

**WATER DECISION  
MAY BE APPEALED**

Suburbanites Contemplate  
Taking Springfield Co.  
Case to Court

**LOSE IN COMMISSION**

Public Service Body Turns  
Down Complaints of 18  
Communities

The fight made by eighteen communities near Philadelphia against increased rates of the Springfield Consolidated Water Company probably will be carried into the Superior Court following the Public Service Commission's dismissal of their complaints.

Attorneys for the protesting townships and boroughs today are waiting for the text of the commission's order, and then will confer preliminary to an appeal.

The complaints dismissed were directed principally against a charge of \$355 a mile annually for all mains connecting with fireplugs. Counsel for the complainants alleged the charge was "unjust and unreasonable."

Morton Z. Paul, an attorney of this city, who represents Sharon Hill and Collingdale, two of the protesting communities, today said it was very likely that an appeal would be taken.

**Object to Charge for Mains**  
Springfield township, Mr. Paul pointed out, is charged about \$4000 annually for water mains, although there is no fireplug there and although it has a reservoir with pipe lines radiating into all parts of the community.

The controversy over the rates and service of the company began when consumers invoked the aid of the courts in obtaining relief from existing domestic service rates. Later this complaint was carried to the Public Service Commission. A valuation of the property was asked for and the company allowed a 7 per cent profit on its investment. This meant a reduction of 33.1-3 per cent in domestic rates.

The commission, however, allotted a specified sum as an equitable return to the company for fire protection and fixed the water rates for all municipalities at \$7 for each fire-hydrant and \$25 a mile for all mains connecting these plugs.

**Big Increase in Bills**  
The fire-hydrant rate was about what the municipalities had been paying, but the pipe mileage rate ran the annual bills of the municipalities up to \$80 and as high as 1400 per cent above former bills.

The townships of Lower Merion, Abington, Cheltenham and Springfield, Montgomery County; Haverford, Upper Darby, Radnor and Springfield, Delaware County, and the boroughs of Lansdowne, Sharon Hill, Swarthmore, Conshohocken, Ridley Park, Collingdale, Norwood, Prospect Park, Ridley Park and Morton, filed complaints against the new fire-service rate and asked the commission to reduce the same.

The commission heard final argument last week.

**CHARGE IT TO THE STATE!**

Pennsylvania Must Pay for Governor's Thanksgiving Cards

Governor Brumbaugh has sent out 3200 copies of his Thanksgiving proclamation to friends throughout the State. The proclamations are printed on heavy paper of fine quality and inclosed in large envelopes of the same quality.

If the flap of the envelope is folded in the proclamation is secure and could have been mailed for two cents. However, this was not done. The envelope was sealed and it required twelve cents for postage of each.

The proclamations were printed by the State printer at State expense, and while the bill has not been presented it probably will run a little more than a similar bill last year, which was for \$150. The postage is printed on heavy paper, for most of the proclamations were mailed out.

**AIDS DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC**

Pasayunk Avenue Improvements Help Relieve Congestion

The widening, grading, paving and re-laying of Pasayunk avenue, between Twenty-third and Twenty-eighth streets, which operations have just been completed, have aided largely in traffic conditions in the southwestern section of the city.

The thoroughfare has been widened from its original width from forty-five to sixty-five feet, and the improvement especially benefits traffic at the various intersections, and particularly at Pasayunk place, at Twenty-eighth street. This was largely used for transportation during the war, being one of the traffic arteries to the southern and southwestern sections, where many war industries plants were located.

**NOTICE WHO USE THEM**

**BROCKWAY MOTOR TRUCKS**  
"Hit or miss" in buying usually means "miss." Before you buy any truck compare it with the Brockway.  
1½-2-3½ TONS  
**BROCKWAY MOTOR TRUCK COMPANY**  
2324-28 Market St.

**JOB FOR EVERY MAN**

So Announces Federal Labor Bureau in Seeking Recruits

The United States Employment Service in Pennsylvania placed in war and semi-war work 182,581 persons since August 1 of this number, 161,562 were men and 17,229 were women.

The work has been carried on in seventy-five offices throughout the State, sixteen of which are located in this city.

"The service has performed a tremendous task," said E. C. Felton, Federal director of Pennsylvania, "but with the return of the soldiers from France and the demobilization of the army of men and women which has been at work in wartime plants there is huge work ahead."

"There is no question but that there is a job for every man, and as yet the service has seen no indication of any surplus of labor. We are still unable to meet demands made upon us by employers."

**ALARM CLOCK CAUSES ROW**

Dispute and Cutting Results When Gong Loses Time

An alarm clock, which failed to go off on time, started a row in a restaurant, caused a general fight and resulted in holding one of the parties concerned for court.

The clock belonged to Donald Ritzen, of Fifty-fourth and Market streets. He roomed near Harold Holland. They both work at Hog Island.

The alarm clock went off fifteen minutes late today, and Holland was indignant. Ritzen defended the clock and while the men were talking the alarm went off again. The men finally came to blows and Ritzen, according to Holland, seized a knife. Holland appeared before Magistrate Hopkins today swathed in bandages and declared that Ritzen had carved him in various places.

