

CITY UTILITY SHOWS PROFIT OF \$4,000,000

And Tacoma Has Cheapest
Light and Power in
United States.

Times Washington Bureau.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—If you enjoy paying taxes this story will bore you. It comes from United States Senator C. C. Dill of the State of Washington, where people already have done many of the things the rest of the country is timorously considering—have done them and are viewing the results with pleased satisfaction.

The city of Tacoma, Wash., owns a hydro-electric plant and distributing system. In 1925 its net profit was one million dollars!

Helped in War
The light department paid \$80,000 into the city's general fund as a gift to the taxpayers in 1925. In addition it paid part of the cost of four large city departments. It supplied current for street lighting at half



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During the war the city's light fund furnished \$360,000 to build a municipal railway needed in the emergency to serve war-time shipyards.

And the people of Tacoma pay less for electric light and power than any other people in the world except those of Ontario, Canada!

A small home in Tacoma pays 6 cents a kilowatt hour for the first twenty hours of service. Any additional consumption costs 1 cent per kilowatt hour. A small home in Tacoma uses about 40 kilowatt hours a month and pays \$1.20. Compare your own last month's bill.

What's more the consumer may buy electricity to heat his home for one-half cent per kilowatt hour. As a result many Tacoma homes are being built without chimneys. There is no further use for gas and coal.

Tells How
Senator Dill tells how all this has been accomplished.

"First the city acquired a municipal distributing system. Next, in 1910, the city began work on its own generating plant. This was completed two years later at a cost of \$2,354,984. Sale of utility bonds financed the project, and these were amortized from earnings until the entire system was free from debt.

"Then the city voted \$4,000,000 more in bonds to build a great dam which will store water and insure steady operation of the power plant in wet and dry seasons alike. Two new generating units will also be built with the money, and when they are completed in the near future the cost of power in Tacoma will drop still lower.

"These new bonds will be retired in fourteen years.

"Tacoma's wonderful power system has not cost the tax payers one cent. Its earnings have carried all its expenses and retired its capital debt, and the low light and power rate has saved the people of Tacoma millions of dollars.

Worth \$14,000,000

"Judged by private standards of value, the plant, without the new development, is worth at least \$14,000,000. My figures come from Homer T. Bone, general counsel of the port of Tacoma.

"Done has shown, too, that if the city of Tacoma were paying a dividend of 8 per cent on the actual amount of money invested in the plant, as a private company would do, light rates would have to be increased 38 per cent.

"The city, however, has amortized the capital building debt, and there remains no fixed obligation except operating expenses and depreciation and maintenance costs. The result is the lowest rate in the United States and an enormous net profit."

ENTRY IN COURT MAY BE SLOWED BY BARGAINING

Other Nations May Demand
Concessions on Tariff
and Emigration.

By Times Special
GENEVA, Feb. 11.—Several members of the world court are prepared to bargain for emigration and tariff concessions from the United States in exchange for ratification of the League's reservations to the court protocol.

Representatives of the various world court members accredited to the league estimate that from six months to more than a year would be required for their governments to determine the acceptability of the American reservations. Each of the forty-eight court members would refer the reservations to a commission of jurists who would pass upon their juridical significance after considerable study.

See Stalemate

It also is certain that various governments which have questions such as emigration and tariff matters under discussion with the United States would endeavor to utilize acceptance of the reservations as a diplomatic exchange for concessions from the United States. Such procedure would entail lengthy negotiations which might defer America's participation in the court for several years.

Hague May Act

For the purpose of avoiding a lengthy stalemate, it is believed that some member of the league will bring the matter before the league

council with a suggestion that the Hague Court provide an advisory opinion regarding the acceptability of the American reservations.

If the court should render an opinion that the reservations were acceptable to all members of the league, it then would be possible for each of the court members to use the court's decision as the basis of its separate reply to Frank B. Kellogg, the American secretary of State. With the Hague Court's approval stamped on the reservations, their bargaining value would be nil. (Copyright, 1926)

HEALTH POSTS FILLED

Mrs. Mary Kidd Named Food Inspector—Plan for Clinic.

Seven appointments to positions in the health department were authorized at the board of health meeting Wednesday night. Mrs. Mary Kidd was named food inspector and Ed Young, Alonzo Stansfield, Harry Buchanan, Eugene Keeney, Robert Davis and Alfred Baumgard were appointed regular inspectors.

Plans to establish pre-natal and dental clinics were boosted with announcement of a gift of \$15,000 from the Indianapolis Foundation for that purpose.

WATSON WORKERS MEET

By United Press
CONNEERSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 11.—Partisans of James E. Watson, Republican, who is seeking renomination as United States Senator from Indiana today were prepared to open the Watson campaign in earnest. The Sixth district workers met here Wednesday. John Motto of Warsaw, Watson campaign manager, spoke.

JUDGE REFUSES ROBE

Wiltale Does Not Use Collins' Attire While Hearing Case.

The long, black judicial robe which Criminal Judge James A. Collins has worn during trials in his court since Jan. 1 is not seen during the trial, in Criminal Court, of Windsor J. Weaver, contractor, charged with presenting a false claim. Although Judge Collins offered his robe to Charles S. Wiltale, special judge, Wiltale has refused to wear it. Wiltale said he did not believe in wearing a robe. He said that a special judge ought not be required to wear a robe, unless he possessed one of his own.



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