

TO THE CITIZENS AND TAX-PAYERS OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON:

Two years ago when the campaign was launched for the present mayor, he and his friends went into the by-way and hedge and told the people they could not afford to vote for C. H. Sterling for mayor; that if he was elected he would buy the water plant. They waged in this instance a campaign that was conceived in deceit and born in sin. They lauded the present mayor as being one of the best business men in the city and a man who could be relied upon to carry out the wishes of the people and give them a square deal in all matters pertaining to the city's affairs.

I want to ask you, Mr. Taxpayer, if he has kept his promise to you at that time. What was the first thing he did when he and the present Board of Aldermen were inducted into office? Did they carry out the wishes of the people as expressed at the ballot box with reference to the purchase of the water plant? It is for you to say whether he waged an anti-water campaign, or not.

What next did he do? His first act, after he was elected was to purchase the water plant at a price of fifty-five thousand dollars, and issued sixty thousand dollars bonds to pay for same, and that without a vote of the people. Was he honest with the people who elected him? Has he been honest with them in any of his official acts?

What next did he do? He entered into negotiations for the purchase of the Myers' property for a public wharf. He went up and down the streets proclaiming what a nice thing it would be to buy this property and the city own a public wharf where boats could land; and the people believed him, and voted thirty thousand dollars more bonds. Has there ever been anything done with the property, or even an attempt made to improve it? Then why was it that a man, parading as a good business man that he was, should saddle the people with another thirty thousand dollar debt, with no intention of placing the property in condition that the city might realize some benefit therefrom? Why was it he did not make some effort to carry out the wishes of the people as expressed at the polls, and give them a wharf where boats could land, as they had reason to believe he would do?

What next did he do? He entered into negotiations with engineers for the preparation of plans for sewerage, water and electric plant. A number of engineers bid for this work, some as low as five per cent. Did he exercise the precaution in awarding the engineering contract that he would have ordinarily exercised had it been his own private affairs? What did he do? He awarded the contract to the highest bidder at seven per cent; thereby deliberately throwing away three thousand dollars of the people's money that had been voted for the above named improvements. Good business judgment, exercised by the good business man he was proclaimed to be!

Was that all? What was the next step taken? Did he improve the present electric plant with the twenty thousand dollars voted for same? No! He over-rode again wishes of the people and built a new plant at a cost of some sixty or seventy thousand dollars, leaving the old plant on the city's hands to rust out and go to destruction as street cars, street ploughs, streets and all other property belonging to the town is allowed to do.

Why should this man, the only man capable two years ago to manage the city's affairs, mismanage the city's affairs and squander the people's money in this manner? Has any citizen of the city ever seen a published statement of how the money has been spent? If the mayor was going to stand for reelection, why is it he did not publish a statement, showing how and where the money had been spent? If he had spent it as the people had voted it, he had no reason to withhold a published statement. If he has not spent it where the people voted it should be spent, the people are entitled to know where and how it has been spent. But he could not afford to enlighten the people on this matter, so he intended standing for reelection and knew full well that if the people knew what had

been done and how it was done, they would repudiate him at the polls next Friday, April 9th.

Had the money for the improvements been spent as the people appropriated it and had every reason to believe it would be spent, we would have had money enough to complete the sewerage without asking the people to vote another bond issue.

Why are the people to be allowed to vote on this question? Did the mayor and Board of Aldermen want them to vote on it? No! What did they do? They sent the Lord Mayor and the City Attorney to Raleigh. For what? To get an act allowing the people to vote on a bond issue to complete the sewerage? No! They went to Raleigh (their expenses, no doubt, being paid by the tax payers of the city) to have an act passed to allow them to issue thirty-five thousand dollars more bonds, without a vote of the people. Is this giving to the people a square deal, or are they trying to over-ride the will of the people who placed them in office? They have issued already \$253,500 (which includes new fire truck) bonds in the two years they have been in office, and if they had been allowed to do so, would have issued thirty-five thousand dollars more, making a total of Two Hundred and Eighty-three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, nearly double what the people had voted for.

Will the people stand such burdens as this to be heaped upon without even being consulted in the matter, much less allowed to vote on the proposition? I, for one, don't believe they will. Go to the polls on Friday, April 9th and repudiate these high-handed acts of the present Mayor by electing C. H. Sterling your Mayor and a Board of Aldermen who will support him; and whenever there is a proposition involving the expenditure of money, the people will be taken into confidence as was done in his former administration and be allowed to express their views as to what they think about it, and not have such impositions practiced upon them as has been done for the past two years.

