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CITY WINS CASE FOR FLAT GAS RATE

UTILITIES BOARD FINDS THAT THERE'S RATE DISCRIMINATION

Orders New Brunswick Power Company To Make Gas Charge \$2.10 For All Customers

COMPANY DIRECTORS WILL CONFER

Manager Pooler, in Comment on Judgment, Says He Expects Old Rates Will Apply—Board, in Making Decision, Rehearses Contentions Made by Various Interests

A rate of \$2.10 per thousand cubic feet for gas service of the New Brunswick Power Co. Ltd., effective January 1, 1925, was ordered by the New Brunswick Board of Public Utilities, in a judgment handed down this morning in the matter of a petition of the city against the gas rate schedule. The city claimed the schedule unjustly discriminatory, in that users of the company's electricity service were granted a rate of \$2.10 per thousand cu. ft., whereas those who did not use the company's electricity were required to pay \$2.25 per cu. ft. This schedule was placed in effect July 1, 1924. Under the present ruling, all users of the Power Company's gas would be entitled to the \$2.10 rate.

3 DIE IN CHICAGO NEW YEAR FROLICS

Several Also Are Injured and \$200,000 Fire Loss is Caused.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—The arrival in Chicago of young 1925 cost three lives, half a dozen seriously injured and a \$200,000 fire loss.

Two of those killed last night were when they were hit by stray bullets supposedly fired by New Year's celebrants. One was killed while riding on an elevated train, the other while sitting in his home. Two others were seriously wounded by being hit by New Year's bullets, one while waiting on a street car, and a woman while sitting in her home.

Shot By Policeman. The third man killed was shot to death by a policeman when he became involved in a New Year's morning fight and flourished a pistol. A janitor of a large apartment building who celebrated New Year's with a pistol, terrorized several scores of tenants when he started running up and down the halls firing a pistol after they had complained that there was not sufficient heat.

First Hearing on Oct. 15. His matter came before the board on the 15th day of October last, Fred R. Taylor, K. C., appearing for the New Brunswick Power Company, Mr. C. F. Inches, K. C., for a number of reputable citizens using the gas service, and Mr. J. D. Pollock, K. C., for the city of St. John.

At that time it was argued by Mr. Taylor that this board had no jurisdiction in the matter. This board, however, held that it had jurisdiction and the matter was based for hearing on the 26th day of November last.

At that date the matter was again argued by Mr. Inches appearing on behalf of consumers and Mr. J. D. Pollock appearing on behalf of the city of St. John. The New Brunswick Power Company were not represented by counsel, but Mr. M. A. Owen Sound will build elevator.

City Will Then Sell to Company on 20-Year Payment Plan.

OWEN SOUND, Ont., Jan. 2.—Owen Sound voters by a majority of more than ten to one voted yesterday or by-law to erect an elevator in this city. The city will proceed at once with the erection of a million bushel elevator which it is expected will cost in the neighborhood of \$450,000 and will sell it to a company largely composed of well known Owen Sound firms which pay the city for the elevator in 20 annual installments.

New York Thugs Use Teeth To Remove Diamond Rings From Woman's Fingers

Jewelry worth more than \$25,000. The woman's husband, who attempted to interfere, was struck down. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fox required treatment, as two of the woman's fingers were deeply cut. The bandits resorted to their teeth when the two diamond rings Mrs. Fox wore would not come off.

Food Situation In Britain Called Desperate and Precarious

OVERTIME CHARGE FOR TWINS UPHELD

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 2.—The initial cost of becoming the parents of twins has gone up. Albert Kappel engaged Dr. Willard Springer to attend Mrs. Kappel for \$35. The doctor acceded. Twins arrived. Springer demanded \$50. Kappel demurred. The doctor sued.

280 IN DANGER AS VESSEL TAKES FIRE

BLAZE ON MOHAWK IS PUT OUT, HOWEVER. Clyde Liner With 200 Passengers and Crew of Eighty Reported Safe.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The port captain of the Clyde Steamship Company here said he had been informed this morning that the fire in the cargo of the steamer Mohawk had been extinguished and that the vessel would make the Delaware Breakwater at noon with her 200 passengers aboard.

Lashed by Gale. The Clyde liner Mohawk was ashore of Brandywine Light, Delaware Bay, near here, this morning. She was on her way from New York to Jacksonville, Fla., but, lashed by a 40-mile an hour gale, she was compelled to put into Delaware Bay last night.

Rescue Prevented. An earlier message to the Clyde Steamship Company's agent here said the fire in the cargo of the Mohawk, which swept down the ship in a driving snow storm, prevented three boats from being launched from taking off the passengers.

WOMAN DIVORCED TWICE IN ONE DAY. Twenty Years Old, Mrs. Farmer and Mrs. Dezell of Providence Loses Two Husbands.

PROVIDENCE, Jan. 2.—One woman being divorced by two men here today presented a peculiar situation in Superior Court this week, when Judge Chester W. Darrows, presiding over the divorce trial, was confronted by two men petitioning for divorce from the same woman.

King of Belgium Is Due in Paris Today. PARIS, Jan. 2.—King Albert of the Belgians is expected to arrive in Paris this evening on his way to participate in the automobile trip across the Sahara to Timbuktu, organized by the French automobile manufacturer, M. Citroen.

3 MINERS ARE KILLED. Spark From Telephone Battery Believed to Have Caused Explosion.

VASPER, Tenn., Jan. 2.—Three miners were killed in an explosion in the Vasper coal mine Wednesday afternoon and their badly burned bodies were recovered early yesterday.

