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The Gas Rate Decision

The fixing of the valuation of the property of the Richmond Light, Heat and Power company for rate making purposes at \$650,000, instead of in excess of \$850,000, as asked for by the company, as well as a decrease in the rate which the small consumer must pay for natural gas, is a victory for the city of Richmond.

The commission says the purpose of decreasing the rate for small domestic consumers and increasing it for industrial users, is to help conserve the natural product, which is piped into Richmond from the West Virginia fields.

The order also directs the company to re-finance so that the common stock, which has no equity, is wiped out, and the total amount of its securities does not exceed \$650,000. The valuation as fixed by the commission is in excess of the \$535,000 for which the city contended, but a valuation of \$650,000 for rate making purposes is considerably less than the valuation of \$850,000, for which the company asked. On this point the city cannot complain.

Indianapolis dispatches said the Richmond case would establish a precedent in the fixing of gas rates in Indiana, as most of the problems at issue in other cities of eastern Indiana that buy the natural product from companies which in turn buy the West Virginia product, are settled in the Richmond decision.

Judged as a whole, then, the consumers of natural gas in Richmond have no reason to feel that their interests were not safeguarded by the city officials and that justice was not a factor in the decision of the public service commission.

It will be remembered that a hard fight was

Good Evening

By Roy K. Moulton

It will be rather dangerous to converse with the planets, for some of them may be further advanced than we are.

We met an old-fashioned person yesterday. He was asking what became of the league of nations. Nobody knows.

A coal famine has been announced but they don't tell us whether it is a new one or the one we have been having for several years.

CONFessions of a CYNIC.

I am a very wise sort of guy in many ways, but I can't remember that I ever fooled anybody very much.

I am fond of children, dogs and horses, but I hate goldfish, goats and flowers.

I believe the champ pest of the universe is the one who has been through bankruptcy three times, yet comes in and puts his feet on my desk and tells me how to run my business.

I don't believe that any man who washes dishes at home is ever going to be very popular with the Amalgamated Association of Husbands.

I don't believe that all the wise persons live in the great cities, but I know that some of them do, because I have had to pay numerous amounts in borrowed money to find out.

A western man committed murder and the sheriff was busy, but forgot to hang him. Now he has been sentenced to life imprisonment.

If he could get out of serving his sentence, he would probably be offered a simply marvelous vaudeville contract.

Human nature is a peculiar thing. In speaking of the umpire—say it with pop bottles.

Russian princess in New York says she likes apple pie, but you don't have to be a princess to do that.

A Newark collar button manufacturer cannot be found. Maybe he has rolled under a bureau or something.

Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON

CONTRADICTORY

I am a gentle sort of guy. I'm fond of quiet and repose; I would not hurt a bug or fly, unless it camped upon my nose. Apologetic is my mien; my voice is low and soft, and mild, and where the wrangling crowd is seen, I'm timid as a little child. To dodge the riot, and the fuss, round many blocks I'd leave my track, and when I hear a fellow cuss, it sends a shiver down my back. Yet when my daily tasks are done, and I sit in the inn-trook, to read until the clock strikes one, I want a raw, rip-snorting book. No Polly-Only stuff for me, no Liberlost or kindred lore; I want a story of the sea with pirate ships all red with gore. Some legend of the Spanish main, or herec old corsairs in a rage, wherein a dozen men are slain by dripping swords, or every page I'd read of gunmen of the west, more deadly than the well-known Huns, who so upon their crimson quest, and make new notches in their guns. And why it is I do not know, I've puzzled over it off and on, why do I leisure hours bestow upon the blood lusts of the strong? All forms of strife I cling to, to peace and quietness I cling; I would not harm a bumble bee, unless it soaked me with its sting.

Dinner Stories

Patrons of a Boston restaurant noticed tacked on the wall a sheet of paper on which was printed in bold characters:

"The umbrella in the stand below belongs to the champion heavyweight fighter of the world. He is coming right back."

