

### George W. Fuller Nominated for President Am. W. W. Assoc.

The nominating committee of the American Water Works Association has submitted the following ticket of officers for 1923-24: President, George W. Fuller, New York City; vice-president, Frank C. Jordan, Indianapolis; treasurer, William W. Brush, New York City; trustees, District No. 2, Charles R. Bettes, Far Rockaway, N. Y.; District No. 5, Edward E. Wall, St. Louis. Under the constitution additional nominations may be made by means of a petition of twenty-five members filed with the secretary up to noon, March 1. If there are no other nominations the officers named by the nominating committee will be declared elected without ballot. The election results will be announced at the 43rd annual convention of the association, which will be held at Detroit, May 21-25.

### Knickerbocker Demurrer Denied

Denying the demurrer of the Knickerbocker Theater Co. to damage suits (see p. 226, Feb. 1) on account of the roof collapse of Jan. 28, 1922, the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia on Feb. 2 held that the proprietor of a place of amusement is charged with positive knowledge of its reasonable safety for its purpose.

### Gas Plant Wrecked by Purifier Explosion

A gas explosion in the purifier house of the Springfield Gas Light Co., Springfield, Mass., on Feb. 1, wrecked the building and damaged much nearby property. Three men were killed. The cause of the accident has not been finally determined, but it is thought that a leak in one of the purifier boxes allowed gas to accumulate in the building, the explosive mixture finally becoming ignited in an undetermined way.

### Tanana River Bridge Completed

Completion of the 700-ft. truss span of the Alaska R.R. across the Tanana River was announced on Jan. 25 by Col. Frederick Mears, chief engineer of the Alaskan Railroad Commission. This is the last important structure on the line. The Metropolis bridge across the Ohio River has the only simple truss span exceeding the Tanana.

### Appointment of Single Tennessee Road Commissioner Contested

Two of the three highway commissioners in the state of Tennessee forced out under a reorganization bill passed by the state legislature whereby the state highway department of three members was replaced by a single commissioner of public roads and buildings, have filed an injunction seeking to restrain the single commissioner from taking office. J. G. Creveling, Jr., former county engineer of Davidson County, was recently appointed by Governor Peay as the commissioner of public roads and buildings. The three-man commission was comprised of one commissioner each from the three congressional districts in the state.

The injunction arguments will be given an early hearing before the State Supreme Court at Nashville.

### Indianapolis Chamber Recommends Resurfacing Cost Plan

The Committee on Civic Affairs of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, after several months' investigation of methods of financing the resurfacing of improved streets, has adopted a resolution favoring the payment of three-fourths of the cost of resurfacing from the general funds of the city, the other one-fourth to be paid by the owners of the properties. The Committee on Legislation will endeavor to have this resolution put into the Indiana law.

