

Comes Suddenly-Famous Engineer Recently Produced Artificial Lightning -Planned Fuel Power.

By International News Service. Schepectady, N. Y., Oct. 26.-Charles Proteus Steinmetz, noted electrical wizard, died at his home here shortly before \$:30 this morning. The end came very sunddenly. He had been ill less than two weeks and during the last few days had been reported as rapidly recovering. Dr. Steinmetz was being given his breakfast when he gasped and sank

back on the pillow, dead. Just a minute before the end he had remarked to the nurse that he

felt the best since he was taken sick. It is believed death was due to heart disease.

Dr. Steinmetz left Schenectady on September 1 for the Pacific coast. On the way he delivered numerous lectures in the middlewestern states. When he left home his physician, Dr. H. P. Groesbeck, advised him to be careful about overdoing.

Dr. Steinmetz was born in Breslau, Germany; April 9, 1865. He-came to this country 34 years ago.

Dr. Steinmetz for several years has been chief electrical engineer at the General Electric company's plant in

By Associated Press.

West Orange, N. J., Oct. 26 .-"The world has lost one of its greatest mathematicians and the electrical industry will miss one of its shining lights," said Thomas A. Edison, today when informed of the death of Charles P. Steinmetz at Schenectady. The famous in-ventor was shocked at the news.

this city. He was regarded the world over as an electrical genius. Schenectady was shocked when

ws of his death became known. He always had taken a great interest in the progress of this city.

Only a few months ago Dr. Steinmetz invented miniature thunder and lightning. This was considered one of his masterpleces. So real was the lightning that under the hand of Dr. Steinmetz small trees erected in his laboratory could be demolished.

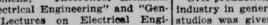
The electrical wizard was forced to take to his bed a week ago last Saturday following his return from a trip to the Pacific coast. At that time it was said he was suffering from a heavy cold and exhaustion, believed to have been brought on by

his cross-continental trip. Dr. Steinmetz, who was in his 59th year was regarded as the foremos electrical expert in the world next to Thomas Alva Edison.

It was the life dream of Dr. Steinmetz to make electricity the universal fuel power of America. He was end in view.

"Theoretical Elements Phenomena," of Electrical Engineering" and "Gen-

Switzerland. He arrived in America said.



was born in Breslau, Germany, after the firt of the year, following

and was educated in Germany and reorganization and readjustment, he

Water Board |Famous Scientist Succumbs Suddenly to Set Date for Decision Testimony Introduced at Muddy Water Inquiry.

> A meeting of the board of managers of the Metropolitan Utilities district was to be held either Friday afternoon or this morning to clear up routine matters and decide definitely on a date for meeting and consider ing testimony introduced at the muddy water supply which ended yesterday. The date of a meeting of the public affairs committee of the Chamber of

Commerce to conider a report to be nade by a sub-committee which has watched proceedings throughout the

Charles P. Steinmeitz. nearing will be held, in the next two or three days. Members of the subin 1889 penniless and started in at the committee are: W. W. Carmichael, bottom of the ladder. He was emchairman; Dr. C. W. Pollard, G. H. ployed first by a firm in Yonkers, N. Y., which was later absorbed by Ralph Klewit. Those interested in basin had been washed. the General Electric works, the comthe probe today had summarized a pany for which Dr. Steinmetz was series of facts concerning the water Boys' and Girls' Hobby

working when he died. episode, which follow in brief, and Dr. Steinmetz was a socialist and on which the reports of the various in 1915 was elected president of the committees will be based. This sum

municipal council on that ticket. He mary follows: was nominated for state senator on 1. It was discovered on August 20 the socialist ticket, but was defeated. that basin No. 2 had to be washed to During the war he served as member maintain clear water. 2. In attempting to wash basin No. of the naval advisory board. He held

degrees from a number of educational 2 the sedimentation process broke down and muddy water followed.

3. The reason basin No. 2 had to He studied electrical engineering be washed at this particular time was work with the needle and various and chemistry in Breslau, Berlin, Zurich and Switzerland. rect charge of basin washing under In 1902 he was awarded a degree of A. M. by Harvard, and the follow-Operating Engineer Robison, had war relics, pet animals, birds, fishes ing year Union college ,at Schenec-

failed to wash this basin since Septady, conferred upon him the degree tember, 1921. of PH. D. In 1902 he taught the 4. Had Basin No. 2 been washed in the spring of 1923 or even in the science of electricity in Union college. He was a warm personal friend of fall of 1922 the muddy water episode Thomas A. Edison. Less than a year would not have occurred, according

5. On this day the muddy water oc

eporter for The Evening Bee made

hasty trip in a taxicab to run down

a rumor that somebody had opened a

Traces Valve Rumor. 6. On this day in the morning a

Bids Made for Scrapping

Washington, Oct. 25 .- Bids for

ship under the five-power treaty were opened yesterday at the Navy department and showed 17 bidders in the market for the finely tempered steel and the wrought iron in the hulks. The highest bid for any single vessel

"as is" was \$52,222 for the Constitution.

By International News Service.

Dr. Steinmetz was the author of to weeks, and today by Jesse L. Lasky, first vice 10 days or two weeks, and the charge made that the lack of pumpage ca-

Over-production of pictures in the pacity had caused the trouble would have been apparently supported in eral Lectures on Electrical Engi-neering." studios was given by Mr. Lasky as the mind of the public.

