

GAS TRUSTS FIGHTS FOR TWENTY CENTS

Injunction Secured That Will Tie Up Millions in a Rockefeller Bank.

LAWS PUTS PRICE AT 80c

Attempt Will Be Made to Collect \$1 and It Is Expected, in the Tenthement District, at Any Rate, There Will Be Trouble.

NEW YORK, May 27.—(Special)—A unique struggle between the citizens of New York and the Consolidated Gas Company, the Mutual Gas, and the New Amsterdam Gas, and others, which, while technically separate companies, are all controlled by the same persons, is scheduled to begin on the first of next month.

By the edict of the State Gas Commission and likewise by law enacted by the Legislature, the price of gas on and after May 1, is 80 cents throughout Greater New York, except in certain specified rural sections.

The gas trust, of course, is fighting this, and has secured a ruling from United States Circuit Judge Lacombe allowing them to charge \$1 a thousand cubic feet (the old rate) until he can pass upon their application for an injunction, pending legal efforts to test the constitutionality of the law.

Disputed Money Placed in Bank. It is provided, however, that the extra 20 cents shall not be retained by the gas company, but turned over to the courts, which will put the money out at interest, and when the matter is finally decided, turn it over either to the gas trust or the consumer.

Corporation Counsel John J. Delaney made the next move by pointing out that the decision did not bind the consumers individually, and they would be within their rights if they refused to pay more than 80 cents, while the corporation would render itself liable if it turned off the gas while a legal rate was in effect. Then he added that the only recourse of the gas trust would be to bring individual suits against each of the 800,000 odd consumers.

United States Judge Lacombe replied to this by enjoining the gas trust from taking 80-cent rate. This order was obtained at the request of the Central Trust Company, which, like the Consolidated Gas Company, is owned and controlled by the Rockefeller-Ryan interests.

Trust Threatens Consumers. Following close upon the heels of this court order came the arrogant warning that the "trust" of the gas companies would take their meters will be taken out and the gas supply cut off.

The suit in which this broad restraining order was granted was brought by the Central Trust Company against the New Amsterdam Gas Company, as owners of the bonds of that subsidiary company to the Consolidated Gas Company.

The order granted contains all the provisions originally decreed by Judge Lacombe, but in addition to enjoining the Attorney-General, the District Attorney and the State Gas Commission from enforcing the penalties provided in the Page 80-cent gas law, it also restrains the New Amsterdam Gas Company from accepting 80 cents per thousand for its gas at any rate less than that in force on May 1.

The Citizens Central National Bank has been designated as the repository for the money held up. This is strictly a Rockefeller institution, and is managed by the tools of the oil and the gas trusts.

Courts Move Very Slowly. Judge Lacombe has promised to render a decision on the application for a temporary injunction June 4. The general belief is that it will be granted. In such a case the state officials who are made defendants will appeal to the United States Supreme Court to have the injunction dissolved. If the relief is granted in the highest court the money will be distributed among the people.

The gas companies' complaint alleges that the Page law deprives the companies, their stockholders and bondholders of their property rights without due process of law, in forcing them to make and sell gas at a loss, "all of which is in direct contravention of the rights guaranteed citizens under the nineteenth amendment to the Constitution."

Should Judge Lacombe uphold the gas trust, it is not likely that relief can be obtained from the United States Supreme Court before October at the earliest, as the judicial vacation season is almost here, and many persons do not expect a decision for a year or longer. In such a case millions of the people's money will be tied up in a Rockefeller bank.

Immense Sum Will Be Tied Up. The Consolidated Gas Company has, in round numbers, 400,000 customers, and officials of the corporations estimate that the average bill of a consumer is \$2.75, or a total of \$1,100,000 a month. The two other subsidiary companies, the Mutual and the New Amsterdam, have jointly about 400,000 subscribers, at the same rate. These companies therefore collect \$2,200,000 of the people's money each month, and one-fifth of this, or \$440,000, will be tied up each month, pending final court action. If the litigation drags along for a year, Special Master Shields, who has charge of the fund, will have \$5,280,000 under his control.

