

The operation of the line is similar to that of a railroad, both express and local trains being run, the first of the express trains leaving Columbus today carrying supplies to Pershing.

The trains leave daily, carrying supplies, forage, ammunition and men and run on regular schedules, their progress being watched by dispatchers at the radio stations here and in the field. The express trains carry only supplies for which there is an imperative demand, directly to Pershing's camp, while the local conveyances carry supplies to the field base. Two divisions are being maintained, the first extending from here to the field base and the second from there to the camping place of the field force.

For slower freight, wagon trains are being run, but the large part of the supplies is being transported by motor. At present only two motor companies are operating the trains, but it is said that the organization of two additional companies will follow the arrival late this week of more trucks.

Civilians have been employed to drive the cars, each car in the train being separated from the other while en route by 75 yards.

"I WILL DIE FIGHTING," DECLARES VILLA IN DEFIANCE OF PURSUERS

EL PASO, Tex., March 21.—Henry Vaughan, who was formerly a lieutenant colonel on Villa's staff, and who has been in touch with the fugitive bandit recently, has arrived here with the bandit's defiance of the American Government. According to Vaughan, Villa said:

"I will never surrender. I will die fighting. If American soldiers take me, they will take me dead. I am going to kill every American I come across."

According to Mexican Consul Andres Garcia, in El Paso, the battle between Villa and the Carranza forces is still in progress, with Villa retreating in a westerly direction from Namiquipa toward the Sierra Madre Mountains. Another report has it that Villa has escaped from the column sent by Pershing to the gap through the mountain pass to Babicora Lake.

It was regarded as significant, however, that Gen. Funston declined to accept Villa's offer when asked if the request for additional regiments had anything to do with the reported movement of Carranza troops toward the American border, and the alleged refusal of Carranza troops to fight Villa.

Lake Babicora, toward which one of Pershing's columns is reported to be moving, is almost 200 miles from the border, and by the time the columns directed toward Carmen and Namiquipa arrive at their destinations they will be almost as far south.

South of Casas Grandes the cavalry detachments that are following the trails into the heart of the country where Villa is believed to have gone.

CHAPPED HANDS A HORRIBLE SIGHT

With Blisters and Sore Eruptions. Itching so Severe. Almost Always Bandaged.

HEALED BY CUTICURA SOAP AND OINTMENT

"In the winter time my hands chapped and there appeared blisters and sore eruptions which would dry up and itch. I would scratch and it would result in bleeding and irritated hands and I could not sleep nights. The itching was so severe that my hands were swollen and inflamed and were almost always bandaged for they were a horrible sight. I was not able to put them in water. I felt very miserable. I suffered almost three years. I saw Cuticura Soap and Ointment advertised so I tried them and after using the first box I had relief. I am now able to do my own work after using Cuticura Soap and Ointment for about five months, and I am completely healed." (Signed) Mrs. R. L. Y. 1529 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 13, 1914.

Sample Each Free by Mail With 35-c. Skin Block on request. Address post-order "Cuticura, Dept. T, Boston." Sold throughout the world.

Advertisement for Dr. Cassell's Peppermint Cure, featuring a bottle illustration and text describing its benefits for colds, coughs, and chest ailments.

ARMY AEROPLANES UNFIT FOR SWIRLING WINDS IN MOUNTAINS

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 22.—It was said today at the North Island Army Aviation School here that all of the aeroplanes which figured in the Mexican expeditionary force were unfit for use in the mountains. At the time they were purchased for the First Aero Squadron they were considered by experts to be the best obtainable in this country for scouting work. With pilot and observer the biplanes could attain a maximum speed of eighty-three miles an hour and could carry sufficient fuel to last for eight hours' flight at full speed.

Army aviators declare, however, that these machines are too low-powered to permit of early air operations found in the mountains of Northern Mexico.

