

COMPANY FIGURES ON GAS DECLARED 40 P. C. TOO HIGH

They Put Cost at \$1.57 Per 1,000 Cu. Ft.—Little, at \$0.94.

Evidence claiming that the proper cost to make and distribute gas is only three-fifths the amount claimed by the New York & Queens Gas Company was presented to the Public Service Commission today by A. S. B. Little, gas engineer employed by the city.

The company in presenting its case for an increase of rates from \$1.25 a thousand cubic feet to \$1.60 with an additional service charge in each case of 75 cents a month stated the net cost to make and sell gas to its consumers was \$1.3738 a thousand cubic feet. Mr. Little's figures to-day placed that amount at only \$0.9418. Both figures did not include a return on the investment.

William L. Ransom, counsel for the company, interpolated, when Mr. Little gave his figure, the remark: "The Federal Court has held we are entitled to a return of 5% for every \$1,000 invested. This would mean a rate of \$1.35 a thousand to earn a proper return."

The present rate, it had been testified previously, averaged, as a result of the service charge, about \$1.50 a thousand. The rate asked, it was further testified, would net about \$1.55 a thousand.

Chairman Prendergast of the Commission, who has been hearing this case, declared that because of misleading statements which have appeared in the newspapers in connection with this case, he wanted to emphasize that the testimony of Mr. Little did not mean that gas would be sold for less than \$1. Both Mr. Little and Assistant Corporation Counsel Fertig denied they had intended to convey any such impression.

Frequent clashes between Mr. Fertig and Mr. Ransom punctuated the hearing, the former asserting alleged sneers and the general attitude of the company's counsel. He also objected to statements made by Mr. Ransom in the form of testimony. Mr. Prendergast, after several exchanges of asperity between counsel, succeeded in restoring diplomatic relations.

Dr. John A. Bauer, formerly chief statistician to the old Public Service Commission, and an economist now connected with the Corporation Counsel's office was called to testify on returns earned by utilities.

THIRD ROBBERY IN A YEAR.
For the third time in a year thieves stole clothes from the store of William Morgan & Sons' Company at No. 14 Cortlandt Street after smashing in the show window with a stone.

FLOTILLA MANAGER HELD FOR ALLEGED SALE OF LIQUOR

Head Waiter Also Accused by U. S. Agents—Say They Paid \$6 for Half a Pint.

Peter Gallina, captain of waiters, and Johnson De Jekelfalussy, manager of the S. S. Flotilla restaurant at Sixth Avenue and 53rd Street were held in \$1,000 bail each by United States Commissioner Hitchcock today on charges of violating the Volstead act. They complained that they had been locked up over night without opportunity to give bail. Bonds were furnished this morning by the National Surety Company.

After their arraignment, H. L. Hannaly, said to be assistant manager of Delmonico's at Fifth Avenue and 41st Street, was brought before Assistant United States District Attorney Mildeberger, who refused to say anything more about the case than that Hannaly would be arraigned before Commissioner Hitchcock this afternoon.

Peter Reager, Charles Leap and Edward Morganstein, Prohibition enforcement agents, made their way to one of the tables in the S. S. Flotilla, and after telling Gallina that Leap was a college student seeing the sights of the city with Reager, his "father," and Morganstein, a prosperous business man, said something about the Flotilla being rather a dry place.

Gallina, the agents later said, had a whispered conversation with Jekelfalussy, the manager, after which they alleged, he returned with a half pint flask of whiskey, for which Reager paid \$6. When each of the agents had tasted the liquid, Reager arrested Gallina, while Leap and Morganstein made a prisoner of Jekelfalussy.

Women and men dancing near the table occupied by the three agents heard Reager inform Gallina he was under arrest, and within a few seconds the agent and his prisoner were hemmed in. No attempt was made to interfere with the Prohibition agents, however, and in a few minutes they led the manager and the waiter to West 30th Street Station.

MOTHER OF CAESAR BARRA DEAD.
Mrs. Amelia Barra, sixty-five, who had lived in this city for half a century and was prominent in Italian social and charitable institutions, died last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Josephine Frisco, No. 225 East 133d Street. She leaves a husband, John, and seven children, three daughters and four sons, one of the latter being Caesar Barra, an attorney of No. 62 Park Row. The funeral will be conducted on Monday at 11 o'clock in old St. Patrick's Cathedral in Mott Street.

