

LOBBY IS ROUTED BY STRAUS NOTE ON 80-CENT GAS BILL

Measure for Brooklyn Relief Scheduled to Pass in Assembly Next Tuesday.

STRANGLE OTHER BILLS.

Brown-Mills Combine Kills or Emasculates Public Service Measures.

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ALBANY, April 13.—In response to another strong telegram from the New York City Public Service Commission...

It was reported favorably by the Assembly Committee on Rules, made a special order for consideration and is scheduled to be passed next Tuesday.

Representatives of the Brooklyn Borough Gas Company made a final effort to delay by an appeal to Speaker Sweet.

MEAT CAUSE OF LAME BACK AND KIDNEY TROUBLE

Take a glass of Salts to flush Kidneys if your back is aching.

Noted authority says Uric Acid from meat irritates the Bladder.

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panies in the Thirtieth and Thirty-first Wards of Kings County and reiterates its opinion as expressed in its telegram to the chairman of the committee having the bills in charge.

"With respect to your inquiry concerning the Brooklyn Borough Gas Company, the commission has not made a thorough investigation since 1913, but the recent reports of this company indicate that an eighty-cent rate would not be confiscatory."

OSCAR S. STRAUSS, Chairman. MESSAGE WAS A KNOCKOUT FOR DELAY LOBBY.

This telegram left no further ground for delay, and at a late hour meeting of the Rules Committee it was voted, unanimously to report out the bill, including the Borough Gas Company, in compliance with the commission's expressed desire.

A technical situation prevented immediate action to-day in the Assembly. The 80-cent bill voted in the Senate differs slightly in text from the bill in the Lower House introduced some time ago by Assemblyman Joseph of Coney Island, although having the same object.

The programme now provides that the Joseph bill will have the honor of a favorable report to-day, but when the measure comes up for final passage the Senate bill will be substituted to avoid the necessity of going back to the Upper House for concurrence.

United efforts were made by the Brooklyn representatives in both Senate and Assembly to advance this great relief for the overcharged people of South Brooklyn and Coney Island after six years of delay before the old Public Service Commission.

Senator Huntington in the Upper House merged his bill into a measure drafted by the Committee on Public Service so there would be no divided interest.

In company with Assemblymen Brennan and Simpson he appeared before the Assembly Committee on Rules at midnight to urge prompt action. He was joined by several Democrats in support.

LOBBY SUCCEEDS IN HAVING BILLS STRANGLING.

Despite their efforts the bill is assured of final passage and Gov. Whitman is ready to sign it. Not only to shut off gas reduction but to strangle numerous other bills, the influence of the lobby is being exerted in the Capitol to-day in brazen manner.

The bill presented by the public utility lobby is taking away from corporations the right of certiorari; appeals to court was stripped of practical usefulness. In fact, the intent was exactly reversed, for in amended form it puts increased burdens on the commission.

The conference killed the commission's other important bill providing reparation in rate cases, making reduced rates date back to the time complaint was made, so that no one knew how long the case is dragged out the public would get the benefit of any reduction.

THE THOMPSON BILL, MAKING Mayor and Comptroller Directors in Interborough and B. R. T. COMPANIES, WAS ALSO BURIED BY THE LOBBY.

To soothe the strangling of the public in interest of corporations, the conference agreed to pass out two public service bills. One permits the Board of Estimate of New York City to decide whether dual subway construction shall be taken away from the Public Service Commission and given to a new Transit Board appointed by the Mayor.

RECIPES TO STOP DANDRUFF

This Home Made Mixture Stops Dandruff and Falling Hair and Aids Its Growth.

To a half pint of water add Bay Rum Compound... These are all simple ingredients that you can buy from any druggist at very little cost, and mix them yourself.

Earle's Brother Pursued Affinity, Charges Wife, Who Gets a Divorce

Evidence Regarding Visit to Hotel With Blonde Companion Wins Freedom From Ferdinand Pinney's Kin.

FLOURISH IS UNDOING.

