

UTILITY NOT TO BE A CHARITY

Unusual Remarks About Duty of a Community to a Public Service Concern



A public utility is not a charitable institution, says an opinion by the Public Service Commission in dismissing a complaint filed by the Rev. M. J. O'Sullivan against the rates of the Houtzdale Water Company operating in Houtzdale and vicinity. The decision of the Commission is that the rates are not unreasonable.

sary to pay its operating expenses and fair return allowed by law because it has no other place to go. It is not a charitable institution. As patrons are not expected nor can they be compelled to pay more than reasonable rates, neither can public utilities be expected to survive on rates less than produce revenue to pay proper operating expenses and a fair return. The utility in rendering the service and the public in a community accepting the same should bear in mind this interdependent relation.

The State of Pennsylvania has 216 contracts for road improvement under way and they have a value of over \$25,000,000, according to estimates made at the State Highway Department. The bids received for the 20 contracts offered on Tuesday were over \$3,500,000. Some of the contracts will be readvertised.

The National and Regimental colors of the 10th Infantry, which was formed of the old 10th Pennsylvania and other units of the National Guard of Pennsylvania and which fought through the campaigns of the 23rd Division in France, have been received by Adjutant General Frank D. Beary for deposit in the State Capitol. The colors bear a streamer with the names of the six major engagements and campaigns in which the regiment participated. They were sent to Major A. M. Pearson, in charge of the Department of Public Grounds and Buildings, a veteran of the 10th Pennsylvania in the Spanish and Philippine Wars, who took them to the Adjutant General.



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CONFLICTING CLAIMS ARE POURING IN

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ing, but from other sources it was discovered that conditions had greatly improved. At the Locust street watchbox where normally 710 men report for work, 658 reported this morning.

The frog shop is running with a full force, the number of men striking from this department being negligible, it is said. The bridge shop is running in good shape with a number of men striking yesterday, back at work to-day. Seven out of nine men in the open hearth are working. One of the two not running has been out of commission for several months. These conditions were told by plant officials.

Strikers Meet Daily

In contrast with the above statement are the reports given at the union headquarters, where the officers claim that a larger number of men are on strike to-day, and that their ranks are constantly increasing in number. Definite figures could not be secured.

Daily meetings are held in Union Hall at two o'clock. At yesterday's meeting the speaker was John W. Brown, strike organizer, who addressed the men, and complimented the foreign born strikers for "showing so much backbone in fighting for their rights." He also scored the many Americans "who seemingly lacked the courage of their forefathers."

Five Men Held by Police

The five men who were alleged to have been arrested last night by police explained that they were on their way to work when apprehended. Asked why they took such a round about way they said that they were afraid to enter in by the proper gate because of the pickets posted there by the strikers. Although this story seemed to conflict with their attitude towards the policemen last night, the burgess took them at their word and left them go. They asked for protection so that they could go to work without fear of being molested.

At the union headquarters this morning came reports from pickets that they had been told by policemen to refrain from talking to men on the way to work and in a few cases had been roughly handled by the officers. Union officials this morning held a conference to discover if possible the truth of the reports brought in by pickets. After the conference the following statement was made by Frank B. Tournon, secretary to John Brown, strike organizer:

Recent Attitude

"We resent very much the attitude of police officers towards our pickets. Especially so since Chief Longaker has assured us that as long as our pickets remained quiet and peaceful they would not be disturbed. According to reports from our pickets they were ordered from their points of duty on the public highway. In each case they were ordered off by Bethlehem Steel Company pickets."

Officials of the Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending Company plant reported all departments in operation except the open hearth department. That as far as has been learned the number of men out on strike was small. The return of more than 100 men to work yesterday several other departments in full running order. More men reported they would be back on their shifts to-day.

Hartman Named—Fred J. Hartman, of Pittsburgh, has been chosen to succeed William Louder, of Diesburg, as secretary of the State Industrial Board. Mr. Louder will remain with the Board.

