March 6, 1775

Egg and the Empire

... By ...

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IT was 1775.

The Boston massacre of March 5 was to be commemorated by a public meeting in the Old South church. Joseph Warren was to be the orator, and the leading patriots, Adams, Hancock, Otis and the others, were to be present. The 5th of March fell on Sunday, and the meeting was to take place on Monday. The announcement of it thrilled Boston and the neighboring towns.

In the morning of the day people came pouring into the town on foot, on horseback and in all kinds of provincial vehicles. The Old South church filled at an early hour. The British authorities saw the rising tide of patriotic spirit and took alarm. A British officer met some other British officer on the common. He had a basket of eggs on his arm.

"There will be a great gathering of the minute men today," said he, "and we have the authority to arrest the leaders—Warren, Hancock and Adams. Let us do it in the Old South church so as to impress the people. We must arrest them all at the same time in order to prevent mob violence. We must show our authority so as to overawe the people. We must have a signal. What shall it be?"

Silence.

"Boy," said the officer to a lad who was passing, "your father is a loyal man?"

"Yes, sir."

"Do you know Warren?"

"Yes, sir."

"I want you to take this egg. It represents King George's empire in America—do you understand? Queen Charlotte's empire in America—do you understand? I want you to take it into the Old South church, and when Warren begins to move the feelings of the people, throw it at him."

He put the egg into the hands of the boy and said to the officer:

"That shall be our signal."

When Warren arrived at the Old South church in the black robes of the orator the yard and church were so crowded that he could not enter by the door. A ladder was set for him on the outside. The people were greatly surprised to see his form in his black oratorical robes rise before the great window.

He entered through the window, which may still be seen, and began his oration under the sounding board of the pulpit, which still remains.

His soul took fire. His words burned and glowed. He swayed the hearts of the people. A British officer held up before him some bullets in his hand, and Warren dropped over them his white handkerchief, an act which a schoolboy might have repeated while reciting Warren's great oration. The British officers waited the signal. The boy was there trembling. In an outburst of eloquence the people pressed forward and almost crushed each other.

The trembling boy to whom was intrusted the fate of King George's empire and Queen Charlotte's empire felt a sudden coolness in his feverish hands. His fingers were dripping.

King George's empire was gone—Queen Charlotte's.

His face wrinkled and he disappeared, how and where we do not know.

What would have been the political history of the American nation had that egg been thrown?

Domestic Fireworks.

Walton—Are you going to have any fireworks on the Fourth?

Eupeck—I wouldn't be surprised. We generally do at our house. On last Fourth my wife's temper exploded and she blew me up and fired the hired girl.

ORDINANCE No. 8--New Series.

AN ORDINANCE granting the right to THE NORTHWESTERN GAS LIGHT AND COKE COMPANY, its successors, lessees and assigns, to construct, acquire, operate and maintain gas works, mains, pipes and necessary appurtenances and attachments for manufacturing, supplying and distributing gas in the Village of Barrington, Cook County and Lake County, Illinois, and defining the rights, privileges and powers of said The Northwestern Gas Light and Coke Company, its successors, lessees and assigns.

BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Barrington, Cook County and Lake County, Illinois:

Section 1. Subject to the terms and conditions of this ordinance there is hereby granted to The Northwestern Gas Light and Coke Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, the right and privilege of constructing, acquiring, operating and maintaining gas works in said Village of Barrington, for the purpose of manufacturing gas to be used for fuel, illuminating or power or mechanical purposes, and of constructing, acquiring, laying, using and maintaining in, through and along the public streets, alleys, avenues, highways and public grounds and places within said Village of Barrington, gas mains, service pipes and the necessary attachments, connections, appurtenances and fixtures for distributing, supplying and selling said gas for fuel, illuminating or mechanical or power purposes to the said Village of Barrington, and the inhabitants thereof, and for transmitting and conveying said gas through the mains and pipes for the purpose of distributing and supplying gas for fuel, illuminating or mechanical or power purposes to other cities, villages and towns, and the inhabitants thereof, for the full period of forty (40) years from the date of the passage of this ordinance. The grant herein contained shall extend to and include the right and power to distribute and supply natural gas.

Section 2. Before said The Northwestern Gas Light and Coke Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall open any unimproved street, avenue, alley, highway or other public place, for the purpose aforesaid, notice in writing of the intention so to do shall be given to the corporate authorities of said village, specifying in such notice the streets, avenues, alleys, highways or other public places or parts thereof in which it is proposed at the time to introduce such mains, pipes, attachments, connections, appurtenances and fixtures.

Section 3. Whenever said The Northwestern Gas Light and Coke Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall desire to open any improved street, a permit from the President of the Board of Trustees, or other officer of said Village of Barrington, whose duty it is to issue such permits, shall first be obtained, and it shall be compulsory upon, and the duty of, the President of said Board of Trustees, or such other officer, to issue such permits when requested by said The Northwestern Gas Light and Coke Company, its successors, lessees or assigns. When any such improved street shall have been opened, it shall be restored to as good condition as the same was before such opening, and upon neglect or refusal to restore the same to such condition, then said Village may properly cause the same to such condition, and said The Northwestern Gas Light and Coke Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall be liable to the said Village for the cost thereof.