Writing on Register Identified as That of Author of Earlier "Billy Boy" Letters.

Aided by her husband's "Billy Boy" love letters, a poem to his six-year-old son, a handwriting expert and detectives, Mrs. Valerie De Blois Earle, beautiful wife of William Pitt Stryker Earle, brother of Ferdinand Pinney Earle of affinity fame, to-day obtained an absolute divorce before Supreme Court Justice Newburger.

If Mr. Earle, who gained prominence in Columbia University as a sprinter and playwright, had not an artistic temperament like his brother Ferd, things might have been different. He writes the word "and" with such a peculiar flourish that it cinched the case against him.

Only a man with the artistic temperament of Mr. Earle, according to the testimony of handwriting expert David Carvalho, could have written the word as he did on the register of an uptown hotel when he signed himself "John Best and wife" and then escorted a beautiful young blonde to an apartment.

By comparing the word "and" as it occurred in many of Mr. Earle's "Billy Boy" love letters to the tell-tale handwriting on the hotel register the penmanship expert was enabled to testify that Mr. Earle was "John Best." Private detectives and a bell-boy who had been rewarded with too big a tip furnished the connecting links of testimony.

"Mrs. John Best," the affinity, whom the detectives had followed from Times Square with Mr. Earle, was identified only as a beautiful blonde of about twenty-two years, slim, lively and apparently very fond of Mr. Earle. No attempt was made by Mrs. Earle's lawyers, Guzenheim, Untermyer & Marshall, to bring out the young woman's name, and as Mr. Earle did not take the stand and offered no explanation as to her identity, the whole case was heard in secret before a referee.

From Nov. 15, 1905, when Mr. Earle and his bride fled through a skylight to escape the old shoes and rice grudge, until September, 1914, the evidence showed, Mr. and Mrs. Earle were very happy. As Mr. Earle wrote to his sister-in-law, Mrs. Lillian De Blois Waack, on the tenth day of his honeymoon, "we are as happy as two clams—aye, as happy as ten billion clams." In September two years ago Mrs. Earle found her husband indifferent, and detectives placed on his trail discovered the blond affinity a few months later.

"FORGET I'M YOUR HUSBAND," EARLE WROTE.

More evidence of the couple's happiness was offered in letters written by Mr. Earle to his wife in 1910 while he was photographing famous society personages in Newport and his wife was spending the summer in the Maine woods. The letters were introduced to show the similarity in the writing of the word "and." One letter follows:

Dearest Pet: You were a dear, sweet little thing to me while I was up there (Maine woods), and I appreciate it more than you can realize. Why aren't you always nice, as attentive, as loving? Won't you try to be after this, for it made me the happiest mortal imaginable. I love to have a fusc imagine over me, and, as you say, I'm only a baby after all. So won't you baby me and let me know how often you come to visit Newport?

Forget I am your husband, for the very word sounds cold and austere. Just think of me as your adoring Billy, 'cause I DO really. Sorry I left you so soon. Tell them (Mrs. Earle's folks) I'm in.

Division is granted, but limited to once in each case. Mayor Mitchell came to Albany late last night for a conference with Senators Brown and Mills, and after three hours in the Capitol left for New York at 1 o'clock this morning. He was much exercised over yesterday's action of the Legislature in passing over his veto the bill permitting Westchester County towns to top New York's Croton water supply.

"I do not want to talk about it now," he said when asked about the conference. "And I am not sure that I will say anything about it when I get back to New York. I am not sure about the action of the Senate and Assembly in passing over your veto the water bill for Westchester County?" he was asked.



MRS. VALERIE DE BLOIS EARLE. PHOTO BY EARLE.

love with them all—the whole D— family (D stands for De Blois, of course), and as for Uncle Bill, he's a peach. The talking he did to me was the turning point—just the practical raking over I needed.

With heaps of love and kisses—ah, it's so hard to put love into words, I just feel you all over. Your own, BILLY BOY.

