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PETITION IS GRANTED BY COMMISSION

Franchise Rates May Suspend Unless Petitioner Makes A Certain Showing.

Increased gas rates for the cities of Hammond, Whiting, East Chicago and Indiana Harbor have been granted the Northern Indiana Gas & Electric Co. by the Public Service Commission of Indiana. The petition of the company was filed with the commission May 8, 1920, and the public hearing was held at Hammond, July 21.

	Gross.	Net.
First 30,000 cu. ft.	\$1.10	\$1.00
Next 20,000 cu. ft.	1.00	.90
Next 10,000 cu. ft.90	.80
Next 5,000 cu. ft.80	.70
Over 50,000 cu. ft.75	.65

The new rates granted by the commission are as follows:

	Gross.	Net.
First 30,000 cu. ft.	\$1.50	\$1.40
Next 20,000 cu. ft.	1.40	1.30
Next 10,000 cu. ft.	1.30	1.20
Next 5,000 cu. ft.	1.15	1.05
Over 50,000 cu. ft.	1.05	.95

The rate fixed for monthly consumption of gas in excess of 500,000 cubic feet per month is projected on the average price of 1.05 per cubic foot for gas oil, f. o. b. the Hammond gas works, said gross and net rate of 85 cents and 75 cents shall be subject to adjustment monthly by being increased or lowered in an amount equal to one cent per thousand cubic feet for every three-tenths of one cent fractional part thereof variation in the price per gallon of gas oil, as is used during said month, provided, however, that the average rate for any month to any consumer using gas under this order shall not exceed a gross rate of \$1.281 or a net rate of \$1.281 per thousand cubic feet.

Bills shall be rendered and due monthly and if paid within fifteen days, the net rate shall be charged. It is further ordered that the rates authorized by this order shall not be in effect until the order is rescinded by the commission, the petitioner shall file with the commission a declaration that in the event operating costs shall fall to such a point that the franchise rates would be exceeded as found by the commission, the petitioner will waive any legal rights it may have as to the enforcement of such franchise rates. Several other clauses of the order deal with the manner in which the company is to conduct its accounting department.

GOAL SITUATION IS NOT ENCOURAGING

State Examiners Examine 54 Lake County Coal Yards

CROWN POINT, Ind., Oct. 6.—State Examiners Wright and Studebaker of the state department of coal and oil today were given powers by the Indiana coal commission to make a survey of the retail coal yards here and to report on the condition of the yards. The survey was made yesterday and today. The yards examined were those of the following firms: ...

IS G. O. P. READY FOR BAD NEWS

BY HARRY L. ROGERS
COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 6.—Having spent the day in cleaning up executive business here, Gov. James M. Cox will leave this evening for Kentucky where he will begin the second phase of his drive for votes which will continue until Nov. 2.

Farewell Reception to Dr. and Mrs. Bassett

Quite a goodly number gathered at the M. E. church last evening for the farewell reception given to Dr. and Mrs. Bassett. After an interesting program speeches were made by Dr. Bassett, Dr. DeBra and Mr. Belman, while the many wet eyes in the audience told how much Dr. and Mrs. Bassett had endeared themselves to the people of the church and town. Mr. Belman then presented the Bassetts with a substantial purse as a token of the love and high appreciation which the people have for the Bassetts. After the program the folk adjourned to the church parlors where a good social time together with refreshments, were enjoyed. The Bassetts new field of labor will be at Monticello, Ind., to which they take with them the love and appreciation of the people here whom they have so faithfully served during the past four years.

Flat Owners Must Furnish More Heat

Owners of Hammond flat buildings in which the heat is furnished must see to it that the temperature of apartments is kept at a comfortable point. These chilly days of the early fall. Failure to do so will result in prosecutions under the ordinance which was passed by the city council last winter.

In his monthly report to the council last night Dr. W. A. Buchanan, of the health department stated that numerous complaints had recently been received from apartment tenants that the heat was being furnished on cold days. A communication was addressed to the health department by the council calling attention to the fact that it has full power to act under such circumstances and that the police department and city court are ready to enforce the law against violators.

Hammond's water supply was brought up once more. It was pointed out that practically the only change in the situation next year over this year will be the addition of the booster pump to increase pressure on the South Side. The pump will be installed next summer, but will not be needed until next summer. In the meantime the demands upon the water plant are increasing steadily and it is believed conditions will be even worse in another year.

