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Ashy States His Position on Gas Company's \$1,000,000 Stock Petition.

Declaring he would prefer that utilities should have stocks, he then said that outstanding business interest charges on bonds are a fixed charge whereas dividends on stock are not. Corporation Counsel Samuel Ashby today announced the city will not directly oppose the petition of the Citizens Gas Company for permission to issue \$1,000,000 in stock representing additions to be made to which he added, "I would rather that the bonds be replaced with stock because of the elimination of a fixed interest charge thereby. Upon the second \$300,000 worth the only question to be tried is whether the company actually has made the additions and betterments it says it has."

Mr. Ashby conferred for an hour and a half with Ferdinand Winter, chief counsel for the Indianapolis Street Railway Company, upon the form of the contract which the city desires to negotiate with the company to replace its surrendered franchises. His principal points were not discussed, the talk being upon the wording of clauses upon which there is no dispute and the general form which the agreement shall take. He said the conference, which was the first of several to be held, is in general for the purpose of getting something down in black and white to be laid before city and state officials at their next meeting.

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ORDERS ISSUED FROM FT. HARRISON

WORTH BENJAMIN HARRISON, Ind., Sept. 2.—Troops are now en route from Camp Knox, Ky., and from Camp Sherman, Ohio, to West Virginia.

The information was given out at 11:30 o'clock today.

Orders for the movement of the troops were dispatched by Col. C. H. Bridges, acting commander of the 3d Army Corps, in the absence of Maj. Gen. George W. Read.

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THREE TRAINS CARRY TROOPS

CAMP DIX, N. J., Sept. 2.—The first of three trains bearing the 26th Infantry Regiment to the trouble zone of West Virginia left here at 10 a. m. today, and the other two trains followed at half-hour intervals.

Quarantine of the 16th Infantry for the field, which was ordered yesterday, was completed at midnight. Passenger and freight cars for the 10th Infantry expected to be delivered this morning. No order has as yet been received for the 16th to go to West Virginia.

The 26th Regiment was ordered to report to Brig. Gen. H. H. Bandholtz at Charleston, W. Va.

TROOPS LEAVE CAMP SHERMAN

CHILLICOTHE, Ohio, Sept. 2.—Armed with field service equipment and machine guns, 325 infantrymen of the 10th and 13th United States Infantry left Camp Sherman at 2:15 this afternoon en route to the Baltimore & Ohio railroad for West Virginia. Colonel C. A. Martin, in command.

Odd Proposal Made by Union at Des Moines

DES MOINES, Iowa, Sept. 2.—For the first time in history, organized labor here today offered to work on a "loss-sharing" basis.

The Street Car Men's Union today offered to assume running cars and to accept as wages the difference between the company's receipts and all other fixed expenses. They also agreed to a maximum pay of 50 cents an hour, although it was possible that the pay might fall as low as ten cents an hour.

The offer of the men, which probably will be accepted, assures street car service for Des Moines, which, while started this week following financial troubles, was to have ended today following failure of commercial organizations to raise an indemnity fund.

Body Arrives



FIVE FEDERAL BERTHS FILLED

Positions in Internal Revenue Department Handed Out.

Five appointments to positions in the Internal Revenue Department were announced by M. Bert Thurman, collector of internal revenue today. All appointments were effective Sept. 1.

James Chester, 2318 Schuman avenue, who was appointed messenger in the department when William L. Elder was collector, has been promoted to the tobacco desk. During the World War Chester served in the United States Navy.

Howard Hamilton, 2905 Washington boulevard, was named messenger to succeed Chester. He makes his home with Maudred Livingood, who resigned as chief messenger two days ago, and it is understood Mr. Livingood recommended him for the position.

Walter Goodnow, 5513 University avenue, was killed in action at Chateaubriant July 18, 1918, arrived in Indianapolis this afternoon and was taken to the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Giberson, 331 East McCarty street, the 13th Indiana Infantry, March 29, 1918, and trained at Camp Shelby. Later he was transferred to the 13th Infantry, First division and with that outfit met his death in the great struggle at Chateaubriant.

The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at Ferdinand Winter, chief counsel for the Indianapolis Street Railway Company, upon the form of the contract which the city desires to negotiate with the company to replace its surrendered franchises. He said his principal points were not discussed, the talk being upon the wording of clauses upon which there is no dispute and the general form which the agreement shall take. He said the conference, which was the first of several to be held, is in general for the purpose of getting something down in black and white to be laid before city and state officials at their next meeting.

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