In a later letter from Newport Mr. Earle spoke of sitting on the porch with Mrs. Sargeant, famous as a society beauty. He wrote:

"You are better looking in every way. Give me my own little wife every day Sunday and holidays."

MOTHER WORRIED OVER "FERDY'S AFFAIRS."

The only reference to Ferdinand, Earle and his troubles was contained in this letter to his wife just after Christmas, 1910:

"Poor mother, she's as good as gold at heart and would do anything for us if she could. She said she was sorry you were away this Xmas. She holds no grudge against you. I asked her where she had heard tales about you and she wouldn't tell me. She worries, Val, because people talk about you and bring her tales."

I thought yesterday and I was talking to her how she had changed with the past few years. She's almost sick with worry over Ferd's affairs and Ferd's troubles, and she looks ten years older. You must remember she's seventy years old. She hasn't long to live and now don't, for my sake, hold up anything against her. Just make allowances for her age and general unhappiness these last few years. She certainly was not that way when she was alive.

In the interlocutory decree, signed by Justice Newburger Mrs. Earle is awarded the custody of the two children, W. P. S. Jr., aged six, and Valerie De Blois, aged five, and \$1,500 a year alimony for life. Mr. Earle may have his son one week out of every month. He is forbidden to marry in this State.

"IF I HAD A MILLION" IN VERSE.

It was to little William, whom Mr. Earle called "Junie," that he sent this poem, which was introduced as a specimen of handwriting:

"If I had a million, you know what I'd do; I'd write you a letter and send it to you. I'd try to keep it to buy pretty things. A doggie to play with, a birdie that sings. Some ponies and rabbits and marbles galore. And any nice thing that you saw in the store. And, oh! what a time we would have, Junie, Dear. With Mamie and Kitty and Mary too. We'd go to the theatre and when we got through, We'd all have a treat and a dandy fro. And all that you wanted, we'd give you, and more. A bike and some skates and air' toys by the score. We'd buy a big auto and ride to and fro. And see all the sights as we did long ago."

"If I had a million! Aye, there's just the rub. I've barely enough for a rub in the tub. So if I just send you a kiss, Junie, dear, It's not that your Daddy's forgetful this year."

"PAPA BILLY"

When Mrs. Lily Wisner came home from the butcher's this morning to the 115th Street, No. 221, Belmont Street, she found a lot of notes, addressed to her, pinned to the door. Mrs. Earle, who had a board of directors of the Westchester County Water Board, and carried them to her. "Baby Wisner, four years old, had written in his best handwriting: 'Papa Billy, I love you with a bucket of water.'"

ROOSEVELT WINS FIGHT FOR DELAY IN MAKING ANSWER TO BARNES

Wants to Put Off Action on Libel Appeal Until After Republican Convention.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 13.—Justice Andrews, in Supreme Court here, to-day granted Col. Theodore Roosevelt an extension of time, until June 1, for the preparation of the record in the appeal taken by William Barnes from the verdict of the jury in the \$25,000 libel action brought against the former President by the National Committeeman, in which judgment was given in favor of the defendant. The original order gave Mr. Roosevelt until April 15 to finish preparation.

William L. Barnes, local counsel for Mr. Barnes, opposed an extension of time. The extension in the time for preparation will bring the argument of the appeal into the October term of the Appellate Division at Rochester.

Although no political discussion entered into to-day's legal argument, it was apparent that attorneys for Roosevelt desired to avoid action on the appeal in the higher courts until after the Republican National Convention, and that Mr. Barnes was anxious for a decision on the appeal before that time.

SCHOOLGIRL WHO TOOK POISON FREED IN COURT

Julia Pinchuk Then Announces She Will Return to Jamaica School To-Morrow.

The charge of attempting suicide against Julia Pinchuk, the seventeen-year-old Jamaica High School pupil, was dismissed this afternoon by Magistrate Miller. Lack of evidence that she tried to end her life was responsible for the dismissal. Miss Pinchuk drank a quantity of yeast that week because, she said, Principal Theodore C. Mitchell had accused her of theft and sent her home from school.

