

REDUCTION IN GAS RATES EXPECTED

Corporation Commission Will Likely Order It at Close of the Present Hearing

(By M. D. Abernethy.)

Raleigh, March 24.—Probably the most important result of the hearing of the petition of the gas companies for the right to continue the temporary gas rates, will be an order from the commission, thru agreement with the gas companies, to employ a gas expert who will work for the commission in testing the service the various companies give their customers in the future.

This development came out when the cities wanted to introduce evidence about the grade of service being rendered by the various gas companies. The commission did not think this the proper time to consider complaints of this kind since there could not be any expert testimony on either side. Commissioner Maxwell suggested that the only way to check up on the service of the companies was for the commission to send a man into the field who could make the proper tests. The commission did not have the authority or the money to pay such a man, but he wondered if the companies for their own information and in an effort to give service, would be willing to pool for the purpose of paying a salary and expenses of such an expert. Practically all of the larger companies and the representatives of some of the smaller companies immediately signified their willingness to go into such an arrangement. They wanted the man and were willing to pay him, but with understanding that he work for the commission, get his instructions from the commission and look after the interests of the public.

The hearing on these gas rates has now been on for the past two days and there is little indication that it can be completed before the end of the week. Up to the present time the case of not a single city has been completed. The companies have put on evidence for Durham, Raleigh and Manager Clay, of Winston-Salem, in the midst of the testimony for his company. The cities so far have offered no evidence in rebuttal but announce that they will at the end of the hearing if they find that it is necessary.

While predictions at this stage of the hearing are a little premature, the indications are that the commission will find that the temporary rate is somewhat higher than the coal prices for the coming year will justify. They will order some reduction in rates, in the opinion of many who are watching the progress of the cases.

The gas makers contend that the published figures of the rates in other cities are old rates and that the new rates granted in many cases and applied for in others, are about in line with the present rates in effect in North Carolina cities.

COMMUNIST UPRISING IS SPREADING IN GERMANY; HEAVY PROPERTY DAMAGE.

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tacked the security police, forcing them to retire. The police headquarters also were attacked and it is said several persons were killed and wounded. Shops at Eisenberg are declared to have been raided by mobs.

Stories of violence, robberies and virtual anarchy continued to arrive last night from this region. Town halls at Plauen and Rodewisch were destroyed and county buildings at Leipzig and Freiberg were damaged, one person being injured at Freiberg. The county court building in Dresden was badly damaged by an explosion and three persons were injured. A similar attempt against the town hall at Auerbach was frustrated by the police capturing a man carrying a bag of dynamite.

A party of armed men, riding in a motor lorry, attacked two savings banks in Mansfeld yesterday morning and succeeded in securing about 200,000 marks from the institution. The savings bank at Heilbra was also robbed during the day and strikers in that town compelled the Heilbraux Anzeiger to suspend publication.

A large crowd surrounded the police barracks at Hettstedt and demanded the surrender of arms stored there. A deputation entered the building to negotiate with the

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police, but the result of these parades has not been reported. Financed by Soviet's Gold. London, March 24.—The communist revolt in Germany, financed, it is declared, by Soviet gold, is spreading throughout the industrial districts of middle Germany, threatening the great ammonia, potash, anthracite and copper works, says a Central News dispatch from Berlin today.

Strong police forces have been dispatched to the centers where trouble has grown out of the recent demand of the leaders for a general strike and the arming of the proletariat at Dresden, Eisenberg, Freiberg, Leipzig, Halle, Mansfeld and other towns, the message reports.

Efforts of the authorities, adds the dispatch, have only resulted in the communists strengthening their positions.

ALLIED EMPLOYEES KILLED IN SILESIA

Berlin, March 24.—Several employees of the interallied plebiscite commission in Silesia have been murdered recently at Karf, and the governor of Beuthen has ordered that strictest measures to keep the peace be taken. He has forbidden all assemblages of more than four persons, and all meetings except those of a religious nature are prohibited, and between 8 o'clock in the evening and 4 o'clock in the morning all parties numbering more than two persons may be fired upon without warning. Business houses may remain open only between nine and twelve in the morning and two and five in the afternoon. Similar regulations have been issued at Myslowitz.

POLISH REBELS AND LITHUANIANS FIGHT

London, March 24.—Fighting has again broken out between Lithuanian forces and Polish "irregular" troops commanded by General Zeligowski, says a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The Polish "irregulars" crossed the boundary line near Vilna on Saturday and attacked the town of Schirvintal, in the neutral zone established by the allies, says the dispatch. A Lithuanian military commission sent to investigate the situation were taken prisoners and executed, it is declared.

FURTHER SUSPENSION INCREASE COAL RATES

Washington, March 24.—The Interstate Commerce Commission announced today a further suspension, until April 27 of schedules providing for a uniform increase of 20 cents per ton in the rates on coal in railroad lots, from points on the Cumberland Railroad to points on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad in Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee and Virginia, and on connecting lines in Kentucky and Tennessee. The operation of these schedules had been suspended previously until March 28.

Dorothea's Romance Chapter VI. A Walk in the Woods.

I was getting worried. What had happened to Dorothea? After vainly coaxing me to go for a real tramp, out in the woods, she had started off alone, saying that it was too nice to stay indoors. But it was almost dinner time, she had gathered her stray beams into one last ball of fire—and Dorothea had not returned! "Could she have gotten lost, or anything happened to her?" I wondered uneasily. I walked restlessly to the window again—only to see—Dorothea calmly strolling down the street with Jimmy Kimball!

