

# RICHMOND WATER PLANTS \$1,585,000

That Is the Value Placed on Three Private Systems by the Mayor's Special Commission.

## CONDEMNIS ISLAND SUPPLY

According to the report filed yesterday of the Mayor's special commission, which investigated the value of the private water plants in Richmond Borough, it will cost the city \$1,585,000 to acquire the three companies. The commission values the plant of the Staten Island Water Company at \$682,000, of the Crystal Water Company at \$709,000 and of the South Shore Water Company at \$194,000. These estimates do not include the value of the franchises.

The commission does not place a high value upon water to be obtained upon Staten Island for use of the residents, on the ground that it is liable to contain an admixture of sea water. It condemns particularly the water distributed by the West New Brighton station, which it declares at times contains so large a percentage of sea water as to make its use very objectionable now and impossible in the near future.

After pointing out the necessity of increasing the water supply of Richmond by bringing in a supply from Esopus or New Jersey, the commission adds: "The amount that can be obtained from the individual stations are limited, and the cost of operating the stations are considerable. The five stations now in operation, however, are clearly incapable of supplying enough water for the whole island, and it is not clear that they can be extended or that other corresponding supplies can be obtained to make up this deficiency.

It is possible that some ground water could be obtained from portions of the island and further south than the present stations which would help in this respect, but such a development would be expensive and the results to be obtained uncertain. This would also be only a temporary supply, and if a permanent regular supply from off the island could be obtained we should prefer it.

A contract has already been entered into between the city and the Hudson Water Company of New Jersey, but it is being contested in the courts by representatives of the Staten Island companies, who desire to dispose of their plants to the city.

# Smoke Nuisance Could Be Stopped

Commissioner Darlington Admits He Has Necessary Power, but Says Such Action Is Undesirable.

Referring to the agitation now being conducted by Charles T. Barney, J. P. Morgan and others to abate the smoke nuisance in New York, Commissioner Darlington, of the Board of Health, yesterday made public a statement defending his position in the matter.

Dr. Darlington admits that his department under the existing laws has power to correct the abuses, but has not exercised that power, in the belief that the interests of the city would thereby be benefited. This is his view in the case of the Interborough company in particular, he holding that the prohibition of the use of soft coal would practically paralyze the transit facilities of the city.

"Mr. Charles T. Barney," says Dr. Darlington in his statement, "had been so friendly to me with the Interborough Rapid Transit Company I doubt very much if he would have given out for publication such a statement of abuse. The Board of Health has not been idle in the matter."

Dr. Darlington went on to say that Mr. Barney says that the inspectors do nothing, and that as the Board sits only at long intervals nothing can be done. It seems unlikely that the Board would be able to take the ruling of the judges on the Bench even before we take his and Recorder Goff's ruling less than a month ago that it was not proper for the Board of Health to delegate its authority to its subordinates.

"It is undoubtedly true that if the great powers of the Board of Health were enforced every fire in New York city could be quenched and then there would be no smoke," but law and justice seem to me to demand some ordinance that can be enforced without injustice. The Health Department is trying to find such an ordinance. The object of the law is to secure compliance with it without hardship to the citizens. The best administration of the law is to secure compliance without having to enforce it by arrest.

"The Advisory Committee of the Board of Health, of which Dr. Joseph D. Bryant is a member, has been working for months to reach a satisfactory solution of the problem. I am glad to say that I believe it has succeeded. Its report will be presented to the Board of Health at next Wednesday's meeting. The question is not a small one, and despite the criticisms of Mr. Barney we have deemed it proper to make haste slowly.

"To refer again to the Interborough, of which Mr. Barney complains, and to my couple with the Interborough the Edison system—I personally notified these companies that they would have to do something to lessen the smoke, and took the Interborough company into the Special Sessions Court, and the first developed plan was experimenting with smoke

consuming appliances, and that if a regulation should stop the use of soft coal entirely it would mean a practical stoppage of the transit and lighting facilities of the city. In this they are sustained by the opinion of our own expert, Professor Charles Laska, of Columbia College.

"The greatest part of the smoke nuisance is caused by means of tugs and steamboats upon the river, which send clouds of smoke floating over the city. It was only at a very recent date that we obtained a decision showing that we would be able to regulate this nuisance, as the waters surrounding New York are under the control of the federal government. We do not consider the suppression of this nuisance a lack of success. That was the department's record for last year."

