

**GAS CASE DELAYS
BLAMED ON MAYOR**

Thred of Charges Against Commission When Fault Is City's, Says Prendergast.

Public Service Commissioner William M. Prendergast, while presiding at a hearing into gas rates to-day, figuratively threw back into the face of Mayor Hylan the oft made charge that the Public Service Commission is purposely delaying action in the pending gas rate cases in the interests of the gas corporations.

When Assistant Corporation Counsel M. Maldwin Fetig asked the commission for further delay in continuing the unfinished rate case of the Bronx Gas & Electric Company because the city's expert, Archibald S. B. Little, was engaged in other gas rate cases.

Mr. Prendergast said it was about time the city administration provided funds for the employment of experts and facilities to proceed and stop charging the delay to the Public Service Commission.

In the continued hearing of the rate case of the New York & Queens Gas Company before the commission to-day former Public Service Commissioner Milo H. Maltbie, testifying as a witness for the commission, said he disagreed with the decision and opinion of former Appeals Judge Miller (now Governor), in which the Judge held that losses incurred early in the life of corporations should properly be added in latter years as value to the property.

DEPENDANT IN "NICKY" ARNSTEIN CASE DENIED BAIL REDUCTION.

An application for the reduction of the bail bond of William D. Easterday from \$5,000 to \$1,000 was denied by Justice Bijur in Supreme Court to-day. Easterday was indicted in March, 1919, for attempted grand larceny in connection with a check transaction. Deputy Assistant District Attorney Driscoll opposed the bail reduction and informed the court Easterday now is under \$10,000 bail in Washington on an indictment returned by the Federal Court in connection with the "Nicky" Arnsstein bond case.

FALL HAD KILLED WOMAN HAD DEAD UNDER BRIDGE.

An inquest by Assistant Medical Examiner Beutlinger of Kings County was held to-day on the body of the young woman found frozen under the Brooklyn end of the Manhattan Bridge. He found that the woman's right breast was broken as were the ribs on the right side, and most of her organs were ruptured. The injuries established that she had been killed by falling from the road way 149 feet above. She is still unidentified.

**2 HURT IN CRASH
PUT UNDER ARREST**

Reckless Driving, Intoxication and No License, Charged Against Autoists.

An automobile in which four men were riding crashed into a subway post on Fourth Avenue, between 41th and 45th Streets, Brooklyn, early to-day. The car was smashed and all four passengers were thrown to the street. The driver was found pinned under the steering wheel. Two of the quartet escaped without any injuries and left the scene hurriedly.

The injured men described themselves as Thomas King, No. 52 East 52d Street, and John West, No. 473 East 67th Street, both of Manhattan. King, the police say, was driving the car at a speed of about fifty miles an hour when the accident occurred. The two were removed to the Kings County Hospital under arrest on charges of reckless driving and intoxication.

King did not have a driver's license.

**"LET THE FARMERS
IN ON TRUST GAME"**

Senator Norris Says Anti-Laws Have Failed—Sturs Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Declaring that the Federal anti-trust laws had failed to accomplish the purposes for which they were drawn, Senator Norris of Nebraska told the Senate to-day that he was willing to give the farmers "authority to form any kind of an old trust—either buying or selling—and let them get into the game too."

"We have had trusts and they have been dissolved and are still doing business at the same old stand," he said, adding that the Standard Oil interests had not had their control broken and that the United States Steel Corporation, although given "a clean bill of health" by the Supreme Court of the United States, "controls prices, and everybody knows it controls prices." "I say 'everybody' knows it con-

**JAPAN STOPS WORK
ON 8 NEW WARSHIPS**

Tokio Carries Out Provisions of Arms Treaty.

TOKIO, Feb. 8 (Associated Press).—The Navy Department formally has ordered various dockyards to stop construction work on eight battleships and battle cruisers now on the ways which are to be scrapped in accordance with the Washington Conference agreement. The battleships are the Kaga, Kii, Owarai and Tosa; the battle cruisers are the Atago, Akagi, Amagi and Takao.

Construction of auxiliary craft set for the fiscal year 1924-1925 will be advanced to the present in order to afford employment for the dockyard workers.

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MOSCOW, Feb. 8.—One hundred per cent. a month is the average interest charged in Moscow, which has become a money lenders' paradise. Notwithstanding the seven trillion or more rubles printed in the past four years, there is not enough money in circulation to accommodate the demands of business and speculation. Thousands clamor daily for loans of from 30,000,000 to 200,000,000 rubles.

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ORLANDO TRYING TO FORM NEW CABINET.
LONDON, Feb. 8 (Associated Press).

Former Premier Orlando of Italy has accepted the invitation of King Victor Emmanuel to form a new Cabinet to succeed the Bonomi Ministry, which resigned last week, says an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Rome to-day.

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