

made easier, that strikes disappear and corruption is eliminated. Who has studied or even heard of the consequences of the amalgamation of large corporations in the United States and has not turned a friendly eye towards municipal ownership. How the stocks of these companies have been watered, how the directors have secured themselves from justice through base influences, and when the crash of failure came which was inevitable, how it impoverished the shareholders and roused the indignation of every conscientious man. A municipality cannot regulate its business against millions of dollars organized to prevent it. Our councillors are controlled by forces too subtle and insidious to be perceived.

"In conclusion let me ask who are the men that clamor for municipal ownership? Who are its advocates? Are they prominent legislators of Great Britain, the United States or Canada? Go to the legislatures of these countries and see how many you will find who advocate municipal ownership. Practically none. Yet who dares say that the statesmen of these countries are devoid of patriotism, that they are wanting in a knowledge of their country's needs? And what is asked us by the municipal ownership faddists? That men who understand the running of street railways, telephones, electric works and so forth, step out and give their places to others, who are blissfully ignorant of their operation. And why is this demand made? Simply that a few theorists may ride their hobby. Finally, let us remember that as long as we have public utilities which afford good up-to-date service in all departments at reasonable rates the number of those who advocate municipal ownership will be very small indeed.

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Mr. Byrnes championed municipal ownership, with arguments such as these: "Municipal ownership is the topic of the day. We have the system both in principle and practise throughout the British Empire. in Europe, in the Americas and everywhere that it has been instituted it has been maintained. Mr. J. C. Agar, chairman of the people's municipal league of New York admits almost complete success of the German and British municipal systems. In America the move is only in its infancy but even now its benefits are being felt. Chicago, New York, Brooklyn in the United States, Toronto, Winnipeg,