In the meantime the gas trust is preparing for a lively piece when its bill collectors go around on the first of June. Everybody in New York knows that the 80 cent rate took effect May 1, and many of them cannot realize why they should pay more. In the tenement districts there are likely to be battles between tenants and agents, and that the situation is regarded as serious is shown by the fact that within the past three weeks over 40 of the bill collectors of the gas trust have resigned, their resignations to take effect immediately.

"The job is had enough under the best of circumstances," said John Henderson,

EVENTS OF THE COMING WEEK

New Queen for Spain. Spain will be given a new Queen on Thursday, when Princess Ena, of Battenberg, wife of King Edward of England, will be married to King Alfonso of Spain. The ceremony will take place in the old church of San Geronimo, in Madrid, and the ceremonies and feasts will occupy all of this week and until June 8.

International Arbitration Conference. At the 12th annual meeting of the Lake Mohonk conference on international arbitration, which will be held at Lake Mohonk, N. Y., May 30 to June 1, Colonel John W. Foster, ex-Secretary of State, will preside, and addresses will be made by Congressman Bartholdt, of Missouri; Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore; Benjamin F. Trevelock, of Alabama. The Hague conference, the Rio Janeiro conference and topics of a like nature will be discussed.

Among others who will participate are: Edward Everett Hale, President Eliot, of Harvard; Justice Brewer, of the Supreme Court of the United States, and Senator Hayburn, of Idaho.

Pilgrims' Dinner in London. Bishop Potter, of New York, will be the guest of honor at the Pilgrims' dinner in London on Tuesday evening.

Federation of Men's Clubs. The National Convention of the American Federation of Men's Clubs will be held in St. Paul, May 31 to June 7.

one of these men, today, "but I am not going to run the risk of being killed next month."

"Everybody is figuring on an 80-cent rate. My district was down in the East Side. I don't understand it, and I never could explain to those people why they should pay 20 cents a thousand more than the law allows."

"We are regarded as robbers anyway, but this would simply be rubbing it in. A lot of the boys are sure to be beaten up, and I am getting out before the battle begins."

The next week or 10 days promises to develop some excitement for jaded New Yorkers. And in the meantime John D. Rockefeller is preparing to make his first trip to Europe.

Order Forbidding Removal of Meter. Pending the hearing set by Judge Lacombe for June 4 on the constitutionality of the 80-cent gas law, Justice Bischoff has issued a temporary order restraining the gas company from taking out the meter from the house of A. R. Crossman, who had refused to pay the dollar rate.

HONOLULU IN QUARANTINE. DEATHS HAVE OCCURRED FROM BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Cases Have Been Confined Almost Entirely to Crowded Quarters of Chinese and Japanese.

HONOLULU, May 28.—(Special Correspondence)—The exact conditions concerning the bubonic plague, for which the Federal authorities have placed Honolulu under quarantine, are not generally understood by the residents of this city, and as a result of the refusal of the local papers to publish the details there are various wild rumors afloat. The quarantine regulations governing the case are not strict, however, and this is taken as an indication that the Federal authorities are not uneasy concerning the possible spread of the disease.

Cases of plague have been in existence here almost constantly since the first appearance of the disease here some years ago, but no attention was paid to it until the number of cases suddenly increased and a few deaths occurred. The cases are confined almost entirely to a half block in the Chinese and Japanese quarters, and the houses in that locality have been thoroughly fumigated, while about 75 Chinese, Japanese and natives of the lower class are put in a secluded place under guard. So accustomed have the people of Honolulu become to the presence of the disease that they look upon it as a needless precaution.

First-class passengers arriving on ships are permitted to land and go about the city without restriction, returning to their respective vessels and continuing their journey to other ports. But second-class passengers and steerage passengers are forced to remain on the vessel, unless this port is their destination. Any person can buy a first-class ticket for a steamer and go aboard without question, but people without tickets are not permitted to go aboard vessels bound for the American coast. Other than first-class passengers must go in quarantine a few days before departing for the mainland.

