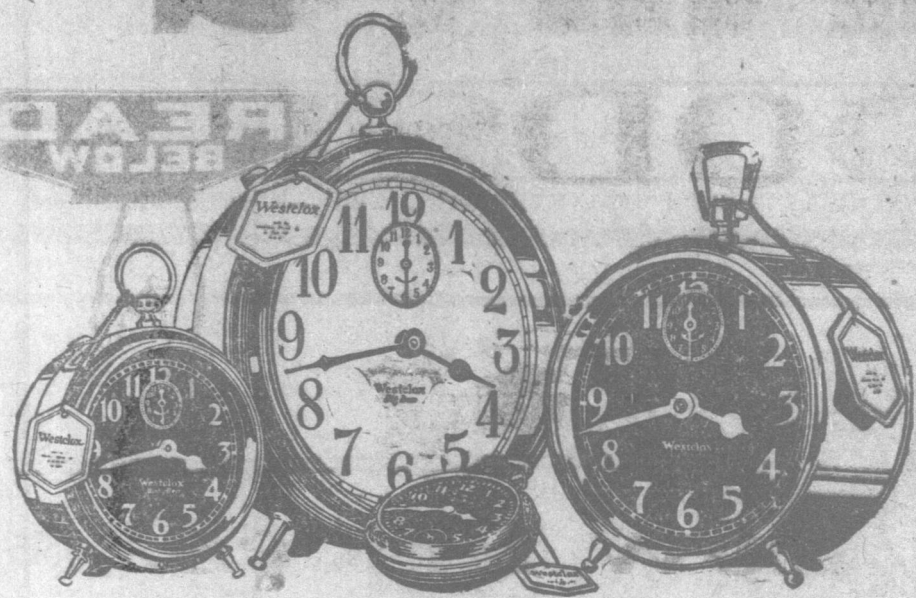


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Balloon Barrage to Scare off Invading Planes

IN NEXT WAR.

Air Defence Experts Have Evolved Quaint Plan of Filling The Air With Chicken Wire Net All Around Big Cities To Save Them From Attacks By Bombers.

In the "next war," which sometimes is being referred to by forward thinking experts by the rather novel term of "war to end war," the matter of defence from aerial attacks will be a serious consideration for all big cities. So serious a consideration, indeed, will this matter be, that army aircraft experts are devising the most elaborate plans for warding off the air forces of a foe. At present, plans have been announced for building chicken wire barrages for 17,000 feet in the air around the corporate limits of all big cities by the quaint method of sending up millions of balloons with wire entanglements dangling from them in a perfect net of death.

This news will be comforting not only to manufacturers of balloons, but also to millions of people living in the large cities who have been having by the papers of horrible new aerial bombs, which, upon striking a city the size of New York, will leave only a village the size of Jones Crossing, Iowa.

New style aerial bombs, such as might be carried by the Barling Bomber, have the power to knock the Woolworth Building as far as the middle of Main Street. One of them dropped into Times Square, would shatter it over Philadelphia and then come back to demolish Battery Park. Such a bomb, let loose over Chevy Chase, Md., would knock the United States capital so flat that there would not be even a trace of the oil scandal left.

So, quite obviously, the thing to do is to prevent airplanes from an enemy fleet bringing such death bearing messages of chaos into striking distance of a city.

For this purpose, some air defence experts have evolved this plan of erecting chicken wire fences around all cities worth saving, and if the prices of balloons and gas continue as high as it is now, precious few will be worth it.

These balloons have a capacity of 20,000 cubic feet of gas and will go as high as 17,000 cubic feet. The idea is to have each of them equipped with miles and miles of tiny wires, dangling below so that if any enemy plane seeks to fly over the city its propellers will become entangled and it will fall a jumbled mass of ruins. What is to become of the bombs when the plane falls, no one has said up to now. Doubtless they will fall too. However, this is regarded as a good plan, although many local people have stated that when this "war to end war" comes again they intend to move their goods and families to the mountains, where there are no cities to be attacked.

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Municipal Council

WEEKLY MEETING.

The weekly meeting of the Municipal Council was held yesterday afternoon. Mayor Cook presided and Councillors Martin, Outerbridge, Vinicombe, Collier, Ryan and Dowden were present.

After confirmation of minutes of previous meeting, the following matters were dealt with. The Deputy Colonial Secretary informed the Board that the Government on the Council's recommendation, had agreed to exempt the St. John's Gas Light Company from the tax on coal from September 1st, 1923, to December 31st, 1924.