Five minutes later umbrella and paper had disappeared. In their place was another notice:

"Umbrella is now in possession of

made on the commission at the last session of the general assembly by certain interests that wanted it abolished on the theory that it was not protecting the rights of the consumers of the products of utility companies. This argument had its basis in the fact that the commission was forced during the war—in a period of rapidly advancing prices—to increase rates of many utilities. The commission had no control over this condition. Now, when prices are beginning to come down, when we are rapidly approaching the state of normalcy, the commission, in the Richmond decision, proves that it is just as willing to reduce rates as it was to increase them.

The judgment of the commission relative to the re-financing of the company also squares with the dictates of justice. If the common stock has no equity now, there is no reason why it should be accepted as a factor for rate making purposes. The company should re-organize its finances, so that its securities will be within the \$650,000 limit.

Seeing the American Viewpoint

The cogent reasoning of Secretary Hughes on the Yap problem is receiving the endorsement of European nations. One by one they are accepting the American policy of internationalization of the island of Yap. France and Italy have expressed their support of a plan which would foreclose a monopoly over this important point in the cable communication of the world.

Although England has not expressed herself, American diplomats feel that the support which Australia and Canada have given to the American plan will induce her to exert pressure on Japan to relinquish her claims.

Japan takes an exceedingly national view of the situation, which is fully in accord with her determined policy of controlling everything in the Pacific. But the international aspects of the case, as well as the contention of the United States that it has an equity in the island, must ultimately prevail against the narrow nationalism of the Japanese. America is not asking for a monopolistic control of the Island, but affirms that all nations should have free access and use of Yap for cable purposes.

TODAY'S TALK

By George Matthew Adams, Author of "You Can," "Take It," "Up"

LIFE BEGINS PERPETUALLY

In the closing chapter of his most extraordinary "Outline of History" H. G. Wells penned the very illuminating sentence I have used as the title of this Talk.

This three-word statement has run through my mind like a new inspiration, and so I give it to you. Unless we get the full significance of it, we fail to understand the main purpose back of all life and effort.

Unless we are willing to face the realities packed into every hour, and to play the chords of our better natures to the exclusion of those which bring only discord and confusion into our daily lives, we are not worthy to handle the task of life itself.

Our souls must be hardened in quite the same manner as our bodies, if we would serve our time creditably.

Prolonged rest and inactivity produces death. There is no room for anything or anyone not useful.

Instudying the history of the earth, I have noticed that the biggest animals seem to be the ones first to disappear. As though they took up too much room and served too little!

The world never stops for a second in its orbit. Nor do events hesitate.

Life begins perpetually!

One of the greatest teachers of the world—Jesus—said: "Let the dead bury their dead." Nothing finer ever came from a pair of human lips.

It discourages you to think about "beginning all over again" you at least can decide to begin anew. There can be no Yesterday—Today.

Life for you may start right now. Who is there able to take from you the chance?

Would you dare to compete with anyone less than yourself?

the champion marathon runner of the world. He is not coming back."

Correct English

He has two BROTHER IN LAWS.

That is his BROTHERS IN LAW house.

He took two SPOON'S FULL of medicine.

The servant was carrying two BUCKETFULS of coal.

This letter is in neither the SUPER-INTENDENT nor the manager's handwriting.

Say:

He has two BROTHERS IN LAW.

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Who's Who in the Day's News

I. LEWIS.

E. I. Lewis, whom President Harding has just appointed a member of the interstate commerce commission, is regarded as one of the best informed men on public utilities in the

United States. Prior to his experience on the public service commission on Indiana, of which he was chairman, Lewis was a writer of national note on subjects that had to do with public utilities and civic affairs.

His investigations as a member staff of the Indianapolis News attracted wide attention to his work and were largely responsible for his appointment on the public service commission of Indiana, which was the first public office he ever held.

Lewis has conducted the Indiana public service commission on a high plane and has established a reputation for fairness both with public utilities and the public.

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Masonic Calendar

Wednesday, May 4.—Webb Lodge No. 24, F. and A. M., called meeting. Work in the Fellow Craft degree, 7 o'clock.