FEAR FOR 6 VESSELS. Steamer With 200 Aboard and Five Schooners Are Being Sought.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 2.—Attempts are being made to locate the Mexican steamship Tamauapulis, with 200 passengers aboard, and five schooners which left Vera Cruz Dec. 28, bound for Fronter and other Gulf ports. It is feared they have been lost in the recent gale.

DUKE SHOTS RHINO. King's Second Son Has Thrilling Experience in East Africa.

NAIROBI KENYA, East Africa, Jan. 2.—The Duke of York, second son of King George, who is visiting Kenya with his bride, had a thrilling experience while on a rhinoceros hunt on Sunday, it is learned.

Cold Wave Sweeps Whole Province; Snow Is Coming. The cold snap that struck the city New Year's Day continued through the night, and this morning the thermometer officially registered 8 degrees below zero, according to D. L. Hutchinson, director of the Meteorological Observatory, Douglas avenue.

TEMPERATURES. TORONTO, Jan. 2.—Highest during Stations. 8 a. m. Lowest during Stations. 8 a. m. Victoria. 46 42

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Using their teeth to remove valuable rings from the fingers of Mrs. William J. Fox, wife of the vice-president of Bellas & Company, four thugs who entered a West End Avenue apartment building yesterday made away with

\$250,000 ARMS ARE TAKEN FROM CHINESE VESSELS

Armed Gangsters Lock Crews and Guards in Staterooms. SEIZE 200 CASES. Munitions, Destined For Wu Fo, Had Been Held Up By Customs.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 2.—Upwards of a 100 armed gangsters boarded the steamers King's and King Yang, Wednesday, while the vessels were moored at the King Lee Yung wharf, overpowered the officers and crew, foreign customs guards and French detectives, locking them in their staterooms and seized 200 cases of rifles and munitions, valued at more than a quarter of a million dollars.

For Wu Forces. The rifles and ammunition had been shipped from Hankow and were consigned to General Sun-Chuei-Fang, deposed Peking military chief, in the recent attack on Chekiang. The arms and ammunition, however, had been intercepted and were being held by the customs authorities.

Crews Unharmed. The gangsters made their onslaught from Chinese junks, grappling the ships. The seized goods were transferred to the junks, which disappeared.

2 COMMUNISTS DIE IN FASCISTI CLASH. Government Issues Edict Against Parades.

FREderICTON, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Melvin C. MacNeil, blacksmith, of Nashwaak Village, died on New Year's Day, aged 80 years. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. J. Sanford Clayton of St. John and seven grandchildren.

Parades Prohibited. The Mussolini government, whose difficulties increase with each outbreak, has prohibited all Fascist parades and gatherings, including a proposed meeting here Sunday.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Reports that Montagu Norman, governor of the Bank of England, and Sir Alan Anderson, a director, had come to the U. S. on an official mission in connection with international debts, were denied today by the British embassy.

THE WEATHER REPORT. SYNOPSIS—Pressure is high over the Maritime Provinces and the Rocky Mountain States, while shallow areas of low pressure are centered over Alberta, the lower lake region and on the middle Atlantic coast.

Former Alderman Of Halifax Is Dead. HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 2.—Eld. Patrick Brennan, aged 88, died at his home here this morning after a prolonged illness. He retired from the Halifax post office about 10 years ago after 28 years service.

London's Middle Aged Women Suffer Agonies In Effort To Reclaim Lost Beauty. The simpler methods of rejuvenating mothers of Mayfair, the exclusive London resident district, are enduring agonies to regain their lost beauty.

London Paper Sees Chance of Settling World Problems in Europe. LONDON, Jan. 2.—Here is a rare chance of settling once for all the peace was declared and stood in the way of economic recovery of Europe.

BRITAIN AGREES TO U. S. GRANTING FRENCH FAVOR IN DEBT MATTER. Paris, Jan. 2.—The French foreign office today confirmed reports that negotiations had been opened between the Finance Minister Clement and Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of the United States Treasury regarding the funding of the French war debt.

BRITAIN IS STRUCK BY ANOTHER STORM. Torrential Rain and High Wind Hits London—Rivers in Flood. LONDON, Jan. 2.—Another fierce gale, the fourth within six days, struck Great Britain, yesterday, and reports of widespread damage are featured by this morning's newspapers.

350 FAMILIES ARE PLACED ON FARMS. Colonization Association Land Sales Aggregate \$6,000,000 in Year. WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 2.—Land sales aggregating \$6,000,000 and the placing of more than 350 families on farms were the chief works accomplished during 1924 by the Canada Colonization Association. It was ascertained from reliable sources here last night.

TO ASK NEW TRIAL. Kid McCoy's Lawyers, Failing This, Plans Appeal From Sentence. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 2.—Sentencing of Kid McCoy for the slaying of Mrs. Theresa Moss was set for today. Indications were, however, that former pugilistic star probably would remain in the county jail here several months before submitting to the penitentiary sentence of one to ten years fixed by a jury last Monday.

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Christmas Candle Causes 30 Deaths



Smoldering ruins of the Hobart (Okla.) school are mute evidence of the Christmas Eve tragedy which caused the death of more than 30 persons when the building burned to the ground.

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ROME, Jan. 2.—Increasing disorder and sporadic clashes between Fascist and their opponents marked the arrival of the New Year in Italy. Fascist carabinieri killed two Communists at Genoa, while government sympathizers in Florence partly wrecked the plant of the Nuovo Giornale, destroyed the sterna restive of the government to maintain order.

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