

SAYS GAS CO. HEADS KEEP RELATIVES IN HIGHLY PAID POSTS

City Counsel Declares Many in Big Positions Know Little of Business.

CUT ONLY IN QUALITY.

Cheaper Standard Adopted, Then Price Boosted—Two More Cases on To-Day.

Charges that sons and other close relatives of directors and officers of the Consolidated Gas Company are occupying high salaried positions with the Consolidated and subsidiary companies, although they know nothing about the manufacture and distribution of gas, were made by Assistant Corporation Counsel Morrissey before Public Service Commissioner Van Voorhis to-day in a hearing on the application of the Bronx Gas and Electric Company to increase its gas rate from \$1.50 to \$1.70 per thousand feet.

The first witness called was Colin C. Simpson Jr., general superintendent of mains and service of the Consolidated Gas Company, which owns the Bronx institution. Mr. Morrissey on cross-examination brought out that Mr. Simpson, who claimed to be an expert on costs, never personally bought supplies or employed labor and certified to figures prepared by others. Mr. Morrissey also stated that Robert A. Carter Jr., son of the Secretary of the Consolidated Gas Company, who was scheduled to testify as an expert, has no practical knowledge of the gas business, although he is a high salaried officer of the Consolidated.

The hearing proceeded under difficulties because Mr. Morrissey has been refused access to records and the company's plant for investigation for cross-examination purposes. Commissioner Van Voorhis ruled that the hearing should go on and that the Commission would order records produced when Mr. Morrissey specified what he wanted.

Hearing on the application of the Brooklyn Borough Gas Company for permission to increase rates was adjourned to Nov. 2 by Chairman Prendergast to allow the company to examine an affidavit and exhibits submitted by Archibald Little, the city's gas expert, setting forth that a rate of \$1.05 will allow the company ample profits. The company is now charging private consumers \$1.35, but has not advanced its rate for gas consumed by the city for street lighting purposes.

At the conclusion yesterday evening of a hearing on the rates of the Kings County Lighting Company, Samuel F. Moran testified for the company, called Mr. Little, the city's gas engineer, as a witness. He attempted to show that Mr. Little, in a court proceeding affecting the Consolidated Gas Company, had unqualifiedly endorsed the British thermal unit system of measuring gas. Mr. Little maintained that Mr. Moran was not correctly quoting the evidence, said:

"I distinctly stated that I favored the B. T. U. only when the change was made if the consumer would be protected by a corresponding change in price. To which the master in the case replied, 'Why, certainly.'"

Mr. Moran then made several attempts to undo the damage created by Mr. Little's testimony. Mr. Little had been called in an effort to counteract the witness declared by examination by William S. Jackson, Assistant Corporation Counsel, of the testimony of Robert Searles, manager of the Rochester Gas Company. Jackson's questions had been designed to undermine Mr. Searles' ability to testify as an expert and at the same time to show that he knew nothing about the mechanical features of a change from the candle power to a B. T. U. standard, saying: "I have testified as an expert only as to blackening of mantles."

When Mr. Moran then asked Mr. Little if he did not agree with Mr. Searles' testimony, the city's engineer replied, "I most certainly do not."

During subsequent questions Mr. Little showed that every time he knew of involving a change to a B. T. U. gas from a candle power gas made it compulsory upon the company to pass the great saving in cost of manufacture on to the consumer.

"We have already done that," Mr. Moran interjected. But the Kings County Lighting Company, which has never obeyed the 80-cent gas law is charging \$1.50 a thousand for gas, an increase early this year from 95 cents, at which time the gas supplied was admittedly unfit for the use intended.

"I don't believe in the consumer getting a 12-inch pipe and being charged for it, but that is the way Mr. Little put it when pressed by Mr. Moran for his opinion on the B. T. U. gas, but only if you change the price accordingly and adjust the consumers' appliances at your own expense."

Mr. Little's testimony substantiated the suggestion made some months ago by The Evening World that the B. T. U. standard be applied in New York because of the saving in cost to the consumer. But the Kings County Lighting Company, although admitting it has been serving this gas for three years, had raised the rates rather than decreased them.

Mr. Searles' testimony was damaging both to his previous testimony under direct examination and to the company. He admitted the plant of the Kings County Lighting Company was inadequate and that a change to the B. T. U. standard, under these conditions, would not necessarily involve better service to the consumer.

The hearings were adjourned until 10 o'clock, Nov. 2.

Gown That Grew From Hula-Hula Dream; Made of Silk, but Gives Feather Effect



Alise of Paris dreamed a dream of Honolulu and the Hula-Hula costume, so there are novel and charming gowns of white silk, setting the autumn mode. In one, bodice of tulle or silk jersey is trimmed with bunched strands of floss silk. The over skirt is made of heavy floss, gathered into a

dozen half loops by vertical braiding. The dip of the strands is carried to the hem—if hem it can be called—forming a petal effect. A long cape of the silk strands depends from the shoulders. The entire effect is unique and fascinating.

