

### Mayor to Aid La Follette in U.S. Gas Inquiry

### Hylan Instructs Corporation Counsel to Place Record of 4 Years' Fight in Hands of Senate Investigators

### Sees Rockefeller's Hand

### People Being Plundered by Interlocking Gas and Oil Interests, He Declares

Mayor Hylan asked Corporation Counsel O'Brien yesterday to place before the Committee on Manufactures of the United States Senate, which is now conducting an investigation of the question of monopoly with respect to the prices of petroleum products, including gas oil, all the records and data of the gas rate cases in which this city has been interested during the last four years. Senator La Follette introduced the resolution for the investigation in the Senate.

"The City of New York is vitally concerned in this senatorial investigation," the Mayor said in his letter to Mr. O'Brien. "An opportunity is presented for doing a splendid service to the gas consumers of this city who have been patiently waiting for over a year for Chairman Prendergast and his colleagues on Governor Miller's Public Service Commission to reduce the price of gas to 80 cents or less.

**Says Interests Interlock**  
"As the price of gas oil is the most important factor entering into the cost of making gas and it was this element of cost mainly that enabled the gas companies to have the 80-cent gas statute set aside, I hereby direct you to place immediately before Senator La Follette and the members of the Committee on Manufactures all the records and data collected in the gas rate cases in which this city has been involved

during the past four years. Make particular mention of the following disclosures brought out in these litigations:

"That the price paid by the gas companies to the oil monopoly was unfair and unreasonable and, further, that the purchases were made from a monopoly closely related to the gas interests.

"That Rockefeller, who was a dominant party in the control of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, was also a member of the executive committee of the Consolidated Gas Company, which buys all its gas oil from the former company.

"That the Standard Oil Company's domination over the price of gas oil enabled the Consolidated Gas Company to assail successfully the 80-cent gas statute of this state.

"That intimate relations existed between the Brooklyn Union Gas Company and the Standard Oil Company, and

"That there are governmental records showing a variation in the price charged by the Standard Oil Company for gas oil exported and the price charged during the same period for gas oil to the gas companies with which it is affiliated.

### People Being "Plundered"

"If the interlocking of gas companies and oil companies is to be permitted to go on without check or hindrance, upon the part of the state and Federal officials, the plundering of the people through extortionate prices for such commodities as gas will continue unabated. See to it that Senator La Follette and the Committee on Manufactures are aided in every possible way, to the end that the stronghold of these combinations upon the gas business of the City of New York may be effectively controlled, if not entirely broken, and that the price of gas may be reduced to a charge that is fair and which will represent common justice to the millions of consumers."

### Oldest U. S. Employee to Quit

NICHOLASVILLE, Ky., July 22.—Captain S. S. Cole, ninety-six years old, reputed to be the oldest person in the employ of the Federal government, announced today his intention of retiring as superintendent of the National Cemetery at Camp Nelson. Captain Cole was a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln and was appointed to his present position forty years ago by Robert Lincoln, then Secretary of War. He is a veteran of the Mexican, Civil and Blackfoot Indian wars.

### Board of Estimate Killing Zoning Law, Realtors Assert

### Charge Borough Presidents Favor Property Changes Without the Consent of Majority of Residents

The value of the real estate zoning resolution will be wiped out if the city authorities continue to add amendments, according to a statement issued yesterday by the Real Estate Board of New York. The statement says:

"The advocates of the building zone resolution passed by the Board of Estimate in 1916 gave as a certain result of its adoption the stabilization of property values because of the permanency in the character of occupation. The resolution stated there would be no changes in zone areas unless petitioned for by more than 50 per cent of the owners of frontage on streets affected by the proposed change or by a proceeding initiated by the Board of Estimate for the general good of the entire community.

"Recently the entire policy of the city has changed. By a resolution of the Board of Estimate, the Board of Appeals was authorized to make changes within a city block where such changes were justified. The calendar for the Board of Estimate of July 11 showed applications for sixty changes. The calendar of the Board for July 19 contained thirty applications. Some of these applications were of the most radical character and, while the Board turned down the most radical ones, they were favored in each instance by the borough presidents.

"The position of the Real Estate Board has always been that no zoning change should be made unless desired by a majority of the property owners affected, and then only for the public good."

### Forbids Sale of Church Art

MADRID, July 22.—The Archbishop of Seville has issued a circular to the clergy of the diocese forbidding traffic in the artistic treasures of the churches without the written consent of the hierarchy. The priests of the diocese are instructed to report to the authorities every attempt to alienate art objects and requested them to conserve carefully inventories of everything in possession of the churches.

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[Second Floor]

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One Model Illustrated Above

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[Fourth Floor]

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[Fourth Floor]

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[Fourth Floor]

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[Main Floor]

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