Thursday, May 5.—Wayne Council No. 10, R. and S. M., stated assembly.

Friday, May 6.—King Solomon's Chapter No. 4, R. A. M., called convocation. Work in Royal Arch degree.

Saturday, May 7.—Loyal Chapter No. 49, O. E. S., stated meeting.

There are 6,000 salmon fishers in San Francisco who go once a year to Alaska for the annual pack. Their wages aggregate \$6,000,000.

At a Mothers' Meeting

The wife of a noted New York divine said to her listeners, "Watch carefully your daughter's physical development. Mothers should keep their daughters well informed as to matters pertaining to health, and should see that nature is assisted, if necessary, to perform its offices."

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Lord Mayor of Dublin and White Cross Head in U. S.



Laurence O'Neill, left, and R. A. Anderson, snapped on their arrival in New York.

Lord Mayor Laurence O'Neill of Dublin and R. A. Anderson, secretary of the Irish Agricultural society, are now in New York to aid in promoting relief for Ireland. O'Neill came under different circumstances than did Lord Mayor O'Callaghan of Cork. O'Neill sailed under a British passport. Anderson is an active member of the Irish White Cross, leading in the relief work in Ireland.

CHASER TO CONVOY U. S. OFFICIAL PAST BLOCKADE.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 4.—In view of the blockade by the Greeks of the Sea of Marmora, Rear Admiral Mark L. Bristol, commander of the United States naval forces in Turkish waters, has dispatched Lieut. Robert Dunn with a sub chaser to Mudian to fetch Arthur Chester, director of the United States shipping board, and his wife, who otherwise would be unable to return to Constantinople.

Answers to Questions

Forgetful—What caused the Wilson-House break?—The split between Woodrow Wilson and Col. E. M. House was occasioned by the activity of Colonel House at the peace conference, it is said.

Subscriber—Will you please tell the population of the world and how divided?—The following figures on the population of the world by grand divisions are based on the Statesman's Year Book for 1920 and publications of the bureau of the census: Africa, 142,872,063; Asia, 830,108,761; Europe, 484,118,769; North America, 145,441,701; Oceania, 63,998,717; South America, 63,754,313; total, 1,730,294,324.

Bluejacket—What were the largest guns mounted on our battleships in the Spanish-American war?—The Indiana, Oregon and Massachusetts each carried 13-inch guns.

Readers may obtain answer to questions by writing The Palladium, Quicksilver, and the author's address. All questions should be written plainly and briefly. Answers will be given briefly.

The Home Garden

Prune out the old wood of currants and enough new wood so that the plants will not be crowded. Currants bear fruit on wood two or three years old.

Good strawberry and raspberry patches make a fine addition to a home ground. Put them in now. If Progressive or Duluth Everbearing strawberries are used you can pick fruit this fall.

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For early use, the yellow sweet corns are the best. Of these the Golden Bantam is a well-known variety. Early Minnesota has long been a favorite. White Mexican is a valuable early corn. Others, under different names, are also excellent.

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Here are approximately the number of new seeds, or seeds testing around 90 per cent germination, that are needed to plant a foot or row:

Bush snap beans and bush Lima beans, 2-6 seeds per foot; pole beans, 4-6 per foot; beets, 12-15 per foot; carrots, 25-30 per foot; Swiss chard, 6-8 per foot; sweet corn, 23 per foot in drill or 4-5 to a hill; cucumbers, 10-15 per hill; kohlrabi, 10-15 per foot; let-

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All good druggists now sell Dreco

and it is being especially introduced in Richmond by Thistlethwaite's Drug Stores.—Advertisement.

"We have been taking Dreco and this medicine has helped us both very much. It is a pleasure to sit down to a meal now, with a good, healthy appetite; knowing that there will be no gas to make our stomachs uncomfortable. We sleep sound every night and that coat has been cleaned off our tongues. We are glad to praise Dreco for what it has done for us."

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