Ritzen was held in \$400 bail for court.

**WIFE SUES FELIX ISMAN**

Former Philadelphian Faces Second Divorce Action in New York

Felix Isman, formerly a well-known estate operator of this city, is being sued for divorce in the Supreme Court of New York, by his second wife, Mrs. Hazel Isman.

Before devoting himself entirely to his real estate operations, which he has conducted on a large scale, Mr. Isman was also a theatrical manager and theatre owner. He quit these latter activities in 1908. Two years before that he married Miss Irene Frizelle, a chorus girl at the time, who is now Miss Irene Fenwick. They were divorced. He married the present Mrs. Isman in 1914.

The bill accuses Isman of misconduct. The bill accuses Isman of misconduct.

**ENSIGN WILMSEN DEAD**

Elkins Park Naval Man Is Pneumonia Victim

Announcement was made today by the Navy Department of the death on November 24 of Ensign Frederick George Wilmesen, U. S. N. R. F., son of Bernard Wilmesen, of Elkins Park.

Ensign Wilmesen died of pneumonia at United States Army Hospital No. 53. He was a native of Philadelphia, born in 1896 and enrolled in the naval reserve force as an assistant paymaster May 24, 1918.

**Supreme Fur Values**

Second Floor  
Full-Length Marmot Coats, 119.00  
Shawl collar and cuffs of natural Raccoon.  
Natural Muskrat Hudson Seal  
Coats, 139.75  
Seal collar, cuffs, pockets and belt.  
Black Lynx Sets, 45.00  
Hudson Seal Nutria Sets, 39.75  
Muffs, 9.50  
Round shape.  
Shawl collar and round muff.

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Manufacturers and Retailers—Factory: 37th and Broadway, New York

Buy Christmas Gifts on a Charge Account, and Pay Jan. 1, 1919

**BLAUNER'S**

833-35 Market Street  
Manufacturers and Retailers—Factory: 37th and Broadway, New York

**Saturday! Baby Day**

Celluloid Novelties, 50c to 4.94  
Baby Dressing Gowns, 3.89 to 7.50  
Coach Covers, 2.94 to 4.94  
Long or Short Baby Dresses, 94c to 3.49  
Bacon Bathrobes, 1.91 to 2.94  
Baby Caps and Bonnets, 50c to 4.94  
Sweater Sets, 3.50 to 12.94  
Wool Sweaters, 2.25 to 4.94  
Blauer's Fourth Floor

**Coats! Coats!! Superb Displays! Superb Values!!**  
It Is Wise to Shop Early on Saturdays

**Saturday: Two Wonderful Coat Values**

Second Floor

**25.00**

Designed for beauty, as well as for winter comfort, these stunning Coats are an amazingly good value at this price. Beautiful models of velour, pom-pom, kersey, burella and broadcloth are superbly tailored, and in many cases delightfully trimmed with fur. The excellence of their lines especially distinguish them at their modest price.

**35.00**

The values of these stunning Coats are much higher, as is shown by the exclusiveness of their design. Bolivia, broadcloth, velour, silvertone and Saxonia are the fabrics, and the trimmings are Seal, Nutria and Raccoon. Styles are full flared or easily gathered in at the waistline.

Blauer's Second Floor

**Santa Claus is here!**

For little boys and little girls, whose mothers make purchases over a dollar, there will be lovely Christmas gifts!

There are building blocks, paint boxes, horns, blackboards, toy automobiles, doll babies and their dishes, furniture and equipment, painting books, marbles, trains of cars, a host of toy animals and innumerable other things which cannot help but please little brother and little sister.

**Useful Gifts for Children—Special!**

**Girls' Serge Dresses 2.50**

Special assortment of Dresses, drastically reduced. Lovely styles, trimmed in serge or self material.

**Lingerie Dresses 2.91 to 8.91**  
Exquisite Frocks in sheer materials. Trimmed with lace or embroidery.

**French Dresses 1.91 to 4.91**  
Lingerie and organdy in dainty styles beautifully trimmed. Sizes 2-6.

**Children's Coats Reduced**  
Junior Coats, 19.75  
Girls' Coats, 5.91  
Mercurized plush and corduroy Coats, with heavy plush collars. Sizes 6-14.

**Girls' Rain Capes, 1.69**  
Tan poplin, weather-proofed. Special sizes.

**Kiddies' Coats, 3.69**  
Plaid, velvet and corduroy Coats, fur-trimmed in flame color, Copenhagen blue and other lovely shades.

Blauer's Fourth Floor

**Exclusive Suits Reduced**

**35.00**

Values 47.50-55.00

Distinctive tailored models of silvertone and more elaborate Suits of chiffon broadcloth, velvet, velour de laine and duvet de laine.

Pin tucking, pleats, flares and close-fitting bodices are noted; and Nutria and Seal on collars, cuffs, banding and pockets.

Blauer's Second Floor

**Dresses! Extra Special**

**15.00**

Values 25.00-39.50

Satin, velvet and serge Dresses, beautifully designed, showing the smartest of new styles. Braid, heading and fringe and in combination with Georgette.

