

GAS FIGHT WON; BROOKLYN RELIEF UP TO WHITMAN

Assembly Passed 80-Cent Rate Bill Without a Dissenting Vote.

END OF YEAR BATTLE.

Legislature, Through Measure Urged by Evening World, Lifts Unjust Burden.

By Sophie Irene Loch.

One of the fiercest fought measures in the Legislature this year was the eight-cent gas bill, which, championed by the Evening World, passed the Assembly unanimously in Albany yesterday.

Every effort was made to block the bill in the Senate, but after a midnight session of the Rules Committee on Monday, the two bills of the Assembly and Senate were both reported out for passage.

The bill marks a signal victory in the long fight carried on by the Evening World to obtain a uniform gas rate for the Borough of Brooklyn, after having, in 1906, championed the eighty-cent gas bill for Manhattan.

The success was most marked because of the overwhelming lobby against the measure of corporation lawyers and politicians which made itself felt in an effort to confuse the Joseph Bill with the Senate Bill in a mix-up of technicalities.

It is also most significant that not since the Public Service Commission was first appointed, has it been possible to pass a mandatory rate bill of this nature.

The Legislature has been solid against legislation that came under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

But the failure of all efforts of the people of Brooklyn to secure an eight-cent rate from the Public Service Commission for six years was so apparent as to amount to a public scandal.

The Legislature recognized this, since there were only three dissenting votes in both houses, and these registered only on the grounds of standing by the principle of not interfering with public service board's rate making powers.

SPECIAL FIGHT MADE TO ELIMINATE ONE COMPANY.

There was a division of opinion in the Rules Committee, where a strong attempt was made to amend the bill and eliminate the Brooklyn Borough Gas Company from furnishing 80-cent gas.

Speaker Sweet, who had obtained assurance from the Public Service Commission that an 80-cent rate would not be confiscatory, held his ground, maintaining that the people

Author's Widow Who Will Lose \$250,000 Estate If She Reweds



MRS. RICHARD H. DAVIS

By the will of Richard Harding Davis, novelist and war correspondent, who died at his country place at Mount Kisco on April 11, most of his estate, estimated at about \$250,000, is placed in the hands of a trustee for the benefit of his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth, both Genevieve Davis, and their daughter, Hope.

The will was filed with Surrogate Sawyer in White Plains yesterday. It was signed March 17, 1915. In its opening paragraph it directs the testator's executor and then orders that his personal effects be divided among his widow, his sister, Mrs. Nora Davis Farrar of Turquoise, B. C., and his brother, Charles Belmont Davis. The executor, however, shall respect the

choice of Mrs. Davis as to her share of them.

The remainder of the estate is to be held in trust, the income going to the widow until her daughter is twenty-one years old. Then one-half of the income shall go to the daughter and the remainder to Mrs. Davis as long as she remains single.

In the case of the death or remarriage of Mrs. Davis before the daughter is twenty-one, all the income of the trust fund shall be paid to Hope until she comes of age. Then she is to get one-half the principal, the balance to remain in trust for her for life.

The Franklin Trust Company of Brooklyn is made executor and trustee.

of Brooklyn were entitled to the relief asked.

At a crucial time in the consideration of the bill the Brooklyn members went in a body to the Speaker and demanded to know who was responsible for holding up the bills. This delegation was led by Charles Joseph, who fathered the bill in the Assembly, and included Assemblymen August C. Flammang, George R. Brennan, Fred Ahern, R. Hunter McQuestion, William T. Simpson, Fred G. Milligan, Marc Goldberg, Frederick H. Maerick and Frederick A. Wells, also Senator Burlingame.

Sheriff Alfred Smith of New York County, who was present in Albany, became interested in the measure and helped its final passage.

Every effort was made to exempt the Brooklyn Borough company, which operates in the Thirty-first Ward, as against the Kings County Lighting Company, operating in the adjoining ward, the Thirtieth.

Both companies now charge 95 cents. Significant statistics and facts were given to the committee, and it was clearly established that in adjoining wards where 80 cents is now charged, the population is several thousand less than in either of these two sections.

It was also shown that the Brooklyn Borough Gas Company pays a lower rate for oil, which is a large element of expense in the making of gas, than any other company in Greater New York.

Besides, this concern has been capitalized for a larger amount than the real value of their property. With these facts before the Rules Committee, the Brooklyn delegation, both Republicans and Democrats, threatened a united revolt unless the measure was brought out on the floor.