"Dorothea Wayne?" I said sternly, "where have you been? I thought you were lost or run over or something dreadful. And here you two calmly walk in, as unconcerned as you please. Jimmy, stay to dinner. It is late and your sister won't be expecting you. Jim after a feeble remonstrance grinned boyishly and accepted.

A few minutes later, Dorothea gave a last pat to her hair and surveyed herself in the mirror. "What a charming reflection," I thought. Dorothea is a beautiful girl—but her greatest charm is her lovely complexion—so soft and pink and free from tan or roughness. It's just because I use Magnolia Balm. Dorothea said, when I told her how pretty she looked. Magnolia Balm is a wonderful liquid powder and lotion combined. It comes in pink, white, brunoite and rose-red and it's so easy and refreshing to use. I just wouldn't be without it. And it's only 50c a bottle. Almost all the drug stores carry Magnolia Balm, or you can send direct to the Lyon Mfg. Co. (45 & 5 Fifth St., Brooklyn, N. Y.).

Jimmy Kimball has more than just a friendly interest in Dorothea—I'm sure of that. And I'm glad—for I'm devoted to them both.

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SAYS SETTLEMENT IS MERELY A TRUCE

Meat Packers and Employees Reach Agreement in Controversy of Wages

Washington, March 24.—Expressions of gratification were general today in administration circles over the successful settlement thru the mediation of Secretary Davis of the dispute between the five big packers and their union employees—the first major labor controversy to come up for adjustment under the new administration. Representatives of both sides who signed the settlement agreement yesterday had been invited to meet President Harding at the White House today, when it was understood the president desired to express his thanks for the spirit of co-operation said to have been manifest throughout the three days of conferences which led to the agreement.

Compromises by both the packers and their employees made possible a settlement of the dispute. Representatives of the latter agreed to accept the wage reduction of eight cents an hour and 12 1/2 per cent for piece work, while the packers met the demand of the workers for extension of the war-time arbitration agreement for six months, or until next September 15. The other major provision of the agreement was the retention of the basic eight hour day and overtime rates as provided in a previous arbitration ruling.

Altho he announced the employees would be urged to accept the agreement at mass meetings to be held in Chicago and other centers next Sunday, Redmond S. Brennan, one of their representatives at the conference, declared in a statement that the agreement was "but a truce for us to prepare for war," and added that if at the expiration of the arbitration period the packers "maintain the attitude they have shown in the past" there would be a "serious industrial strike."

Representatives of the packers declared, after signing the agreement, that its provision, fixing a definite date for termination of the war-time arbitration agreement would "enable the packers to complete plans already announced to adjust between themselves and their employees all matters of mutual interest."

Alschuler May Act Again. Chicago, March 24.—Federal Judge Samuel Alschuler today refused to say whether he would resume his former position of arbitrator of disputes between the big five packers and their employees, explaining that he could make no statement until the position had been tendered him formally by both sides to the agreement signed yesterday in Washington.

Judge Alschuler intimated, however, that he would be pleased if some one else were chosen for the position.

"It is a matter of public knowledge that I became arbitrator because of a war emergency and that when the armistice was signed I was anxious to relinquish the position so as to devote my full time to the bench," said Judge Alschuler. "That Judge Alschuler would be acceptable to both sides was admitted in labor and packing circles, altho neither side issued a formal statement.

ITALIAN NATIONALISTS WOULD AVENGE MURDER

Milan, Italy, March 24.—In reprisal for the explosion of a bomb in the Diana theatre here last night, which caused the death of 20 persons, nationalist elements at-

tempted to attack the office of the newspaper Avanti, socialist organ, but were repulsed. They succeeded, however, in wrecking and setting fire to the office of an anarchist publication, and two socialist halls.

PERSONAL MENTION
W. N. Shultz, who is manager of

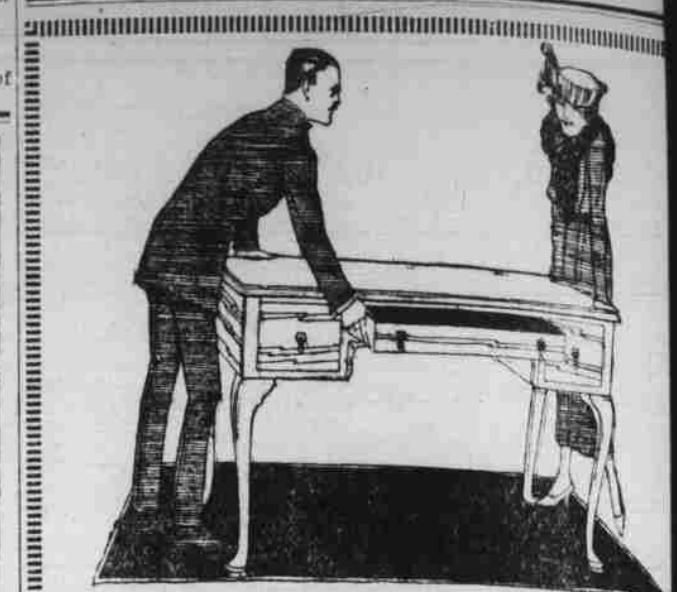


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the Atlanta office of the Universal Auto Company here, spent the past week-end here with friends. He hopes to be able to return to Winston-Salem within the next few months. "This city is just as interesting in size," Mr. Shultz said to his friends while here.



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