Miss Arb, sergeant-major at the High School who made the original accusation of theft against the Pinchuk girl, and testified that she found a pocketbook in a bin in the school hallway, declined to testify or make any statement on the witness stand to-day. This caused a sensation to all in the court room, including a score of High School girls and boys, friendly to Julia.

When the charge had been dismissed, Julia said she would return to school.

WILSON NOT COMING HERE.

Mexican and German Situations Keep Him From Democratic Dinner.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—In view of the pressing matters in the situations with Germany and Mexico, President Wilson to-day abandoned his plan to give a New York dinner to-night and cancelled his engagement to speak before the Young Men's Association to-day Saturday.

Morganthau's Plans Not Settled—He Wants to See Wilson. WASHINGTON, April 13.—Henry Morganthau, American Ambassador at Berlin, will attend a conference with President Wilson to-day, but will not be permitted to see the President, and will not return to Constantinople.

BAFF PROSECUTOR URGES WIPING OUT OF CROOK DRIVERS

Summing Up in Trial of Chauffeur Ferrara, Who Drove Murder Car.

HIS SISTER COLLAPSES.

State's Attorney Demands That "Men Higher Up" Be Brought to Justice.

That the tribe of criminal chauffeurs who have driven murderers and bandits about the streets of New York City must be stamped out was the declaration of Assistant District Attorney James O'Malley in summing up to-day for the prosecution in the case of Frank Ferrara, chauffeur of the Raff murder car, who is on trial in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court before Justice Shearn charged with murder in the first degree.

"This man declares he was ignorant of the purpose of the gunmen," Mr. O'Malley declared, "and that he did not know he was taking part in a murder when he drove the men down to kill Raff. He tells you of being beaten by the police. He tells you he was forced to make a confession. The Police Department of New York is honest and efficient to-day and the last cry of criminals is that they were beaten and made to confess. It is the last refuge of criminals when their pleas for immunity fail."

"You men of the jury know what we have had to contend with from criminal chauffeurs in New York City for five years," Mr. O'Malley continued. "You know of the daylight murders and hold-ups in the streets, and the quick and safe escapes in automobiles. Not alone is this man on trial here, but the criminal automobile drivers of New York City are on trial and the edict of the law that they cannot escape punishment must go forth through the conviction of this man."

In the case of Barnet Raff we see a peaceful business man called from his place of business and shot in cold blood by said murderers. They shot him down and fled in a car driven by this man Ferrara. For a year and three months the case was shrouded in mystery. Ferrara, who declares he was innocent of murderous purpose, never came out and told of his part and revealed the identity of the murderer.

"In this case the Police Department was criticized as never before. They finally caught the actual slayers. Now the demand is for the man who paid for the murder, and we join in that demand. The man who paid must be brought to justice, but first we must convict the man at the bottom. Then this structure of crime will topple and the men higher up will be revealed. Let us stand with these cases the spectacle of hired murderers safely spying their trade on our shores."

Ferrara's mother, his wife, and his sister wept hysterically as Mr. O'Malley addressed the jury and finally Mary Ferrara, the accused man's sister, fainted. She was carried from the courtroom by two court attendants. When she was revived she tried to enter the room again, but she was not permitted.

Following the close of the prosecution's summing up Justice Shearn ordered a brief recess. When the jury again returned to the room he commenced his charge. It was expected a verdict would be returned before night.

SPRING FEVER

You need a doctor for that tired feeling, says the Bureau of Educational Hygiene, not a ball game.

BERLIN RESTAURANTS CUT THE SIZE OF MEALS

Order Issued by Imperial Government Goes Into Effect To-Morrow.

LONDON, April 13.—The Imperial German Government's order to all German hotel and restaurant keepers, that they must reduce the size of the meals they serve, both as to variety and quantity, will be effective throughout Germany beginning with breakfast to-morrow morning.

The hills of fare will be reduced to the smallest proportions on record and guests will not be permitted to eat more than one item from any single course and not very much of that. The order applies for all restaurants, now in operation, for some months of a pound per person per week. Mighty hills of sugar is given, unless for supplies are held to corresponding proportions.