Commerce and local business are not disturbed by the plague scare. People are permitted to go to any part of the city at all times without restriction.

FOOTPADS ARE ABROAD. Hold Up Frank Bisbrow on Twentieth Street.

Frank Bisbrow of 688 Twentieth street was held up and robbed by two masked highwaymen at Twenty-first and Karl streets at 11 o'clock last night and was compelled at the muzzle of two revolvers to hand over to the highwaymen \$38.

Bisbrow had just alighted from a streetcar and was going toward his home when two masked men stepped from behind a tree and ordered him to throw up his hands. With a revolver pressed against each side of his head the young man was compelled to submit to being searched. The highwaymen took his money and ordered him to move on.

Bisbrow ran to a nearby house and reported his experience. The police were notified and detectives were sent out to investigate.

EXCURSION RATES EAST. On June 4, 5, 7, 23 and 25, and various other dates during the summer, the Canadian Pacific will sell round-trip excursion tickets to Eastern terminals at one first-class rate plus 75c. For full particulars call on or address F. R. Johnson, F. & P. A., 142 Third street, Portland, Or.

Commission Will Work in Paris. MADRID, May 27.—The French, Austrian and German representatives having in charge the drawing up of the regulations for the Moroccan State Bank met here today and decided to finish their work in Paris. Several members of the commission have started for that city.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is peculiar to itself in its purgative and curative power. Take only Hood's.

DRY WAS VERY DRY

Louisville Saloons and Places of Amusement Closed.

BALL PLAYERS ARRESTED

State and City Authorities Combine Their Efforts to Put the Lid Down Hard in Leading Kentucky City.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 27.—Scores of corner pumps with the handles removed and signs hastily announcing, "Closed; it's sinful to drink on Sunday," brought home to early-rising householders the fact that Louisville, Ky., was for the first time in many years dry as Tophet. As the day wore on, it was seen that the state and city authorities were in dead earnest about putting on the lid.

The streets and cars were filled with aimless Sabbath loungers drifting from one point to another, vainly seeking the amusements to which they have been accustomed. The absent-minded ones were easily discernible by the growth of beard, which they had neglected to have removed, not thinking to find the barber-shops closed.

Every place in Louisville and Jefferson County where intoxicants are sold was, with one exception, closed tight. The exception was a park conducted by the Habrew, who observed Saturday as the Sabbath. He was arrested and will be tried, but was allowed to continue selling throughout the day, using a roaring business as the news spread.

Four other places where liquor is sold had been designated by the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association to test the law. The proprietors of these places had been notified, but their places were kept closed thereafter. Besides the saloons, all barber-shops, bowling alleys, billiard halls, theaters, grocery stores, and in fact every thing except hotels, drug stores and railroad and street-car lines were closed. Two free "sacred concerts" at the largest amusement parks in Jefferson County, were not molested, but none of the employees was permitted to work.

The ball park was crowded with spectators when the game between Louisville and Toledo was called, but after half an inning had been played the police arrested President Tobias and the players and employees. Although the bond was promptly given, the park was ordered closed and resumption of play was not permitted.

The validity of the statutes and ordinances under which the arrests were made will be thoroughly tested in the courts, but the authorities declare that in the meantime all places coming under the provision of the laws will be kept tightly closed.

KOKOMO READY TO RELAX. Objects to Strict Closing Imposed by Saloon Interests.

KOKOMO, May 27.—Two puritanical Sikorskis were arrested this morning early drug store, restaurant, ice cream booth, news stand and cigar shop was opened for business and remained closed all day. Constable Welly arrested 14 shopkeepers, each giving bond and remaining open.

The Sunday closing crusade is backed by the saloons, which were closed several weeks ago.

WIFE WAS KILLED FIRST. Husband Found With Head Torn From Body by Gunshot.