Section 4. In all cases where said The Northwestern Gas Light and Coke Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall open any unimproved street, avenue, alley, highway or other public place within said Village, for the purpose of laying pipes, attachments, connection, appurtenances and fixtures therein, or maintaining or repairing the same, said street, avenue, alley, highway or other public place shall be restored to its former condition as nearly as practicable, and no more of any street, avenue, alley, highway or other public place shall be disturbed or encumbered by the laying, maintaining or repairing of said pipes, attachments, connections, appurtenances and fixtures than shall be necessary, nor shall the same remain open or encumbered for a longer time than shall be necessary to enable said The Northwestern Gas Light and Coke Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, to complete such work as above provided. And said The Northwestern Gas Light & Coke Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall be liable for any and all damages resulting from negligent conduct in the prosecution of said work and from failure or neglect to properly guard and protect excavations made in the progress thereof.

Section 5. Said The Northwestern Gas Light and Coke Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall in no manner unnecessarily injure, disturb or interfere with any streets, sidewalks, alleys, avenues, sewers or water pipes now laid and owned, or hereafter to be laid and owned, by said Village of Barrington, nor with any electric light, telegraph or telephone poles now or hereafter placed or erected by authority of said Village of Barrington, and shall be liable for any and all damage to said streets, sidewalks, alleys, avenues, sewers or water pipes, electric light, telegraph or telephone poles, resulting from its negligent conduct in the prosecution of its work, causing injury to, disturbance of, or interference with, said streets, sidewalks, alleys, avenues, sewers or water pipes, electric light, telegraph and telephone poles.

Section 6. Said The Northwestern Gas Light and Coke Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall indemnify and save harmless the Village of Barrington from any and all damages and expenses whatsoever, and all actions, suits and costs arising from the passage of this ordinance, or the granting of the aforesaid rights and privileges, or any of them, and from the construction, laying and operation of said gas pipes, or any of them, and from the opening of any streets, public alleys, avenues, highways and public grounds within said Village, and from any negligence of said company, its successors, lessees and assigns, and said company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall within sixty (60) days from the passage of this ordinance, execute and file with the Clerk of the Village of Barrington, a bond in the penal sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000), with sureties to be approved by the President and Board of Trustees of said village, conditioned to indemnify and save harmless said Village of Barrington, of and from any and all actions, suits, damages, costs and expenses whatsoever, which may accrue, arise or grow out of the passage of this ordinance, or the acceptance by the said company, its successors, lessees and assigns, of any of the privileges hereby granted, or arising or growing out of the opening by the said company, its successors, lessees or assigns, of any street or avenue within said village, or the restoration thereof after the laying or repairing of gas pipes therein, or arising or growing out of any negligence of said company, its successors, lessees or assigns, in the construction, laying and operation of said gas pipes, or in the opening of said streets or avenues. Said Village of Barrington may, at any time, and from time to time thereafter, require said company, its successors, lessees and assigns, to furnish to it a new bond in like penal sum, with good and sufficient sureties, whenever in its judgment the bond herein provided for shall be deemed insufficient.

Section 7. The rights and privileges herein granted extend to the streets, avenues, alleys, highways and other public places within said Village of Barrington, a list of which streets, avenues, alleys, highways and other public places is hereafter set forth, and the said rights and privileges are granted upon and in accordance with petitions duly presented to said President and Board of Trustees of said Village of Barrington, which petitions have been examined and investigated by the President and Board of Trustees of said Village, and have been found, and are hereby declared to be the petitions of the owners of the land representing more than one-half of the frontage on said streets, avenues, alleys, highways or other public places or so much thereof as is sought to be used for the purposes aforesaid, and which said streets, avenues, alleys, highways or other public places or parts thereof sought to be used are more than one mile in length of the owners representing more than one-half of the frontage of each miles and fraction of a mile, if any, in excess of a whole mile, measuring from the initial points named in said petitions of said streets, avenues, alleys, highways or other public places or the parts thereof sought to be used for the purposes aforesaid, as required by law.