Respectfully,
M. M. JONES.

YOUNG SON DIES ON LAST SATURDAY EVE.

After an illness of ten days, Dave Wilkerson, Jr., the five-year old son of Capt. and Mrs. Dave Wilkerson, died of pneumonia Saturday evening at seven o'clock at the residence of his parents in this city.

The funeral services were conducted from the residence Sunday morning at eight o'clock by Rev. R. V. Hope, pastor of the Christian church, and the remains were taken to Goose Creek, their former home, for interment.

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"EXPLOITS OF ELAINE" WILL BE PUBLISHED

"The Exploits of Elaine" is the next big feature offering at the New Theater and the first episode will be shown on Monday night and the succeeding episodes will be on each Monday night thereafter. The Daily News has arranged with the management of this theater to run this story in serial form, and each episode shown on Monday night will be run in the columns of the Daily News the latter part of the week proceeding. The first installment to correspond with the first episode which will be shown on Monday night, the 12th will begin tomorrow (Friday) and finished in Saturday's issue. Begin this story with the first installment and follow it up with the pictures at this theater each Monday night and you will see the best serial picture the New Theater has ever offered.

Miss Pearl White, the pretty and noted actress, is taking the leading role in this picture. Miss White's acting is superb and picture fans everywhere are always watching for her.

The managers of this theater are very careful in selecting pictures for their patrons, and they assert that the "Exploits of Elaine" has made the biggest hit of the time in all the cities where it has been shown. "The Clutching Hand" is the title of the opening installment, in which baffling and mystifying problems begin and will be followed by greater complications in "The Twilight Sleep," "The Frozen Safe," and other sensational plays which make up this wonderful picture.

JITNEY BUS COMPANY TO BE ORGANIZED

It is rumored that a jitney bus company is to be organized here soon. Three vehicles to be put on at the start, from Main street to the West End, Nicholsonville and Washington Park. If this venture is carried out Washington will be the first town in this section to have the advantage of this modern and latter day necessity. Some of the leading business men of the city are said to be behind the movement.

Beware of the Rut.

The deeper the rut the harder it is on the vehicle and the more it retards speed. Find a new way of doing the old work: be a road builder and not a rut maker.

FOR ALDERMAN

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman for the First Ward of the City of Washington, subject to the Democratic primary to be held April 9th. I wish to say: further that I am entering this race with only one object in view, that is to further the interest of the property holders and citizens of the First Ward—and especially the extreme eastern part of this ward—by street and sidewalk improvements.

Our part of the city of Washington can be made the most attractive and valuable part of the city, if we had the municipal help we are entitled to, and this our ward demands. But with Main street in mud and sand banks, and Second street as crooked as it is, with a negro settlement encroaching at our back doors (on account of the crookedness of Second street) we have no new buildings in prospect and no hopes of relief.

I have no factional fight to make, I have no opposition to any officer, now, or to be. I am a friend to the upbuilding of every part of the city of Washington and always offer my voice and vote for such, and if elected I shall do all in my power to make the First Ward more inviting for home and home-seekers.

Yours respectfully,
E. H. JEFFERSON.

4-6-13c.



COBURN'S GREATER MINSTRELS
AT-NEW THEATRE FRIDAY APRIL 9TH

PASSES AWAY ON SATURDAY NIGHT LAST

The death of Mr. Wade LeFayette Butts occurred on Saturday night at his residence on Harvey street. He had been afflicted with sickness since just before Christmas but had only been confined to his room a part of the time prior to his death.

Mr. Butts was born in Pitt county about seventy-five years ago, where he spent the greater part of his life. For the past four years he has made his home in this city. He was a Confederate veteran, and held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. The funeral services were conducted from the residence Sunday afternoon by Rev. R. V. Hope, pastor of the Christian church, and the remains interred in Oakdale cemetery.

The deceased leaves a widow, two sons, four daughters and a host of friends who deeply sympathize with the bereaved ones in their sad affliction.

A SIX REEL PROGRAMME FOR TONIGHT

Tonight at the New Theater there will be a six reel program of moving pictures in which there will be a four reel feature on the Paramount program entitled, "Lee Kleschana" one of the best Paramount pictures that this house has yet presented.

MR. DIAMOND AND MRS. DIXON ARE WEDDED

Mrs. Cassie Thomas Dixon and Mr. George B. Diamond, of this city, were joined together in the holy bonds of matrimony yesterday afternoon at six o'clock at the home of Mr. John Elliott near Rath. Rev. R. V. Hope, pastor of the Christian Church of this city, officiating. The ceremony was quietly performed in the presence of a few friends of the contracting parties.