WOMAN OF 100 CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY BY DOING WASHING; SPRY AS EVER, AND TELLS WHY

"Granny" Le Vapresco Partakes of Good Wine and Says "It Never Hurt Anyone"—Condemns Present Styles and Smoking.

Mrs. Francois Le Vapresco, who says she is the oldest woman on Staten Island, celebrated her hundredth birthday to-day in Grant City, Staten Island, by doing a family washing, partaking of a glass or two of wine, praising hard work and regular hours, lambasting present-day women's styles and delivering a diatribe on smoking.

The aged woman, as bright and chipper as many women half her age, looked out upon the crisp October morning through clear blue eyes that needed no glasses. She made a tour of her little farm off Railroad Avenue, just as she has done almost every morning for years, and turned to greet a crowd of flower-bearing school children who had come to wish her well on the day that completed her century of life.

All morning long a constant stream of little ones trailed to the little cottage of the aged woman and left a tribute to "Granny" Le Vapresco, who has always been their friend.

When she was told that to-day is known as Le Vapresco Day in Grant City she bashed through her furrows and said:

"Pshaw! Why are they making all this fuss? I don't think it is anything so wonderful to live to be one hundred. I certainly don't feel a bit older than I did years and years ago. I'm bright and happy and can run around and do the washing and ironing and take care of my little farm. If I was as old as I feel they'd only have about fifty candles on the cake they sent me. There were so many candles on the big cake that I was curious and I counted them. They were right, though, there were just a hundred."

"How did I live so long and feel so well? That's the simplest thing in the world. Any one can do it if they try. I have always lived a clean, decent life. I have always worked hard, and still do. I have always taken a glass of good wine whenever I could get it. Good wine never hurt any one."

"I think smoking one of the curses of the universe. That really sportsmen's life is useless. As for the styles being worn by the women of to-day—they are an abomination. The only thing the young girl nowadays seems to be bashful about is her ears. I believe that the styles of a few years ago, in which modesty and beauty played a predominating part, were the best."

"To-day some girls are wearing dresses on the streets that had the girls of a few years ago worn as bathing suits they would have been arrested."

"I don't know, of course, how much longer I shall live, but if feeling well and chipper and spry is any indica-

SAY YOUTH THREW HIS MOTHER DOWN 2 STAIR FLIGHTS

He Is Arrested on Larceny Charge and Mother's Condition Is Critical.

Alleged to have thrown his mother, Mrs. Alice Gregory, down two flights of stairs after she had charged him with the theft of \$500 worth of bonds, Horace Gregory, sixteen years old, of No. 137 Bainbridge Street, Brooklyn, was arraigned before Magistrate Licta in the Gates Avenue Court in Brooklyn to-day, charged with grand larceny.

The boy's mother is in the Bushwick Hospital with her right leg broken and internal injuries. Because of her internal injuries, she will probably have to submit to a surgical operation, physicians say, and her condition is regarded as critical.

According to the police, Mrs. Gregory missed \$500 in Irish Republic bonds from her home yesterday. Her son was out and she was talking with a neighbor in the hallway on the second floor of her home when he returned to the house. It is alleged that Mrs. Gregory taxed her son with stealing the bonds and when he denied it attempted to search his pockets.

Then, it is stated, young Gregory seized his mother and threw her down the stairs from the second to the first floor and, following her down the stairs, struggled with her on the first floor landing and then threw her from the first floor to the ground floor.

Dr. Weiser of Bushwick Hospital found Mrs. Gregory in a serious condition and took her to that institution. The police say that young Gregory admits throwing his mother downstairs, but said that "he lost his head." He also admits the theft of a watch and chain from his mother, they say, but denies that he stole any bonds. He was held in \$1,000 bail to-day for examination on Thursday.

24 FAMILIES ARE ROUTED BY BLAZE

Fire in Cellar of Double Apartment House Sends 150 to the Street.

The twenty-four families in the five-story building, Nos. 3 and 5 Second Avenue, near First Street, were given to the street at 4:30 A. M. to-day by a fire in the basement of No. 3.

The blaze started in coal, wood and baggage stored in the cellar and soon spread to the first floor. The flames in No. 3 did not get out by way of the stairs because of the smoke and escaped to No. 5 by the fire escape balconies, thence down the stairs to the street.

More than 150 men, women and children, including the two babies, were taken to the hospital, and hundreds of others were rescued. The fire department, which was called at 2:30 A. M., did not reach any of the apartments.