## BEAUTIFUL HOME FOR KNABE & CO.

Handsome Building 170 Feet High Erected at Fifth Avenue and Thirty-Ninth Street.

On the property at the southeast corner of Fifth avenue and Thirty-ninth street, 55 feet in the avenue side and 125 feet in the Thirty-ninth street side, there has been built for William Knabe & Co.'s special needs a superb building of Renaissance type. The building is 170 feet high, with a masonry roof and classical construction. The building is all steel, stone and brick.

The first two stories are of graystone and pink granite. Doric columns extending to the third story. The rough stone effect has been largely carried out on the two lower floors, with the exception of the two beautiful fluted columns, and the handsome design of the capital, which is in pure Doric style. The white flag on top of the building bears the single word "Knabe," which name again appears over the centre of the store in blocked gold letters, five feet in height and one foot in width.

That portion of the building not used by Messrs. Knabe & Co. will be let out to other tenants in avocations of an artistic nature, such as architects, painters, photographers, editorial rooms, etc. A separate entrance is provided for the upper portion of the building and full livery service will be in attendance. Messrs. Knabe & Co. will also use the basement, which is even larger than the store and lighted by glass blocks in the sidewalks. There will be two Essock & Wilcox high pressure boilers of 150 horse power each. The building will be heated by exhaust steam.

In conjunction with the electric equipment there will be a storage battery of sufficient capacity to run one elevator at night, including the necessary night lighting. There will also be a vacuum sweep-plant for use throughout the building.

# Exaltation of Togo Is Criticised

Army and Navy Register Says Official Promulgation of Speech by the President Is Questionable.

HERALD BUREAU, No. 724 FIFTH AVENUE, N. Y., WASHINGTON, D. C., SATURDAY. Editorial comment upon the President's incorporation of Admiral Togo's address to his men in general orders to the army and navy in the case of the Army and Navy Register, issued this morning, pronouncedly critical. The paper says:—

"It is quite out of the ordinary for such official publication as general orders from the War and Navy departments to contain as they do this week, a special address to the services at large by the President, who quotes the Japanese Admiral, who quotes the United States Admiral, who quotes the British Admiral, who quotes the Russian, when they read this

American celebration of Japanese courage, determination, individual initiative, and so forth and so on? Again, what is the effect upon the Japanese themselves? Is not this sort of praise demoralizing to Japanese industry? Last it contributing to the national conquest? That introductory encomium of Togo might well have been intrusted to yesterday. It is to be hoped that when the President's action engages the sort of criticism anticipated there will be some one who will dare to say that the personnel of the army and navy does not stand in need of Togo's example of Togo's advice, good as are both."

To Aid Cancer Hospital. Judge Morgan J. O'Brien will lecture in Carnegie Hall to-morrow night on "The Civilization of the Twentieth Century," the proceeds to go to the organization known as the Servants of Relief for incurable Cancer. Visiting Minister Rosary Hill Home, the cancer hospital in its debt. It is presided over by Mother Alphonsa, formerly Ross Haw-thorne Lathrop. Alton B. Parker and what must be the students of our good friends, the Russians, when they read this

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# Franklin Simon & Co.

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Women's Suits. IMPORTED CHIFFON BROADCLOTH, in Alice, navy blue or coral; double breasted hip length coat, semi-fitting back, velvet collar and cuffs, taffeta lined, and navy circular skirt. Actual value \$50.00..... 29.50

Copy of Latest Paris Model Suits, of Chiffon Voile, in black, navy, Alice or porcelain blue, champagne, American Beauty or Queen's gray; Eton coat, trimmed with silk and braid; rich lingerie vest, collar and cuffs, white taffeta lining, Paris girdle, circular skirt over self-colored taffeta silk drop. Actual value \$85.00..... 59.50

Princess Gowns. SILK MULL, in white, pink, light blue, canary or gray, richly trimmed with Val. lace. Actual value \$34.50..... 19.75 SILK CREPE DE CHINE in black, white and all pastel shades, richly trimmed with lace, entire gown made over taffeta silk. Actual value \$45.00..... 28.50

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Special for Monday THREE NEW ETON SUITS—Panamas and Spring gray mixed worsteds, handsomely trimmed, new circular skirts, black and colors. Value \$35.00. 25.00

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