

COMMISSIONERS OPEN HIGH SCHOOL PLANS

Seven Architects Enter the Competition.

EXTERIOR DESIGN PLAIN

Award to Be Made in a Few Days. Six Estimates Under Appropriation of \$168,000.

Plans for the new Business High School were opened yesterday afternoon in the office of the Engineer Commissioner...

The building is to be erected on the square north of square 396, bounded by R, Eighth, and Ninth Streets and Rhode Island Avenue.

Taken generally, the plans show a plain exterior, and five of the seven provide for two stories over a basement.

Description of Building. The first set of plans opened provided for a building three stories over a basement...

The second set of plans opened showed a somewhat similar front elevation, three stories being provided for above a basement.

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On complaint of Washington consumers 967 meters were inspected and 430, or practically 50 per cent, found to be running fast.

The fifth and sixth set of plans opened show practically no deviation from the first two. The architecture is extremely plain, but little if any embellishment being striven for.

Asks for Indulgence. The last set opened is probably destined to an untimely end, for the reason that the specifications are not complied with in the drawings.

As soon as the committee of award can consider the plans and choose one from among them as most suitable for the purposes intended the following prices will be announced: First, \$1,500; second, \$400, and third, \$200.

RELIEF OFFERED TO DISSATISFIED CHINESE

By order of the President modifications will be made in the rules prepared by the Bureau of Immigration for regulating the entrance to this country of Chinamen who desire to attend and take part in the St. Louis Exposition.

The regulations will be so amended that they apply only to lower class Chinamen, and the exhibitors and other high grade Orientals will be allowed to enter on passports issued by American consuls.

Famous "Death Dice" Given to a Museum

Once Decided German Murderer's Fate—Gift One From the Kaiser.

BERLIN, Aug. 1.—The Kaiser has given the Hohenzollern Museum, at Berlin, the famous "death dice." The story connected with the dice is as follows: A beautiful young girl was murdered and suspicion fell upon two soldiers, Ralph and Alfred, who had been suitors for her hand.

Ralph threw two sixes at the first attempt. Alfred fell upon his knees crying, "Almighty God, thou knowest that I am innocent. Protect me, I beseech thee." Taking up the dice he threw them with such force that one of them broke.

RELIGIOUS REFORMERS SLAUGHTERED IN PERSIA

One Hundred and Twenty Babes Killed at Yazd.

BERLIN, Aug. 1.—The "Cologne Gazette" publishes a St. Petersburg dispatch today confirming the report of the massacre of Babes in Persia.

The agitation against the Mohammedan priests continues, the dispatch declares, and the situation is critical. Three thousand two hundred Babes, or religious reformers, whose aspirations have always been viewed with great suspicion by the ruling class, have been expelled from Isfahan, owing to the fear that they would be massacred if they remained.

GAS INSPECTOR MAKES HIS FIRST REPORT

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TARDY PRINTING DELAYS BUILDING

New Explanation for Postponed District Construction.

Many letters have been addressed to the Commissioners within the past few months calling attention to an apparently unnecessary delay in the building of school buildings fire engine houses, and other structures for the District government.

From a letter addressed to Colonel Biddle yesterday by Snowden Ashford, the Inspector of Buildings, it appears that there is some other fault than the one mentioned, namely, a delay in having specifications printed so that bids can be asked for.

INTEREST-BEARING DEBT DECREASED TEN DOLLARS

The interest-bearing debt of the United States was decreased by just \$10 during the month of July. The debt on which interest has ceased since maturity was decreased \$20, and the debt bearing no interest was decreased by \$1,091,130 in the same period.

GIRLS UNDER FOURTEEN SHOULD NOT PLAY PIANO

Nervous Diseases Often Follow Too Early Practice.

BERLIN, Aug. 1.—Dr. Kluech, a prominent physician of Berlin, has just made public some interesting statistics which he has spent several years in gathering and from which he deduces that young girls should not be taught to play the piano until they reach the age of fourteen years.

Out of 1,000 girls who began to take lessons on the piano before they were fourteen years old, 620 were found to have nervous diseases, while out of 1,000 girls who did not take such instruction before they were fourteen, only ninety-eight were found to be so afflicted.

HICKLING REAPPOINTED FOR INDEFINITE TERM

Complimented for His Administration of Asylum.

Dr. D. Percy Hickling has been reappointed visiting physician to the Washington Asylum Hospital. The same order contains a recommendation that the term of office be made indefinite, instead of three years, as formerly.

At a general meeting of the Above Sholem Congregation, held July 1, Dr. Rabbi R. Grafman was unanimously elected rabbi of the congregation and teacher of the Above Sholem Hebrew School for one year.

WOULD EXTEND THE FEDERAL INVESTIGATIONS

Representative Cooper Names Interior Department.

"If the Administration desires to do itself justice it must extend the investigations which are now going on to the Department of the Interior and several other departments," remarked Representative S. B. Cooper, of Texas, who is at the Metropolitan Hotel.

"President Roosevelt is thoroughly honest, and it is to be hoped he will force the investigations until he has routed out every rogue in the Government service and has landed in jail all the outsiders who have been getting rich by manipulating Government contracts."

