

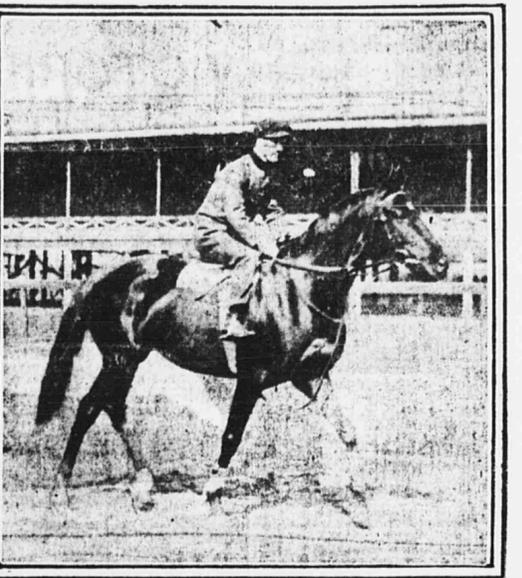
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EAST RIVER GAS GRAB IS SIGNED BY THE MAYOR

Announcement Came After Stock Market Had Closed and Was a Surprise to Citizens, Who Had Confidently Anticipated that He Would Veto It.

SEEKS TO EXPLAIN HIS ACTION BY WRITING A LONG APOLOGY.

Denies that Home Rule Principles Have Been Violated and Contends that the Measure Has Been "Misunderstood" by Those Who Objected to It.

Mayor McClellan has signed the Remsen gas grab bill, which gives to the Consolidated Gas Company a valuable franchise in perpetuity, without remuneration to the city of any kind.

Shortly after 4 o'clock the Mayor made formal announcement at the City Hall that he had signed the bill, thus giving it his official sanction.

No one but Gov. Odell now stands between the bill as it passed the Legislature and the bill as a law. The bill was regarded as one of the blackest that was ever squeezed through the Legislature of this State, and the dough bag was more conspicuous in Albany than it has been for years while this legislation was impending.

Here are the Mayor's reasons for signing the "Gas Grab" bill: "Before this measure came into my hands I shared the opinion of many persons that it was in some way contrary to public interests, but after hearing argument for and against it, and carefully examining its provisions, I am convinced that this opinion was unwarranted. It was suggested on the argument that there might be concealed in the bill some danger to the city's rights, but no one pointed out such a danger, and I have been unable to find ground for the suspicion. More specific and substantial objection, therefore, must be advanced to justify rejection of the bill.

"It has been urged that the measure is improper because it makes no provision for compensation to the city as a consideration for my approval of it, but this suggestion presupposed that it confers upon the company rights or privileges which it does not now possess. This I find is not the case, and the bill has no other purpose or effect than to confirm rights which were validly conferred by the Legislatures of 1871 and 1892. Since the city yields nothing, no payment may be justly exacted for my approval of the bill.

"Nor does it offend against the theory of home rule that the Legislature, instead of the local authorities, has acted in the matter. The rights were created originally by the Legislature, and the Legislature is the only power which can confirm them.

"I cannot see how I can do otherwise than approve this bill. The opposition to the bill, it seems to me, is based upon a misapprehension as to the facts. While such opposition is a wholesome and desirable thing, and democracy, as it does, a jealous care for the welfare of the local community, it must of course be limited to statements of fact where an infringement of the rights of the local community are threatened."

A POLITICAL EXCUSE. The one single excuse, in the minds of the opponents of the grab, that the Mayor had for signing the bill, was a political one. There is hardly a Tammany man of prominence but what is up to his neck in gas, and the interest of the Murphy family in the provision for establishing the new plant at Astoria is very great, amounting as it does to something like \$15,000,000.

John J. Murphy, a brother of Leader Charles F. Murphy of Tammany Hall, is president of the New York Contracting and Trucking Company. The Gaffney family, allied in business and politics with the Murphys, is strong in the company, and it is this company which has the \$15,000,000 contract with the gas people for the new Astoria plant.

That Wall Street believed the Mayor would sign the bill has been evident for several days. Gas stock has ruled strong on the market and yesterday morning it went up to 210 3/4.

NO SUNDAY BALL, SAYS M'ADOO, IN MANHATTAN

Police Commissioner McAdoo decided to-day that Sunday baseball playing in Brooklyn and Queens is permissible, but he held that in Manhattan the playing of games on the Sabbath might create a public nuisance. In a statement issued by the Commissioner he said: "I will make a distinct difference between the playing of baseball in Manhattan and Brooklyn. You can bat leather on the Newark flats and nobody will complain, but you couldn't do it on Broadway. "To-day I personally visited Ridgewood and Washington Parks. They are almost isolated from residences, being mostly surrounded by factories and vast cent spaces and during the three Sun-

NAMTOR CAPTURES THE FLUSHING STAKES

At 15 to 1 He Leads His Field Home for Aqueduct's Chief Event—Jockey Ogilvie Injured While at the Post—Large Crowd Present.

(Special to The Evening World.) AQUEDUCT RACE TRACK, April 22.—While the horses were at the post in the third race here to-day, All Gold, owned by Billy Oliver, was in a savage mood. He seized a little boy named Ogilvie, who was riding Palette, and dragged him from the saddle. The boy fell beneath Palette, and as the mare reared and plunged she stepped on the boy's leg and fractured it in two places. Ogilvie was lifted into the starter's wagon and taken to the club-house, where the track physician, Dr. Hoxsie, attended him. Springer was substituted. Ogilvie is apprenticed to G. L. Richards, who races under the name of the Boston Stables. This was his second mount.