OWNERS SUE FOR STOREROOM

Alleging that a representative of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. took advantage of the age and poor eyesight of the owners of a store building in order to rip over a contract which was different from the agreement they had reached, Peter and Lizzie Senig have brought suit for possession of the building at 574 South Hohman st., Hammond, now occupied by the branch store of the tea company.

ED AND LIZZIE IN HARD LUCK

Ed Klein of 11 Williams street, just purchased a run about Ford and as he had not yet provided suitable quarters for same he parked the machine in front of his residence—but without lights. This morning Lizzie displayed a white fur coat in the window of the police station. Ed, always known as a law-abiding citizen, headed the call and reported promptly, but unfortunately he was not acquainted with the white-painted, forbidden parking zone and took advantage of the commodious space, left his machine there and hurried into the station. Along came Joe Austgen, who noticed his friend had transgressed the law and wanting to be a good fellow, commanded Lizzie out of his dangerous position, but Ed thinking a stranger had entered the car, made posthaste and gave chase after his possession of a automobile thief and after the matter was explained congratulated his friend for the good deed, whereupon Ed and Lizzie went merrily along north Hohman street until they were stopped by an E. J. & E. freight. The stop was sudden, for Ed put on high speed instead of the emergency, and claims Lizzie got a little "mused up." Up to the time of going to press no obituary notices have been received.

NOONDAY LUNCHEON

Manufacturers, business men, and all interested in the development of the Calumet region are promised an interesting address tomorrow at the noonday luncheon of the Hammond Chamber of Commerce. The speaker will be Dr. H. R. De Bra of Gary, and his subject will be "The Social and Economic Outlook in the Calumet Region." The address will contain much of interest to those engaged in the industries of the district.

Country Club Election

The Hammond Country Club held its election of officers for the year 1920-21 last night at the Country Club. Coman Scott was elected president; R. O. Winkler, vice president; Norman Bridge, treasurer; George Clark, secretary; board of directors, Otto Geranbach, Robin Amos and Leonard Moran.

WELL KNOWN CONDUCTOR IS MAIMED

Herbert Melville, Green Line Conductor, Loses Leg and Is in Gary Hospital.

Herbert Melville, well known among citizens of Hammond and especially among patrons of the Green Line where he has for the past fourteen years been employed as a conductor, was the victim this morning of a collision between a Green Line car and a switch engine of the General American Tank Car Corporation and suffered the loss of his left leg.

The accident occurred about nine o'clock at the Green Line track crossing between the two parts of the General American plant. At this point the company has two tracks running between the two plants, both of which constitute one stop for the street cars since they are only fifteen or twenty feet apart. Melville's car was going toward Indiana Harbor and had made the stop at the first of the two tracks. Melville ran ahead to the second track and signaled for the car to come ahead. As the rear end of the street car was passing over the second track, Melville swung on to the rear platform and almost at the same time the rear end of the street car was struck by a string of cars coming from the east. Melville had not yet stepped from the step onto the platform and the bumper of the car caught his left leg at the knee, completely severing the limb at that point. Street car officials are unable to understand how the accident could have happened since Melville has during his long term of service always been considered to be more than ordinarily cautious. It is evident that he did not see the approaching cars or if he did see them thought they were standing still, otherwise he would not have swung on to the platform immediately in front of the cars. Street car passengers also know Melville as perhaps the most cautious of the Green Line conductors. He always insists on the doors being closed before the car starts and never attempts to beat a train across if there is the least doubt.

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NOT THE SAME WALLACE

J. W. Wallace, 318 Sibley street, was greatly annoyed yesterday by inquiries which he received from people who thought the account of the arrest of Clarence Wallace for selling coal which he had been hired to deliver in Hammond.

Mr. Wallace's friends were of the impression that Clarence Wallace was his son as the young man had given his street address as Sibley. However, it happens to be a different Wallace family and the son of J. W. Wallace is still in school.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE IS COMPLETELY SWAMPED

Avalanche of Registration Figures from All Precincts Busy MacFoland's Men

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)
CROWN POINT, Ind., Oct. 6.—County Auditor G. M. Foland and his assistants are swamped today with the task of counting and tabulating the results of Monday's registration. Eighteen precincts were still missing at noon and the work of counting the names was just getting started.