The Omaha Bee: Saturday, October 27, 1923by Hunt, who told Mueller, according Presidency of Senate it, the general manager learning of the opened valve a week after the muddy water episode. Hunt testified Mueller, Hunt's subordinate, told him not to talk of the opened valve. 9. Notwithstanding Howell's request

to Hunt and Larmon for a full state. ment respecting the water casuality, Body to Consider Action on the reports of each in compliance with this request, do not mention the opened valve.

10. One pump which had not been in use for 72 days, excepting 5 hours, worked admirably when put into serv-ice during the water crisis. 11. In August prior to the catas-

trophe sufficient surplus water was umped to wash every basin at the plant.

Operation First.

12. The construction of everything n the plant is under Larmon and all engineers on the stand stated that when construction interfered with operation, operation should be considered first. 13. The washing of basins is under

the operating department. 14. No adequate report was kept by

Hunt of basin washings, he being per-mitted to fellow his custom of 35 years in washing basins when necessary and no definite check was kept Murdock, Lawrence Brinker and by anyone of the number of times a

Display at Columbus Columbus, Neb., Oct. 25 .- Public ate leaders that he prefers to remain chool authorities and Sunday school merce committee instead of being elected president of the senate to sucteachers will co-operate in plans now under way to hold a hobby exposi-tion at the Y. M. C. A., where will ceed Mr. Coolidge. be shown exhibits of things made

At current rates of exchange, taxaor collected by young people of the community. Included among the extion in Great Britain is almost three times as heavy per capita as in the hibits will be samples of girls' handi-United States. The largest figures because Superintendent Hunt, in di- kinds of articles made by boys, as drawn up show that in Britain the well as collections of stamps, curios, taxation is \$72.44 a head; in the United States, \$25.70; in France, \$24.30, and in Italy, \$11.81. and agricultural exhibits.



Tinley Is Named Official of National Guard Body Denver, Colo., Oct. 25 .- Brig. Ge "Can We Believe in God?" This subject will be discussed by Rev. Ralph E. Bailey at the First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney St., Sunday at 11:00

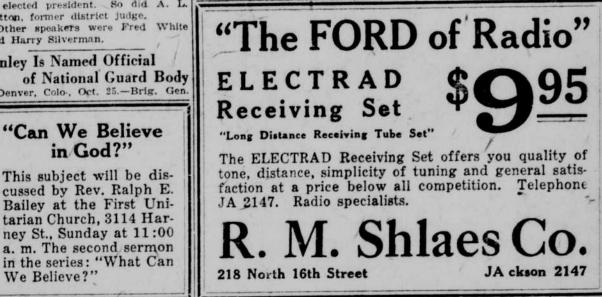
We Believe?"

M. A. Tinley, Council Bluffs, was Audelt, James C. Shaw and John Jewish Speakers elected one of the nine vice prest Vajgrt. dents of the National Guard associa Flay Klan, Ford tion. He represents the Seventh Corps area. The National Guard as sociation reiterated its request that all officers be given commissions in the Assimilation of Jews Into regular army. Vajgrt Family Is Freed on Bond

Seward, Neb., Oct. 26 .- Adolph perial wizard that Jews never can be Vajgrt, his wife and his daughter assimilated into an Anglo-Saxon civ. Alby, held in the Seward county jail

ilization, were voiced Thursday night nere on charges of first degree mur at a meeting of B'nai B'rith, Jewish der in connection with the slaying organization, on the third floor of of Anton Lana or the morning of Monday, October 8, at the Vajgrt Harry H. Lapidus accused the klan farm, near Milford, were released on of being a menace to the safety of bond Thursday, pending trial. Adolph Vajgrt's bond was fived a \$10,000, his wife's at \$5,000, and Al-Samuel Beber, who presided at the by's bond was \$3,000. The bondsmen

Where Do You Go Sunday Evenings? Come to the **First Christian** Church 26th and Harney Sts., at 7:30 and Hear Dr. Geo. A. Miller in a Series of Sermons on "God in World Life" Join in the Congregational Singing, Led by Bryce Palmer



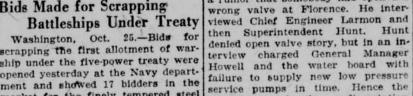
On the By fraining for business to Boyles College

ago Edison and a party of other lead. to testimony of engineers. ing electrical authorities were enter-

tained by Dr. Steinmetz at his laboracurred tory in the General Electric plant. It was at that time that Dr. Steinmetz

showed Mr. Edison how he could produce thunder and lightning.

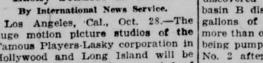
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breakdown of the sedimentation process. 7. Shortly after the reporter for The Evening Bee returned with his inter-

views Chemist Mueller and Filter

Lasky Studios to Close.



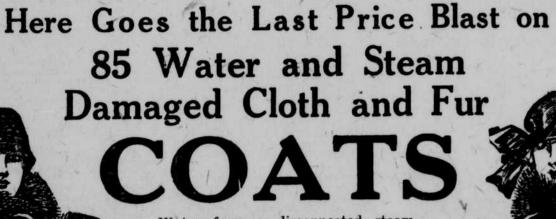
Operator Grunwald, all under Hunt, discovered an open mud valve in basin B discharging about 12,000,000

Howell in Ignoran

8. General Manager Howell

kept in ignorance of this opened valve

gallons of water per 24 hours, or huge motion picture studios of the more than one-quarter of all the water Famous Players-Lasky corporation in being pumped in trying to refill basin constantly experimenting with this Hollywood and Long Island will be No. 2 after washing, back into the closed on Saturday for a period of river. Had this waste continued the Dr. Steinmetz was the author of 10 weeks, it was announced here city would have had muddy water for



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