

Cases of Jitneys Nolle

Eight Men Arrested For Overloading Buses Pay \$2 Each in the City Court — Judge Bartlett Ordered That Pleas of Not Guilty Be Entered.

Advising that a plea of "not guilty" be entered in each case, Judge Frederick A. Bartlett, in the City Court, this morning nolle upon the payment of \$2. charges against eight jitney men who were served with summons on Thursday afternoon by inspectors of the State Motor Vehicle Department. All of the men were charged with overloading their machines.

Attorney Jacob B. Klein, in defending the jitney men this morning, declared that in view of the present emergency, it was sometimes necessary to overload the buses to a certain extent. He also pointed out, that there is no more danger to passengers or pedestrians whether six or two persons are standing in the machines.

Judge Bartlett adopted the view that the jitney men are serving the public in all instances, and advised that a plea of "not guilty" be entered in each case. He then nolle the charges against each man on the payment of \$2.

Jitney men who were served with summons were: Joseph Caserta, of 52 Vesper street, Fairfield; George Rosenfield, of 60 Worcester street, Hartford; Edward Keeley, of 40 Butler avenue; Robert Manthey, of 44 Hawkins street, Waterbury; George Sweitzer, of 121 Warden avenue; Joseph Sydinski, of 123 Columbia street; Herman Lussenhoven, of Trumbull and Robert T. Young, of 240 Madison avenue.

All of the jitneys who appeared in court this morning were warned that the law against overcrowding must be observed in the future.

LUNGS PLAY BIG PART IN THIS NON-SUPPORT

Whether or not George Davis, of East avenue, is a sufferer from tuberculosis and therefore unable to support his wife, Anita Davis, was a question which brought forth considerable argument before Attorney William E. Burton, legal advisor of the Board of Charities, and Attorney Lawrence Finkelstone in the City court this morning.

Davis was arraigned on a charge of non-support, and through his counsel, Attorney Finkelstone, put forth the defense that he was unable to work because of the fact that he is a victim of tuberculosis, the disease having been brought on by his being gassed while fighting with the Marine corps in France.

Attorney Burton, who played an important part in the prosecution of the young man, was inclined to doubt the statement of the defendant. This stand led to a lively verbal exchange between Burton and Finkelstone, and the latter showed a physician in an attempt to prove that Davis is indeed a sufferer from tuberculosis. The argument waxed hot for several moments, but was brought to an abrupt halt when Judge Frederick A. Bartlett emphatically remarked: "Gentlemen, the court will decide this case, not the attorneys."

After a rather lengthy hearing, the case was continued for one month, and Davis was released under bonds of \$150.

165 AMBULANCE CALLS IN MONTH

During the month of July ended today the three city ambulances have answered to a total of 165 calls. Of the number there were 59 patients taken to St. Vincent's hospital, 35 to the Bridgeport hospital and 11 taken to Hillside Home. The records show that Dr. Owen J. Groark and Dr. J. A. Maxwell was the most active of the physicians on duty, each doctor having answered to 43 calls for the ambulance. Dr. B. J. Burns, the day physician, was third with 36 calls for his credit and Dr. Bruce J. Coyte, the relief doctor attended to 15 patients on ambulance calls.

The present record is exceptionally high in comparison with other months so far this year, but has been explained by the physicians of the Emergency that during the hot weather of July and August there is always an exceptionally high rate of accidents due to the increased traffic of automobiles, bathing mishaps and other accidents incidental to the extreme hot weather.

REV. FORDE IN BRIDGEPORT.

During the absence of the Rectors of Christ church and St. George's on their vacations for the month of August, the two parishes will be in charge of the Rev. R. A. O'Ride, of the Diocese of Albany.

Rev. Mr. Forde and his family will be in charge of the Rev. R. A. Forde of 148 Washington avenue.

TRUNK MURDER VICTIM



Mrs. Eugene Leroy, whose remains were positively identified by her close friend, Mrs. Marie Trumbull, of Detroit (insert). Mrs. Trumbull collapsed under the strain.

Carter Refuses To Issue Warrant For Man Who Is Wanted By Local Police

Assistant State's Attorney Says Money-Making Machine Case is Federal.

