

COMMITTEE MOVES TO OBTAIN NATURAL GAS FOR CITY

PROPOSALS FOR SUPPLY ASKED OF COMPANIES

Ruling Is Expected Soon on Stockholders' Suit by High Court.

LAY ASIDE ONE PLAN

Mayor's Group Decides It Has No Authority to Act on Lease Offer.

Written proposals for supplying natural gas to the Citizens Gas Company will be sought immediately from all owners and operators of natural gas properties by Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan's special gas committee.

The committee, headed by Henry L. Dithmer as chairman, decided on this action late Friday at its organization meeting.

In a statement issued at the close of the meeting, the committee mentioned specifically the Kentucky Natural Gas Company and the Marion County Gas Corporation, both of which have tentative proposals before the committee.

The Kentucky company is seeking permission to lay mains in the city to supply natural gas in wholesale lots to twenty-three industrial firms under contract. The company has suggested furnishing natural gas wholesale to the Citizens company later.

Would Lease Plant

The committee decided it was not authorized to consider proposals similar to that submitted by the Marion county company Thursday.

The company proposed to finance acquisition of the Citizens company by the city, and to operate the company under lease, paying the city a flat annual rental fee and also a percentage of net income.

The plan also included piping natural gas here and mixing it with artificial gas to increase heat units and also reduce gas prices, making gas available and economical for all purposes, including heating of homes.

The mayor's committee was named to consider proposals for natural gas only. Results of its study are contingent on upholding of the city's right to acquire the Citizens company under the 1905 charter provisions, by the United States supreme court.

Court Ruling Soon

The high court is expected to rule within a few weeks on petition of Citizens company stock certificate holders for review of the federal court decision sustaining the city's claim.

The committee requested that any natural gas company desiring to communicate with the committee address the newly-elected secretary, City Attorney James E. Deery.

During the committee meeting, the Kentucky company, through its attorneys, filed a supplemental offer to sell natural gas to the city. The company stated that at any time within five years after beginning delivery of natural gas here, if the city should take over the Citizens company, the company would sell its mains here to the city at cost plus 10 per cent, less depreciation of 2 per cent a year.

Also, it offered to sell natural gas wholesale to the city following such purchase, at a price to be agreed on as soon as right to lay its mains is granted.

INMATE CROWDING IS BLAMED FOR KILLING

Lima State Hospital Guard Death Starts Inquiry.

FIREMEN 'RUN RAGGED'

LIMA, O., May 2.—Overcrowding at the Lima State hospital for the criminal insane was charged here today as authorities maintained a heavy guard over two inmates who murdered Louis Kiehl, 50, a hospital guard, yesterday in an escape plot.

Dr. W. H. Verba, superintendent of the hospital, said today that while the institution was built to quarter thirty-five inmates, over forty are now being cared for. Overcrowding made this killing possible, he said.

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KILLS THREE SONS, SELF

Despondency Over Business Blamed for Tragedy in Garfield, N. J.

GARFIELD, N. J., May 2.—John

Lubic, 46, shot and killed his three young sons and committed suicide early today. Business worries are early today. Business worries are early today.

Police said Lubic came home while his wife and children were sleeping. Mrs. Lubic ran to the boy's room when she was awakened by the shots, and found them and her husband dead.

Lubic came from Yugoslavia and when he lost his factory job recently, invested his savings in a confectionery business. He became despondent fearing the investment was a failure.

BACK HOME AGAIN

G. O. P. Chief Report Improving After Operation.

Continued improvement in the condition of M. B. Bert Thurman, Republican national committeeman, was reported today at St. Vincent's hospital. He underwent an operation yesterday for mastoid infection.

Watch Theft Reported

Stolen automobiles recovered by police belong to Charles Tuck, 802 West Twelfth street, Fort Wayne, from West street and Indiana avenue.

George Bryden Yeazel, 2320 North Beville street, Fort Wayne, from front of 117 North Grant street.

Donald Kastekstein, 1101 Union street, M-1-229, from Alabama and Massachusetts avenue.

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May Queen



Miss Pauline Riley

BUSINESS MEN DODGE ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE

C. of C. Ends Its Session With Nothing Done on 'Crucial' Matters.

By THOMAS L. STOKES
United Press Staff Correspondent

ATLANTIC CITY, May 2.—The United States Chamber of Commerce left here today with a mass of good intentions, vocally expressed, to do something about the unemployment problem, but with no concrete or definite proposal as a basis for action.

All that stood on the record after the three-day sessions, in which unemployment was one of the chief considerations, was a resolution endorsing a study already begun two months ago by a special committee into "the possibilities of business and employment stabilization."

The members went away with a warning of Julius Barnes, chairman of the organization's board of directors, against any "deceptive legislative panaceas," which was taken to refer to some of the proposals for state unemployment insurance and other advanced measures which crept into the various sessions.

Ignore Wage Cut Fight

The vociferous applause that thundered through the great ballroom of one of Atlantic City's big boardwalk hotels at the conclusion of his speech indicated general agreement with his philippic against government interference with industry in any way, in meeting its unemployment problem as in hindering others.