Mr. Diamond recently purchased the residence of Mr. Edward L. Stewart on Fourth street, and immediately after the ceremony they repaired to this city, and will be at home at this address.

Mrs. Diamond has a host of friends here who wish her every happiness along life's journey.

Mr. Diamond is the popular proprietor of the Greek Cafe on Main street, and the congratulations of his many friends are being poured upon him.

The tenth installment of "Zudora" the great serial of mystery will also be shown tonight on account of Coburn's Minstrels being shown at this house tomorrow night. On next Monday the New Theater will start a new serial entitled "Exploits of Elaine" and will without doubt prove to be the best serial that has ever been shown at this house. Tomorrow at 11:30 a. m., also at 7:30 p. m., the band from Coburn's Greater Minstrels will give a free concert in front of Worthy and Etheridge's drug store.

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SHEER VALOR AND LEADERSHIP MADE TWO AUSTRIAN GENERALS

Pilsudsky Secretly Formed Polish Legion, Defeated Cossacks and Without Orders Took Kielec—Many Professional Men in His Command—Fischer Gained Promotion Through Gallant Defense of Bukovina.

Austrian Press Headquarters. — In the first part of the month of August, before the Austrian armies under Generals Dankl and Auffenberg undertook their first offensive and victorious expedition across the frontier of Russia into Poland, much surprise was caused by the news that a division of young Polish sharpshooters, many of whom had just outgrown boyhood, had on a dark night surrounded a division of Cossacks, had killed every man, had marched as far as the city of Kielec and had taken possession of it. Many people in Austria heard of this strange corps of volunteers, which in the course of the war has developed to an important factor, for the first time when the news of that successful expedition was published.

The newspapers, it is true, had taken notice about a year before the war, when these young volunteers had marched past the aged emperor in the park of Schoenbrunn and had shown themselves in their comely uniforms with excellent arms in the streets of Vienna. But it was generally assumed that they belonged to some kind of military preparatory school, such as exist in Switzerland. Only very few were aware that this corps was intended to play an important role in the eventuality of war.

The way in which the corps was formed was a secret, and the appearance of "The Polish Legion," which has earned fame and honors wherever it served the purposes of war, came as a surprise to most people. The history of the corps is a reawakening of the romance of old times.

Founded on hatred of Russia.

The Polish Legion was called to life by a single man, whose talent for organization was paired with a virulent, burning hatred against Russia, with the inborn indomitable will to rescue his country from the Russian yoke. Joseph von Pilsudsky—that in his name was a revolutionist so long as he lived in Warsaw, one of a party which attempted to realize the old, never abandoned dream of a resuscitated free Poland.

During the revolution of 1905, the biggest and most dangerous for Russia in recent times, Pilsudsky fought on the barricades of Warsaw in the foremost lines of his compatriots. The attempt to burst the Russian chains failed, like all previous efforts, because the Poles were too weak to resist unaided and alone. The result for the leaders was a dungeon in Siberia or the gallows. Pilsudsky and many others escaped this fate. He managed to cross the Austrian frontier and settled in Galicia, where he found a fertile field for the cultivation of his ideals.

He decided that the Austrian Poles, who enjoy equal rights with all the subjects of the dual monarchy, must help him to liberate their oppressed brothers living across the Vistula. Pilsudsky began by addressing himself to the very young and he succeeded in winning their enthusiasm.

The Polish Nationalists and the Socialists were the first to answer to his call and their young sons and brothers enlisted without tarrying in the Jungschuetzenvereine (young men's shooting clubs), which he established everywhere. Their immediate aim was to make the young men hardy and to teach them the use of weapons—the liberation of Russian Poland their ultimate scope. The latter was never admitted officially. The Austrian government therefore was not bound to interfere, not even in times of peace.

Takes Kielec Unbidden.

Then the war broke out. The enthusiastic leader assembled his forces in Cracow, and as the Polish Legion did not form part of the army at that time he chose a dark night and marched his 1,500 well armed men across the Russian frontier on his own responsibility, anxious to prove that the young Poles were worthy of being taken into the army. The result was the combat with a division of mounted Cossacks and the occupation of Kielec, in which undertaking infantry helped.

