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While this right belongs to the board, it is considered ill advised to

to know. From the standevery move made, rather that the papers will get the news if obtainable, and they prefer to get it bearing the official stamp of approv

In our humble judgment, this is no time for star chamber proceedthe \$350,000 recently authorized have the minds of the average American. It has nop lace in popular government. Suppose our legislature or congress should decide that the public had no right to know of its proceedings. What a howl would go up. And yet water officials are merely the ser vants of the people, as are legisla tors, and have no right to exercise certain discretionary powers which should not be left with them.

Tell us what you are doing, gen tlemen. Honest publicity never hurt an individual or a cause in the history of the world. Foolish se crecy too often encourages the formation of unfounded ideas. Take the public into your confidence, and remember that you are merely the representatives of the public.

INTERNATIONAL PEACE.

Three of the mightiest nations o the earth, after a turbulent cruise over the waters of strife, have dropped anchor in the harbor of universal peace. Strange that the recent signing of a peace pact caused but little notice. The event was one of world-wide potentality, and it marks a new era in the history of the world.

The trend of modern civilization, based upon Christianity, is away from the bloody course of warfare.

It is confidently believed that Japan, pact, and thus will tranquility among the nations be assured. There should all the letter contained. be no place in a Christian nation for the noisy jingo, or the belligerent advocate of militarism. The nations of the earth can not be brought into unity said Mr. Lafferty, remarked that he by force of arms. When joined, the link was surprised to see that the reprethat binds will be woven of olive

In splendid style the Asheville Citizen paints the trend of modern times:

"The signing of the peace treaties by the United States, England and France has not aroused the general comment which such a history making event might have been expected tically certain ratification of the arbitration documents there is realized a dream of centuries. Peace advocates the world over have at stated periods sought to bring about a peace pact between the leading powers of the world, and there is a world of satisfaction in the thought that it remained for the president of the United States to bring it to actual accomplishment. War and all its attendant horrors will not be possible between any two of the great nations represented in the treaties just signed. At last we are led to believe that much if international honor is to be

relied upon. "It seems, indeed, that the prophecy of Isaiah who sung of the day of universal peace is about to be fulfilled. He told of a time "when men shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." It seems as if the onward march of civilization, which has taught us the brotherhood

of man in the fatherhood of God, has The Charlotte News decreed that militarism cannot live. It s not too much to say that this generation is witnessing the dawn of peace for which the nations of countless ages have prayed. The hideous spell of watchwords, uniforms, standards and all the engines of destrucion which man's misguided ingenuity could devise must be relegated to that eblivion which an outworn and bloody

system deserves. In war the noblest and grandest instincts of man have been sacrificed, he toilers of all lands have been robbed, ravaged and oppressed. Difand senseless arbitration of the sword; justice an outcast among the nations of the earth. The great Gladstone once said: "The greatest ism.—Wilmington Dispatch. tyrany of our age is militarism," and one years 2.00 none will doubt the truth of that utterance when he looks back over the
international highways, strewn with international highways, strewn with the wreckage of black death and red nation, goaded on by fear and hatred, lasting ruin.

spoken over five-score years ago, now did we failed to observe it. They other," he said, "there cannot be, acpeoples on the earth."

The Spartanburg Herald avers that reporters from council, and nature South Carolinians evince mark-



CHARLES A WHITE

Charles A. White, member of the Illinois state legislature, who is retellevery detail of the manipulations of are not the kind of men to let this the men who he says offered him feeling long prevail.-Raleigh Times

Representative Lafferty Has Troubles of His Own

By Associated Press.

Washington, Aug. 7.-To the activity of political enemies, Representative A. F. Lafferty, of Oregon, ascribes the threatening attitude assumed by the father of a young woman of this city. The representative admits having addressed a letter to the young woman to whom he had never been introduced, enclosing a Russia and the other great nations card to the house gallery and exwill eventually sign the international pressing the hope that he might some time have an introduction if agreeable to her, but states that was

Mr. Lafferty says he received a call from the young woman's father, who is chief clerk in one of the government services. The father, sentative was so useful a man. Apparently he had relieved his mind of the idea that the letter had been written in bad faith. The visitor departed in good humor, declared the representative, who has not seen him since.

