

### STATE BOARD MAY END GAS PROBLEM

Lease Question May Be Roused From Slumbers in Council by Trip to Harrisburg

### PIPE DECISION WATCHED

The biggest point at this time in connection with the slumbering problem of a new or modified lease of the gas plant between the city and the U. G. I. is that there is more than a possibility the question may be lifted out of the realms of city and council-mandated jurisdiction and placed squarely before the Public Service Commission.

This point was developed today in conversation with representatives of the company who are seeking better terms for the making of gas. It indicates to some that the company would be glad of a chance to take the gas situation out of City Hall, where it has been somewhat more or less, for almost two years, and trust to the wisdom of the Public Service Commission.

Emphasis was lent to this view when it was learned that company officials will watch closely the decision of the commission in dealing, on January 30, with what might be called a by-product of the gas problem.

On that date the commission will hear representatives of the Philadelphia Operative Builders' Association, who are petitioning for the return of approximately \$100,000, which the company has collected from builders for the laying of gas pipes inside property lines.

Up to the time of the war the company made no charge for this service. With the coming of high costs for labor and materials, the company began about two years ago to charge for the laying of pipes—the charge beginning with the property line. In the beginning the cost was attacked by one firm, Fergu-

son & McDowell, which appealed to the commission. The commission declined to take jurisdiction on the ground that it had no right to intervene, even though the gas company was a public utility, because of the contract relations between the city and the company. Now, however, the commission has set a date for hearing the whole question. Needless to say, representatives of company will be on hand in Harrisburg. For, it is argued by the company, if the commission takes jurisdiction in the matter of the laying of pipes, then ipso facto, it should or might take jurisdiction in the matter of a new or modified gas lease. A decision to take jurisdiction in the case of the pipes, it is predicted, will be followed by an appeal from the company to the commission, praying for relief from the terms of the present lease.

That is, of course, unless Council indicates a readiness to solve the problem, in accord with the Mayor.

Richard Wiegman, president of Council, said he did not believe the commission would take over the gas question. In his annual report, recently made to Council, the president declared that he would get busy on the gas question as soon as the problem of the Frankford "L" had been solved. This latter now is speeding, more or less, toward solution.

### LOVELORN MAID IN AGAIN

Canadian Girl to Be Deported for Fourth Time

Once more has Miss Beatrice Hebert, attractive young Canadian stenographer, come to this city to be near William Zinser, district manager of a tourist agency here, and once more have the immigration authorities taken charge of her. She will be deported to Canada again, although the object of her infatuation has not this time been announced by her in any way.

Miss Hebert first met Zinser about two years ago on an ocean liner while he was conducting a tour to the Orient. Since then she has pursued him frantically.

Commissioner Hughes said if Miss Hebert was not a Canadian subject he would make efforts to have her committed to some institution for mental treatment. He will make that recommendation to the Canadian Government, he said.

### "All the World Loves a Lover" By J. P. McEVoy

IS THERE a more touching sight in the world than the faithful suitor being piteously persecuted by his fair one? What is needed is a society for the prevention of cruelty to suitors. If all the world loves a lover, now is the chance to prove it. Make the lot of the lover easier lots. (Ah! A song!)

Observe him in the summer time taking long drives in the country for her pleasure—his eyes blinded by dust, his neck blistered by the heat.

See him on some jolly picnic carrying enormous baskets of food, wandering unmentionable miles for water and gas-olite and things.

And see him coming home in the quivering dusk, stopping each few hundred yards to change a tire, or see him in countless thousands in the park bravely rowing her around while she sits and eyes him with cruel amusement through half-closed lids.

OBSERVE him at the theatre carrying armloads of wraps, shagging programs, water, candy, picking up her gloves and her program or anything else she may drop to prevent him from seeing the show.

Look at him standing out in the middle of the street trying to get a taxi-cab for her; observe him gallantly digging for taxi fare, after-the-theatre supper and all the countless thousands of other et cetera.

Observe him staggering around in weariness and despondency, and in contrast see how gay she is, how bright, how care-free!

What a shame for one with the inexhaustible vitality the modern girl has to abuse a poor man like this.

You would suppose she would treat him tenderly and be kind to him. But no! No! No one is kind to a suitor. Men laugh at him raucously. Women guff him mercilessly.

"All the world loves a lover." Rats!

### BOY, FOUND ON R. R., DIES

Was Visiting Brother Here—Think Freight Hit Him

George Faunce, ten, of Morristown, N. J., who had been visiting a brother in this city, died last night about an hour after he was found unconscious beside the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks at Fifteenth street and Oregon avenue.

The boy's left leg was broken and his skull was fractured. Police believed he was hit by a freight train while playing around the tracks. He came here several days ago to visit Chester Faunce, 2239 South Clarion street.

### Executives to Meet

The Executives' Forum of Philadelphia will hold an open meeting tonight at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, 1421 Arch street. The forum, which limits its membership to owners and high executives of Philadelphia business houses, has mapped out a program for reducing manufacturing, selling and distributing costs to a minimum. The meeting will be addressed by George F. Barber.

### ROB MAN OF \$558

Bandits Also Get Victim's Jewelry at Fifty-seventh and Market Sts.

Max Weber, 116 South Cecil street, while returning home at 2 o'clock this morning, was held up by two Negro thugs at Fifty-seventh and Market streets.

One of the highwaymen held two guns against Weber's body and ordered him to back into a vestibule of a grocery store. There the second assailant searched him.

The thieves got a gold watch, chain and charm, a diamond stickpin and \$558.

### W. T. PORCH APPOINTED

Camden Man Named as Prosecutor of Gloucester County Pitman, N. J., Jan. 18.—Willis T. Porch, of Camden whose name was sent to the State Senate by Governor Edwards on Monday night for appointment as Prosecutor of the Pleas of Gloucester County, is one of the active young Democrats of the county. His appointment was made with the full endorsement of the County Democratic Committee.

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