

LEGAL OPINION IS AWAITED ON GAS TRANSFER

Expect Attorney to Tell Company of Rights in Next Few Days.

Developments in the city's plan to take over control of the Citizens Gas Company in 1930 today awaited a legal opinion from William H. Thompson, of Miller, Dailey and Thompson law firm.

Thompson is expected to advise the Citizens Gas trustees within a few days as to the legal possibility of the city enforcing the original agreement made in 1905 when Corporation Counsel John W. Holtzman was mayor. The belief has been expressed that the opinion will be friendly to the city proposal to take over the utility in 1930.

Several baffling technical questions are involved in the decision as to whether the twenty-five-year agreement with the city was automatically broken when the utility surrendered its charter and took an indefinite permit under the public service commission.

Seek to Clarify Status

Those anxious to save the \$20,000 utility for citizens of Indianapolis contemplate legislation in the coming legislature to clarify the status of the utility. Belief that continuation of the present trusteeship, but under municipal ownership, would be the best solution to the problem, has been expressed by several civic leaders.

Wisdom of the municipality taking over a highly technical utility and attempting to politically operate it is questioned by many. It has been pointed out that the gas company can issue \$1,000,000 in bonds against its properties for the purchase of reclaiming the common stock which is held by the trustees. Such a plan would avoid the city general taking on the gas company debt. It is believed advisable by some to create a gas district, the same as the park and sanitary units, to avoid losing further indebtedness on the city proper.

John R. Welch, president of directors, said the company has no plan to combat the city's resuming control, but questioned advisability of the municipality taking over operation of the system.

Favors Prompt Action

The Indianapolis Engineering Society favors the city taking prompt action to enforce its rights in "saving" the utility for the public.

Russell T. McFall, attorney and former sanitary board president, headed the committee which reported the city's right to the gas company is enforceable. Willard S. Boyle and Norman N. Doane are other committee members.

The first act of the city in the plan to take over the property would be to require the gas company officials to publish its semi-annual financial statement, the engineers reported.

Payment of \$25 face value on common stock and 10 per cent interest per annum would give the city possession, according to the original agreement. There is \$1,000,000 common stock.

MRS. CARRIE CARSON RITES SET FOR FRIDAY

Funeral to be Held at Hockensmith Chapel; Burial at Crown Hill.

Funeral services for Mrs. Carrie Carson, 60, of 233½ Virginia avenue, who fell dead of heart disease at Alabama street and Virginia avenue Wednesday, will be held at 2 Friday afternoon at the C. A. Hockensmith chapel, 726 North Illinois street. Burial will be in Crown Hill.

A total of \$2,720 was found concealed in Mrs. Carson's clothing. She had carried the money on her person for almost a year, her husband, Harry L. Carson, told police. Carson said the money was virtually their entire life's savings.

POPPING CORKS, TOO?

Milwaukee Lists Many Noises in Crusade to Have Quietest City.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 6.—Sixteen hundred different noises grate upon the ears of Milwaukee citizens, according to a survey just completed by the police department.

"Flat tired" street cars, fog horns, riveting hammers, early-crowing roosters are among the noises listed on report sheets by patrolmen and detectives.

The date is to be used in an attempt to make Milwaukee the quietest city in the United States.

JUST CAN'T KILL HIM

Child, Kicked by Mule in Auto Crash, Hurt by Binder, to Recover.

GREENVILLE, Tex., Dec. 6.—Within one week Ernest Doan, 8-year-old, lost a finger in a binder, lost a patch of scalp when kicked by a mule and escaped injury in an automobile accident while he was being hurried to the hospital after the mule's attack.

Physicians said he would recover.

RIVAL FOR HOSPITAL

Evansville Competes With City to Get U. S. Veterans' Institution.

Evansville has made a bid for the Indiana veterans' hospital, along with Indianapolis.

The Evansville Chamber of Commerce authorized Joseph Zimmerman, legion district committeeman, to go to Washington and arouse sentiment in favor of the southern Indiana city.

Dr. George W. Bowman, state legion chairman, said the state convention had asked that the hospital be centrally located. He said he knew nothing of the Evansville proposal.

Singing Sailor



EDUCATION PAYS COST OF ARMS, SAYS SPEAKER

De Pauw Head Points Out Better Uses for Millions Spent on Warships.