Dismissal of four state factory inspectors last night by Commissioner of Labor and Industry C. B. Connelley after investigations into their conduct and reports that they had been interested in some patented safety devices is expected to instill into minds of people connected with State service that they can not have interests in anything coming within their authority. Some days ago men in the State insurance service were told they could not have anything to do with writing insurance and orders have been given that men connected with various departments who make addresses in size with their duties cannot take presents or honorariums for their talks.

The men dismissed were all Philadelphia inspectors, George J. Gorman, Archibald M. Campbell, Edward Rhoads and Samuel Atmore. Henry Koenig, also of Philadelphia, has resigned.

Governor William C. Sprout will remain here all week keeping in touch with the strike situation in various parts of the State and expects to not only hear by telephone from places where strikes are under way, but also to meet men who are coming here to give first hand information on the subject. Ever since last Wednesday the Governor has been in constant touch with Pittsburgh and other strike centers and the long-distance telephone has been in constant service.

Pier Daniels, of Pittsburgh, deputy prothonotary of the Supreme Court, has been appointed prothonotary for Western Pennsylvania to succeed the late George Pearson.

Early decision has been asked of the Dauphin county court by Deputy Attorney General William I. Schaffer in the demurrer in the Collins suit to prevent payment of appropriations to hospitals and homes alleged to be sectarian. The argument was concluded before the Dauphin county judges late yesterday afternoon. Over forty attorneys appeared in the case and in addition to Mr. Schaffer, Deputy Attorney General W. M. Hargest, Ex-Judge W. K. Stevens, of Reading, and John T. Brady took part. F. C. Menamin, of Philadelphia, spoke for Collins.

State agricultural officials are out attending the various county fairs this week, including Lancaster and Philadelphia.

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CLAIM INCREASE IN NUMBER OF STEELWORKERS IN RANKS OF STRIKERS

By Associated Press.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 1.—With labor leaders advancing the claim that all plants in the Pittsburgh district have been crippled by the steel workers' strike, and the employers maintaining that more men are returning to work each day and that the mills are operated at nearly full time, the situation to-day remained as it has been for several days past, virtually unchanged.

According to the latest figures from strike headquarters 375,000 iron and steel workers of the country are on strike, this representing an increase of 33,000 over last week's total. A majority of the men who joined the strike during the last three days walked out from Bethlehem Steel Company plants and the Jones and Laughlin Company mills in Pittsburgh, strike leaders say.

The first show of strength by the strikers came last night, when a meeting was held here. It was estimated that more than 6,000 men attended the session. Speakers urged the strikers to be peaceful and warned them to have no association with radical agitators.

1,500 Bethlehem Strikers Urge Kenyon to Investigate

By Associated Press.

Bethlehem, Pa., Oct. 1.—Fifteen hundred strikers, forbidden from holding mass meetings here, sought refuge in Allentown last night and after a rousing session, addressed by Thomas Kennedy, President of district No. 7, United Mine Workers, addressed a petition to Senator Kenyon asking his committee which is investigating the steel strike to include Bethlehem in the investigation. The petition says that the strike is the result of the failure of the collective bargaining system of the company "which can be manipulated wholly for the interests of the company and to the detriment of the men."

Judge Denounces Foster as Dangerous Enemy

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Oct. 1.—William Zebulon Foster, leader of the striking steel workers, was bitterly denounced as "a dangerous domestic enemy" by Judge Joseph Buffington, of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, to-day.

Judge Buffington with Circuit Judge Morris, of Wilmington, Del., presided over a session of the naturalization court to-day and he warned the prospective citizens to beware of such dangerous agitators as Foster.

PICKETS MOLESTED WORKMEN

By Associated Press.

Sharon, Pa., Oct. 1.—When workmen attempted to enter the plant of the Sharon Steel Hoop Company to-day they were turned back by a crowd of pickets a short distance from the mill gate. Police were rushed to the mill and dispersed the pickets, one of them being placed under arrest for molesting workers.

AID SOCIETY MEETS

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Aid Society of the Harrisburg Hospital will be held in the manager's room of the hospital, to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. This being the first meeting of the winter months a full attendance has been requested.

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