Another letter came, however threatening Mr. Lafferty. It was written on paper manufactured in Oregon, according to the representative to arouse, yet in the signing and prac- and for that reason he considers it was inspired by political enemies.

Handled Matter Nicely.

Now that the water situation in Charlotte is again normal, reporters on the local papers will have to hustle around to fill up. However, the boys handled the matter nicely .-Greensboro Record.

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FROM OTHER SANCTUMS.....

Didn't Miss a Single Bath. Those Charlotte people didn't miss single bath—the water was off only about ten days.-Spartanburg Herald.

Sensationalism.

Mayor Bland, of Charlotte, is cuss ing out the papers for giving Char And then talk about sensational

Charlotte water commissioners got huffy about the way the local papers handled the water famine and are holding secret sessions. While the hell in the mad lust for power each were about it the Lord sent good rains and the thing is about over seemed to be determined to outstrip Greensboro, like other neighboring he others, even at the expense of towns, was sympathetic and the news plunging hadlong into a pit of ever- from day to day was read with interest. Perhaps the papers "played "The words of Immanuel Kant, the matter up too strong, but if the For states in their relation to each only. A correspondent or two but cording to reason, any other way out the names were signed to the argive up their lawiess freedom and expressed. In truth it is our idea from an international state which will that that papers handled the matter grow and ultimately embrace all the with considerable diplomacy. There what was deemed best. Of course something is to be said in favor of 'No Charlotteans were discommoded the commissioners. They were face on the bathing score, since water was to face with a problem that spelled the action of the water board in only of 10 days." In matters of this danger and day and night they work cumstances was no doubt hard to

> Newspapers and Water Board. There is a small-sized row on in harlotte between the water board and the newspapers. The board claims that the newspapers have handled the water situation in a "yellow" way and have made conditions much worse than they are or have been. The papers reply that they have only given he facts in the case and that the charges against them are not well

cear.—Greensboro Record.

At this distance it looks as if both the water board and the papers have handled the situation admirably. The water board was about to make one mistake, the turning of impure and possibly infected water into the mains rom Briar creek, this, too, when by laying a pipe line one hundred yards in length, they could have avoided the source of infection, taking in the water above it. And, while there was need for haste the pipes were on the ground and could have been connected ip in an hour or two. The papers proested against taking in the impure water, as they should have done, and suggested that the line be laid so as to get the water above the infection. The contention was obviously well taken and the board acted upon it. But ever since that it seems to have been peev ed with the newspapers. Their error was so obvious that they are perhaps mad with themselves because it had to be pointed out to them, and beangry, want the newspapers, simply because they could, in this instance, see a little bet ter than the members of the board The board, necessarily, however, has had to move in haste, and it is not surprising that they were about to make one mistake. The papers recognized this and the criticism was not unkind, and because of the general critical situation was made with an apology. This, we think, is the real grievance of the water board. They ing his story of receiving money to are peeved because they were about vote for Senator Lorimer, before the to make an obvious error and are un-Senate Lorimer Committee at just to the newspapers because the Washington. Representative White papers pointed it out. Their generally magnificent handling of an acute situahas declared that he intends to give tion though, would indicate that they

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water situation. If we mistake not ferences, both small and great, have too long been submitted to the blind bought newspaper space by the yard not long ago in flaming head too long has might been right and lines, made up of box-car letters

> Handled Situation Welh ted in and made a few remarks, but was nothing said about "I told you so," but all hands waded in and did

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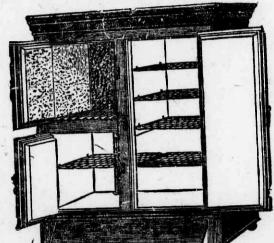
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