In practically every precinct of the county the same conditions prevailed Monday. Boards were kept busy until the booths closed at 9 o'clock and from then they worked feverishly at the task of listing and indexing the names of voters. As a result the officials were dead tired when they finished the job in the early morning hours and they headed for bed last night before turning their books in at the auditor's office. The bulk of the records came in late Tuesday evening and many are still coming today.

10,000 IN HAMMOND

Clyde Cleveland, republican city chairman of Hammond, today corrected the estimate of registration which he had made Tuesday for the city of Hammond. He was able to do so by basing total all but three precincts before the books were turned in and the new finds that the 9,500 mark has been raised and believed it will be close to 10,000.

DODGERS TAKE 2ND

(STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE)
EBERT FIELD, Brooklyn, Oct. 6.—Dorothy Grimes, star of the Brooklyn pitching staff, turned the Cleveland Indians back in the second tilt of the world's series here this afternoon winning the game 2 to 0.

The Brooklyn ace pitched in masterful style and his strong right arm enabled Brooklyn to even up the count for the world's series, the series now standing one all.

Opposed to Grimes was Jim Bagby, premier pitcher of the Indians. But Bagby wasn't there today. The Dodger batsmen harried him from the very start of the game and made their hits count heavily. An error by Bagby in the third inning, when he made a bad throw in attempting to catch a runner at second base, contributed to the making of one of Brooklyn's runs, but the Dodgers wouldn't have needed that tally with Grimes on the job.

Several times during the game, which was witnessed by a crowd estimated at slightly larger than that of Tuesday, the Indians had grimaces in tough situations, but on each occasion he wiggled out by pitching wonderful ball. In the seventh and again in the eighth the Indians had the bases full, but there were two down both times the third man got on and Grimes showed his nerve by striking the ball squarely over the pan with a hop on it that eluded the Cleveland batsmen.

The cracked fielding by both teams was a feature of the game today. This Speaker made another wonderful catch when he robbed Kilduff of a sure double in the fourth inning.

GARY LIQUOR LAW VIOLATOR FINED

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)
CROWN POINT, Oct. 6.—Peter Bogorzyevich of 1445 Broadway, Gary, was given a \$100 fine and a 30-day jail sentence for violating the liquor law and George Pavich of 1982 Jefferson street, was given the same fine for the same offense by Judge Martin Smith in the criminal court on Tuesday. Judge Smith intends to put a stop to the wholesale manufacture of white mule which is going on in St. Steel City and by giving each violator a fine and sentence he is establishing a precedent that may possibly put a stop to the manufacture of the stuff.

SUES FOR DIVORCE

Suit for divorce was filed today in the Hammond superior court by Gertrude Johnston, 439 Michigan avenue, Hammond, against her husband, James A. Johnston. They were married at Chicago, Oct. 21, 1918, and separated Oct. 4 of this year. Mrs. Johnston says that on Oct. 3, her husband came home intoxicated and cursed and struck her. She asks for the custody of their child, \$1,000 alimony and \$15 for the support of herself and child. Her attorney is Phil Greenwald.

BIG BLAZE FOR NEW GARY PLANT

Three Buildings are Damaged In Stubborn Fire This Morning.

A stubborn blaze which for a time threatened the destruction of the entire plant of the O. K. Giant company at Ninth avenue and the E. J. & E. tracks on the western limits of the city of Gary, completely destroyed the office building and the front of the machine shop and battery building immediately in the rear. The loss is estimated between 75,000 and \$100,000.

Through the efforts of the Gary fire departments, the greater part of the machine shop and battery building which adjoins the office building was saved. These departments were all housed in one monster building. In the absence of water the firemen were forced to throw a large volume of chemicals and it was only after strenuous and efficient work that they brought the fire steaming conflagration under control.

From the best available information, the blaze started when a "dope pot" caught fire. Efforts on the part of the employees to extinguish it proved futile and a call was sent into Gary for the fire departments. By the time they arrived after making the three mile run the flames had gained a big headway.

News of the fire quickly spread to the Gary business district where hundreds hold stock in the concern. From the time the O. K. Giant battery company was organized until the present there has been litigation in the courts. Although dividends have never been issued stock has fluctuated from \$3 until it reached the height of \$23. Recently the company was reorganized and liens filed in the courts amounting to nearly \$100,000.