The Polish Legion held the city three weeks, and when it had to withdraw before an overpowering Russian force it fought bravely and caused the enemy heavy losses. The Austrian army leaders admitted that the young corps had fully proved its valor and Pilsudsky's activity was officially sanctioned. The Polish Legion had made its way.

Pilsudsky was especially anxious to add a cavalry corps to the Legion. He began with six horses and at the end of two months he had two squadrons. He asked for artillery, and as no others could be spared the army authorities gave him twenty old guns that had to be fired with gunpowder. However, he had an excellent artillery officer who obtained splendid results from those old guns.

In the meantime he continued to enlist young Poles, and the victory at Kielec proved so great an attraction that very soon his forces numbered three regiments instead of one. And then something happened which the Austrian army had never before witnessed. This man, who had not served as an officer, not even as a soldier,

was made a general. The Polish Legion, with its leader, was placed under the command of Field Marshal Lieutenant von Dursky.

Again Invades Russia.

When the Polish Legion had to leave Kielec it was trusted that that part of the Vistula would be guarded by the mouths of the river.

Against the Russian Pilsudsky was not satisfied to remain on the defensive, but repeatedly attacked the Russian reconnoitering parties and with his troops got as far as twelve miles into Russian territory.

When the joint armies of Germany and Austria made the second offensive sally which took them to the very gates of Warsaw, the Legion was fighting the Russians outside the fortress of Lwow, and when the Russian multitudes caused the bold attack to end in failure, the Legion helped to cover the retreat.

The third offensive attack at first took the Legion to Wloclawek in the southeast of Poland, where it undertook a wonderfully bold march through two Russian corps, which it threatened to embrace and proceed to retreat. In this action the Legion suffered heavy losses. Among the dead was the brother of the world-famed pianist Paderewski, one of the bravest and most enthusiastic legionaries, who, as a Russian officer, took part in the war in Manchuria, where he became a captain of the general staff.

Doctors of medicine, lawyers and university professors are fighting in the Polish Legion. Professor Kunitzky of Kharkov university, who lost his life in the battle of Nadworna, was one of them.

After the combat of Wolbrom, Pilsudsky marched part of his Polish regiments to Galicia, where they took an active part in the victorious battle of Lannowa, some remained in the Carpathians and are doing good work there.

It will be difficult to find a braver corps and an abler leader than the Polish Legion and General Pilsudsky, whose military and organic talents are generally recognized.

Honored for Saving Bukovina.

The Austrian army has another man whose courage, initiative, tenacity of purpose are as great as those of Pilsudsky. At the beginning of the war a major of gendarmes, Fischer, with the rank of general, is now the commander of all the frontier troops in Bukovina.

When the war broke out Fischer undertook to protect the outlying but important province of Bukovina, which is closed in by Roumania, Hungary, Galicia and Russia and is exposed to Russian invasion more than any other part of Austria-Hungary. He had nobody to help him but his gendarmes, and the situation was such at the time that no re-enforcements could be spared to him. In a wonderfully short time he organized a small army composed of frontier people and reserves a major of gendarmes who on his own responsibility took command and single-handed prevented the Russians from seriously attacking what they called "Fischer's corps" in their bulletins. He rescued Czernowitz in October. How much the Russians hate and fear him is proved by the fact that they have offered an exceedingly high price for his head.

Fischer at Work.

A Hungarian journalist quite recently had an opportunity of watching this remarkable man at work. On entering Fischer's room the journalist missed the usual display of maps, although which he had never seen of military commander. While General Fischer was speaking the telephone bell rang. One of his officers asked, for instructions, described the position of the Russians and begged to know what he was to do with his men. The message came from a remote part of the mountainous country. The general's answer, after a moment's reflection, was: "Place yourself above the village, along the edge of the wood, close to the wall that stands between two tall pines. There you can best watch the two roads by which the Russians can approach you."

This order, given without the aid of map or plan, is the explanation of Fischer's remarkable success. He knows every road and every lane, every house and hill of this country, and this knowledge enables him to do invariably what is best. Without disposing of a large number of troops, he is, by his personal faculties and characteristics, a formidable foe to the Russians.

In six months he has skipped three military ranks and has been advanced to the rank of general by the emperor. The war found the right man in the right place.

Gander Grows a Horn.

Pittsburgh.—A gander on the farm of Ollie McKinley, in Saw Mill valley, Fulton township, is attracting much interest because of a peculiar growth, resembling a horn, on its head, about an inch above its eyes. The gander is about one year old. In two weeks from the time McKinley noticed the growth the "horn" grew 1 1/2 inches.