



CITY MAY VOTE ON THREE NEW WATER PLANS

Propositions Evolved as Result of Offer of Spring Valley to Sell

Combination of Present System and Lake Eleanor Supply to Cost \$58,000,000

Questions to Be Submitted In- volve Payment of \$35,000,- 000 for Plant

PLAN TO BUY SPRING VALLEY

Alternate water supply prop-
ositions tentatively approved by
conference committee for sub-
mission to the voters:

FIRST PROPOSITION—Acquisi-
tion and development of the
Lake Eleanor and Tuolumne
project in conjunction with the
Spring Valley system; deduc-
tions to be made from the origi-
nal plans of the city engineer
so that there would be no dupli-
cation of parts. This would
give the city a supply of 95,-
000,000 gallons a day at a cost
of \$58,000,000.

SECOND PROPOSITION—Acquisi-
tion and development of the
Lake Eleanor and Tuolumne
river project, in accordance
with the plans of the city engi-
neer, to secure a supply of 95,-
000,000 gallons of water, at a
cost of \$45,000,000.

THIRD PROPOSITION—Purchase
of Spring Valley company
plant, capacity 35,000,000 gal-
lons, for \$35,000,000 (or price
to be agreed upon).

SPRING VALLEY VALUATIONS

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| Spring Valley bonds, \$17,850,000 | |
| Spring Valley shares (par value \$50) | 14,000,000 |
| Par value | \$31,850,000 |
| Valuation based on market quo- tations: | |
| \$17,850,000 bonds at 90, \$16,672,100 | |
| 280,000 shares of stock at \$40 | 11,200,000 |
| Market value | \$27,872,100 |
| Offer made by former President Payson 19 months ago | \$32,000,000 |
| Price set by President Bourn to city | \$35,000,000 |
| Bouns now demanded by company of the city | \$7,726,000 |

THAT three alternative propo-
sitions, covering the new aspect of
the water supply problem of San
Francisco, will be submitted to the
voters at a special bond election to be
held in this city January 4, 1910, was
the tentative decision arrived at yester-
day afternoon at a semi-official confer-
ence held in the office of Mayor Taylor
in the Mills building.

The action of the Spring Valley com-
pany in making a definite offer of sale
to the city led to the call for the meet-
ing and the introduction into the water
question of the possibility of acquiring
the Spring Valley plant alone or of
using it to supplement the Sierra water
supply.

Long Dispute Over Price

Preceding the conference held in the
mayor's office in the afternoon was a
meeting of city attorneys and super-
visors held in the office of Judge Curtis
H. Lindley, special legal adviser of the
city in its water negotiations and lit-
igations. It was at the earlier meeting
that the three propositions were formu-
lated and they were presented at the
afternoon conference by City Attorney
Percy V. Long. A long discussion of
the propositions followed.

The point of greatest dispute was
that raised by William Bourn's state-
ment of the price at which the Spring
Valley would sell to the city. The
quotation of \$35,000,000 set by Bourn
was held by some of the conferees to
be too high. Further negotiations on
the matter of Spring Valley purchase
will be held this morning.

Propositions for Voters

The proposition to which the confer-
ence tentatively agreed upon as the
best which could be submitted to the
voters are as follows:

First proposition—The acquisition
and development of the Lake Eleanor
project in conjunction with the Spring
Valley system. Deductions would be
made from the original plans of the
city engineer so that there would be
no duplication of parts. This would
give the city a supply of 95,000,000 gal-
lons at a cost of \$58,000,000.

Second proposition—The acquisition
and development of the Lake Eleanor
project in accordance with the plans of
the city engineer, to secure a supply
of 95,000,000 gallons a day at a cost
of \$45,000,000.

Third proposition—The purchase of
the Spring Valley company plant and
distributing system outright, giving a
supply of 35,000,000 gallons daily at a
cost of \$35,000,000.

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WOMEN BATTLE TO DEATH WITH KNIVES

BRADFORD, Ark., Nov. 28.—In a
street duel with knives at Alicia today
Miss Nora Owens was fatally injured
by Miss Stella Belk and died a few min-
utes later.

Street Duel in Arkansas Has Fatal Ending

The duel was the result of an old
quarrel. Miss Owens was cut in four
places, the fatal wound being in the
left breast, where an artery leading to
the heart was severed.
Miss Belk was arrested.

FLOW OF LAVA STOPS IN TENERIFFE CRATERS

Activity is Now Apparent Only
Inside Volcano Mouths

SANTA CRUZ, Teneriffe, Nov. 28.—
The flow of lava from the craters has
stopped. Activity is not apparent only
within the craters.

