

BOARD TO PROBE GAS RATES URGED BY BUSINESS MEN

United Association Expected to Take Up Fight for Reduction

APPEAL TO COUNCILS

Many of the officers of the United Business Men's Association, parent body of business organizations throughout the city, favor the appointment of a committee to investigate the gas situation, with a view to the ultimate reduction of the price to thirty cents.

Thus the fight started by the North Philadelphia Business Men's Association, for lower gas will doubtless have strong backing when it is laid before the first fall meeting of the United Business Men's Association, two weeks hence. The municipal committee of the main organization is now studying the question to report on it to the representatives of seventy-four associations at the meeting. Lou J. Burns, second vice president of the association, is also chairman of the municipal committee, and for that reason he declined this morning to comment as to whether or not the report of his committee would be favorable to the plan.

John W. Flanagan, treasurer of the business association, was outspoken in the advocacy to the commission idea. He replied "positively" when asked if he favored a committee of experts to report on whether it is possible for the rate to be lowered to thirty cents without the city being its twenty cents commission.

The present rate, said Mr. Flanagan, "would seem to indicate discrimination in favor of electric-light users." Walter M. Stanke, a director of the association, said that the idea of a commission was a "fair proposition," and indicated that he would give the plan his support. Frank G. Grier, also a director of the same organization, declined to comment until he had given it "considerable study."

"The question should be referred to a committee to get unbiased facts," said Edwin M. Abbott, a director, and for many years a crusader. "If an adjustment can be made fairly and equitably, all right. But if this can not be done, a commission should be named."

Although other officers of the United Business Men's Association could not be reached, the inclination of those officials who would talk was to regard favorably the proposition advanced by the North Philadelphia Business Men's Association. The comment followed closely on a statement issued last night by Edward F. Ziegler, president of the association, in which he said that his organization would stand its last dollar, if necessary, to win the fight for lower rates.

Tax Duplicates Demanded

The Camden County Board of Taxation has made a demand on Collingswood borough and Center township for the tax duplicates which should have been submitted on August 29. All the other districts in the county have made their reports and the board is ready to fix the tax rates.

THE WEATHER

Observations at Philadelphia 8 A. M.
Temperature 80.05
Barometer 30.05
Wind S.W. 3 miles
Humidity 80
Moonset 10:50
Minimum temperature 56

Lamps to Be Lighted

data and other vehicles 6:40 p.m.

The Tides

PORT RICHMOND
High water 10:23 a.m.
Low water 3:55 p.m.
CHESTNUT STREET WHARF
High water 10:15 a.m.
Low water 3:50 p.m.
REEDY ISLAND
High water 9:51 a.m.
Low water 3:23 p.m.
BIRKBECK WATER
High water 9:45 a.m.
Low water 3:10 p.m.

WATERWAYS WORKERS CONTINUE TOUR DOWN THE DELAWARE TODAY

900 Delegates to Visit Delaware City, Wilmington and Chester on Spectacular Trip of Inspection

MAYORS WILL SPEAK

Somewhere on the Delaware—On board S. S. Queen Anne—amid the deafening shrieks of hundreds of steam whistles from ships, the resounding strains from the Philadelphia Police Band on the upper deck and the salutations of spectators crowding the pier ends, more than 900 delegates to the ninth annual convention of the Atlantic Deepwater Association steamed down the Delaware River this morning, bound for Delaware City, stopping en route at Chester and Wilmington, where they will be met by delegations from the respective cities.

The purpose of today's journey is to further acquaint the members of the association with the lower Delaware, the industries on its banks and the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. The last mentioned is an important link in the 1500-mile chain of inland water routes, planned from Boston to the peninsula of Florida, that the organization will urge Congress to purchase at the next session and to form an important part of the waterway system for defensive and commercial purposes.

The Queen Anne rested its sides against the pier at Chester shortly after 10 o'clock this morning. Members of the association were on hand shouting their greetings to the delegation, while the factory whistles released piercing blasts of welcome. From an improvised platform, Mayor Wesley R. McDowell, of Chester, addressed the body on behalf of the city, and in response to his welcome Mayor Ernest E. Rogers, of New London, Conn., made a short speech telling the purposes of the association. Several other prominent members of the association, including William J. Hamilton, president of the visiting organization.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR LADIES

After continuing their journey downstream to Wilmington, the waterway boosters and the visiting ladies will be served with luncheon and taken for an automobile ride throughout the city under the auspices of the Wilmington committee of the association. The ladies on the trip are to be placed in charge of the ladies auxiliary and entertained with special features planned by the reception committee.

A business session will be held in the du Pont Building, where Mayor James P. Price, of Wilmington, will welcome the delegates. Mayor Wallace J. Pierpont, of Savannah, is to speak in behalf of the association. Governor Charles R. Miller, of Delaware, will extend the greetings of the State to the visitors, and a speech of acceptance is to be made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Washington, J. Harry Covington. Congressman Stephen M. Sparkman, of Florida, will talk about the work of the Rivers and Harbors Committee. Addresses by William B. Meador, president of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, and Brigadier General William H. Bisby, U. S. A., retired, and former chief of engineers, will conclude the session.

DELAWARE CITY VISIT

The Queen Anne is then scheduled to steam away from Wilmington for Delaware City, arriving at the latter place at 8:15 p. m. Following an address of welcome by Mayor John W. Stevens, of that city, Congressman William J. Browning, member of the Naval Affairs Committee; Congressman Charles G. Edwards, of Georgia, and H. L. Hamilton, secretary of the Florida East Coast Canal Association, are on the program as speakers.