ASK NORTON TO ACT AS MEDIATOR

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)
CROWN POINT, Ind., Oct. 6.—Judge E. Miles Norton of the circuit court was called upon Tuesday to act as arbitrator between the Gary & Southern Traction Co. and its employees who are asking for an increase of wages which if not granted them will cause a walk out. They are asking for 80c per hour but will be satisfied with 70c which will virtually increase their wages \$30 per month. They are now getting 60c. The Gary & Interurban pay its employes 75c. Valparaiso asked for the 60c and the Gary employees are asking for an increase on Sunday and they are allowed to work overtime.

The officials of the street car company contend that if they are not allowed to increase the fare to 45c they will have to discontinue service, as they are not able to meet the demands of the employees.

The company since its establishment in 1913 have had a yearly deficit of sums varying from \$1,000 to \$20,000. For the first 6 months of this year the company are in arrears \$23,322. Not a stockholder of the company has received a penny from the road since it was built and the Cleveland Bonding company paid off a \$100,000 debt in 1917. The situation at this time looks mighty serious and if the road is junked it will be one of the greatest calamities that have befallen Crown Point and will be the beginning of its downfall.

GARY MAN SENTENCED

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)
CROWN POINT, Ind., Oct. 6.—Blair Blue of 19th and Washington streets, Gary, was sentenced to 15 days in jail and \$25,000 fine for robbing the home of Rev. Saunders, a colored preacher at 1249 Washington street, Gary, in September. He was intoxicated at the time he took the clothing. The family was away when Blair entered the home. He took the clothing to a shack on the south side to have it laundered, where the police found it.

REGISTER LARGE VOTE

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)
LOWELL, Ind., Oct. 6.—Precinct one in Cedar Creek township is one of the large precincts in the county, according to the number of votes registered for the November election. There are registered in the township 483 women and 472 men. Making a total of 955. It is thought there will only be one precinct in the county that will register more votes. The women took a very active part in getting the women to register and it is due to their efforts that such a large number registered.

JUDGE FRED BARNETT spoke in the interest of his congressional campaign at Memorial Theater in Valparaiso last Saturday night and appeared on the same platform with some speakers of national fame.

Signal Co. Plant Hit By Blaze

Damage to the extent of \$20,000 was done to the plant of the Central Railway Signal company on Summer street, Hammond, yesterday afternoon by a fire which broke out suddenly in the department which manufactures fuses and flares from highly combustible material.

The fire started from a small explosion in which two employees were slightly burned. A few minutes later that part of the plant was a mass of flames. The fire department responded but in the short time which it took them to reach the scene, the flames had made such progress that the roof of the unit was falling in.

Attention was concentrated on surrounding buildings and after a hard fight the department was able to save the engine room, office building and the unit in which the explosive powder is stored. The sufficient explosives were stored in the last named building to have shattered houses within a radius of several blocks if the fire had reached it.

The blaze was the most spectacular seen in Hammond in a long time as the flames reached to a height of nearly 100 feet at times. It is the most disastrous industrial fire the city has had in several years.

For the prompt and efficient work done by the fire department, a check for \$100 was received this morning from the Central Railway Signal company to be applied to the fireman's pension fund.

HAMMOND SUIT IN CIRCUIT COURT

Fanderi Divorce Suit Finds its Way to Crown Point Yesterday

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)
CROWN POINT, Ind., Oct. 6.—Mary Fanderi is suing her husband, Fred, a policeman of Hammond, for divorce, through her attorney John M. Stinson in the circuit court. She claims she married him in 1913 and separated in 1918. She accuses Fred of every vice known, from coming home drunk and striking her to committing adultery. The Fanderis have three children and Mrs. Fanderi claims he is not a fit person for them to associate with. She asks \$5,000 alimony and \$400 for each child each year until they are self supporting.

BYRON LOSES FRIEND AND ALSO CLOTHING

Byron Talbert, who came to Hammond a few days ago and started work yesterday at the Standard Oil company plant in Whiting, would like to find a supposed friend who double crossed him. Talbert finds himself facing cold weather with only his work clothes as a wardrobe.

Talbert and a man named Clarence Bunce came to Hammond from Toledo, yesterday morning they went to the Standard Oil plant and were given work. Talbert had told Bunce that he had a suit case full of clothes coming by express and that they would probably arrive yesterday.

