

DESPITE ITS HUGE PROFITS, BROOKLYN GAS TRUST KEEPS ITS RATE UP TO 95 CENTS

Dividends Increase Annually, But Company Fights Demand for 80-cent Gas.

COMPETITION STIFLED.

Companies Co-operate by Means of Interlocking Directorates to Gouge Consumers.

By Sophie Irene Loeb.

What the Kings County Gas Company has from its early history kept high rates notwithstanding annual increases of profits and dividends, is evident from the testimony and report of recent hearings before Commissioner Hayward of the Public Service Commission in the present effort to get a uniform 80 cent gas throughout the Greater New York, as urged by The Evening World.

One of the prominent witnesses before Commissioner Hayward was Thomas E. Byrne, who is the Chief Engineer, Superintendent and Vice President of the company.

Mr. Byrne stated that before they manufactured their own gas, several years ago, they bought the gas at 65 cents per thousand feet. They sold it from 1881 to 1884 for \$2 per thousand feet. For four years after that they sold it for \$1.25, and then continued to reduce it annually five cents to meet competition, until 1901, when the price was 61.

For fourteen years the price remained \$1 until last July, when, by agreement with the Public Service Commission, it was reduced to 55 cents, pending the coming decision as to what the rate shall be.

Although at the present day, according to the company's own books, it costs but a little over 70 cents to manufacture gas, it charges 95 cents. According to these books, also, it has declared dividends for the past several years, earning 11 and 12 per cent return on a fair value of its property. It seemingly acquired no new property of any appreciable value.

CONTROL OF COMPANY VESTED IN THREE CENTRES.

The Kings County Lighting Company is the successor of the Kings County Gas and Illuminating Com-

pany, which was incorporated in 1889. In 1904 it had outstanding \$1,000,000 capital stock and \$1,000,000 in funded debt. This was transformed into the present Kings County Lighting Company, which was incorporated in 1904 with an authorized capital of \$2,000,000. On or before June 30 of the same year it acquired all the stock of its predecessor, giving in exchange therefor all its capital stock and in addition \$1,112,900 in bonds.

On July 1 a certificate of merger was filed which does not appear that any other property was acquired, according to the Public Service Commission, which states: "While the present company is nominally a merger, the merger did not mean the introduction of any new property or rights not already held by the old company."

The old company was one of interlocking directorates, so that in reality the control of all was practically vested in the same hands.

That official cognizance has been taken of this is evidenced by the fact that in the report of the Public Service Commission for 1908 the following appears: "COMPETITION HAS BEEN PRACTICALLY ELIMINATED."

"Virtually, however, the whole or a majority of the shares of eighteen corporations is held by three other corporations; in this manner twenty-one companies are combined into three systems, viz:

(1) The Consolidated Gas Company of New York and eleven subsidiary gas and electric companies operating in New York City.
(2) The Brooklyn Union Gas Company and five subsidiary gas and electric companies.
(3) The Kings County Electric Light and Power Company and two subsidiary companies.

"Electric light is the natural competitor of gas. In the City of New York, however, the competition of these two elements has practically been eliminated, either through the absorption of electric companies by gas companies or through community of interest between both classes of corporations, while nominally each continues to maintain an independent corporate existence.

"In practically all the Borough of Brooklyn the supply of gas is completely controlled by the Brooklyn Union system and the supply of electric current by the Kings County Electric system. Aside from the general competition between gas and electricity the Brooklyn Gas system is able through the franchise of the Flatbush Gas Company to compete with the Kings County Electric system in the twenty-ninth Ward (Flatbush), and along the Ocean Parkway, from Flatbush to Coney Island."

CO-OPERATION TAKES THE PLACE OF COMPETITION.

In the Borough of Brooklyn harmonious co-operation instead of competition between gas and electric companies is likewise assured through the services of officers and directors identified with the Consolidated Gas system.

In the Thirtieth Ward of Brooklyn

SAVED BY SOLDIERS OF UNCLE SAM HE HAD DENOUNCED

Crowd Nearly Mobs Speaker When He Calls Army Men Murderers.

Richard Boyajian, twenty years of age, of No. 474 Third Avenue, born in Armenia and not a citizen, but describing himself as a Christian Socialist, was arraigned in Yorkville Police Court to-day charged with insulting and deriding soldiers and the uniform of the United States Army.

On motion of Assistant District Attorney Spies Magistrate Green adjourned the case to give the prosecution a chance to summon a number of witnesses.

Young Boyajian was making a speech in Union Square last night. In the crowd listening to his harangue were Louis Saks, a musician, and Francis McCormick, a private of the 101st Company of Coast Artillery, stationed at Fort Jay, Governor's Island. A wagon in which about a dozen members of the Ninth Regiment, National Guard, were riding was on

the outskirts of the crowd at the Fifth Street curb. "Every soldier who wears a uniform of the United States Government," shouted Boyajian, pointing to Saks and McCormick, "is a murderer, a brute, and a maniac, and the men in the White House are instigators of murder."

The crowd made a concerted rush at Boyajian. He was pulled from the box on which he had been standing and husky citizens were aiming at him with fists and feet, when Saks and McCormick and the militiamen went to his assistance.