\$553,000 ADDED TO BUDGET FOR CHILD WELFARE

Increase Granted by Estimate Board After Plea by Sophie Irene Loeb.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment to-day departed from its policy adopted by resolution against any budget increases of city departments in the Child Welfare Board after a plea made by Sophie Irene Loeb, President of the Child Welfare Board, and a member of the Evening World staff.

An increase of \$553,000 in the Child Welfare Budget for 1922 was granted at a hearing before the Finance and Budget Committee in the City Hall. Miss Loeb asked for more clerical help and gave reasons why clerks, stenographers and others were needed to handle the Board's increasing business. The Board handles 2,000 cases a month. After listening to Miss Loeb's plea, Mayor Hylan moved to allow an assistant secretary at \$2,750 for next year. Six new investigators and three new stenographers were allowed an increase of \$27,000. The sum of \$553,000 was allowed for widows and orphans next year. This is an increase of \$2,500,000 in three years.

The total budget for child welfare for 1922 will be \$3,454,570. At the conclusion of the hearing, Miss Loeb said if the members would read the report they would see that the bureau has achieved great economy, considering the good it is doing for widows and orphans.

"The Child Welfare Board has relieved the city of public charges as no other department," she stated "by getting under the underlying causes of distress and destitution and eliminating poverty stricken children from the courts, Police Department, Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children and Hospitals, to say nothing of orphan institutions. This month will be the hardest of any and the Board of Child Welfare will get these poorest families to care for."

Miss Loeb declared forty-one States have used child welfare work along lines copied from the New York Bureau. She declared in answer to a question by Commissioner William J. Flynn of the Bronx that the present administration "had done more to get at the underlying causes in child welfare work than any previous city regime."

"Every member of this Board of Estimate at this table has helped as no other administration has helped," she declared.

The Department of Plant and Structures Budget for 1922 shows a net saving of \$641,396.26. The budget was approved by the committee in the same form it was presented. In explaining the budget Commissioner Whalen said:

"The budget of the Department of Plant and Structures, existing conditions of Aug. 31, 1921, amounts to \$6,577,250.63. The tentative budget submitted by the department for the ensuing year, 1922, represents a total of \$5,935,854.37, or a net saving of \$641,396.26."

Commissioner Whalen stated that this result has been obtained by exercising rigid economy. The new activities added to the department during the past year include the operation and maintenance of the 25d Street-Greenpoint Ferry, Glason Point-College Point Ferry, Grand Street-Broadway Brooklyn Ferry; and maintenance of the following viaducts which were transferred to the department by the Legislature at the request of the President of the Borough of Manhattan: Park Avenue, 40th-42d Streets; Riverside Drive, 127th-135th Streets; 145th Street, Edgecombe Avenue to Macombs Dam Bridge.

In spite of these added activities and the additional equipment of six ferries, the mechanical force of the department has not been increased and the other than personal service has been reduced approximately \$300,000.

When the session opened Mayor Hylan explained his action yesterday in voting against an appropriation to pay the salary of Maj. Charles S. Demarest, who is seeking reinstatement in the Fire Department as Chief of Construction in charge of the repair shops.

"I voted against the reinstatement of Mr. Demarest," said the Mayor, "because he retired under the law after twenty years' service on a pension of one-half his pay and since his retirement the salary of his position has increased, and if he were to be reinstated there is nothing to prevent him from retiring again the day after his reinstatement on an increased pension."

Tailor Accused of Threatening Another on Strike

John Giuffredo, a tailor of No. 24 Higgs Street, Brooklyn, was held in \$100 bail to-day by Magistrate Frotiguen in Yorkville Court. Giuffredo threatened to force the strike of dressmakers in Yorkville, Manhattan, and the garment workers in the city.

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CHARLOTTE PHILLIPS IS ENGAGED TO PAUL E. JOHNSTON



Wedding Will Take Place at the Home of the Bride's Parents.

Announcement is made by Dr. and Mrs. Wendell C. Phillips of No. 40 West 47th Street of the engagement of their daughter, Charlotte Alice to Paul Edwin Johnston of New York and Hartford, Conn.

The ceremony will be performed in the home of the bride's parents, by the Rev. Cornelius Woolfath, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church. The best man will be Ralph Wolf of New York. The ushers will be Harold F. Gibson, J. J. Van Schack of Hartford, Charles McKay and Gardner Johnson.

Matron of honor will be Mrs. Craig Francis Cullinan of Houston, Texas, sister of the bride, and the bride's maids, Hortense Garish, Elizabeth Vernon of Newport and Rebecca Brown.