Bunce left his job before dinner, came to Hammond and visited the American Express office. There he said his name was Talbert and described a suit case he was expecting. It had arrived and was turned over to him. In the meantime Talbert had become suspicious when Bunce quit work early. He followed him to Hammond, but arrived too late to prevent him from taking the suit case and clothes. He furnished the police with a description of Bunce, but so far they have found no trace of the thief.

TROTSKY WOUNDING STORY IS DENIED

LONDON, Oct. 6.—Rumors that a report broken out at Petrograd and elsewhere in Russia, and that Leon Trotsky, minister for war in the soviet government, has been wounded, are both false, said a Moscow dispatch printed today by the Daily Herald. The Daily Herald, in the official organ of the British labor party and is sympathetic to the Bolshevik cause.

MEYER RUBIN BACK

Meyer Rubin returned to his home in Hammond yesterday from Denver, Colo., where he had been called on account of the death of his aged father who was a victim of pneumonia. The death of his father followed closely that of his mother, who was buried only three weeks ago.

WILL TAKE HIM INTO A DOZEN STATES

Candidate Will Make a Speech in Hammond This Afternoon.

(BULLETIN)
Senator W. G. Harding will pass through Hammond this afternoon on the Erie train which is due at 5:45 o'clock new time. This announcement was made by Senator Harry New yesterday to City Chairman Clyde Cleveland. As it is the regular train, it cannot be held for a ten or fifteen minute speech, but the presidential candidate will speak as long as the train is standing. Efforts are hastily being made to get a big crowd out.

By GEORGE R. HOLMES
(STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE)
MARION, O., Oct. 6.—Senator Warren G. Harding left Marion today on the longest speaking trip which he probably will engage in during the campaign.

The trip is a five-day swing that will take him through half a dozen middle western states and dip down into Oklahoma and Missouri, two states which the republican campaign managers claim, but which are doubtful enough to be termed "pivotals." In each of them there is a not a senatorial contest.

First Speech at Des Moines
Senator Harding's first speech of importance on the trip will be made tomorrow at Des Moines, where he will deal with the league of nations in reply to President Wilson's recent appeal in its behalf. He will speak at Omaha tomorrow night and from there swing over into Missouri for speeches at Kansas City and St. Joseph. Saturday will see him in Oklahoma. Senator Harding was accompanied today by Mrs. Harding and Harry M. Dougherty, his personal campaign manager. Headquarters attaches and newspaper correspondents made up the rest of the party.

Rear Platform Speeches
From Marion, the Harding special was scheduled to go direct to Chicago today, the route leading across northern Indiana, where some rear platform speeches probably will be made.

Chicago will be reached at 3:40 o'clock. The senator will dine there, hold a number of conferences with western headquarters officials and leave at 10 p. m. for Des Moines, arriving there early Thursday morning.

WHITING MEN ARE ARRESTED

Three Whiting men, John Sorata, 316 Berry ave.; Mike Volk, 513 Indianapolis Blvd.; Joe Runek, 412 Fred st., were arrested yesterday by Special Agents Guyer and Mulholland of the Pennsylvania R. R. Co. The men were brought to the Hammond police station and booked on charges of having stolen property from the railroad yards at Roby.

The men had taken twenty-five boxes of Camel cigarettes from a freight car. The cigarettes are valued at \$2,000. The cigarettes had been concealed near the yards with the exception of one box which has not been located. Suspicion soon pointed towards the Whiting men when the officers investigated and twenty-five of the boxes were located and brought to the Hammond station when the men were arrested. They were released under \$2,000 bonds each and their cases set for trial on October 16.

THIS IS TOUGH NEWS FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR

This will be sad news for James Clements, assessor for North Township, and about a dozen others who made application for registration at the law offices of Attorney Abe Ottenheimer.

Clements, with about a dozen others filed out applications for registration last Monday and took them to the office of Abe Ottenheimer where they were signed and sworn to before a notary public. They then left their applications at the office with the understanding that Atty. Ottenheimer would forward them to the proper registration boards.

Monday evening, instead of sending the applications to the East Chicago precinct boards, the notary public mailed the applications to Mac Foland at Crown Point. They reached Crown Point Tuesday morning, too late for registration. Clements and the others are therefore out of a vote on November 2nd.