Assistant State's Attorney Galen A. Carter and the Bridgeport police have reached a deadlock on the question of extraditing Peter Kulesza, alleged fake money machine salesman, from Brooklyn, N. Y., to this city. The police demand that the man be returned here for trial on charges of swindling, but the state official has refused to issue the necessary papers on the grounds that the affair is a Federal matter, and the parties who bought the machine are as much at fault as the man who sold it.

It became known today, that Kulesza, who was arrested in Brooklyn last Saturday in company with Stanley Waitkus, an alleged confederate, swindled four local residents to the tune of \$7,300 by selling them his "phony" money making contraption. The police have thoroughly investigated the case, and are persistent in their demands that Kulesza be returned here for trial. They offset Carter's Federal claim with the charge that no counterfeit money was made with the machines, or was an attempt made to manufacture bad bills. Up to the present time however, Carter has declined to extradite the man back to Connecticut.

According to the police, the Massachusetts authorities will take the man to Boston, where he is wanted for a similar offense, unless the officials of this state take immediate action. Kulesza has been identified by a Boston woman as the man who sold her a money making machine, and the neighboring state's officials are hot on the alleged swindler's trail. Waitkus who was arrested with Kulesza is wanted only in Massachusetts.

WIFE WHO WAS LOST IS FOUND

The mysterious Mrs. Otto Bondy of Brooklyn, N. Y. who gave the news sleuths and the police a great deal of worry for the past few days, was officially erased off the books this morning when Assistant Superintendent George W. Ford here laid out information that Mrs. Bondy here last night on a train late yesterday afternoon and sent to her home in Brooklyn. Her car fare was chalked up against the Charities Department so it needs must be concluded that Mrs. Otto got rid of the \$50 her husband gave her just before she strayed away from his side in Poli's theatre on Wednesday.

Held For Pulling Down Church Sheds

Canaan, July 31—James Tierney, Sr., section foreman at East Canaan for the C. N. E. Railway, his five sons and five other men, were before Justice George W. Ford here last night on charges of destruction of property and breach of the peace, following the demolition of horse sheds of the Second Ecclesiastical Society yesterday afternoon by the 11 men. Their cases were continued until Monday under bonds of \$500 in order that Lawyer Benedict M. Holden of Hartford, their counsel, could have opportunity to be present.

Democrats Will Hold State Gathering Here

The Democratic state convention will probably be held in Bridgeport on September 3 and 10, according to a statement of Chairman Fitzgerald of the state committee.

It is reported to have said that Bridgeport, because of its prominence and size is worthy of more consideration than it has received in the mat-

CALLS FOR DEPUTY HERE

National Board of Fire Underwriters Also Recommends That Firemen Be Relieved From Duty at the Age of 62 Years—Other Recommendations.

Chief among the recommendations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters in their report on Bridgeport is that a deputy fire chief be appointed who will act as assistant to the chief and be the acting head of the department during the latter's absence. The Board also points out that it would be advisable to retire members from active fire duty who have reached the age of 62 years unless at that time they are unusually efficient. It is also thought desirable that the strength of the department be increased so that five men shall be on duty at all times with Engines 11 and 12 and Ladders 4 and 5.

It is also recommended that boxes be installed so that no valuable group of buildings shall be lost in case of a fire. A drill tower should be established where all members of the department including probationers shall be trained in the use of appliances, drills to be in the hands of a competent instructor. Narrow streets are also a serious menace.

It is suggested that more rigid inspections be made by the members of the fire department with a view to correcting present hazardous conditions as to rubbish, bon fires and storage of inflammable substances. The Code is urged. Also that all overhead wires except trolley wires be placed under ground. Owners of existing defective constructed buildings which are so located as to form conflagration areas be required to suitably protect roof party wall and exposed window openings.

The board recommends that the various laws and ordinances requiring fire escapes on buildings be rigidly enforced. That a competent inspector be placed in charge of the building department appointed for an indefinite term and subject to removal only for cause. That enforcement be rigid and impartial and that the issuance of special privilege permits by council be discontinued.