DELAY IN 80-CENT GAS CASES ASKED

Consolidated and Other Companies Claim State's Right Did Not Come in Time.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—Delay of the arguments on several cases involving the validity of the New York City 80-cent Gas Ordinance was asked in the Supreme Court to-day by the Consolidated Gas Company of New York and other companies.

Postponement was strongly opposed by attorneys for the State Attorney General and the New York County District Attorney. The cases are set for hearing next Monday, and the court took the question of delay under advisement.

TWO JURORS GET TEN DAYS FOR INTIMIDATING OTHERS.

Driscoll and Cochran Convicted of Trying to Affect Plant Verdict.

Justice Cropsey in the Brooklyn Supreme Court to-day found William J. Driscoll and William R. Cochran, jurors in the trial of Garman Plant, a Nassau County detective accused of receiving stolen automobiles, guilty of contempt of court and sentenced them each to ten days in jail.

During the Plant trial, the Justice found, the two men tried to influence fellow jurors to free Plant. Driscoll, the court said, drew a revolver during the deliberation, removed the cartridges, exhibited it and then reloaded it. He also threatened to "fix" other jurors who were against Plant and threatened to injure the business of one juror. In general, he said, Driscoll was noisy, ungentlemanly, insulting and offensive and was, in truth, a bully. Even before the case went to the jury, the court said, Driscoll told another juror that "Plant was a good fellow."

Boys Scatter Stolen Hens in Brownsville

Sell All They Can and Turn the Rest Loose in the Street.

There were chaotic scenes in Brownsville last night. Fine pullets were running about the streets and many a family had a feast. In the Brownsville station two youngsters were locked up charged with entering the Gordon poultry house at No. 275 Junius Street, Brownsville, and taking several dozen fowl. The boys are Herman Koenig, eleven years old, of No. 45 Sutter Avenue, Brooklyn, and Nathan Benjamin, eight years old of No. 44 Sutter Avenue.

It is said the lads put the chickens in bags and set out to peddle them. Many housewives purchased \$4 worth for 30 cents. When the youngsters found they couldn't sell their entire stock they let the rest out of the bags.

WORKMEN'S BANK SYSTEM URGED BY JERSEY LABOR.

Sponsor Would Keep Savings Away From Open Shop Advocates.

A resolution calling for consideration of the establishment of a workmen's banking system in New Jersey was introduced to-day at the convention of the New Jersey Federation of Labor in the Elks Club, Jersey City. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. It follows the suggestion made yesterday by James Starr, Vice President of the United Textile Workers of America, in a speech to the convention. Mr. Starr contended that capitalistic groups are united for the continuation of the open shop, and that the organization of workmen's savings institutions would make it possible to withhold from such groups large sums of capital obtained through workmen's savings deposit.

FATHER OF TEN ARRESTED FOR STABBING AT PART.

Morgue Employee Accused of Wounding Guest in Quarrel With Wife.

Charles Degener, fifty-four, father of ten children, was arrested early to-day in connection with the stabbing of John White, forty-seven, No. 49 27th Street, Elizabeth, at a party in Degener's home, No. 308 First Avenue. According to the police, Degener and his wife argued over another guest, and White, who interfered, was stabbed with a penknife.

When Detective Burns reached the house Mrs. Degener had taken White to Bellevue in a taxicab and the ten children were crying. White's condition is serious. Degener is employed at the Morgue.

CABBY HOLDS UP JAP AND GETS ONLY JIU JITSU LESSON

Demand All Victim Had, but Was Glad to Get Away Without Even Fare.

Samuel Mizani, twenty-six, a Japanese, living at the Orange Tennis Club in Orange, N. J., after looking over the decorations in Chinatown, hired a taxicab at Chatham Square at 2:30 A. M. to-day.

Near 27th Street and Seventh Avenue the chauffeur stopped, ordered him out and demanded all his money. The Jap used jiu jitsu and the chauffeur jumped back to his seat and drove rapidly away without getting even what the clock showed was due him. Mizani reported the attempted hold-up at the West 20th Street Station and left his address so the chauffeur can call for his fare if he wants it.

Advertisement for Lifebuoy soap. Text: 'Take your first step toward a beautiful, healthy complexion—Use Lifebuoy today.' Image: A bar of Lifebuoy soap. Text: 'Lifebuoy's health odor is delightful.' 'Made in U.S.A.' 'The HEALTH soap'

Advertisement for Oppenheim, Collins & Co. Text: 'On Special Sale Wednesday New Fall Coats For Women and Misses. Distinctive Wrap-Coats, Semi-fitted and Belted. Exceptionally Priced at 58.00. Beautiful soft-piled fabrics, including Pollyanna, Arcadia and Bolivia, handsomely silk-lined and warmly interlined. Malay Brown, Beaver, Taupe, Navy, Volnay Red and Black. Women's Coat Dept.—2nd Floor'