

ORELAND JOINS GAS-RATE FIGHT

Anxious to Make Its Protest Along With That of Many Other Towns

ALL CONSUMERS AROUSED

Gas consumers in Oreland, north of Glenside, at a meeting last night decided to co-operate in the protest of many towns near Philadelphia against the increased rates charged by the Philadelphia Suburban Gas and Electric Co.

A committee of Amble's town council met yesterday and called a protest meeting in the Amble town hall for the night of March 4. A citizens association will be organized.

Tonight at Jenkintown the Jenkintown and Wynocote Gas Consumers Association will have a mass meeting at the Jenkintown Club. A preliminary protest organization has been formed in this borough, largest of the York road towns, and the meeting tonight is intended to establish concrete sentiment of the dissatisfied householders.

These were developments of a day in the fight against the company in Montgomery county.

In Delaware county a committee headed by J. P. Lampheimer, of Collierville, met to arrange for public meetings in thirty towns in March and April.

The Oreland meeting was under the direction of the Oreland Community Club. About fifty consumers, virtually every one in the village, attended. The decision to co-operate in the protest, both by assisting financially and in the obtaining of signatures to another intervening protest, was unanimous.

J. J. Diver, a member of the committee appointed to arrange the meeting in Amble, said:

"We have selected March 4 for the meeting. There are probably nearly 1000 consumers in this field, and if the average increase in bills is only \$3 a month that means \$30,000 a year which we shall fight to save. In 1917 we started a new administration down at Washington March 4. We'll start something at Amble on the same date.

The meeting tonight at Jenkintown will be one of the most important of the entire series, because Jenkintown is the headquarters of the Philadelphia Suburban Gas and Electric, and it means carrying the fight right 'home' and because of what is declared to have been a 'whitewash' of the gas company by a committee of business men some time ago through a report in which they said the Jenkintown Business Men's Association should not join in the protest being formulated in other towns.

Condition of Highways Throughout State Today

Lincoln highway (Trenton to Chambersburg)—Good in Adams, York, Chester and Delaware counties and in Philadelphia; elsewhere mostly fair.

William Penn highway (Easton to Chambersburg)—Reported fair in Dauphin, Lebanon and Berks counties; elsewhere good except one mile unimproved road near Allentown.

Baltimore pike (Philadelphia, Media, Kennett Square and Oxford)—Mostly fair, some snow and ice remaining on the road, but not enough to hinder travel.

Philadelphia and Reading pike—Mostly fair.

Lancaster and Harrisburg pike—Mostly fair.

21ST WARD DEALERS DINE

Annual Banquet of Trade Board Hears Prominent Speakers

The annual dinner of the Twenty-first Ward Board of Trade was held at Manayunk avenue and Osborne street, Wisahickon, last night. George H. Dorward presided. Speakers included Lieutenant Governor Eddleman, Wallace Bromley, of the state Legislature, Major L. B. Scofield, assistant district attorney, Director Cortelyou, Senator George Woodard, Ross Davis, of the fire department, and Councilmen Roper and Von Tagen.

John Rumley and William Lanigan, who have been members of Fire Company No. 12 for more than fifty years, were each given a substantial purse by the Board of Trade in recognition of faithful services. Neither of the firemen has ever received a reprimand.

BOY ADVENTURER RETURNS

Norman Stiles Found by Father on Indian Reservation

After he had traveled almost across the continent in search of adventure, twelve-year-old Norman Stiles, who went away February 10, returned home yesterday with his father, who had found him on the Indian reservation at Osage, Okla.

His desire to obtain first-hand knowledge of Indians and cowboys and become a great movie actor led to the trip.

Although his money ran out before he reached Harrisburg, generous passengers on the train paid his fare until he reached Oklahoma, where he soon became disgusted with life among the Indians and wrote to dad to have the fatted calf butchered.

Rue Leads Federal Council

Levi J. Rue, president of the Philadelphia National Bank, has been elected president of the Federal Advisory Council, succeeding James B. Forgan, of Chicago. The appointment is considered definite recognition of the importance of Philadelphia as a financial and business center.

BOY-DRIVEN TRUCK KILLS LAD OF 15

Child's Life Crushed Out on Broad Street—Youth Under Driving Age

HAD BEEN ASKED FOR "LIFT"

William Leslie, fifteen years old, of 2405 South Woodstock street, was instantly killed last night when he was run over by a heavy motortruck at Broad and Walnut streets.