Germany is being toward famine, according to Francis Griddle, a British author who has just returned to London after a year in the German internment camp at Bulleben, near Berlin.

STANDARD OIL'S DOINGS SEEM MUCH THE SAME AS EVER

Attorney General Has Secret Facts He Cannot Give to Senate—Inquiry Indicated.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Attorney General Gregory, responding to Senator Kenyon's resolution calling for the results of the Department of Justice's investigation into the working of the Standard Oil dissolution, told the Senate to-day that it would be incompatible with public interest to disclose the information at this time.

The Attorney General's refusal was regarded as forecasting some development in connection with the recent rise in the price of gasoline.

Department officials recently have been in frequent consultation with Charles B. Morrison of Chicago, who took part in prosecuting the dissolution suit against the Standard Oil Company and is said to have conducted investigations since the dissolution of the trust on behalf of the department, to determine whether the so-called subsidiaries have violated the Anti-Trust Law since the decree was entered.

The department's investigations are said to have disclosed that the so-called Standard Oil Companies are not complying with the stock ownership decree and that they are virtually controlled to-day by the same group of men who controlled the old Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

Government officials have regarded the dissolution decree as fundamentally defective in that it permitted the same group of men who controlled the oil trust to control the companies in to which it was separated. Inasmuch as the decree permitted an unchanged ownership, present officials of the department have confined their efforts largely to determining whether any large violations of law were involved by the companies.

Reports that Mr. Morrison had been commissioned by the Department to undertake a new investigation into the Standard Oil companies to determine whether in the price of gasoline warranted prosecutions have been persistent for ten days. Department officials refused to-day to comment on these reports, although it was admitted that Mr. Morrison had been in consultation at the department recently.

The Attorney General's office has been investigating the gasoline price increase, however, largely through the Federal Trade Commission and has been in frequent consultation with members of the commission.

SURE HEIRRESS IS DEAD.

McLaughlin Family Doctor Says Cables Confirm Report.

The report of the death in Havana of Miss Grace McLaughlin of Brooklyn, heiress to \$250,000, who eloped last December with George M. Stevens, a Harvard graduate, was corroborated yesterday by the statement of Dr. John McParlan of No. 1035 Madison Avenue, the family physician, who said there was no doubt of the young woman's death.

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LYNAR GOES TO COURT WITH LOADED REVOLVER

Action of Defendant in Bigamy Case Leads to an Order for Search.

Because of the finding of a fully loaded automatic revolver in the pocket of "Count" Max Lynar, on trial for bigamy in General Sessions, Judge Rosinsky to-day ordered that hereafter all defendants at liberty under bail, arraigned for trial must be searched.

"There is no telling what might happen," remarked Judge Rosinsky. "If this order is not enforced, too many chances are taken daily by those entrusted to carry out of this law."

Lynar, who has a dozen aliases, did not take the stand in his own defense. His counsel, Harold Spielberg learned that agents of the Department of Justice had forwarded to Assistant District Attorney Winton a full account of their investigation into Lynar's life for the purpose of cross-examining Lynar if he took the stand. Consequently Attorney Spielberg only called one witness for the defense, who testified that Lynar had caused inquiries to be made as to his first wife's whereabouts and was informed that she had died. This was in 1912, just prior to his second marriage.

THOMPSON GETS \$50,000.

Senate Votes Additional Money for Public Service Inquiry.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 13.—The Senate to-day adopted a resolution appropriating \$50,000 to meet the expenses of the Thompson Committee which is investigating the Public Service Commission. The total amount appropriated for this committee so far is \$105,000.

FOOD RIOTS IN ROUMANIA.

People of Three Cities Revert Sale of Grain to Germany.

ROME, April 13.—Food riots have occurred at the Roumanian cities of Braila, Sulin and Constanta because of the announcement that Roumania will sell large supplies of grain to Germany. Troops are guarding the German Consulates.

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