NO SOLDIER IS ILL IN PERSHING'S ARMY, SAYS HOSPITAL HEAD

COLUMBUS, N. Mex., March 22.—Not a single case of illness has been reported among the American troops with Gen. Pershing's expeditionary column in Mexico, Lieut.-Col. Frick, in charge of the base hospital here, asserted today.

Army medical officers consider this a remarkable showing in view of the heat, the sand storms of the desert and the disease which has followed in the wake of four years of civil war in Mexico, to all of which the soldiers have been exposed in their march. It was asserted that much credit is due the preventive measures adopted before the start of the expeditionary force.

BATTLESHIP KENTUCKY IS OFF FOR TAMPIOCO, WASHINGTON HEARS

GALVESTON, Tex., March 22.—The United States battleship, Kentucky, which put to sea under sealed orders last yesterday, was sent to Tampico, it was reported today. The report, however, could not be confirmed. The battleship sailed before it was possible to deliver coal and other supplies. Reports of trouble in the oil fields about Tampico have reached the State Department. Officials believe the disturbances are similar to those the region has experienced for some time past.

PERSHING'S ARMY LEFT BROAD TRAIL IN DESERT'S SAND

Motor Cars Carrying Supplies Have Hard Time in Wake of Troops.

ON THE LINE OF MARCH OF THE AMERICAN ARMY, Mexico, March 22 (via courier to Columbus, N. M.).—The trail along which Pancho Villa retreated from Columbus less than two weeks ago is a broad, well-worn highway, visible at some points for miles as it winds over and around the hills in Northern Chihuahua. The road is an evidence of the efficiency of the American Army, which in a week's time has converted the trail across a semi-desert into a military road, the main artery for supplies to Gen. Pershing's punitive column.

This new road is not an ideal highway, but it serves the purpose. The big gray automobile trucks which carry the supplies by the ton have cut ruts so deep in the sand and gravel that at some places there is no longer clearance for the axles and parallel roads have been laid out alongside the old trail.

At intervals of a few miles all day can be seen what appear to be huge clouds of smoke. These mark the positions of the moving supply trains, cavalry patrols, or squads of signal corps men on military automobiles. On the individual initiative and skill of the American soldier and his officers depends the success of moving supplies over these Mexican roads.

Motorcycle dispatch riders and their machines by vigorous use of their legs, as the motorcycles plunge into the ruts or dip into sand piles, their riders strike out a leg on each side as a prop, choke, and clutch, and by the other, they give a kick with whichever foot comes most handy to straighten up the machine, and then go roaring ahead again.

The great plains and the mountains bordering the road are mostly devoid of every sign of life. But occasionally on a distant hill a signal flag wigwagging shows where an American lookout is not the watch.

Marching or riding, the troops find much of the road uncomfortable for travel because the mountain winds drive the sand into the men's faces with a sting as sharp as winter sleet. While the celebrated rite of the American cavalrymen, 110 miles in forty-two hours marching time was heretofore throughout the United States, the work of the infantry followed behind the cavalry went unimpaired. One command carrying full infantry equipment and baggage of about forty-five pounds marched twenty-six miles in about eight hours. This was over rocky ground covered with volcanic stone or pine in places where the dust dried over them like a heavy fog.

DETECTIVE PLAYED PICKPOCKET; CITY OFFICIAL AS FAGIN

Commissioner Wallstein So States in Official Report to Mayor.

9 EMPLOYEES ACCUSED. Charge is Made That Clerk Organized Plot to Rob License Applicants.

Commissioner of Accounts Leonard M. Wallstein today submitted to Mayor Mitchell a report on a private investigation of the License Department, of which Commissioner George H. Bell is head, showing a network of graft. A copy of the report has been sent to District Attorney Swann and indictments are expected. Seven inspectors and two clerks are involved.

Charles M. Strauss, financial and recording clerk in the License Department at \$1,500 a year, is accused of conspiring with a "fixer" and a "pickpocket" to entice ignorant applicants for peddlers' junk dealers' and second hand dealers' licenses to the License Department Building on Lafayette Street.