The most effective warning seemed to be that of several advocates of unemployment benefit plans who told the business men that unless they do something themselves they are bound to have state unemployment insurance laws, framed by others, forced upon them.

The chamber completely ignored the wage cut controversy that rolled up to its very doors and was the subject of talk in the corridors of the auditorium where the meeting was held and in the hotel lobbies between sessions.

The chamber seemed to be timid about taking a positive stand on many of the issues discussed in the twenty-five resolutions adopted, except for a strong declaration against a tax increase, against government interference with business and on some relatively important matters.

Shy on Tariff Discussion

Revision of the anti-trust laws was urged by several speakers who are intimately familiar with the subject, but the chamber merely recommended that, if the board of directors approved, a study be made of the various proposals submitted.

As regards the threat of Soviet Russia "dumping," which some business men here seemed to take very seriously, the chamber recommended that if present provisions of the tariff laws were not effective congress enact others.

The chamber shied completely away from the tariff, though an occasional speaker was bold enough to hint that the Hawley-Smoot rates might be too high. It did urge a study of the depressed silver market by a special committee, but took no position on the proposal for an international conference.

Silas H. Strawn, Chicago attorney, was elected president by the board of directors, succeeding William T. Patten.

The donor of the endowment is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and the Knights of Pythias.

\$115,000 IS GIVEN TO I. U. BY REALTOR

Foundation Established by William Patten, Alumni, City Man.

Children of posterity will hear the words of eminent educators and scientists when they attend Indiana university because of a gift of \$15,000 to the university by William Patten, Indianapolis real estate operator and graduate of the school's class of '93.

The gift, announced today, is in the form of an endowment and will be known at the university as the William T. Patten Foundation.

The income from Liberty bonds and municipal and county bonds forming the endowment will be used to bring prominent men to the university for residence and lectures.

During the life-time of the donor the endowment will be put in good shape.

A TAXPAYER

Street Commissioner W. H. Winship has promised to act on this complaint as soon as possible.

Dear Mr. Fixit.—A lot in the 500 block Bell street is piled with broken tile and rubbish of all kinds. It is an eyesore and also a menace to health, because of rats and mosquitoes. A good garden would look much better than this pile of rubbish. The old sheds are a fire menace as boys go in there and smoke cigarettes.

The board of health has obtained promises from the sanitary board the lot will be cleaned at same time health officers also notified tenants near this lot to stop putting trash on the lot. The old sheds were reported to the fire prevention department.

Mr. Fixit.—Could you induce the city to collect ashes and garbage from Hillside avenue below Twenty-fifth street? The city never has collected ashes in this street south of Twenty-fifth, to my knowledge. The street is improved.

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RULE KILLER INSANE

Wife Slayer Near Death, Sent to Prison Hospital.

Near death, suffering from a bullet which surgeons have been unable to remove from his brain, Herbert R. Kaster, 30, confessed he was the killer of his wife, a woman he had been trying to kill.

The sentence was imposed by Judge Pro Tem Clyde D. Karre in Criminal court Friday when Prosecutor Herbert E. Wilson allowed Kaster to plead guilty to a voluntary manslaughter charge.

Kaster shot and killed his wife, Helen Kaster, 28, in a downtown store, Nov. 27, 1930. A bullet which Kaster afterward fired into his own brain is said to have caused him to become unbalanced mentally.

ACTRESS EUROPE-BOUND

Betty Compton, Unnerved by Divorce Publicity, Seeks Rest.

NEW YORK, May 2.—Betty Compton, musical comedy actress, who married and divorced Eddie Dowling, stage director, in little more than a month, was aboard the Europa today, bound for Southampton, England, and a long rest.

McMahon, who is Owen's assistant in the accident prevention department, was named to the re-creation department work at a meeting of Owen Police Chief Jerry Kinney, A. C. Sallee, park superintendent, and H. Walden Middendorf, recreation director.

CELLAR FALL IS FATAL

Jasper Campbell, 57, dies of injuries; Toppled Down Stairs.

Jasper Campbell, 57, of 118 North Noble street, died early today at city hospital from skull fracture sustained Friday night when he fell down the cellar stairs at his home.

He lived at the Noble street address with his son-in-law, Emil Schaefer.

TAX RIGHTS STRESSED

Must Receive Value for Every Dollar, South Side Club Is Told.

Right of taxpayers to receive value for every dollar paid in taxes should be demanded by citizens, the South Meridian Street Civic Club was told Friday night by Howard M. Meyer, Indianapolis president of the Izaak Walton League.

Meyer declared public officials who would benefit financially by new legislation should be removed from office. He also outlined purposes of the league.

500,000 Loss in Mine Fire

By Times Special

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 2.—Fire which destroyed a tipple at mine owned by the Miami Coal Company caused a loss of \$100,000. Men working in the mine climbed to safety through a manway, after the burning structure fell into the main shaft.

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