The race in which Ogilvie was injured was the Flushing Stakes. The Lady Tokeland on the strength of a good trial, was a hot favorite, but in the race she showed no speed. Dixieline was heavily played. The winner turned up in Namtor, a 15 to 1 shot, who beat Oliver's All Gold, who beat Dixieline a length.

The opening event of the day proved another victory for Brush Up, in the Packer colors. There was so much play on Pendragon, W. M. Scheffel's colt, which ran a fair race at Memphis, that the players got as good as even money a place about the chance of Brush Up. Pendragon was never in the hunt. Brush Up broke poorly, but raced into the lead soon after the start and won all the way. Roly Poly, a cucked up little colt from the Vingt Stable, was well played, but was plainly short, and died away after showing speed for three furlongs.

They were a long time at the post in the first race and the crowd fretted. Two or three good things had been played. Pendragon was heavily backed, and so was Roly Poly, so that as good as 3 to 1 was quoted against Brush Up, who, with Niblick out, should have been 6 to 1 chance.

Suzanne Rocamore out on the running, followed by Blue Print, Pendragon and Brush Up. They ran this way to the last furlong, where Brush Up closed on Suzanne Rocamore, and in a hard drive beat her three-quarters of a length. Blue Print was third, being a length away.

EVENING WORLD RACE CHART

SEVENTH DAY AT AQUEDUCT. The Evening World's charts are indexed from the first race at Aqueduct.

Table with columns: Index, Horse, Jockey, Wt., St., 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, Fin., Open, Clos. P. 1st race: 14 Brush Up, 22 Suzanne Rocamore, 20 Blue Print, 14 Diamond Flush, 14 Pendragon, 20 Roly Poly, 20 Bellella, 20 Lady Greenwood, 20 Falsola, 20 Nevada, 20 Race Queen.

Table with columns: Index, Horse, Jockey, Wt., St., 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, Fin., Open, Clos. P. 2nd race: 19 Tim Payne, 10* Chap. Elwood, 10* Sonoma Belle, 39* Nantor, 39* Dixie Line, 39* Hines, 4 De Reszke, 4 Mattered, 18* Mattered, 18* Akela.

Table with columns: Index, Horse, Jockey, Wt., St., 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, Fin., Open, Clos. P. 3rd race: 15* Chrystie, 14 Long Days, 14 Royal Legend, 14 Mattered, 14 Linda Rose, 14 Handkerchief, 42* Cincinnatus, 13 John F. Ahearn, 13 Pretorius, 13 The Don, 13 Mixer, 11 Fanallah, 8 Nevermore, 3 Patti Bleu, 31 Davey Green, 10 Gaviota.

Table with columns: Index, Horse, Jockey, Wt., St., 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, Fin., Open, Clos. P. 4th race: 15* Chrystie, 14 Long Days, 14 Royal Legend, 14 Mattered, 14 Linda Rose, 14 Handkerchief, 42* Cincinnatus, 13 John F. Ahearn, 13 Pretorius, 13 The Don, 13 Mixer, 11 Fanallah, 8 Nevermore, 3 Patti Bleu, 31 Davey Green, 10 Gaviota.

GIANTS, 18; PHILLIES 3; HIGHLANDERS WIN TOO

McGraw's Men Get Sweet Revenge on Duffy's Outfit, While the Local Americans Shut Out the Senators at Washington Before Large Crowd.

Table with columns: Team, AB, R, H, PO, A, E. PHILLIES: 9 AB, 0 R, 0 H, 0 PO, 0 A, 0 E. GIANTS: 28 AB, 18 R, 27 H, 11 PO, 2 A, 0 E.

(Special to The Evening World.) PHOENIX GROUNDS, APRIL 22.—The Giants had sweet revenge on the Phillies in today's game for the awful drubbing they received yesterday. They pounded Pitcher Brackbridge out of the box and were victorious by the one-sided score of 18 to 3.

RESULTS OF TO-DAY'S GAMES.

Table with columns: League, Team, Score. NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia at New York, 0-3; New York at Philadelphia, 2-18. AMERICAN LEAGUE: Brooklyn at Boston, 0-6; Boston at Philadelphia, 0-1; St. Louis at Chicago, postponed; Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 0-10; Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 0-4.

1 and 5 to 2; Responsive, 2 to 6 for place. —Won by Zyrchio, 12 to 1 and 5 to 2. —113 84. THIRD RACE—Three-quarters of a mile.—Won by Mollie T, 4 to 1 and 2 to 1; Hickory Corners, 2 to 1 for place, was second; Royal Pirate, third. Time, 1:30 3/4. FOURTH RACE—One mile.—Won by Arnold, 7 to 1 and 3 to 1; Fredson, out for place, was second; Docile third. Time 1:59 3/4.

FINISHES AT ST. LOUIS. ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 22.—The race run here to-day resulted as follows:— FIRST RACE—Four and a half furlongs.—Won by Buchman, 1 to 2 and out; Dipper, 4 to 1 for place, was second; Jim Crenshaw third. Time—0:59 1/2. SECOND RACE—Five and one-half furlongs.—Won by Kristanahandy, 8 to