While they were waiting in line the "pickpocket" was to rob the applicants. The "pickpocket" was a policeman assigned by Commissioner Woods.

"Without any suggestion from any one," says the report, "Strauss asked the 'fixer' to get a good pickpocket to work the applicants that came to the License Department and arranged to have the proceeds split three ways—that is, between the 'fixer,' Strauss and the 'pickpocket.' Strauss giving assurance that he had a good 'fall' for a pickpocket, in that the latter could, when necessary, explain his repeated visits to the License Department by inquiring as to the progress of a fictitious application for a license.

"Later, in another connection, the 'pickpocket' did in fact put in an application for a license. Strauss arranged with the supposed pickpocket as to the conversation which should take place between them in the hearing of anybody whose presence was embarrassing. Accordingly, on several distinct occasions, the 'pickpocket' made his appearance at the License Department, mingled with the applicants, had conversations with Strauss about the mythical application, according to arrangement, and pretended to take money from the pockets of applicants who were standing in line before the clerks' windows.

"On these occasions Strauss knew of the pickpocket's presence in the department, and believed him actually at work.

"Thereafter Strauss inquired repeatedly of the supposed pickpocket and of the 'fixer' as to the success of the former's operations. Pursuant to their arrangement as to the division of proceeds, on Jan. 14, 1916, at the saloon at the northeast corner of Worth and Lafayette Streets the 'pickpocket' told Strauss that he had thus far realized \$67 by his operations, and then and there gave Strauss \$30, of which sum Strauss immediately gave the 'fixer' \$10, requesting the 'pickpocket' to come around again toward the end of the month, since, as he had said, that was a good time to pick pockets by reason of the presence of numerous applicants in the department's office at that season.

Strauss's name figures in other deals. It is customary for the License Department to mail postcards to each successful applicant for a license. It was Strauss's duty to send these to the mailing clerk of the department. The report says:

"On Jan. 5 Strauss on his own motion gave to the collector ten such post cards all addressed to applicants for licenses as junk dealers. His intention was to get \$1 or \$2 from each of them on the pretense that such payments would facilitate the issuance of the license and then mail the postcards.

"George H. Bell, Commissioner of the Department of Licenses, this afternoon said he has instigated the investigation in his office. He said he had become suspicious and requested the investigation by the Commissioner of Accounts.

Mr. Bell said he would have charges drawn up against the men involved and that hearings on the charges would be held without delay. He said he would suspend the men pending their hearing.

ITEMS FOR INVESTORS.

Westinghouse Electric and Mfg. Co.—Regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/2 per cent. on common and 1 1/2 per cent. on preferred, common payable April 25 to stock of record March 25; preferred payable April 15.

Bethlehem Steel Corporation officially stated that there are now on the payroll 12,000 employees, and that the payroll amounts to \$4,300,000 a month. This includes all plants, mines and Pennsylvania Steel Company recently acquired.

American Locomotive Company—Regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/2 per cent. on preferred stock payable April 25.

Pittsburgh Coal Co.—Regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. on preferred stock payable April 25.

Mitchel, McAneny, Prendergast Pledged For the City Ownership of Subways

Herewith are presented the pledges made to The Evening World by Mayor Mitchell, George McAneny and Comptroller Prendergast for city ownership of subways in reply to inquiries by this newspaper during the Mayorality campaign of 1909. In the light of the recollections before the Thompson Committee these pledges take on added value and significance:

THE MAYOR FAVORED OWNERSHIP BY CITY.

New York, Oct. 23, 1909. To the Editor of The Evening World:

Your telegram of Oct. 23, addressed to me, was not delivered until last night (Sunday) upon my return to the city.

I am in favor of applying the principle of municipal ownership to all subways heretofore to be constructed in this city.