One thousand students could be exchanged annually between America and foreign nations to advance international understanding and peace if the \$42,000,000 spent on Uncle Sam's newest airplane carrier had been deposited instead, to return's per cent interest annually.

This was the possibility pictured by Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam, De Pauw university president, addressing Methodist ministers and laymen at the Area Men's council at Cadle tabernacle Wednesday.

"With 5 per cent on such a sum," said Dr. Oxnam, "we could send a thousand students for a whole year, and the next year, receive an equal number into the United States for a year."

"Carrying their impressions back to their home countries, the number devoted to international peace would increase in geometrical progression. It would do more good in one year than the airplane carrier will do in its lifetime!"

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LEGION CHIEFS AID CHILDREN

Face Child Welfare Problem at U. S. Meeting Here.

Active support for enactment of child welfare laws is the immediate task confronting the American Legion, department commander and adjutants were told at their annual conference at Legion national headquarters here today.

Legion officers from every state of the Union and many foreign possessions were in attendance for the opening of the three-day session to discuss the veterans' national program for 1929.

Because forty-four states will have legislative sessions early in the coming year, attention should be centered at once on the child welfare problem. Miss Emma C. Puschner, director of the national child welfare division, declared.

Greetings were extended by Paul V. McNutt, national commander, and Mrs. Boyce Ficklen Jr., national president of the American Legion auxiliary, which closed its annual conference Wednesday night.

John Thomas Taylor, vice chairman of the national legislative committee, outlined the legion's legislative program, which includes support for the naval bill for more cruisers; universal draft to provide for "equal service from all and profit for none in time of war; twenty amendments of laws for the disabled; the construction of 2,750 new hospital beds, and approval of the national defense act for the army.

The girl is Mrs. Mary Thompson, who was charged with grand larceny after she was found wrapped in a mattress in the home of Arthur Brown, 4145 North Capitol avenue, early in November. Clothing and household articles valued at \$250 had been taken from the home. She was sentenced to one to five years in the correctional department of the state prison.

Earl Mecca, alias Joe LaFox, 23, who was captured Oct. 16 as he entered the West Indianapolis branch of the Union Trust Company, revolver in hand, was sentenced to one to five years in the Indiana state prison.

Others sentenced were Robert Allen, 22, one to ten years in the Indiana state reformatory; James Anderson, 33, one to five years; and Willa James, one to ten years in the reformatory.

The opinion points out that state departments are not permitted by law to insure with reciprocal companies, where the insured would have to stand losses should the company fail.

Several departments have cars thus insured it was said.

INSPECT AIRPORT SITES

In company with Mayor L. E. Slack, other city officials and Chamber of Commerce officers John E. Sommers, airport expert for the Department of Commerce today inspected proposed sites 30 and 8 for the new municipal airport.

Sommers reserved comment pending an official report to be made in two weeks. Following a luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce Slack conferred privately with Sommers at the city hall. The mayor said the next step in acquisition of the airport probably would depend upon his talk with Sommers.

NEED MORE RUM BOATS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Increases are needed in personnel and vessel of the United States coast guard to guard the American coast line against rum runners. Rear Admiral F. C. Billard, commandant, advised congress today urged the people to adopt measures to stop spread of typhus fever.

Eli Schloss Is Elected President by Kiwanians

Defeats Otto Mueller in Annual Vote; Jan. 2 Installation Date.

Eli Schloss, new president, and other officers of the Kiwanis Club will be installed at the luncheon, Jan. 2, it was announced today. Officers were elected at the annual meeting Wednesday night at the Columbia Club.

The "Eli" ticket, headed by Schloss, who is president of Schloss Brothers, investment company, defeated the "Otto" ticket, headed by Otto Mueller of Vonnegut, Bohn & Mueller.

Other officers elected are: Dr. Ezra E. Voyles, vice-president; Robert H. Bryson, Indianapolis postmaster, vice-president; Cecil Crabb, district trustee, unopposed; Samuel Ashby, A. P. Conklin and Arthur Webber, directors.

The "Eli" campaign was managed by Herman C. Wolf, who arranged that short speeches in support of his candidate be made by Clarence E. Durrell, W. H. Trimble, Harry E. Yockey, Ira A. Minnick and Richard A. Shirley.

Walter T. White was campaign manager for the "Otto" ticket, and a humorous speech in support of the ticket was made by Henry L. Dithmer, former club president.

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