The Minister of Finance acknowledged the Council's cheque for \$50,000.00, being half year's interest on City Debt to December 31st last as also contribution towards upkeep of Fire Department for the same period. Mr. J. Hall called attention to the fact that carmen and cabmen were using the sidewalk on Prince of Wales Street, which is most annoying to the residents. This was referred to the City Engineer.

The Minister of Posts and Telegraphs asked that the light recently placed on Queen's Street at the Western entrance of McNamara's Lane be moved to the eastern end of same as to light up the street at the rear of the General Post Office. As many complaints have been received regarding the conditions at this place, it was decided that the Lighting Committee give the matter consideration.

Mr. C. M. Peet asked permission to store motor car in the basement of house, 24 Hagerty Street. The City Engineer will visit the place and report.

Mr. Justice Johnson forwarded certain particulars re the use of rubber blocks, which he thought, if placed on Water Street, would tend to eliminate the noise caused at present by vehicles passing over the granite surface. The rubber blocks, he stated, were at present

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The Release of Gandhi

INDIAN GOVERNMENT'S DILEMMA

Bombay, Feb. 9.—It may interest Britons to hear the tale of the few hours immediately preceding the release of Gandhi.

On Monday morning last the Government of Bombay received information from the Sassoon Hospital authorities at Poona that a few months of quiet convalescence in a salubrious climate were absolutely essential to the complete recovery of Gandhi's health.

In view of this assurance, there were two courses open to the Government. They might have chosen a suitable health resort and sent Mr. Gandhi there on parole. If he had refused parole he could have been

guarded by a special warder. Rules of discipline would have been applied to him and he could not have taken any course of action likely to embarrass the Government. To this course there were obvious disadvantages.

The alternative was to release him. The reason why the Government adopted this alternative was that, having once sent Gandhi away from prison to practical freedom, it would have been extremely difficult to put him back again. Further, there were to be moved during the present week numerous resolutions urging the immediate release of the prisoner. Every single non-official Indian member of the Legislature would have voted for these resolutions. Had the Government opposed them they would have been defeated. Had they then decided to release

Gandhi it would have looked like a surrender against their own judgment. Had they not released him they would have incurred the usual unpopularity as having "fought the will of the people" and the unanimous vote of the elected members of the Assembly.

Accordingly a decision to release Gandhi would give them a great tactical advantage. It would bottle up the rhetoric of the Assembly and would save the Government from the disadvantages inherent in the passage of what would have amounted to a vote of censure.

The question then remained whether the release should be absolute and unconditional or conditional upon a promise on Gandhi's part to abstain from certain activities.

If they decided on the latter there was always the danger that Gandhi would refuse—the danger was practically a certainty—and so wreck the entire scheme. Up to 10 o'clock on Monday night the Government of India and Bombay had not decided. Eventually they plumped for unconditional release.

The Government think there is not much risk involved. They think that Gandhi is a spent force and that events have moved beyond him.—London Daily Mail.

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Electric Town

Press-the-Button Life at Wembley. When sun falls the farmer he will be able to touch a button and do his day-making by electricity. This novel process and the milking of cows by electricity will be one of the electrical marvels of the British Empire Exhibition, which opens at Wembley in April, and will contain the largest collection of electrical appliances ever exhibited.

The wonderful power-house which provides the two million lights necessary to illuminate the 216 acres of palaces and gardens will be an exhibition in itself which anybody will be able to inspect. Everything of interest in electricity, from the smallest thing to the largest machinery, will be shown in the 100,000 square feet, half the Palace of Engineering, probably the biggest concrete building in the world, being devoted to it.

One exhibit alone will be the electrical house in which everything, even to the cleaning of boots, will be done at the press of a button.

Electric contrivances will be demonstrated as "living pictures" under powerful spot lights, and in an electric rendezvous, for rests or the meeting of friends, all information on electrical facilities in any neighbourhood will be available.

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City Solicitor Carter, in connection with the recent transfer of the St. John's Street Railway Company, reported that the new owners would, under the Act, have to comply with the obligations imposed by Statute.

The Medical Officer of Health reported twenty-three new cases of Scarlet Fever and two Diphtheria in

the city during the past week. Within the past few days the Council employees have been giving attention to the cleaning up of the

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principal traffic thoroughfares, as well as Water Street, and the ice and accumulations from the winter are being removed as speedily as possible.

The reports of the City Engineer and Sanitary Supervisor were tabled and resolutions for the various departments granted.

After passing of accounts for week the meeting adjourned.

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