The driver was Howard King, Snyder avenue near Sixteenth street, who, the police say, is only sixteen years of age and, therefore, under Pennsylvania motor laws, had no legal right to operate a motor vehicle.

King, nephew of David Jenner, contractor, of the Snyder avenue address, had taken the truck out in answer to a "burry call." Leslie and a companion riding on the "tailboard" of another truck, asked King to let them ride down Broad street with them. He assented, but told the two boys to jump on the front seat of his truck and not "hop on" the rear end.

In front of the Manufacturers' Club the two boys started to make the transfer from the first truck to the one King was driving. Leslie slipped from the metal foothold and fell to the roadway, the wheels passing over his head and body, killing him instantly.

King was arrested and sent to the House of Detention for a hearing.

Jerome Fowler, seven years old, of Ridley Park, was struck by a car driven by Harold Marme, at Fifteenth and Arch streets, last night. Jerome slipped ahead of his mother in crossing the street, and Marme could not stop his machine in time to prevent striking the boy, who is not seriously hurt. Marme was arrested.

James Pepper, 520 North Fifty-second street, attempted to avoid striking Gertrude Miller, six years old, at Lansdowne avenue and Fifty-fourth street, last night, by running his machine into

LAMONT AT FORUM TONIGHT

Financier Will Discuss Reparations Issue of Peace Parley

Thomas W. Lamont Will Speak Tonight at the Twelfth Session of the Public Leboron Forum on the Peace Conference in the Forer of the Academy of Music. His subject will be "The Question of German Reparations."

Mr. Lamont was one of the United States treasury representatives on the American commission at the Paris conference. In his talk he will deal with the attempts made in Paris to formulate the amount that Germany should pay as reparation of the cross-purposes at which the representatives of many of the allied powers found themselves working. His lecture will not be a technical description of the reparation clauses, but a peep behind the scenes upon one of the fascinating aspects of the conference.

A member of the firm of J. F. Morgan & Co., Mr. Lamont is recognized as one of the eminent financiers of the world. He was instrumental in financing many of the loans made to the Allies, and last year was one of the bankers who formed the consortium for China, which provided for the grouping of the leading banking interests of England, France, Japan and the United States. Its purpose was to aid China in the development of her resources.

STUDY 'PHILA. PLAN' TO REVIVE BUILDING

Nation's Contractors Convene in Chicago March 2, Following Conference Here

MEN FROM CITY TO ATTEND

The "Philadelphia Plan" outlined at the four-day conference on building here last week, and intended to start in motion the wheels of the construction industry throughout the country, has been made the basis of a call for a convention of all elements of that industry in Chicago March 2 and 3.

The plan was the result of the conference arranged by the industrial relations committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Secretary Clarkson, of the National Federation of Construction Industries, came from Chicago to observe the proceedings of the plan.

Yesterday he issued a telegraphic call for the convention at the Sherman House. Letters will follow, giving a full outline of the plan.

Among the Philadelphia men who have announced their intention of going

to Chicago are Ernest T. Trigg, chairman of last week's conference and its original planner; Colonel John Price Jackson, his assistant on the industrial relations committee of the Chamber of Commerce; Thomas Evans, who presented the report of the building trades employers, which created so much discussion, and Daniel Crawford, Jr., head of the operative builders of this city.

The industrial relations committee, in handling the local situation, has decided to call for meetings immediately of various smaller groups within the construction industry to put into effect the recommendations contained in the resolutions adopted on the final day of the conference last week.

At the same time plans are going ahead to get together all the elements in another industry, whose rejuvenation would be a boon to local business. Within a few days it will finally be determined which line will be called to gether next.

The rate of wages for union labor in Philadelphia on the basis of a week's full time has increased more than in any of thirteen cities, for which a report has been issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor.

The increase since 1907 has been 117

per cent in Philadelphia, while in Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Denver, New Orleans, New York, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, San Francisco and Seattle it ranged from 116 per cent to 65 per cent. In the union rate per hour Philadelphia ranks next to Atlanta, with an increase of 187 per cent.

CITY HALL FIXTURE BACK

Big Electroler in Mayor's Office is Mysteriously Returned

Missing City Hall fixtures are reappearing in their accustomed places in as mysterious a manner as they disappeared.

The latest property of the city to succumb to the homing instinct is the ornate bronze electroler which years ago stood on the mantel above the fireplace in the Mayor's reception room. Overnight the fixture returned to its place.

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