The return trip to Philadelphia will begin at 6:30 p. m. A box supper will be served aboard the ship. At 8 o'clock in the evening there will be a meeting of the delegates in the saloon deck, aft. A display of fireworks will take place when the ship passes Chester. The delegates were deeply impressed with the trip made yesterday up the Delaware River to Trenton and by splendid sailboats offered by all the cities and towns on the northern route and the magnificent display of fireworks in the evening when the party was bound for Philadelphia.

Beginning at Bordentown, both sides of

the river were illuminated with red light torches. Hundreds of rockets sailed through the air, broke with thundering crashes and brilliant displays, until the steamship reached its destination at the Arch street wharf. As the boat passed under the railroad bridge at Delair, hundreds of motorboats, Government cutters, revenue vessels, policeboats and other craft followed in the wake. Lying in midstream five ships of the Atlantic squadron, outlined against the darkness of the night by thousands of electric lights, played powerful searchlights against the skyline.

Opposite the reviewing stand at Raon street wharf, where the Mayor and his Cabinet saw the passing flotilla, a huge barge was lying just off the course of the parade, from which were released thousands of rockets that soared the sky and broke over the long line of ships as they passed by. A huge display proclaiming a general welcome to the Atlantic Deepwater Association was set off just as the Queen Anne passed the stand. A flaming red light was burning from the top of the City Hall and messages of greeting were exchanged between Mayor Donnelly, of Trenton, who accompanied the waterway boosters to this city, and Mayor Smith, from the foot of

B ENGINEERS BACK TO EL PASO

Philadelphia Company Ordered From Nogales After Two Months CAMP STEWART, El Paso, Tex., Sept. 14.—Company B, Engineers, of Philadelphia, has been ordered to return to this camp from Nogales, Arizona, after two months' service. Announcement to this effect was made at division headquarters. The scheduled maneuvers of the First Brigade were not held yesterday on account of very short notice given regimental commanders to prepare rations. The brigade went out this morning and will remain in the field to bivouac tonight.

Major E. Lowrey Humes, Adjutant of the Second Brigade and United States District Attorney at Pittsburg, has been ordered by the Attorney General to go to Salt Lake City and prosecute a Federal case there.

REV. JAMES M. WILLIAMS DEAD

Bishop McCort Celebrates Mass for Assistant Rector of Transfiguration The funeral of the Rev. James M. Williams, assistant rector of the Church of the Transfiguration, Fifty-fifth street and Cedar avenue, was held today, with hundreds of friends and parishioners in attendance. Solemn pontifical mass was celebrated at 10 o'clock by Bishop McCort and interment followed in the New Cathedral Cemetery. Father Williams died at the age of forty-one after an illness of a month. He had been assistant rector of the church for about a year, having been transferred there from the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Twenty-fourth and Green streets. He was ordained to the priesthood fourteen years ago.

LANCASTER Boy Dies of Lockjaw

LANCASTER, Pa., Sept. 14.—David, the six-year-old son of William B. Ehnman, of Manheim, died last evening from lockjaw.

LIFE GUARD WHIPPED BY CITY'S CHAMPION 2-FISTED RHYMESTER

Erwin C. Garrett, of Germantown, Who Writes Poems on Peace, Keeps Up Reputation for Belligerency

HANDS WILL NOT BEHAVE

Erwin C. Garrett, who spends much time in writing militant verse, is truly a pugna-cious poet. He lives at 431 West Stafford street, a quiet part of Germantown. He is what authors call "vital." He is or was a soldier. Garrett believes so much in peace that he is willing to fight for it. He wrote peacefully while fighting in the Philippines and was known as the "army poet."

He is the antithesis of the general poetic suspicion. He is big, broad-shouldered and laid instead of being thin, long-haired and anemic, as comic paper editors would have an believe poets are.

Mr. Garrett is not a war poet. He is a man of peace. He is brave. He is original and has initiative. HAS HAD HIS TROUBLES It is this last qualification probably which has caused most of his trouble. Garrett believes in settling matters quickly on his own account when he learns that some person has not performed his duty. This habit has brought him in contact with the police numerous times in the last few years.

Word of his last conflict reached here today. It was with a lifeguard at Cape May, whom, it is said, he whipped on Tuesday during an argument. The poet was held in \$200 bail. But the lifeguard was patched up and also the trouble. Garrett criticized Lifeguard Keenan because a pun at the resort broke his neck by diving into shallow water. It appears that the guard reminded Garrett that he was not responsible for the depth of the ocean, and words and fists followed rapidly.

Garrett admitted that he had criticized the guard, but said the subsequent hostilities were due to a misunderstanding. Last August at the same place Garrett had a fight with a motorman following a

quarrel over a fallen electric wire. He was arrested, but the matter was straightened out.

FOUGHT WITH USHER

In 1912 the poet was arrested for fighting with an usher of a Germantown theater. After a lengthy controversy the matter was dropped and peace declared. It appears that Garrett does not believe in exchange of notes or any literary arrangements before a fight, and in 1911 he got into a battle with the motorman of a Seventeenth street car while the car was in motion. In this case it appears the battle was a draw.

When Garrett was with the Fifth United States Cavalry in the Philippines he made it a point to get into the thickest of the fight. Therefore his poems breathe the spirit of combat and fearlessness. He has published several books. One of his most popular volumes is "The Dyak Chief and Other Verses."

13,000 Plan Sunday School Parade

Arrangements for the eighth District annual rally demonstration of the Eleventh Sunday School Association in Kensington will be made tonight at a meeting of superintendents and parade committees in Cumberland Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Cumberland and Coral streets. It is expected that 13,000 men, women and children will march in the parade October 7.

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