I am in favor of the immediate construction of subways with the municipal funds now available and to become available with the adoption of the constitutional amendment now before the people. While the work of my department, which deals with problems quite different from those of rapid transit, has made it impossible for me to give study to the various proposed subway routes, I feel that a very considerable reliance can be placed upon the recommendations of the Public Service Commission, and would accept those recommendations as to proposed routes tentatively and until such time as I may have cause to officially investigate the matter. One of the routes named by you I have been able to consider with some care—namely, the Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn route, and of this I entirely approve. Respectfully,

JOHN PURROY MITCHEL.

PRENDERGAST FOR CITY OWNERSHIP, TOO.

The following letter was received from William A. Prendergast, Fusion and Civic Alliance nominee for Comptroller:

To the Editor of The Evening World:

Your telegram was received on Saturday night. I regret that it has not been possible to send a reply before this writing. I am distinctly affirmatively on record in regard to every proposition mentioned in your telegram, and every one of these subjects was covered in my speech at the Academy of Music in Brooklyn on the evening of Oct. 14.

I think I can with justice claim to have been the earliest advocate of the immediate construction of the Fourth Avenue subway of any of the candidates now before the people, for I publicly supported this proposition two years ago. Believe me, yours very truly,

W. M. A. PRENDERGAST.

MCANENY STRONG FOR CITY OWNERSHIP.

Replying to your telegram I may say:

(1) That I strongly favor the building of future subways by the city rather than by private capital, and that as a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment I should vote accordingly.

(2) That I am not prepared to say in advance of election how I should vote upon particular routes, though I consider that the city is morally committed to the early completion of the Fourth Avenue route in Brooklyn.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE MCANENY.

McAneny and Prendergast voted for the dual subway plan.

WALL STREET.

Upward turn in late market on Tuesday marked immediate necessities of the shorts and the result was an indication of renewed weakness at opening. And on later transactions after first few trades metal stocks and industrials led upward of two points before prices hardened and showed a tendency to recover. Making the market advanced to 75 and general list turned dull at about level of Tuesday's close. In second hour prices recovered and some of the active list sold above earlier top.

Maxwell Motors led an advance in the early afternoon. In that group common and second preferred gained over four points and Studebaker and Pittsburgh Coal 2 1/2 to 2 3/4. The market showed more strength throughout the list, with best prices for the day reached toward the close.

FINANCIAL QUOTATIONS.

Table of financial quotations including stock prices for various companies like Alcoa, Am. Can., Am. Express, etc., with columns for High, Low, and Last prices.

NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE.

Table of cotton exchange prices for various grades of cotton, including Open, High, Low, and Last prices.

GIVES UP HER ALIMONY TO AID RIVAL AND BABY

Mrs. Pappas Says She Wants Husband to Be Happy With "Soul-Mate" and Child.

Mrs. Christine Pappas, twenty-six year-old wife of James Pappas, a tobacco importer, today asked Supreme Court Justice Gavegan not to award her alimony, but to leave her husband free to use his income to provide for his affluence and a year-old infant.

Not only is Mrs. Pappas willing to waive her right to support from the husband she alleges wronged her, but she announced her joy at being able to give her husband to the woman with whom, she says, he is now finding complete happiness in an apartment at No. 321 West Twenty-fifth Street.

Mrs. Pappas says she wants her husband to pass forever out of her life and to devote his future to making a home for his newly found mate and their baby.

OFFERS REWARD OF \$1,000 FOR POLICEMAN'S SLAYER

Commissioner Makes Announcement Day Patrolman McAuliffe Is Buried.

Police Commissioner Arthur Woods this afternoon offered a reward of \$1,000 for information which will lead to the person or persons who shot Patrolman William F. McAuliffe near Second Avenue and Sixty-seventh Street Saturday night. Former Lieutenant Anthony F. Vachris, head of the detective squad which dealt with Italian criminals, sent Commissioner Woods his check for \$100 today, as a nucleus for a reward.

