

GAS DIRECTORS BATTLE AGAINST CITY OWNERSHIP

Fear Selfish Motives Behind
Move to Hand Over
Control.

Efforts to protect the Citizens Gas Company properties from politicians and capitalists who they say seek a "private fortune" will be made by several directors, a member declared today.

It is understood several directors plan to fight for continuance of the trusteeship to prevent the holdings from falling into the hands of those they believe seek to make an enormous profit from the utility.

Attorney Will H. Thompson of Miller, Bailey & Thompson, is preparing an opinion on whether the city charter granted twenty-five years ago gave the city the power to take over the utility in 1930.

Believe Trusteeship Best

Trustees are expected to announce their stand after receipt of Thompson's opinion. This will be preliminary to the election of new directors in January. Trustees vote for those holding certificates of stock.

A ten-year legal battle which ultimately will reach the United States Supreme court is predicted before the many technical questions are settled.

Some of the directors and trustees anxious to protect the public welfare believe the city will benefit from continuation of the trusteeship, pointing out the dangers of the huge utility falling into hands of private capital or selfish politicians.

"The directors will take steps to protect the gas company from politicians and private capitalists who want to make the utility a personal plaything," said a director.

"We are anxious to see the public benefit from the original agreement which provided that the utility be turned over to the municipality in 1930. But there is serious doubt in the minds of many that the public would profit from turning it over to the city to operate," he said.

Legislature May Act

Some of the directors favor a plan whereby the company will continue under a trusteeship, continuing outstanding citizens at the helm, and payment of 10 per cent on par for stock.

Action of the coming legislature to clear up clouded issues probably will be sought if such a program is carried out, it was said.

It is believed that the legislature could authorize continuation of the trusteeship and settle the controversy raised by those seeking financial control of the company.

GAS PAINS GONE; KIDNEYS NOW FINE

Engineer says he now knows right road to good health.

Performing important duties while handicapped by stomach and kidney trouble was the lot of Mr. C. G. Hungerford, well-known Illinois Central engineer who lives at 805 So. State St., Freeport, Ill. He tells about it as follows:

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House Plant Time Here; Moisture Is Great Need

Modern Heating Results in
Drier Homes, but Remedy
Is Easy.

By Science Service
WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—With the coming of late autumn and the vanishing of outdoor flowers, both built and cultivated, over a great part of the country, housewives begin to look to potted plants, "to keep a bit of green around the house." And many of them lament the fact that "I don't seem to have the luck with flowers my mother had."

The reason, chiefly, is that we have become desert dwellers to a much greater extent than our ancestors were. The modern steam or hot-water heated apartment or house is far drier than the old-fashioned kitchen of our mothers, with a hot-water reservoir always steaming in the back of its big coal range, of the rooms of our grandmothers, with a kettle always hanging over the open fire.

There is much less water vapor in the air of present-day dwellings, and therefore plants evaporate water from their leaves much more rapidly.

There are two ways to overcome this difficulty, and both should be used. The first and obvious thing is give the plants plenty of water. The soil about their roots never should be made muddy, else it will puddle and cake when it dries; but it should be kept always moist with frequent small waterings.

Then the room air should be kept

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EXTRA SESSION IS PROPOSED TO BOOST TARIFF

Leaders See No Hope for
Revision in Short Con-
gress Meeting.

BY PAUL R. MALLON,
United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—A general revision of the tariff is being planned by returning congressional leaders.

They have no hopes of undertaking the task at the coming short session, but they almost unanimously are of the opinion that it should be begun in a special session beginning next March 4.

While much water will go over many dams before March, the unanimity of opinion indicates an unexpected change of sentiment all around, which may be expected eventually to bring about a revision of the present tariff system which now has been in effect six years.

Farm, Industry Joins Hands

The farmers' representatives are joining hands with the congressional industrialists to promote the idea.

Both confidently expect President-elect Hoover will be compelled to call an extra session after his inauguration, even though a farm relief bill is passed in the short session, because they figure no farm relief can be adequate without tariff revision.

They point jointly to the fact that tariff revision was mentioned by Hoover and the Republican platform as the primary principle of farm relief, and they agree the farm relief question can not possibly be solved in the rush of routine business before March.

Want Higher Duties

Farm representatives want a protective tariff on hides, onions, eggs, vegetables and fruits to encourage diversification of Ameri-

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can farm production. Some of them want a much higher tariff on corn to shut out Argentine competition. They are dissatisfied with the work of the tariff commission, powers of which have been considered inadequate to meet the situation because the law provides the commission may increase existing duties only 50 per cent.

Industrialists want the tariff on some of their products increased, and see their chance to get action presently. They believe they can take advantage of what they regard as a protective wave over the country as a result of the Republican victory in the election.

Democrats generally agree with the westerners, but disagree with the industrialists.

The Democrats want to lower tariffs on many industrial products hence they too are wholeheartedly bringing up that almost abandoned legislative subject.



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The proposed bond issue would include \$75,000 for purchase of additional ground at the rear of Crispus Attucks high school; additional ground at Washington high school for \$22,880 and a new site for School 69, at Thirty-second street and Orchard avenue. Other school sites included in the

proposed issue are: School 86, newly annexed part of Washington township north of Forty-sixth street and west of Keystone avenue; School 87, near Twenty-fourth street and Paris avenue; School 88, in vicinity of St. Joseph street; School 89, in and West Sixteenth street.

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