CANON CITY, Colo., May 27.—The second of two shots emanating from the home of W. C. Baldwin has caused an investigation, resulting in finding the dead bodies of Baldwin and his wife. The body of Baldwin was lying on the floor, the head blown from the trunk. A shotgun was lying nearby. The wife's dead body was standing nearby upright against the wall, the head shattered by the shot wounds. The couple were married two months ago against parental objection.

A coroner's investigation will be held to determine the nature of the tragedy. It is reported that a relative of the woman was seen near the Baldwin home shortly before the shots were heard.

FIGHT OF INDEPENDENTS. Ohio Oil Men Will Call on Railroads for Square Deal.

CLEVELAND, O., May 27.—The Leader tomorrow will say: "Independent oil men will call upon the railroads this week to correct the rate discrimination disclosed at last week's session of the Interstate Commerce Commission in this city."

"It will be the first formal notice of the independent oil men's determination to make a relentless fight to obtain a square deal from the railroads."

"The fight in Ohio and the eastern part of the country will be carried on through the National Petroleum Association, while a similar association will attend to the western end."

The beauty of the Angelus bird is equal to his talent; he is as large as a Jay, and as white as snow, besides being graceful in form and swift in motion. But the most curious thing about the Angelus bird is the tuft of black, arched feathers on its beautiful head; it is of conical shape and about four inches in length.

Whooping Cough. "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family in cases of whooping cough, and want to tell you that it is the best medicine I ever used."—W. F. Gaston, Portland, Ore. For full particulars call on or address F. R. Johnson, F. & P. A., 142 Third street, Portland, Or.

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Everything White Slashingly Reduced in Price

PORTLAND'S MOST REPUTABLE STORE

Annual June White Carnival



This is the first day of the greatest White Carnival that Portland has ever seen. It will be emphatically a sale of genuine bargains—aiming not merely at cheapness, but at the broader virtue of value. Every article bears the stamp of beauty, refinement, high quality of materials and careful selection of patterns. These first; but low prices always—often lower prices than are quoted elsewhere on the cheap, skimpy merchandise that makes possible other white sale bargains.

Everything White at a Big Reduction

ALL LINENS AT CUT PRICES

\$1.25 Crochet Bedspreads, 90¢ 25c Huck Towels, 17¢ \$1.25 Linen Damask, 90¢ 25c Bath Towels, 17¢ \$3.50 Napkins to match, \$2.75 50c Linen Squares, 29¢ 18x50-inch Linen Scarfs, reg. 50c, for, 29¢

36-INCH WINDSOR WHITE SUITING

Soft, medium weight, 17c value, yd. 14¢ 30c White Duck, yd. 22 1/2¢ 18c Long Cloth, yd. 15¢ 25c White Percal, yd. 18¢ 15c Canvas Cloth, yd. 12¢

PURE LINEN KERCHIEFS AT NEARLY HALF PRICE.

READY-TO-WEAR GARMENTS

White, Hand-Embroidered Lingerie Waists at One-Fourth Off. \$3.50 White Union Linen Walking Skirts, \$2.75 \$15 White Coat Suits for, \$11.75 \$3 White Silk Waists for, \$2.25 \$7.50 White Silk Petticoats for, \$4.35

DEEP PRICE-CUTTING ON LACE CURTAINS.

BIG MUSIC HITS FOR 15c

Let Me See You Smile. Moving Day. Cheyenne. Moon Winks. Tammany. Chicken Charlie. Carbolic Acid Rag. What the Daisies Said.

WHITE WASH BELTS

Special Values at 25¢, 35¢, 50¢, 75¢, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

BIG SAVINGS ON WHITE WASH GOODS

25c Sheer India Linen, 19¢ 35c Sheer Persian Lawn, 27¢ 50c Lingerie Perline Lawn, 39¢ 20c yard Dotted Swiss, 16¢ 15c Linine Suitings and Blousings, yd. 12¢

BOILED PAPER AND ENVELOPES

15c Fine Glazed Cream Paper, box, 8¢ 25c India Lawn, very popular, box, 12 1/2¢ 50c and 60c Best Quality Papers, box, 25¢

JUNE WHITE SALE OF SILKS

COLORS WHITE AND CREAM.