Nothing in McAuliffe's record of arrests indicates that any of his prisoners might have harbored a desire for revenge. In default of any clue on which to work the police have resorted to the reward offer.

\$1,000,000 OIL BLAZE.

Fire Still Sweeping Cushing Field in Oklahoma.

TULSA, Okla., March 22.—Damage estimated at \$1,000,000 has been caused in the fire-swept district of the Cushing oil field. The fire, which started last night, was still burning this afternoon but was diminishing in intensity. All wires to the district are down.

FISH WANTS INQUIRY BOARD.

Suggests Prominent Men Pass on Panama Fair Commission Bills.

ALBANY, March 22.—A bill introduced today by Assemblyman Hamilton Fish would provide for the appointment of Henry I. Stimson, Herbert Parsons, Alexander M. White, William H. Childs and Lewis S. Chanler as a committee to investigate the expenditures of the Panama-Pacific Exposition Commission and the Assembly Committee on Privileges and Elections.

MORGAN LETTERS TO SHONTS GO TO THOMPSON COMMITTEE

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beginning of Mayor Gaynor's open account as "arbitrator," the term applied to him by Mr. Shonts in a report made in April of the same year to the Executive Committee of the Interborough directors. This letter reads in part:

"Dear Mr. Wilcox:

"I am sending you a copy of a letter which I have today received from the Interborough Rapid Transit Company for the building at once of extensions of its present subway system, namely, from Thirty-fourth Street northward through the Bronx to One Hundred and Ninety-fourth Street, and from Times Square downtown and by a tunnel under the East River to Pineapple Street, Brooklyn, and thence out to Prospect Park and out the Eastern Parkway to Nostrand Avenue; in addition to putting third tracks on its elevated roads and completing the Steinway tunnel.

"The proposition of the company is that these subway extensions be built on the city's credit and that after the payment of interest and 1 per cent. for a sinking fund and the other charges, the profits be divided equally between the city and the company. The third tracking and the Steinway tunnel are to be done on the company's own credit.

"The proposal that if the gross revenues at any time be insufficient to meet the gross expense, the deficit should be made good by the city, does not seem tolerable. The proposal as a whole may as well be submitted to the engineering public opinion of the city, which will no doubt help us all to a correct conclusion. The cost will be about \$50,000,000 and the company claims that these subway extensions will give more public accommodation than the city's credit should be devoted to building them. First interest on the Interborough route, which is estimated to cost \$125,000,000.

"Whether the city should put its credit into these extensions is the great question. The position of last fall seemed to demand that all subways be constructed in that way. The company claims that private capital cannot be got for the purpose, and it seems the doing of the work by private capital would entail a fixed charge of about \$1,000,000 a year more than if the city's capital were used.

"Although the proposal is sent to me, permit me to say that the credit of getting the matter under way at up for negotiation and consideration, is due to the continuous endeavor of you and your associates since your board was organized.

"Very truly yours,
"W. J. GAYNOR, Mayor."

On Friday, when the Thompson committee created its hearing, Mr. Shonts will again be called and he will be questioned further as to what led him to change his attitude on the subject of private capital for subway building, and why it was he sent his offer to build with city money to the Mayor.

ASK FOR AND GET HORLICK'S THE ORIGINAL MALTED MILK

Special Notices

CHICAGO WHEAT AND CORN MARKET.

NEW YORKERS LOSE FIGHT AGAINST HOSPITAL IN CROTON WATERSHED

Governor Declares Proposed Institutions Will Never Be Built.

(Special to The Evening World.)

ALBANY, March 22.—A motion to bring before the Assembly for consideration the bill for the abandonment of the Mohansic State Hospital and Boys' Training School sites, which are located on the Croton watershed, failed of adoption today. The vote was 45 yeas to 71 nays.

A similar motion was lost in the Senate by a vote of 23 to 21.