HARDING OPENS PORCH CAMPAIGN

Marion, O., July 31—In the opening speech of his front porch campaign Senator Harding told a delegation from Richland county, Ohio, today that the greatest usefulness of the nation demanded a leveling of class and sectional barriers and a realization of the "interdependence and mutuality of interest of all our people."

"Let us present to the world," he said, "another example, that of concord among ourselves, and make America safe for Americans and the loftiest example of representative democracy."

Closer co-operation in industry and complete assimilation of the foreign born, he suggested as pointing the way to a fuller national accord.

Urging a readjustment of taxation, he expressed doubt whether the war time excess profits levy was in harmony with the nation's needs. He did not refer to directly but he declared the nation's "highest duty is to cling to the fundamentals on which we built, to world astonishment and hold fast to the principles which inspired our onward march."

WILD SCENES AS MANNIX SAILS

New York, July 31—The wildest scenes observed on the New York water front in many a day today marked arrival at the White Star piers of Archbishop Mannix of Australia, who planned to sail on the steamship Baltic in the face of notification from Premier Lloyd George that he would not be allowed to land in Ireland.

Men shouted and waved flags of the Irish republic; the crowd roared hysterically and it took the entire force of pier guards, augmented by police reserves to get the prelate aboard the ship.

HOLD-UP MEN TOOK HIS \$65

The police today are investigating the story of John Chesers, of 96 High street, who reported early this morning that he had been held up and robbed of \$65 by three young men in Water street near Fairfield avenue. Chesers first reported the affair to an officer at the corner of Water street and Fairfield avenue. The alleged victim was without a hat at the time, and upon being questioned as to the whereabouts of his headgear, he replied that he lost it in the South End during a scuffle. He refused to tell where the fight occurred. Chesers claims that he shouted for help while the hold-up men were assaulting him.

Severe Cent Fare Will Include All Bridgeport City

New Haven, July 31—President Storrs of the Connecticut Company, said to a Times reporter today that the company had no intention of resuming service in Bridgeport. He said the cars would not go back until the city made some move to curb the jitneys.

"The old proposition stands without change," he said. "When the city decides to put the jitneys out of competition with the trolley cars the latter will return to Bridgeport."

Zone With a Radius of Six Miles Takes in Practically Every Foot of Ground in This City—Prices Outside the City Will Be Six Cents for Two Miles—New Plan in Effect Till October 1.

The new seven cent fare on the trolley road ordered yesterday by the Public Utilities board takes in the entire city of Bridgeport. The zone with a diameter of six miles and its center at Fairfield avenue includes all of the city except very small portions of the Ash Creek section and another very small portion of the North End.

The result, therefore, will be that seven cents will be charged where five cents was charged in the old days before the six cent fare and the zone systems went into effect.

On the suburban runs outside the city the fare will be six cents a ride for two miles. While no table has yet worked out the fares from Bridgeport to Milford and other places the distance shows that for a ride to Stratford town hall the fare under the new plan will be 19 cents. Stratford center is just beyond the two mile limit from the Bridgeport line. To Devon the fare also would be 19 cents while to most of the Milford beaches the fare would be 25 cents and to Milford center 31 cents.

Authorization was given in the form of an order which suspended the rates now in force under the commission's order of March 29. The order declared, however, that the commission is not satisfied that the temporary rate is a proper rate or that it will produce the revenues needed and expected by the Connecticut company, and that, in conformity with suggestions at Thursday's hearing, the case is continued until October 1 for further consideration.

It is stipulated in the interlocutory order that under the 7 cent fare system the zones in cities be approximately three miles long, radiating from traffic centers and corresponding substantially to the present three one mile zones, and that all other zones be substantially two miles long, corresponding approximately in length to, and including, two of the present mile zones. Free transfers are to be given at all transfer points.