CUNNINGHAM MAY ANSWER FOR BRASCH MURDER

Slayer Is Sane, Declares Doctor Stone, State Alienist at Napa Asylum

Takes Issue With Local Ex- perts Who Pronounced Prisoner Paranoiac

"As far as I have been able to
discover Cunningham is not
suffering from any delusion
or hallucination. It is true that Cun-
ningham has contended and now says
that he is insane. If there is any evi-
dence to support his assertion we have
yet to discover it."—From statement
made last night by Dr. Elmer E. Stone,
superintendent of the Napa state hos-
pital.

Slayer May Stand Trial

James Edward Cunningham, who
shot and killed Carolina Brasch, a
book keeper for Gray Brothers, stone
contractors, in their offices in the
Wells Fargo building June 30, may yet
stand trial for murder. Dr. Elmer E.
Stone, superintendent of the Napa state
hospital, in which the slayer was con-
fined as insane, now believes that Cun-
ningham shows no signs of insanity,
but on the contrary does display evi-
dence of having complete possession of
his faculties.

In this Stone takes direct issue with
Drs. D. D. Lustig and Charles D. Mc-
Gottigan, state lunacy commissioners,
who declared at the time that Cun-
ningham was brought up for trial that the
man was a hopeless paranoiac.

"Cunningham is under investigation
at the present time," Doctor Stone said
last night. "I am of the opinion, of
hand, that there is a good deal of evi-
dence to show that the man is not in-
sane. We will continue the examina-
tion into his case before we reach a
final conclusion. As far as I have been
able to discover, Cunningham is not
suffering from any delusion or halluci-
nation. We have watched him very
closely since he has been here, and the
result of our investigations leads us
at this time to believe that the man is
not insane.

To Be Decided Soon

"The question will be definitely de-
termined within a short time. If we
decide that Cunningham is not a fit
subject for the hospital, we will notify
the authorities in San Francisco and
turn him over to the sheriff's office
there. It is true that Cunningham has
contended and now says that he is in-
sane. If there is any evidence to sup-
port his assertion, we have yet to dis-
cover it."

Cunningham has been at Napa only
since the middle of October—a short
time in which to be cured of a mental
condition that would lead him to mur-
der, in cold blood, an innocent girl em-
ploye of a firm he claimed owed him
\$255.

"A great many tramps are para-
noiacs," said Dr. McGottigan at the
time of Cunningham's examination here,
"and this man is of that roving dis-
position that we know often occurs
in paranoiacs. My opinion is that he is
absolutely insane and should be re-
strained during the rest of his life. He
is subject to all kinds of delusions. He
says he hears voices, and is informed
that he is the son of God, for which
reason he once took the name Dick
God. He believes that he is under the
hypnotic power of certain women."

Cunningham Has Delusions

"His understanding seems to be
fairly good," said Dr. Lustig at the
time, "and he is apparently truthful in
all his statements. In trying to give
a motive for his crime he involves other
people and has a lot of delusions. He
thinks he is an author, a prophet and
an inventor. He believes he has been
persecuted and has an exalted ego.
While I do not say that this is abso-
lutely a technical case of paranoia, still
it is of the paranoia type. He is abso-
lutely incurable. We consider para-
noiacs the most dangerous type of
criminal people."

Doctor Stone will confer with Gen-
eral Superintendent Hatch about Cun-
ningham's condition before turning
him over to the San Francisco authori-
ties to stand trial for his crime.

The point will be raised undoubtedly
by the defense that the laborer was
cured by his treatment under the state
experts in mental diseases, but this
Doctor Stone seems prepared to contra-
dict.

HOSPITAL DYNAMITED BY EXPLOSIVE IN COAL

Many Lives Threatened When Blast Wrecks Furnace

CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—Dynamite in
coal is believed to have been the cause
of an explosion tonight in the furnace
of the American hospital, in which the
lives of patients, nurses and doctors
of the institution were imperiled.
The explosion wrecked the heating
plant.

Hospital authorities believe dynamite
from the coal mine was in the coal,
and have ordered that all coal in the
bins be taken back by the company
from which it was purchased.

Monkeying With a Live Wire



FAMOUS LOST GOLD MINE IS RELOCATED

Discoverer Says Samples Carry Values as High as \$80,000 a Ton

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 28.—Prospectors
throughout Idaho are preparing for a
spring rush to the Bruneau country, a
somewhat isolated district where one
of the famous "lost mines" of the west
has just been relocated. For 30 years
there has been a tradition of a sheep
herder who came to civilization with
samples of quartz yellow with free gold
and told his friends of a great ledge
from which the samples were taken.
Starting back alone he disappeared and
was never heard of again.

