at Liege was said to have shattered the confidence of the general, and a report that he had committed suicide gained wide currency in August of last year. He was decorated with the Order of Merit last June.

General Von Emmich joined the army on the day of Prussia's victory over Austria, at Sadowa, in 1866. He fought as lieutenant in the Franco-Prussian war, was made colonel in 1897 and in 1901 attained the rank of major general. He became lieutenant general and commander of the 10th corps in 1905.

PRESIDENT AND BRIDE ON AUTO TRIP TO HILLS

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 22—President Wilson, said today that the European trip of his friend, Col. E. M. House, was in no way connected with the peace movement, but was entirely for the purposes outlined by Col. House in his statement issued last night in New York. The Colonel said his mission was to communicate to American ambassadors in person for the President certain information that the ambassadors might more intimately communicate the attitude of the United States toward certain phases of the international situation.

Further than to say that Col. House had stated the object of his mission exactly, the President refused to comment.

Today the President and Mrs. Wilson motored over to White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., for luncheon. The ride is about 45 miles.

FOOTBALL PLAYER DIES FROM INJURY

Pittsburgh, Dec. 22—Harry Shoef, a medical student in the University of Pittsburgh, died in a hospital here late last night as the result of injuries suffered in the football game between the University of Pittsburgh and Washington and Jefferson college two years ago.

eratic ticket, is pledged to consult the charter, before letting contracts, and will not take a profit from business done with the city, while he is mayor.

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Men's Arctics .. 98c \$2.75
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MIDDLETOWN CHEMICAL CO. IS BANKRUPT

Middletown, Conn., Dec. 22—Colonel George Pope, of Hartford, has been appointed temporary receiver for the Middlesex Chemical company, of Chester. It was learned today that the receivership was granted yesterday at Hartford, by Judge Joseph P. Tuttle, of the superior court, on application of Harry J. Dietrich, of that city.

Asking for the appointment of a receiver, counsel for Dietrich stated that the affairs of the company were in such condition that the action asked for was immediately necessary. Col. Pope was required to post a bond of \$25,000 and was authorized to continue the business for one month. Most of the stockholders live in Fairfield county, and Mr. Dietrich, it was stated, already has a petition for a permanent receiver pending in that county.

A hearing held in Hartford on Jan. 3, will consider the appointment of appraisers. The company employs about 500 hands.



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At the Candy Section

Sweets from overseas. "Matzapan Sticks" of almond paste from Switzerland.

Chocolate Novelties from brave little Holland.

Santa Claus figures filled with chocolate, from Switzerland.

Sewing Cabinets, Pencil and Crayon Boxes, Paint Boxes, Chests, and small pieces of furniture, with sweets.

Chocolate Apples that divide in six "quarters", all different.

Maillard's Chocolates and Bonbons in 1, 2, 3 and 5 pound boxes, very attractively packed.

80 cts to \$5.00

Russell's, 1, 2, 3 and 5 pounds,

\$1.00 to \$4.00

"Mary Garden" in red boxes, and choice packages from Lowney and Fish.

Lace Stockings filled with toys and novelties for the Christmas tree.

Main floor.

In the China Store

A Table for Men's Gifts
Smoking Trays, Tobacco Jars of quaint design, Ash Trays, in many designs.
Metal Smoking Stands, copper, gun metal and brass, \$1.75

On a \$1.00 Table
Salad Bowls, Sugar Bowls and Cream Jugs, Cheese Plates, Mayonnaise Bowls and Nut Sets, all very attractive.

Nippon China
Hair Receivers, Jewel Cases, etc., reduced from 75 cts to

25 cts

Christmas Bells
Red glass for gas or electric lights, two sizes, 50 and 75 cts

Fancy China
Cake Sets, \$3.20
Nut Bowl and Plates, \$2.65
Tea Set, 3 pieces, \$6.50
Chop Sets, \$6.25 to \$12.50
Flower Holders, Compotes, Salad Bowls and pieces for the dressing table in great variety, specially priced.

On a 75 ct. Table
Candlesticks, Vases, Spoon Holders, Sugar and Cream Sets, Salts and Peppers, Mustard Pots and small Compotes.

Fern Bowls
Roma Ivory, with insets for plants, reduced from 89 cts to

45 cts

Silver and Crystal
Water Sets, Fern Bowls, Bud Vases, large Vases and Candlesticks, in the attractive silver deposit.

Useful Shirt Waist and Utility Chests
Covered with matting, half a dozen different sizes, very useful
\$2.25, \$2.50 up to \$4.50, \$6.00 and \$8.00

Furniture Store, fourth floor.

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A tardy arrival, beautiful boxes with paper and correspondence cards, which we intended to sell at \$1.00, but the lateness of their coming causes the price to be

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Brown and Chocolate colored kid as well as Black.

Cavaliers and opera styles,

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Twenty delegates from Costa Rica, Bolivia, Peru and Chile arrived in New York on the steamer Metapan to attend the second Pan-American Scientific Congress at Washington.

Gen. Christian De Wet, one of the leaders of the South African uprising against Great Britain in 1914, convicted of treason, was released from prison, with 118 other prisoners, and sent to Germany, if necessary.

Dr. Nazim Bey, a leader of the Young Turks, announced on his arrival at Berlin that Turkey has plenty of food supplies and cotton that can be sent to Germany, if necessary.