JOSEPH WAIVED PERSONAL GLORY TO WIN THE FIGHT.

Speaker Sweet insisted that both bills be placed on the calendar, so there would be ample assurance of the passage of one. Assemblyman Joseph then moved for substitution and a motion was made for the Senate bill, which was identical with his, for final passage.

Speaker Sweet called for the last reading of the bill, and it passed with a single objection.

'POISON PEN' NOTES STIR HIGH SOCIETY IN PHILADELPHIA

Number of Social Leaders Get Malicious Letters, Evidently From a Woman.

ALL VICTIMS WOMEN.

Writer Shows Intimate Knowledge of Affairs of Prominent Families.

PHILADELPHIA, April 19.—Chief Post Office Inspector Cortelyou detailed several of his best assistants to probe "poison pen" attacks on a number of prominent society women here.

Scurrilous missives, all in the same handwriting, have been received lately by fashionable Philadelphia residents.

Members of one well-known family have been so annoyed that the services of a leading lawyer were enlisted. A daughter in this family was married in New York some time ago to a well-known young man. Prior to the wedding and following it the letters came regularly, many absurd statements being made regarding the daughter.

A family council was held in a New York hotel and, as a result, a letter was addressed to a woman in this city who was suspected by the family as being the writer of the letters that had arrived almost daily.

The woman was warned in the letter that her identity was suspected and that if she did not desist the authorities would be asked to place her under arrest.

For a short time the family received no more letters, but within the past few weeks they have been arriving daily. A representative of the family said last night that one of the members once incurred the enmity of a Philadelphia woman and that they have reason to suspect that she has been writing the notes, which are described in some instances as being malicious.

At first the different families who received the scurrilous letters said nothing about them outside their homes. From time to time gossip spread, and as a result there has been a gradual system of conferences among the victims.

A retired officer of the United States military service, who has been consulted by several families in the matter, said last night that he had seen six letters which were received in the last week. He declared that they were all in the same handwriting and undoubtedly penned by an educated woman.

So far as can be learned the writer has sent all her letters to the feminine heads of families, setting forth the most absurd things regarding daughters and husbands.

It is admitted that the writer has an intimate knowledge of social and family affairs, her letters indicating plainly that she is aware of certain secrets that ordinarily would not get beyond the ears of these unusually conversant with affairs of fashionable persons.

ON FIRST 'BY-BY WITH MAMA,' BABY IS KILLED

Auto Crashes Into Them—Her Brother and Boy Injured.

Mrs. Margaret Burke of No. 540 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street was taking her eight-week-old daughter for her first airing in a brand new perambulator last evening.

Her brother-in-law, John Melican of No. 540 West One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Street, accompanied her, holding her arm and carrying his two-year-old boy, Thomas.

They were crossing Amsterdam Avenue at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street when an automobile crashed into them. The perambulator was torn from the mother's grasp and the infant killed.

Melican received the full blow of the machine and was thrown further than the woman, who was severely injured. His boy was hurled from his arm. Melican's right elbow was shattered.

The driver, Gerald J. Brady, of No. 3 Neptune Terrace, New Rochelle, got out to assist his victims. He was engaged in that work when Policeman Ringman arrived. When the officer asked him why he did not try to be more careful, the driver said, according to Ringman:

"Why in hell did they keep out of my way?" He was arrested charged with homicide and held without bail for hearing to-day in the Washington Heights Court.

Witnesses to the accident all agreed that Brady did not sound his horn in crossing the street.

FOR NIGHT CIVIL COURT.

Miss Katharine Ralston Taylor, Daughter of School Head, Weds



Mrs. DAVID ROLAND DAVIS

Becomes Bride of David Roland Davis of Chicago, in Church Ceremony.

Miss Katharine Ralston Taylor, daughter of Joseph S. Taylor, District Superintendent of Schools of the Bronx, was married to David Roland Davis of Chicago last evening in Fordham Manor Reformed Church, University Avenue and Kingsbridge Road.

The church was decorated with palms and marguerites. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. David Morin Hodson. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a white satin and lace gown with a veil of duchess lace, and carried white orchids and lilies of the valley.

6,000 BACK AT WORK ON SUBWAY FOLLOWING SETTLEMENT OF STRIKE

Delay in Notifying Men Keeps Part of 12,000 Employees Away.