The finding of a skeleton recently in
the region where the shepherd ranged
caused a revival of the story and a
renewed search for the storied ledge.
The search has been successful. D.
A. Bourne, one of the pioneer discov-
ers, has returned from the Bruneau
and gives details of the developments
there. He says the ore is a tellurium
and carries values as high as \$80,000
to the ton. The smallest return from
a random sample was \$85 a ton and
there is in sight on the surface ore to
the value of \$1,750,000. It can be quar-
ried like building stone, declares the
prospector.

FRENCH GENERAL SHOT BY SUPPOSED LUNATIC

Victim Mistaken For Minister of War

PARIS, Nov. 28.—A man believed to
be insane and having an imaginary
grievance against the war department
shot and seriously wounded General
Verand today on the steps of the Hotel
Continental. The man was arrested.
It was learned that he had mistaken
General Verand for General Brun,
minister of war.

Several officers sprang upon General
Verand's assailant, who proved to be
an Algerian. He was overpowered and
found to be a walking battery of re-
volvers and daggers.

General Verand received bullets in
the neck and forehead and his condi-
tion is considered dangerous.

NINE JACKIES SWEEP OUT TO SEA IN OPEN BOATS

Gig and Whaleboat Are Missing From Warship

COLON, Nov. 28.—Nine men are miss-
ing from the United States gunboat
Marietta, which is lying off Port Limon,
Costa Rica. The gunboat today sent
out a general alarm by wireless.

The gig, manned by a crew of four,
and the whaleboat, with five men
aboard, were carried out to sea in the
heavy weather on Friday night.
Nothing has been seen or heard of
either boat since. A reward is offered
by the commander of the Marietta for
any one finding the boats or rescuing
the men.

TAFT'S MESSAGE TO FLAY SUGAR TRUST

President Will Arraign "Men Higher Up" in Customs House Corruption

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—President
Taft, in his annual message to the
coming session of congress, will subject
the "men higher up" in the sugar trust
to an excoriation such as rarely finds
a place in an official communication
from the executive.

It is known that the president has
been devoting considerable time to the
construction of the paragraphs of the
message which will deal with the sugar
trust scandals. He will not beat around
the bush in expressing his opinion of
the conduct of the men he regards as
responsible for the rottenness that has
been discovered in the relations be-
tween employes of the New York cus-
tom-house and the agents of the trust.

The president, however, will spend
few words on the criminal acts of the
men who used wires to falsify the
scales on which the sugar imported by
the trust was weighed and those who
made false records of weights. He is
convinced that those men would not
have acted so harmoniously in their
program of law breaking without en-
couragement from other men in more
responsible positions.

In the opinion of some of the advisers
of the president, Taft's analysis of the
sugar trust scandals will be the last
word in the process of verbal flaying.
It is expected that the president will
present an arraignment of the men on
whom he believes the real responsibil-
ity rests that will surpass in frankness
of expression some of the most scath-
ing official declarations of President
Roosevelt.

The president's intention to go after
the big men of the sugar trust in his
message does not indicate that he
means to advise a change in the form
of the Sherman anti-trust law. What-
ever changes in this act he may advise
at a future time will be made after the
supreme court has handed down a de-
cision on the government's appeal from
the interpretation of the statute of lim-
itations made by Judge Holt of the
southern district of New York in
quashing the indictments against sev-
eral of the men accused of complicity
in the sugar frauds of New York.

JUDSON HARMON CALLED NEXT BOURBON LEADER

Said to Be Logical Nominee of Party for President

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 28.—Former
Governor R. B. Glenn of North Caro-
line in an interview today said: "Jud-
son Harmon, governor of Ohio, will be
the next presidential nominee of the
democratic party, in my judgment.
Everywhere I have been I have found
Harmon as the leading candidate in
public and party opinion."

TRIAL MARRIAGE COUPLE MAKE UP

Renew Contract After Living Apart One Year to Test Strength of Love

After living apart for a year Archi-
bald W. Robins and his wife, the origi-
nal trial marriage couple, who last
January brought to an end a five year
contract of wedlock, have discovered
that the pleasures of platonic friendship,
paled beside the warm glow of mar-
riage, and, according to the terms of
the original agreement, they have gone
back to each other. The whole has
been a battle of love and law—not the
law of the land, but that of a cult
which frowned on marriages that bound
irrevocably. This cult called for
strange and peculiar things in the way
of rights for women and soul mating.
Love won. Cult collapsed.

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the conduct of the men he regards as
responsible for the rottenness that has
been discovered in the relations be-
tween employes of the New York cus-
tom-house and the agents of the trust.

The trial marriage started six years
ago. The woman, a beautiful Russo-
American, possessed modernized ideas
of a startling kind. Robins possessed
a vegetarian restaurant at 418 Market
street and an amiable disposition.
Therefore when he laid his disposition
and restaurant at the feet of this, his
particular goddess, she hurled at him
the doctrines of her cult.