SMUGGLER CONFESSES.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 1.—Judson Brinson, accused of smuggling Cuban cigars, has made a confession. He has named seventeen well-known men of Savannah, declaring that they were implicated. Half of them are customs and revenue officers and employees of the Southern Express Company.

CONFEDERATE GRAY FOR ENGLISH TROOPS

King and Queen Express Dislike for Khaki.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—The decision of the British military authorities to substitute atrol gray for khaki was reached largely in compliance with the King's expressed desire.

His majesty, like the late Queen, dislikes khaki, and has on several occasions commented on the unimilitary appearance of the khaki regiments. It is also claimed by the authorities that the new campaign dress of atrol gray, which is just about the shade worn by the soldiers of the Confederacy in the civil war in the United States, is the nearest to invisible of all colors.

EMPERORS AND KINGS TO ATTEND WEDDING

DARMSTADT, Hesse, Aug. 1.—A great gathering of sovereigns is expected here on the occasion of the wedding of Prince Andrew of Greece to Princess Alice of Battenberg. The Czar, Emperor William, King Edward, who is also emperor of India, King Christian of Denmark, and King George of Greece, have already promised to attend.

RUSSIA TIGHTENS HOLD ON MANCHURIA

BERLIN, Aug. 1.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Cologne "Gazette" says the Russian authorities are reported to have informed the government at Peking that Russia will prohibit foreigners from staying in Manchuria at present, but that six years hence, when Russia has restored quiet and order in Manchuria, the country will be opened to foreigners for free commerce.

MORE BRITISH MONEY FOR ST. LOUIS FAIR

LONDON, Aug. 1.—A supplementary estimate issued this morning grants an additional \$250,000 for the aid of the royal commission to the St. Louis Exposition for the period ending March 31, 1904.

ABOVE SHOLEM ELECTS DR. GRAFMAN RABBI

Has Officiated for American Congregations for Ten Years.

Rabbi Grafman was born at Baltramin, Lithuania, on August 5, 1822. He was educated for the Hebrew ministry in the Grand Institute of Ramelnessvitch, where he came to the United States in 1894 and took charge of the Rodef Sholem Congregation in Cleveland, Ohio. Later he was called to Bradford, Pa., by the First Hebrew Orthodox Congregation, where he remained two years. He spent three years in Richmond, afterward going to Baltimore. Dr. Grafman is a distinguished scholar.

PROF. LUDWIG MOND DEAD.

ROME, Aug. 1.—Prof. Ludwig Mond, the distinguished chemist, died here this morning.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains the linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it, or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney and bladder remedy, fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists in 50 cent and \$1 sizes.

The Kishinev Rioters Given Jail Sentences

Official Complicity Is Now Said to Have Been Made Very Clear.

BERLIN, Aug. 1.—Mrs. R. H. Savage, who went to Kishinev to visit her daughter, whose husband is the local marshal of nobility, writes to a Breslau newspaper that twenty-seven of the rioters have been condemned to penal servitude for terms varying from two months to a year.

Forty-five others are awaiting trial. Mrs. Savage's daughter hid about forty fugitives in the cellar of her residence, but her servants begged that the refugees be turned out, lest the mob attack the house.

RUSSIAN BATTLESHIPS ORDERED TO FAR EAST

Significant Action in View of Korean Situation.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 1.—That Russia is preparing to meet any trouble that may arise with Japan over the situation in Korea was made manifest today when the announcement was made that the battleships Emperor Alexander III and the Oshyaba, the armored cruiser Bayan, the protected cruiser Aurora, and also four torpedo boats had been ordered to proceed to the Far East.

BANDITS IN CUBA ARE NOT NUMEROUS

Two Detachments Encountered and Three Men Killed.

HAVANA, Aug. 1.—United States Minister to Cuba Herbert G. Squiers has cabled to the State Department at Washington the result of a conference which he had with President Palma regarding the reported uprising in Santiago province. It is to the effect that no trace of a large armed band was found, but that two detachments of bandits had been raiding the plantations in the province.

The dispatch from Minister Squiers was received at the State Department yesterday and confirms previous statements had from Cuba concerning the trouble in Santiago province.

TO WED DUKE.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—The "Whitehall Review" says Lady Cook-Tennessee Claflin that was—is about to marry a duke, who is one of the wealthiest men in Europe, with half a dozen different castles, including a palace on the Riviera.

DOCTORS' FEES PAID.

ROME, Aug. 1.—The Sacred College today approved the payment of \$10,000 to the doctors and others who attended the late Pontiff in his last illness.

Advertisement for Kings Palace featuring an After-Stock Taking Sale. Lists various domestic goods like muslin underwear, dressing saques, and ribbed underwear with prices. Includes address: Main Store, 810-813 Seventh St. Branch Store, 715 Market Space.

Advertisement for Barber & Ross. Features 10% Off Refrigerators, Ice Chests, and Water Coolers. Includes address: 11th and G Sts.

Advertisement for THE MILK QUESTION. Discusses the health benefits of milk and the Society for Prevention of Sickness. Includes address: 614 14th St. N. W.

Advertisement for TO-KALON WINE CO. Features "Delicious Summer Drinks" and various wine products. Includes address: 614 14th St. N. W.

Advertisement for TALCUTINE Toilet Powder. Features "The Medicated Toilet Powder" and various notions. Includes address: Talcutine Powder Co., Washington, D. C.