Section 8. In the event that said The Northwestern Gas Light and Coke Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, desires to extend mains, pipes and services in other streets, avenues, alleys, highways or other public places within the present or future limits of said Village, except those mentioned in Section 7 of this ordinance, this ordinance is hereby extended and shall cover and include such additional streets, avenues, alleys, highways and other public places within the present or future limits of said Village, provided the petitions or petitions of the owner or owners of land fronting on such streets, avenues, alleys, highways or other public places sought to be used shall be presented to the President and Board of Trustees of said Village of Barrington, in accordance with the statute of the State of Illinois, entitled "An Act to regulate and prescribe the conditions for the granting of rights and privileges for lighting and heating purposes by cities, villages and incorporated towns, and providing a remedy by the property owner where such conditions have not been complied with," approved June 5, 1897, in force July 1, 1897. If such act shall then be in force. Upon presenting said petition or petitions to the President and Board of Trustees of such Village, the rights and privileges herein granted shall be construed and intended to cover and include the streets, avenues, alleys, highways and other public places mentioned and described in the petition or petitions so presented to the President and Board of Trustees of said Village of Barrington. Said company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall, within a reasonable time, lay gas mains in said additional streets, avenues, alleys, highways and other public places, provided one bona fide consumer can be obtained for each one hundred and fifty (150) feet of main extension so to be laid.

Section 9. The list of streets, avenues, alleys, highways and public places mentioned and referred to in Section 7 of this ordinance is as follows:

Main street, from Cook street to Hillside avenue.

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Hawley street, from Main street to north limits of village.

Section 10. Said The Northwestern Gas Light and Coke Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall furnish gas for consumption within said Village of an illuminating power of not less than twenty (20) candles, as determined by the photometric test, a Bunsen burner being used, this being the same standard used by the City of Chicago, at the price for said gas within said village of not exceeding one dollar and ten cents ($1.10) per thousand cubic feet, with a discount of ten (10) cents per thousand cubic feet, in case the bills for each month shall be paid within ten (10) days from the date of rendering the bill therefor.

Section 11. Said The Northwestern Gas Light and Coke Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, will connect each building on said streets, avenues, alleys, highways or other public places where said gas mains shall be laid, with the street mains, if the occupant or occupants of such building shall desire to use the gas supplied, at current rates, by a service pipe to the nearest point within the walls of said building at the expense of said The Northwestern Gas Light & Coke Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, provided the length of said service pipe shall not exceed one hundred (100) feet, measuring from the center of the street; where the service pipe exceeds one hundred (100) feet, measuring from the center of the street, said The Northwestern Gas Light and Coke Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall have the right to charge the actual cost of said service pipe in excess of one hundred (100) feet in length to the occupant or occupants of such building.

Section 12. Said The Northwestern Gas Light and Coke Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall furnish, during the term of this ordinance, free of charge to said Village of Barrington, three thousand (3,000) cubic feet of gas per month, to be used in any of the municipal buildings of said Village of Barrington.

Section 13. Said The Northwestern Gas Light and Coke Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall lay not less than two (2) miles of gas mains within said Village of Barrington on or before November 1st, 1906; provided, however, that in case of bona fide injunction, strikes or other causes beyond its control, preventing the said company, its successors, lessees and assigns, from complying with the provisions of this section, then and in that event the said company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall be granted an extension of time equal to that during which such compliance with this section was prevented by such bona fide injunction, strikes or other causes; and provided, further, that the said Village of Barrington may intervene in any proceeding defending the rights of said company, its successors, lessees and assigns, from complying with the provisions of this section, by petition, its dismissal, or take such other action therein as the said Village or its attorney may deem proper. Failure on the part of said The Northwestern Gas Light and Coke Company, its successors, lessees and assigns to comply with the provisions of this section shall, at the option of the President and Board of Trustees of said Village of Barrington, constitute a forfeiture of the rights and privileges granted by this ordinance.

Section 14. In case said Village of Barrington shall desire to pave any street, alley, avenue, highway or other public place within the limits of said village, during the term of this ordinance, sixty days' notice in writing of said proposed improvement shall be given by said village to said company, its successors, lessees and assigns, and if said company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall fail to lay its gas mains and service pipes in said streets, avenues, alleys, highways and other public places, when said pavement is laid, then said company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall not thereafter lay its gas mains and service pipes therein, except with the consent of the President and Board of Trustees of said Village.

Section 15. In case of making repairs or constructing new work, said The Northwestern Gas Light and Coke Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall have the right to shut off the gas and keep the same shut off, for such time as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes aforesaid, by giving such reasonable notice thereof to consumers as may be practicable.

Section 16. Said The Northwestern Gas Light and Coke Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, may make and enforce, as part of the conditions upon which it will supply gas to consumers, such reasonable rules and regulations as are consistent with the law.

Section 17. This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage, provided said The Northwestern Gas Light and Coke Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall file with the Clerk of said Village of Barrington an acceptance of this ordinance, and said bond for five thousand dollars provided for in Section 4 of this ordinance, within sixty days from and after the date of the passage of this ordinance.

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Approved June 9, 1905.
Published June 23, 1905.

MILES T. LAMEY.
President Board of Trustees.
Attest: JOHN C. PLAGGE,
Village Clerk, Pro Tem.
(Seal.)

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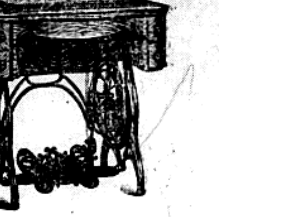

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