

# CITY GOES INTO GAS BUSINESS

CONSUMERS' MONTHLY BILLS ARE GARNISHEED  
COLLECTING BACK LICENSES

Council Adopts Heroic Measures to Secure Payment of Independent Company's Indebtedness

The city is now making a business of collecting gas bills. The long suffering citizens are at last getting back at a gas company for the citizen is, at least in the case in hand, the official gas man.

Yesterday the corporation of Los Angeles served in Justice Young's court a garnishee on the lines of the Peoples Gas company, successors to the Los Angeles Independent Gas company.

These garnishments were served late yesterday afternoon by deputies on the consumers of the company, and up and down Hill street they created considerable excitement. In most instances the men were away from home and the women immediately arrived at the conclusion that the city was suing them, and in some instances the deputies, it is said, were put to flight.

**Company Worth Millions**  
The company has never paid any license and the city attorney's office was instructed by the council to use any legal means to collect the accrued licenses. The garnishments were served to satisfy the unpaid licenses which have accrued. About 50 or 60 of the notices were served on Hill street alone.

The Peoples' Gas company, reputed to be worth \$5,000,000, took over the interests of the old Los Angeles Independent, or Lowe, company several months ago. At that time Mayor McAleer used all of his influence in an endeavor to persuade the council to buy the old plant. The council asked why not take it over on account of non-payment of license, the old company owing at that time about \$2400 in accrued licenses.

Since May the bills of the gas company have gone out with Peoples' Gas company stamped over the old name with a rubber stamp. The council is determined to collect the back license and a movement may soon be made to attach the gas mains of this company which are laid under the streets. Such drastic measures, it is believed, would bring the corporation to time in short order.

## WANTS \$1000 CASH FOR RETURN OF CERTIFICATES

Comstock Claims That He Has Definite Offer From Steamer Thief's Attorney

By Associated Press.  
BOSTON, June 13.—Henry Comstock, the victim of the mysterious theft of securities valued at \$120,000 on a Sound steamer Saturday night, today said that late last night he received a second telephone message from New York from an alleged attorney of the thief, promising to return the securities for \$1000 in cash. Comstock says he was asked to name a representative who was to meet the New York agent at a designated place.

The New York police have been advised of these facts, Mr. Comstock said. He added that he had determined upon two courses: First, to endeavor to secure an indemnity bond from a surety company, by which means he would be able to secure himself a re-issue of the stolen certificates. Having got the indemnity bond, Mr. Comstock said he would proceed to try to arrest the robbers.

## APPLIES FOR RECEIVER

Stockholder of International Insurance Company Alleges Fraud

By Associated Press.  
TRENTON, N. J., June 13.—Israel Kauffman of Atlantic City today filed a petition in the court of chancery asking that a receiver be appointed for the International Insurance company of New Jersey, and that thirteen stockholders of the company be compelled to disclose how they had obtained about 2000 shares of stock, when it is alleged most of them were insolvent at the time the company was formed.

The defendants are all residents of Atlantic City. Kauffman declares that the company is doing business illegally and that a fraud is being perpetrated on the other stockholders.

## WEST POINTERS HOLD GRADUATING EXERCISES

By Associated Press.  
WEST POINT, N. Y., June 13.—The graduation exercises of the first class, 114 in number, were held today under a covering of canvas in front of the library. An exceedingly large crowd was in attendance. Among the officers present were Lieut. Gen. Miles, retired, and Lieut. Gen. Chaffee. The address to the graduating class was delivered by Franklin Murphy of New York, president of the board of visitors, which was followed by an address by Gen. Chaffee and by the delivery of diplomas by Secretary of War Taft.

## PANAMA GOVERNMENT WILL COIN MORE SILVER

By Associated Press.  
PANAMA, June 13.—The government of Panama, in accordance with the advice of the Panama commission and the local bankers, has decided to coin one million silver pesos. This step is calculated to relieve the demand for silver caused by the activity of the canal works and increased business, and will prevent any monetary crisis.