Velvets, velours, satins, serges and Jerseys show the loveliest of new lines and the most effective of trimmings. Narrow skirts and bell or tight-fitting sleeves. Formerly higher priced.

Blauer's Second Floor

**Furs as Christmas Gifts**

**Manchurian Wolf Scarfs, 6.95-12.95**  
Taupe, Detroit and black.

**Kit Coon Stoles, 18.50**  
Pockets and fancy buttons.

**Marmot or Sealine Stoles, 29.75**  
Smart styles, silk lined.

**Pointed Manchurian Wolf Sets, 16.95-23.75**

**Children's Sets, 1.95-12.95**  
Diverse styles and furs.

**Glove Sale**

**1.20**

French Kid and Lambskin Gloves in white with embroidered backs; also full pique white kid with black stitching and piping at the wrist; also overseam kid or full pique in black.

Washable Cape or Chamois Gloves in street shades among the lot. All these Gloves are from a famous manufacturer whose name we may not mention, because of this low price.

Blauer's Main Floor

**Extraordinary Waist Values**

**3.00**

Values 5.00-6.00

Lovely Blouses fashioned of the ever-delightful Georgette in flesh color, white and suit shades. Beading and embroidery are most attractive, and pleating are equally fetching.

Blauer's Main Floor

**5.00**

Values 8.75 to 13.50

Never more ingeniously displayed than in these Blouses, so much under price. Steel and colored beads, floss and gold thread embroidery are resplendent in effect. Suit shades, flesh color and white.

**Coats!! All at Special Prices**

Downstairs

**11.00**

This first group includes an excellent variety of Coats made of all-wool kersey, Thibet, tweed or velvet. Empire as well as waist-line and belted styles.

**14.00**

Fine Coats of melton, velour and Thibet are included in this special assortment. Collars are of plush, coney, beaver cloth or self.

**17.00**

Excellent Coats of velour and pom-pom. Smart models, beautifully trimmed with self-material, plush or fur.

**Hosiery Specials**

**Silk Hose 1.85**

Extra heavy weight, mostly all-over silks. Some pointex heels. Black, white and colors.

55c

Fashioned Hose with double sole and spliced heels. Shoe shades, black and white.

**Cotton & Lisle Hose 25c**

Burton Fashioned Cotton Hose, Ipswich Gauze Lisle or Cotton Hose, and Buster Brown medium weight Cotton Hose.

Blauer's Main Floor

**Great Hat Event**

**3.00**

Values 6.00-10.00

Another lucky purchase makes possible this wonderful offering. There are Hats of all sizes and shapes in Lyons and panne velvets, trimmed with fur, flowers and ribbons. Also smart turbans, with stunning fancies.

**Wonder Hats, 5.97**

The Blauer Specialization "Wonder Hats" in Georgette, duvetyne, satin and velvet; fur-trimmed, flowers and feather adornments. Also turbans with attached veils.

Blauer's Third Floor

**Suits Under Price**

Downstairs

**15.00**

Stunning Suits of wool poplin, French serge and gabardine in tailored styles featuring snug shoulders and long narrow skirts.

**19.85**

Empire effects and convertible collars are good features of these well-tailored Suits of serge, Oxford and gabardine. Plush and velvet trimmings.

**22.50**

Sports styles, as well as tailored and more elaborate models. The styles are distinct and new; the fabrics substantial and smart; and the linings excellent.

**Special Dress Pricings!**

**9.94**

Of serge or of velvet, these Dresses are made in the most charming of new modes and show trimmings of braid, embroidery and buttons.

**14.96**

At this modest price are Dresses of velvet and Georgette combined, of serge, or of silk, in new and lovely modes.

**16.89**

A wonderful group of Jersey Frocks in the becoming shades of tan, brown, turquoise blue, taupe and navy.

Blauer's Downstairs

**Boston Shoe Market**  
931-937 Market St.

**10,000 Pair Winter Shoes for Men, Women & Children at Great Savings**

**Women's \$5, \$6 and \$7 NOVELTY BOOTS \$3.95**

Samples and special purchases of well-known makes of 60 of the most wanted styles to choose from. Choice of Pearl Grey, African Brown, Coto Tans, Fawn Buck, Ivory Kid, Patent with Tan Grey and Fawn Buck Tops, Black Kid and Handsome combinations. Welled and Turned Soles.

**Women's \$2.95 SHOES**

English Walking Lace, also Patent and Bull Leather, Button, Welled and Stitched Soles.

**Women's Satin \$2.69 Party Pumps**

Real smart looking, with long, slender vamp, high arch and French heels. Sizes 1 to 8 and 11 to E.

**Children's \$1.98 School Shoes**

Gun Metal, Broad Toes and good Stout Soles. Sizes 6 to 2.

**Boys' and Girls' High Cut Shoes \$2.29**

The children's delight, with Straps and Buckles, in Black. Sizes 10 to 13½ and 1 to 2.

**Men's Work Shoes \$2.95**

Tan and Black Chrome Leather. Double Soles and Bel-lows. Tongue.

**Men's Dr. Casson's Cushion SOLE SHOES at \$4.50**

The shoe that is pleasing hundreds of men, of Soft Black Kid, with plush in top room.