

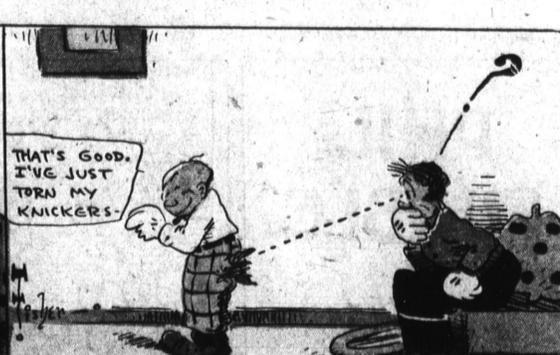


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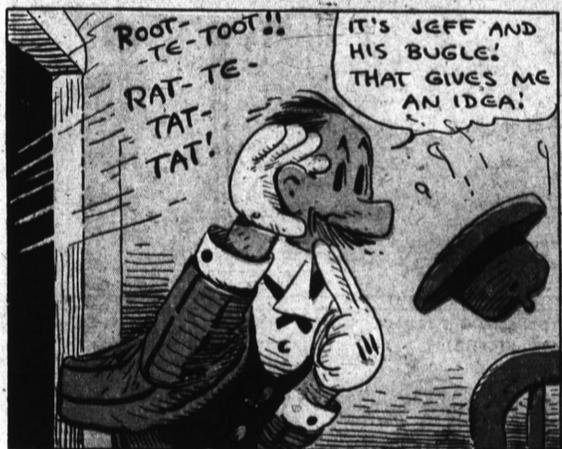
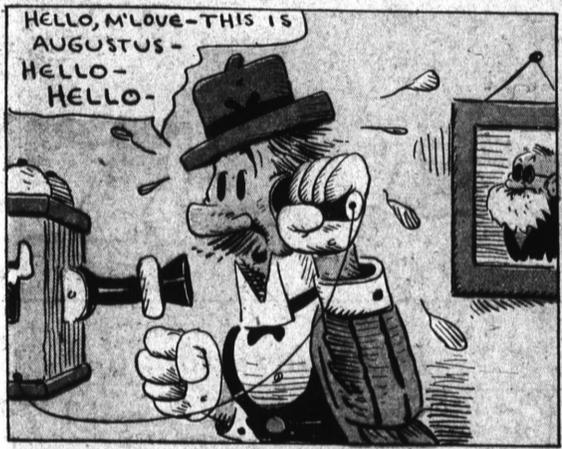


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## S ATTORNEY IG ON RATES

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h the state railroad com-  
domestic water rates now  
Light & Power Company.  
ction, Mayor Dennis said:  
ation now pending before  
the validity of the bond  
delay the city's plans for  
a municipal water system  
some time. In the meantime,  
consumers are forced to pay  
water rates which are par-  
ticularly burdensome during the  
war months.

The council feels that it should  
everything within its power to  
in the cost of living for Tor-  
e residents. We are econo-  
ing in every department of the  
government, and this move  
secure lower water rates. It  
easual will not only lessen the  
ten of the taxpayer but will  
materially help those living  
anted quarters.

Twice the Consumers  
resent water rates were es-  
tablished in 1922," said the mayor,  
the company had approxi-  
mately 800 consumers. There are  
about 1600 water consumers  
ing water from the local com-  
p, yet the rates are the same  
they were ten years ago when  
ere only half as many con-  
sumers.

We understand that public util-  
ities such as the local water com-  
pany are permitted to earn 8 per  
cent on their investment. But  
investment has been material-  
ly reduced through depreciation  
of the past ten years. With  
depreciated investment and twice  
as many consumers, the council feels  
it is justifiable in demanding a  
reduction from the railroad commis-  
sion and that a material reduction  
in domestic water rates will be  
achieved.

Work Delayed  
It is a pity that agents of the  
water company have obstructed  
construction of the municipal  
water system for which bonds  
were voted two years ago by a  
majority of 13 to 1. If it had not  
been for this litigation, Torrance  
would have taken care of a large  
number of its unemployed through  
the construction of its new water  
works," the mayor concluded.

City Attorney Findley stated that  
he was already working on the  
matter and efforts will be made  
to arrange a hearing with the  
railroad commission at the  
earliest possible date. He stated  
that the railroad commission's ap-  
praisers will go over the equip-  
ment of the local water company  
and place an up-to-date value on  
the investment.

## Three Autos In Crash at Intersection

Traffic Signals Undergoing  
Repair Said to Be Cause  
of Accident

A spectacular crash at a street  
intersection in Los Angeles Satur-  
day in which three cars came to-  
gether, resulted in serious injuries  
to Mrs. Annie J. Ganster and pain-  
ful hurts to her husband, C. J.  
Ganster, residing at 3138 Redondo-  
blimington boulevard, Lomita.  
Stop and go signals undergoing  
repair were alleged to be the  
cause of the crash. All three  
drivers being under the impres-  
sion that the way was clear.  
Mrs. Ganster suffered a "blight  
fracture of the skull" above the  
right eye and numerous contusions.  
Mr. Ganster was painfully bruised  
about the body and had three ribs  
broken. The injured were taken  
to the receiving hospital in Los  
Angeles for first aid and later the  
Gansters were brought to Torrance  
where Mrs. Ganster is being cared  
for at the Jared Sidney Torrance  
Memorial hospital. Her condition  
is said to be improving.