

CITY FIGHTS MOVE FOR NEW DELAY IN 80-CENT GAS CASE

Company's Counsel Seeks to Withdraw Motion to Confirm Master's Report.

When the application of the Consolidated Gas Company to confirm the report of Special Master Abraham S. Gilbert, who held that the eighty cent gas law is confiscatory, came up before Federal Judge Knox in the United States Court this morning, William L. Ransom of counsel for the gas corporation, filed a notice of withdrawal of the motion. Mr. Ransom said this action was based on his desire to first obtain a copy of the decision of the United States Supreme Court, rendered on Wednesday and reported to be adverse to the gas company. Mr. Ransom said he had tried in vain to get a copy of the opinion.

Wilbur Chambers, counsel for the

Attorney General, a defendant in the gas rate case, opposed the latest move of the gas company to "mark time," as did Corporation Counsel John P. O'Brien and Col. William Hayward. O'Brien appeared for the defendant, Edward Swann, as District Attorney, and Hayward for the Public Service Commission, also a defendant.

Col. Hayward in opposing the adjournment said to Judge Knox:

"All this alarm over the decision of the United States Supreme Court is not raised here in good faith, but is a subterfuge to get this matter before another Judge, in this court. This is all a myth, to upset the orderly process of this court and on behalf of the Public Service Commission I would like to have your honor hear this case right now. The gas company has shown no good reason for this application for an adjournment. An adjournment now will upset this whole proceeding."

Corporation Counsel O'Brien said the District Attorney was ready to have the motion argued and to place before the court the city's sixty-three objections to the Master's report. O'Brien reminded Judge Knox that on June 14 next applications will be made in the name of several gas companies for injunctions, to restrain the authorities from enforcing the 80 Cent Gas Law.

"Why is this case being taken away from this court, is what I would like

to know," exclaimed O'Brien.

Mr. Ransom answered by stating that there was no motion properly pending before the court. He said the motion, having been prematurely made and before the twenty days had elapsed, had been originally objected to by the defendants, and therefore the gas company now sought to withdraw it in order to bring it before the court in a regular legal way.

Mr. Chambers, for the Attorney General, asked that the motion be heard by Judge Knox. The latter said he was to leave the motion part of the court to-morrow. Judge Knox asked the gas company's counsel when he intended to move the matter for confirmation again. Mr. Ransom said that depended on the contents of the Supreme Court decision, whereupon Judge Knox adjourned the motion for one week before Judge Augustus Hand.

Kane Gets Five Years for Robbery.

Not less than five nor more than ten years in Sing-Sing was the sentence imposed to-day by Judge Rosaksky in General Sessions upon Charles Kane, twenty-four years old, of No. 484 80th Street, for grand larceny in the first degree. On the night of May 1 last, Kane and a companion threw a rain-coat over the head of Anton Anderson, ship-carpenter, at Front and Moore Streets, and robbed him of \$28 and a gold watch and chain. The other man got away. Kane refused to "antich" on him.

Senate Committee Repeal of War Laws

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Without amendment the Senate Judiciary Committee to-day reported out the House joint resolution providing for the repeal of all war legislation except the Lever Food Control and Trading with the Enemy Act.

CO-OPERATION ASKED IN FARMING CRISIS

Governor Appeals to Chambers of Commerce and Labor Organizations to Help.

ALBANY, June 4.—Co-operation of Chambers of Commerce, Farm Bureaus and labor organizations in solving the problem of farm labor is requested in a letter made public by Gov. Smith to-day. A conference at the Capitol to consider the situation and to evolve a satisfactory plan of operation is announced. The letter set forth in part:

"If my information is correct, the present condition of the food supply in our State is such as to call for our serious consideration. I feel that some action should be taken as a

matter of safety looking to preparations to avert a shortage which would be a very serious matter for the State.

"There are many hardships over which we have no control, but the question of the shortage of farm help might be dealt with with some degree of success if a plan could be evolved after a conference. Would you be willing to come to Albany for such a conference upon the call of Lieut. Gov. Walker?"

Annual Reunion of 27th Division.

Major Gen. John F. O'Ryan announced to-day that Saratoga Springs has been selected as the place and Sept. 27-30 as the dates of the first annual reunion of the 27th Division, A. E. F. The dates will mark the second anniversary of the Battle of the Hindenberg line. A 27th Division Association will be formed and plans for a memorial discussed. Local arrangements are in the hands of the Saratoga Springs Chamber of Commerce.

GIRL'S QUICK WIT PUTS THIEF IN CELL

Post Office Robbed, She Phones Village, Posse Starts Chase, Man Is Caught.

WATERTOWN, June 4.—Quick action by a girl telephone operator at Natural Bridge, 25 miles from here, at 1:15 this morning resulted in the capture of one of two men who blew open the safe at the post office there.

The girl warned the village, a posse

was organized and one of the twins caught. The robbers got about \$4 worth of stamps from a desk but nothing from the safe. The captured man had in his pocket a newspaper clipping telling about the robbery of the post office at Oxbow, nearby, two nights ago.

GOVERNOR MAY SEND POLICE TO SARATOGA

Has Heard of Gambling Conducted There "on a Large Scale," He Says.

ALBANY, June 4.—A threat to po-

lice the city of Saratoga Springs with State troopers in order to suppress alleged gambling was made by Gov. Smith to-day in a letter sent to the Sheriff and District Attorney of Saratoga County and to the Mayor of Saratoga Springs.

In the letter the Governor stated that Major George F. Chandler, commander of the State Police, had reported to him that a representative of the Saratoga Springs Chamber of Commerce had complained that gambling houses had been permitted "to run on a large scale" at that city last year.

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