YOUNG WIDOW HELD FOR KILLING BOY BY AJTO

Witness Says Mrs. Thompson Was Unable to Drive.

Mrs. Loretta Thompson, a young widow, No. 2117 East 14th Street, Brooklyn, was held in \$10,000 bail in Coney Island Court today on a charge of homicide in connection with the death of Dominick Leo, eleven years old, No. 94 Duane Street, in an automobile accident on Jan. 12. She had no lawyer, but Magistrate Steers advised her to waive examination, which she did.

The accident occurred at East 24d Street, Sheepshead Bay, where it is charged she ran her automobile onto the sidewalk, striking three children. Leo died two days later, and another, Gerald Fox, six years old, son of Fire Company No. 246, is still in the hospital in a serious condition.

Lieut. Fox said he saw the accident and declared that Mrs. Thompson was not in a fit condition to be driving an automobile that night.

Her husband, Robert, was killed in an automobile accident three months ago.

FRESHMEN HEADS SHAVED —18 SOPHS. DISMISSED

Mississippi College Acts After Hazing Episode.

STARKVILLE, Miss., Feb. 3.—Dismissal of eighteen members of the sophomore class of Mississippi A. & M. College was announced today by Dr. D. C. Hill, president of the institution, as a result of a recent hazing episode, from which members of the freshman class emerged with closely shaven heads.

The head-shaving party is believed to have been in retaliation for the recent obliteration of the figures "24" on top of the college water tank and the substitution of the figures "25."

NEW ORLEANS ENTRIES.

FAIR GROUNDS, NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 3.—The entries for tomorrow's races are as follows: **FIRST RACE**—\$1,000, allowance; two-year-olds; three furlongs.—(a) Duster, 112; (b) Daniel, 112; Prince K., 121; Miss Lady, 108; (c) Prince of Umbria, 107; (d) Kallio, 107; Rosie H., 108; Peter Brown, 113; Lew, 115; (e) Orleans Stable entry, (a) H. T. Griffin entry.

SIXTH RACE—\$1,000, claiming; three-year-olds and upward; six furlongs.—(a) Marie Martin, 102; (b) Dan, 112; (c) Little Patsy, 93; (d) Paul Connelly, 112; Marie Martin, 102; (e) Dan, 112; (f) Little Patsy, 93; (g) Paul Connelly, 112; (h) Marie Martin, 102; (i) Dan, 112; (j) Little Patsy, 93; (k) Paul Connelly, 112.

SEVENTH RACE—\$1,000, allowance; three-year-olds and upward; six furlongs.—(a) Marie Martin, 102; (b) Dan, 112; (c) Little Patsy, 93; (d) Paul Connelly, 112; Marie Martin, 102; (e) Dan, 112; (f) Little Patsy, 93; (g) Paul Connelly, 112; (h) Marie Martin, 102; (i) Dan, 112; (j) Little Patsy, 93; (k) Paul Connelly, 112.

EIGHTH RACE—\$1,000, allowance; three-year-olds and upward; six furlongs.—(a) Marie Martin, 102; (b) Dan, 112; (c) Little Patsy, 93; (d) Paul Connelly, 112; Marie Martin, 102; (e) Dan, 112; (f) Little Patsy, 93; (g) Paul Connelly, 112; (h) Marie Martin, 102; (i) Dan, 112; (j) Little Patsy, 93; (k) Paul Connelly, 112.

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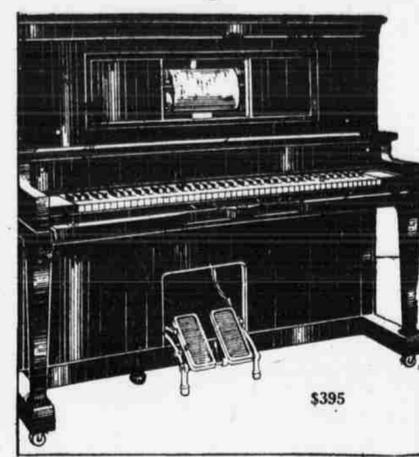
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