The temporary 7 cent rate was allowed by the public utilities commission in an emergency and because the Connecticut company is confronted with an immediate critical financial situation, demanding prompt relief. The interlocutory order follows in full:

"Wherefore, it is hereby ordered that the rates now in force under commission's order dated March 30, 1920, issued under docket No. 3,243, be and the same are hereby suspended from on and after Saturday, Aug. 7, 1920, and the petitioner, the said Connecticut company, is hereby authorized and permitted until further order of the commission in the premises, a flat rate system of fares, so-called, with an initial fare of 7 cents for the first zone and 6 cents per zone thereafter; the zones in cities to be approximately three miles in length, radiating from traffic centers, and corresponding substantially to the present three one-mile zones; and all other zones to be substantially two miles in length, corresponding approximately in length to, and including, two of the present mile zones; with free transfers at all transfer points.

"The company shall issue communication tickets, good for round trip daily between the traffic center of any incorporated city or borough having a population of 2,000 or more, according to the latest authenticated census, and points more than five miles distant therefrom, on all lines radiating from such traffic centers, for the number of days in any month less Sundays and legal holidays; said communication tickets to be sold at the rate of 21-cents per mile; to be issued to the individual commuter; to be non-transferable, and to expire at the end of each month. School tickets shall be issued at one-half regular rates.

"On account of the uncertainty of value limitations in the 7-cent zone plan submitted by the company, and the creation of new fare limits therefrom, it was deemed advisable to establish a 6-cent zone for areas already substantially determined under the present mile zone system, but retaining 7 cents as the initial fare.

"The commission is not satisfied that the temporary rate herein authorized is a proper rate or that it will produce the revenues needed and expected by the company, but it is permitted on the urgent request of the company as a temporary and an emergency rate.

"The commission is of the opinion that if there is to be a return to the flat rate system, the general public would be better served by a return to substantially the old flat rate zones or fare limits, but it is now claimed by officers of the company that a flat rate of 7 cents on the old fare would not produce sufficient revenue to allow the company to continue operation.

"Believing that the old zones or flat fare limits are closely connected with the industrial and commercial development of the communities of the state and would, subject to certain modifications of grave inequalities, meet with public demand, we therefore direct the Connecticut Company to present at the adjourned hearing of this case a plan and rate schedule contemplating the use of said old fare limits.

"In conformity with suggestions made at the hearing, this case is continued from the date thereof to October 1, 1920, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, daylight saving time, at the office of the commission, room 41, State Capitol, Hartford, for further consideration."

HOMER'S LATEST



This was taken as Homer S. Cummings was leaving the White House the Other Day.

INDUSTRY TO HAVE PLACE IN LETTER

Dayton, Ohio, July 31—In addition to the League of Nations the American industrial problem and other domestic questions are to have a prominent place in the address of Governor Cox accepting the Democratic nomination according to men here in contact with the campaign.

ENEMIES OF 2.75 BEER ARRIVE

The Mayflower Auto team No. 1 arrived in the city last evening. The team is composed of Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts of Washington, D. C., superintendent of the International Reform Bureau and David Reid, cornetist and singer. The men are touring and appearing at various meetings, speaking in opposition to the proposal that the Congress shall declare 2.75 per cent beer non-intoxicating by amendment of the Vostead Act.

MAYOR TO DO SOME FISHING

Mayor Wilson will foregather with the up-state leaders Monday at the 20th anniversary celebration of the town of Litchfield and will there renew his angling for the Republican nomination for governor.

It is understood that the mayor blames the bait that he has been using in the past for his failure to land this prize and has decided on a change of bait.

CHILD BITEN BY RAT

Little Annie Oakley, nine months old, of 85 Frank street, was the victim of a peculiar accident last night. The child was asleep in her crib along about 12 o'clock when in some manner unknown a rat on a hunt for food picked on the child's left eyelid and the substance for a good meal which resulted in much pain to the infant. The distracted mother awakened by the screams of the child rushed to the Emergency hospital where the "little patient" was treated by Dr. J. A. Maxwell. The eye was not invoked and after the treatment the child was none the worse for the experience.

MARKET CHERFUL

New York, July 31—Trading diminished in the stock market today and though the tone was cheerful and there was no reappearance of the steady pressure to which the list was subjected during the previous session. After a slow and uncertain opening the market rose slowly and the closing quotations of most issues showed gains. Railroad stocks were in best demand. St. Louis Southwestern made a new high record for the year at 21. Inquiry for industrials was more limited. The closing was steady. Sales approximated 150,000 shares.