### House Moves Toward Amendment to Curb Tax-Exempt Bonds

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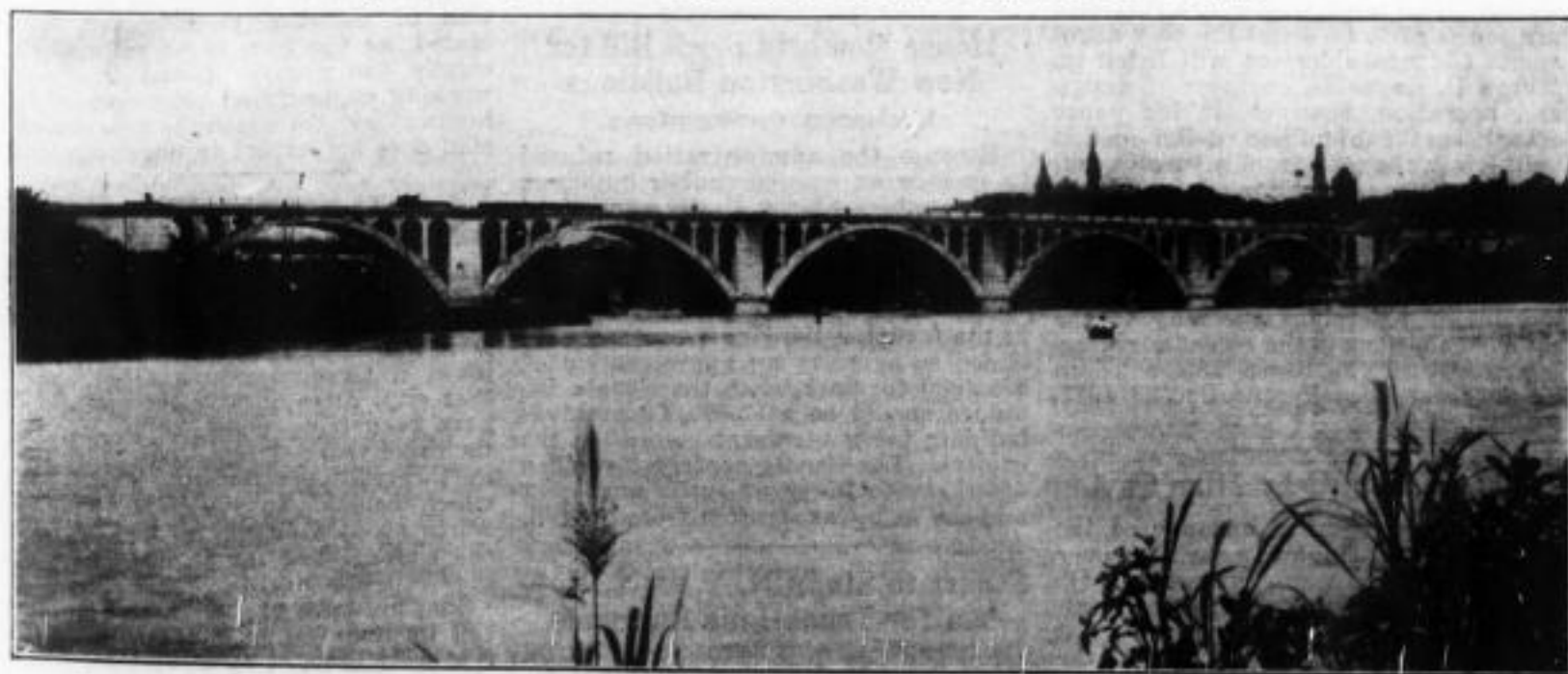
With seven votes to spare, the House of Representatives on Jan. 23, rather unexpectedly, passed the joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States intended to prevent the issuance of tax-exempt securities. The belief is quite general on Capitol Hill that the approval of the joint resolution cannot be secured at this session of Congress in the Senate. This would have the effect of allowing the legislation to die with the session of Congress which ends March 4, thereby making it necessary for the House of Representatives to reconsider the measure at the next session. Even were the Senate to pass it before March 4, many are of the opinion that great difficulty will be experienced in securing the ratification of the amendment by two-thirds of the states.

### Tri-State Development of Delaware River Proposed

A plan for the development of the Upper Delaware for water supply and power by the states of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York has been incorporated in a bill introduced in the New Jersey Legislature. The plan is proposed by Morris R. Sherrard, consulting engineer to the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission and to the Department of Streets and Public Improvements of Newark. Under the terms of the bill the Governor of New Jersey would appoint a commission of three members, to co-operate with representatives of New York and Pennsylvania in recommending a policy to be followed in the utilization of the waters of the Upper Delaware.

An appropriation of \$25,000 for clerical and other necessary expenses of the New Jersey Commission is proposed but the commissioners would serve without pay.

### Reinforced-Concrete Bridge Over Potomac Opened To Traffic



The 2,700-foot Key bridge across the Potomac at Washington was thrown open to traffic on Jan. 17. The bridge was built by the Corps of Engineers of the Army under direct appropriation by Congress. The cost was \$2,350,000.

The bridge is constructed of reinforced concrete. Its center is 85 ft. above mean low water. It is 70 ft. wide and carries a double-track electric railway. There are in addition two 16-ft. roadways and two sidewalks each eight feet wide.

The bridge is named for Francis Scott Key, who was born on the site of the District of Columbia approach of the bridge. It replaces the old Aqueduct Bridge, which has been in use for more than three quarters of a century.