They had to fight to save the man, who had just insulted them, from serious injury. Policemen soon arrived and on complaint of Saks arrested Boyajian.

All of these items will be set forth in a resolution by a mass meeting of citizens to be held at the Fawcett Club, 15th Beach, to-morrow evening.

LIFE TERM FOR WOMAN WHO KILLED HUSBAND.

Mrs. Prociak Indifferent as the Justice Pronounces Sentence Upon Her.

Convicted on Monday of having murdered her husband by slashing him thirty-six times with an icepick while he slept, on March 31, Mrs. Mary Prociak, thirty-four years old, a tall little Slavish woman, remained apparently indifferent this morning when Supreme Court Justice Bartow S. Weeks sentenced her to from twenty years to life in State's Prison.

The woman had nothing to say when sentence was pronounced. She looked dully about the courtroom and seemed less interested than any one else present.

The body of the woman's husband, Frank, was found doubled up in a closet, in their basement home at No. 1446 Hughes Avenue, the Bronx, and the woman was found several days later at the home of a former lover on Long Island. She said her husband had tried to force her upon the streets, but a relative testified that after the murder she immediately went to a man whom she had been friendly while separated from her husband. She admitted to this relative that she killed her husband. She had only been reconciled to him after an absence of two years when the murder occurred.

HAVE YOU LOST A DOG?

Police Are Holding Valuable Clues for Owners.

Three roughly dressed men dragged a well groomed and fine looking collie dog along Avenue A, north of Sixty-fifth Street, this morning, going from one saloon to another in an effort to sell the dog. Patrolman Dunne, of the East Sixty-Seventh Street station, started to investigate. The men saw him coming, and they ran. He took the dog to the East Sixty-Seventh street station, where it is being held while the police seek the owner. It is apparently a valuable dog.

TO USE AIR IN RAISING F-24

Work on Submarine Halted by Parting of Two Lifting Ropes.

HONOLULU, May 24.—The use of air to lighten the submarine F-4 in the final effort to drag the disabled craft to the drydock, probably will be resorted to, it was said to-day. Work of raising the submarine, which contains the bodies of the crew who lost their lives when the vessel went to the bottom more than two months ago, was halted temporarily yesterday by a heavy swell which parted two of the lines attached to the hulk.

A scow will be brought alongside the submarine when it is raised to receive the bodies of the crew. Orders have been issued excluding the public from the scene. The F-4 has now been dragged within 250 yards of the harbor entrance and lies only forty feet below the surface.

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FILLING. 1/2 cup Sawtay, 1 cup confectioner's sugar, 1/2 cup orange or lemon juice and grated rind. Fill this between the layers when perfectly cold.

ICING. 1 cup confectioner's sugar, 1/2 cup Sawtay, 2 gill cream, 2 tablespoons of grated orange or lemon rind. Cream the Sawtay and sugar very light and beat the cream lightly, then add it slowly to the icing, then the flavoring and spread on the cake.

CAN'T COLLECT ON 'FUTURES.'

Federal Court Rules Such Trading Is Only Gambling.

NEW ORLEANS, May 24.—The Federal Court of Appeals has decided that a debt incurred through "futures" trading, where there was no intention to deliver or receive the commodity traded in, cannot be collected.

The decision reversed a verdict obtained in the Iowa Court. D. W. James, a broker, sued Waldo L. Clement for \$10,000, which he said was the amount he had advanced Clement as margin on future cotton trading. The Court of Appeals held that such a debt can be considered only as a gambling debt.

WANTS TOOTH OR \$5,000.

Mrs. Morse Sues Dentist for Molar He Let Slip, She Says.

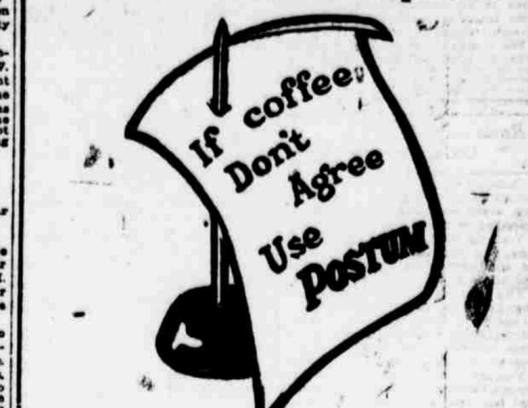
BOSTON, May 24.—If Dr. Valentine Duff of Hingham can produce a molar belonging originally to Mrs. Sarah H. Morse he can save himself further trouble in a suit for \$5,000 which she has brought against him.

Mrs. Morse alleges that she went to Dr. Duff to have sixteen teeth extracted. He gave her an anesthetic. When she regained consciousness, after the operation, he returned to her only fifteen of the teeth, she says. According to her claim the sixteenth went down her windpipe and into her lung, where, she alleges, it still remains, causing her considerable inconvenience.

Good Roads Day in Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURGH, May 24.—"Good Roads Day" is being observed throughout Pennsylvania to-day in accordance with a proclamation issued by Gov. Brumbaugh. The State Highways Department estimates that 150,000 men are at work throughout the State to-day.

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A Nurse says:

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