More than 6,000 of the subway strikers returned to work to-day, and it is fully expected that by tomorrow morning all of the 12,000 men who went out two weeks ago will be back at their old jobs.

Many of the sections of the subway are idle to-day, however, owing to the lateness of the hour yesterday when the strike was settled and the inability of the Tunnel and Subway Workers' Union to notify all of the men of the termination of the strike.

In explaining the confusion and delay which resulted when the men returned to work to-day, Michael Carraher, secretary-treasurer of the union, said:

"There is a great number of non-English-speaking men in our union and a considerable time will be required to get into communication with them. Many of the sections are now working at full strength, however."

The settlement of this strike does not affect the strike of the smiths in the Compressed Air Workers' Union, employed in the East River tunnels being built by the Flinn-O'Rourke people. They went out about two weeks ago and the American Federation of Labor is to decide whether they broke their contract with the employers.

900 HOUSES LOOTED BY BURGLAR, POLICE SAY

Confessed Thief Alleged to Have Taken \$800,000 Worth of Goods.

The Brooklyn police say that Harry Leskowitz, aged thirty, who was recently arrested there, is the champion burglar of the United States. They estimate that Leskowitz has robbed about nine hundred houses in Greater New York during the last five years of jewelry, furs and silks valued at \$2,000,000.

As the result of this confession, Abraham Danoff of No. 136 Cayuga Street, Manhattan, was arrested last night charged with receiving stolen goods and is held in \$5,000 bail.

His entire stock of second-hand goods is at the Brooklyn Police Headquarters, and people from all over Greater New York are visiting Police Headquarters and several valuables have been identified.

Leskowitz is awaiting sentence for burglary.

TWO N. Y. TEACHERS ARE HELD AS SPY SUSPECTS IN SOUTH

Louis Goldberger and Frank Pickelsky Charged With Having U. S. Maps.

RAYMOND GR. AUSTIN. The two men were arrested at Charleston, S. C., yesterday night in a hotel where they were staying in connection with their work as teachers in the New York public schools. They carried with them a large quantity of maps of the New York City schools which would identify them.

Louis Goldberger said he was a professor in the Horace Mann School in Brooklyn, while Frank Pickelsky stated to be connected with the De Witt Clinton High School. The other man gave his name as Mark Markert.

The men were arrested on complaint of Lieut. A. P. Cronkite of the army, who asserted they had been following his party, engaged in making military maps, for several days.

Surprise was expressed by Board of Education officials yesterday regarding the arrest of Prof. Goldberger and Pickelsky. The former is an instructor in commercial branches at Bushwick High School in Brooklyn and Prof. Pickelsky teaches mathematics at DeWitt Clinton High School.

This is a holiday week for the public schools here and many of the teachers are out of town. Goldberger and Pickelsky went South on a brief vacation and Board of Education authorities said they believed the two were innocent of any wrongdoing.

The wife of Frank Pickelsky said at her home, No. 124 West One Hundred and Fifteenth Street, to-day that her husband and the two other teachers had left for Savannah by boat last Friday afternoon for an Easter vacation trip. They meant to walk from Savannah to Charleston and they carried road maps and Government surveys issued to them as members of a travelers' association.

Mrs. Pickelsky said she thought the arrest of the three was a good joke on them, which they deserved for spending their vacation away from home.

RESCUES HIS PRISONER FROM ICY EAST RIVER

Stephen Murray of Department of Corrections Thwarts Plan to Escape Island Sentence.

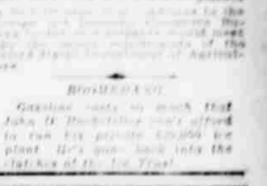
Several scores of spectators on the Department of Charities pier at the foot of East Twenty-sixth Street to-day, watched two men struggling in the East River. Stephen Murray, forty-two years old, a dockhand of No. 615 East Sixteenth Street, jumped overboard to rescue John Monahan, twenty-seven years old, who attempted to escape as he was being led on the Blackwell's Island boat.

As Monahan struggled with Murray, both were swept toward midstream by the current and for twenty minutes Murray struggled with Monahan and finally managed to reach the dock, where a rope was thrown him. He fastened one end around Monahan, who was drawn unconscious to the pier and taken to Bellevue Hospital. Then Murray was drawn up.

Monahan, who has no home, was

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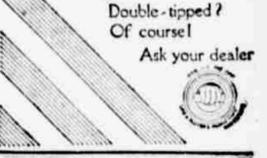
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