60c Jap. Silk, yd. 47¢ \$1 Polka Dot Pongee, yd. 85¢ 85c Jap. Silk, yd. 75¢ \$1.25 Pongee, yd. 1.10 \$1.00 Jap. Silk, yd. 87¢ \$1 Chiffon Faille, yd. 87¢ \$1.25 Jap. Silk, yd. 1.10 Best Crepe de Chine, yd. 85¢ 19-inch White and Cream Taffeta, finest 85c quality, for, yd. 75¢

SENSATIONAL LACE BARGAINS

12 1/2-c Wash Laces, yd. 7¢ \$2 Valenciennes Laces, ds. 98¢ \$2 Allover Laces, yd. \$1.19 \$1 Allovers at, yd. 57¢ \$3.25 Allovers at, yd. \$1.98 \$1.75 Allovers at, yd. 98¢

SALE OF MATCHED EMBROIDERY SETS

35c Embroid'ry Insertions, 14¢ 35c Embroideries, yd. 14¢ 75c Embroideries for, yd. 25¢ 50c Embroideries, yd. 18¢

LINEN PARASOLS FOR JUNE DAYS

Reduced prices, 90¢ to \$2.70

SPECIAL REDUCTIONS IN DRESS GOODS

Celebrated B. D. A. Black and Creme Mohairs—50c quality, 44¢; 75c quality, 69¢; 1 quality, 85¢; 1.25 quality, 98¢; 1.50 quality, \$1.19; 2 quality, \$1.49; 1.25 Gray Panamas, 98¢ yard.

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR

Corset Covers, 29c, 39c, 49c, 59c, 69c, 85c, \$1.10, \$1.25 to \$2.98 and up. Chemises, 42c, 59c, 69c, 85c, \$1.10, \$1.45, \$1.65, \$2.10, \$2.98 to \$5.10. Long White Skirts, 85c, \$1.10, \$1.25, \$1.45, \$1.65, \$1.85, \$2.10, \$2.49, \$2.98, \$3.19, \$3.79, \$3.98, \$5.10, \$6.40 up to \$13.80. Gowns, 85c, 95c, \$1.10, \$1.25, \$1.45, \$1.65, \$1.85, \$2.10, \$2.49, \$2.98, \$3.59, \$3.98, \$4.50 up to \$14.85 each. Drawers, 25c, 29c, 39c, 49c, 59c, 69c, 85c, \$1.98, \$2.10 up to \$3.49. Combination Chemises, 85c, \$1.10, \$1.25, \$1.45, \$1.65 up to \$5.10. French Lingerie and Infants' Wear at tremendous reductions.

TAUGHT BY DEBATE

Speeches on Rate Bill Influenced Many Votes.

SENATE DOES GOOD WORK

Measure Railroaded Through House Perfected There—Brand Aldrich as Railroad Senator—La Follette Makes Failure.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 27.—Probably never before in the history of the United States Senate has a protracted debate had as much effect upon the pending legislation as did the recent discussion of the railroad rate bill. It is a common saying in Washington that no man's vote is ever changed by debate, and usually this is true. On such measures as the ship subsidy bill, the tariff bill, etc., which are usually passed by the Senate and every Representative comes to Washington with his mind made up; he knows how he will vote, and the debates do not interest him. But not so with the railroad rate bill.

There are many reasons why this is an exception to the rule. To begin with, every member of the House who was not a tool in the hands of some railroad corporation was convinced that some sort of rate bill would be passed. But there was no unanimity of opinion as to what kind of bill would be most effective. The question of regulating railroad rates, as important a problem as Congress ever had to solve, was out of the general run of topics. Very few men in Congress had any practical idea of how railroads are operated and how rates are fixed in cases of unusual emergency. But there was no unanimity of opinion as to what kind of bill would be most effective. The question of regulating railroad rates, as important a problem as Congress ever had to solve, was out of the general run of topics. Very few men in Congress had any practical idea of how railroads are operated and how rates are fixed in cases of unusual emergency. 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