"Why should we promise to love and
cherish each other for a lifetime?"
asked the woman, "when neither of us
know what the future may bring
forth? True, I love you and I believe
we will be happy, but—let us have a
trial marriage. Let us draw up a con-
tract, and if at the end of five years we
find we are not happy, let us separate."

Robins agreed. He was an amiable
man, and besides he loved the girl. Five
years of unadulterated happiness fol-
lowed. She shared in his business and
went whither he went. If business
called him out of the city she trotted
by his side. The money earned they
shared. If his work kept him down
town he had no need to telephone and
say not to keep dinner waiting. In
such a case she would join him. Robins
declared he enjoyed this. He was an
amiable man.

Contract Is Ended

The contract ended last January.
Thereupon they decided to live apart
for a year and see if they enjoyed
each other's absence.
"Goodby, my dear," they said, shak-
ing hands, and so parted. They lived
in different hotels, but as there was
no quarrel between them, they began
to drift together again. The two
jointly conducted the vegetarian res-
taurant at Sansome and Market streets,
were friendly, and prospered. A few
weeks ago the restaurant was burned,
and in the sorrow of the moment Mrs.
Robins sought the shoulder of her hus-
band-friend on which to weep.
With the business destroyed and the
future dark, the two bridged the gap
that had divided them. Robins col-
lected \$1,000 insurance money on his
damaged property, and, at the request
of Mrs. Robins, decided to leave the
city with her.

PRINCETON SAILS FOR WAR ZONE

United States Gunboat Ordered From Puget Sound to Go to Nicaraguan Waters

Naval Vessel on Way South Is Expected to Take on Marines Here

Will Be Joined at Corinto by the Vicksburg in Enforcing Uncle Sam's Demands

State Department Calls Envoy Into Conference With Knox on Situation

SEATTLE, Nov. 28.—Bound for
the Central American war zone,
the United States gunboat
Princeton, Commander C. H. Hayes,
sailed from Puget sound tonight,
leaving the Bremerton navy yard at
exactly 8 o'clock, and is now plow-
ing its way down the coast.

Stops at San Francisco

The Princeton has orders to stop
at San Francisco to take on ammu-
nition and supplies, and, it is inti-
mated, a regiment of marines sta-
tioned at San Francisco may get
orders to embark.

The Princeton has been undergoing
extensive repairs at the navy yard
and is in fine trim for a lengthy
voyage.

Commander Hayes expects to reach
Nicaragua in three weeks.

The Princeton will be joined by the
gunboat Vicksburg, which is now at
Corinto.

Conference Over Situation

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 28.—While
keeping a tight lid on any news of the
progress of the naval demonstration of
the United States against Nicaragua
that might have been called today, the
state department managed to make
definite progress in its plans for the
appointment of a commission to inves-
tigate the political conditions in Cen-
tral America.

Horace G. Knowles, the new minis-
ter to Nicaragua, who is still held in
this country by the department, yester-
day received a summons to confer
with Secretary Knox. The secretary of
state will take up with Knowles the
subject of the formation of the com-
mission. According to information ob-
tained yesterday the state department
desires to place Knowles on the pro-
posed commission.

Among the other names that are ex-
pected to come before the state de-
partment are those of Major General
George W. Davis, former Senator James
B. McCreary of Kentucky, Dr. L. S.
Rowe of the University of Pennsyl-
vania, Thomas C. Dawson, head of the
Latin American bureau of the state de-
partment, and J. B. Scott, the depart-
ment solicitor. Most of these men are
familiar with the Spanish language and
all of them have had experience which
would render their services especially
valuable.

The only news of military operations
in Nicaragua made public today was
received by Salvador Castillo, the diplo-
matic representative in Washington of
the Estrada government. According to
a cablegram to him from Estrada two
engagements are in progress between
Zelaya and insurgent forces.

At San Juan Del Norte, also known
as Greytown, on the Pacific side, a
government force of 1,500 men under
General Toledo is being attacked by an
insurgent army of about equal strength
under the command of General Chamorro.

At Rama, in the interior, about 150
miles away, the Zelayan troops are
fighting with an army, probably under
the command of Estrada himself. The
opposing forces at this point, Senor
Castillo said, are of about the same
strength as the armies at Greytown.
The state department would not con-
firm the report of the battles referred
to in the dispatch to Castillo.

Arms and ammunition landed early
this week from the Norwegian steamer
Ustein are believed to be in the hands
of the insurrectionists and prompt use
of them by Estrada's forces is ex-
pected. Senor Castillo pointed out to-
night that it would require less than
three days to transport the munitions
from Bluefields, where the Ustein
landed them, to Rama, and that, as
soon as his compatriots were supplied,
immediate conflict with the govern-
ment troops was inevitable.