Senator Lawson of Brooklyn, was the only Metropolitan member to desert his conferees and vote against the city's demand for pure water.

Overtures of compromise were made by Senator Brown on behalf of the up-State combine that an effort would be made to find a satisfactory solution "consistent with State property rights and with the demands of New York City for its protection."

Governor Whitman announced that he would champion the cause of New York City, "no matter how the Legislature votes." He said to The Evening World: "The institutions shall not be built. The Governor has something to say in this affair and I intend to do all in my power to guard the health of the city. Plans for institution buildings require the Governor's signature. I have not affixed mine, nor will I do so, may not be able to cause the sites to be abandoned, but I can and will refuse to sign any appropriation bills providing for the institutions. This is an issue I am ready to meet any day."

The bills introduced by Senator Wagner and Assemblyman Bloch in their respective Houses calling for abandonment of the sites for Mohansic Hospital and the Yorktown School for Boys were both perfected in committees controlled by up-State members who refused to vote them out. The New York city delegation attempted to-day to force action by motions to discharge the committees in both the Senate and Assembly.

There was witnessed then the usual scene of acrimonious debate and the sharpest verbal warfare of the session proceeding in both chambers on the same subject at the same time.

New York City representatives declared that the institution should be removed in order to insure Croton water from pollution. Westchester County politicians objected because State institutions are profitable, and in this stand most of the up-State members joined with them. It was a difficult fight for the city minority and the rural combination openly boasted that the attack would fail in both houses. While \$1,300,000 has been spent on sites and preliminary work very little construction has been done on either institution.

FLAMES THREATEN TWO CITIES IN SOUTH

East Nashville, Tenn., and Spray, N. C., Report Flames in Full Sweep.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 22.—A fire which started in a small dwelling near the corner of Sixth and Main Streets this afternoon, driven by a high wind, is sweeping south-east through East Nashville. Houses in two blocks were ablaze at last reports.

GREENSBORO, N. C., March 22.—Spray, N. C., north of here, was burned this afternoon. Practically all structures in the business district were reported destroyed and the flames were spreading. Spray has 6,000 population and one of the largest cotton and woolen mills in the State.

TWO TORPEDOES FIRED INTO DUTCH STEAMER

Captain of the Palembang Notices British Admiralty of the U-Boat Attack.

LONDON, March 22.—The captain of the Dutch steamer Palembang, sunk off Harwich Saturday, notified the British Admiralty to-night that his vessel was struck by two torpedoes.

PATROLMAN ENDS LIFE.

David Rubin, Independent Over Whose Death, Shoots Himself. David Rubin, a constable of the staff of the Beverly District in Brooklyn, shot himself in the head in the basement of his home at No. 9 Hamilton Terrace early today. The recent death of his wife and worry over ill health had made him despondent.

Dr. Miles of Kinderhook Hospital said the shot had killed Rubin instantly. He was forty-four years old, had been in the Police Department since 1901 and leaves a two children.

THERE'S the Avenue you know by day, an avenue of ever changing moods and never failing charm, and there's the Avenue that exists by night—do you know it as well? It has a different, but an equal, charm—for it is a permanent, two-storied museum of decorative objects—best seen from your own observation car—the

Advertisement for Fifth Avenue Bus, featuring an illustration of a bus and text describing its route and service.

Advertisement for Optical Hints No. 11, featuring text about eye examinations and contact information for M. Singer.

Advertisement for Bell's Button, featuring text about the quality and availability of buttons.

Advertisement for Bell's Absolutely Removes Indigestion, One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.

Advertisement for Major's Cement, featuring text about its strength and uses.

Advertisement for Major's Cement, Rubber & Leather Cement.

Advertisement for Lost Found and Rewards, featuring text about missing items and offers.

Advertisement for Help Wanted—Female, featuring text about job openings.

Large advertisement for Gailly Penny a Pound Profit, featuring a large illustration of a penny and text about its value and uses.