## CUMNOCK GRADUATES PICNIC AT EAGLE ROCK



NINE YOUNG WOMEN AND A LONELY MAN OUT HAY RIDING

Nine young women and one lonely though supremely happy man enjoyed an outing at Gate's hall, Eagle Rock, Monday. They were graduates of the Cumnock School of Oratory, class 1905, and were the guests of Misses Ethel Taylor and Gladys Edmonds.

The party, including the unlonesome man, met at Avenue 54 and Monte Vista avenue at 10 o'clock and proceeded upon their journey to Eagle Rock aboard a hay rick. Anticipating a day of revelry among the wildernesses of Eagle Rock, in which they were not disappointed, the gay party sang college songs and chorused college yells to the

amusement of the suburbanite and fright of passing teams.

The two miles were covered leisurely, the party stopping occasionally to chase a stray and thoroughly frightened prairie dog or to hunt down and hoot at a lonely owl as he blinked upon his leafy bed, and the bubbling spirits of the oratorically inclined young women and unlonely man frequently enlivened the occasion with a sputtering gem, which was duly preserved for future generations by a stenographer and may probably be handed down in history in book form later on.

Friends and guests were awaiting their arrival at Eagle Rock with gaily

decorated banners, representing almost everything from Coxe's army to the college colors, and an ovation that would have caused President Roosevelt to swell with undisguised pride was tendered them as they leaped from the wagon to begin the day's festivities.

The house and hall were beautifully decorated, the women having attended to that portion of the arrangements without the aid of the lucky man, and the day was pleasantly spent by the small party under the direction of Mrs. Bonnell, who acted the role of chaperon.

The last meeting of the class will occur Thursday, when they will be entertained at luncheon by Miss Wilkes of Avenue 60.

The class is composed of the following named: Misses Mabel Hoffman, Lella von Ache, Ethel Taylor, Sadie Winslow, Gladys Edmonds, Willamene Wilkes, Dora Haller, Francisca Puley and Nina Reed and Ernest Phillips.

## FIREMEN OVERCOME BY HEAT AND SMOKE

Conflagration in San Francisco Warehouse Extinguished After Long and Exhausting Struggle

By Associated Press.  
SAN FRANCISCO, June 11.—The fire which broke out last night in the warehouse of Waterhouse & Lester, 534-542 Howard street, was not extinguished until today, and during the struggle against the flames nine firemen were overcome by the heat and smoke. Engine Capt. Dakins, who was overcome while at work on the fifth floor, was rescued in an unconscious condition by Fireman Herz. Dakins was lowered to the ground and removed to a hospital. Other firemen who rushed into the building fought the flames until exhausted and had to be removed from the building.

The building in which the warehouse was situated is built of brick and was almost new. The loss is placed at about \$30,000, all of which is fully covered by insurance.

## PLANS NEW DESTROYERS

Improved Type of Torpedo Boat to Be Tried by Germany

By Associated Press.  
BERLIN, June 13.—The navy department has ordered from the Germania works six sea going torpedo boats of a new type. They are of large displacement and are in every way stronger built and fitted with more numerous torpedo tubes than the torpedo boats previously laid down. The vital parts of the new boats will be protected from the fire of the smaller guns of warships.

These boats are to be completed inside of a year, are expected to have a speed equal to the boats of the present type, owing to their powerful machinery, and yet be strong enough to withstand the fire of an enemy's quick-firing guns while approaching a warship and discharging torpedoes. One of the six boats will be fitted with turbine engines as an experiment.

## GLASS WORKERS ENDEAVOR TO PREVENT CUT IN WAGES

By Associated Press.  
COLUMBUS, O., June 13.—Glass manufacturers from all over the country are in session here today to agree upon a wage scale. Simon Burns, president of the Window Glass Workers, and President F. C. Faulkner of the Amalgamated Association of Window Glass Workers are here trying to prevent a cut in wages.

## STAY OF EXECUTION DENIED TO PATRICK

By Associated Press.  
ALBANY, N. Y., June 13.—The court of appeals today refused to grant a stay of execution of death sentence in order to permit a motion for a reargument in the case of Albert Patrick, convicted of the murder of William M. Rice. The court, which will adjourn on Friday until October, will fix the date of execution before its adjournment.

**CANTARA AN ARROW STYLE**  
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