# FIVE-CENT FARES TO CONEY HELD UP BY COMPLICATIONS IN CITY-B. R. T. CONTRACT

### Legal Machinery Declared Lacking to Enforce Promised Rate Reduction.

### AGREEMENT IS ELASTIC.

### Continued Use of Fifth Avenue by Culver Line Delays Relief.

So complicated, by reason of legal manipulation, are the contracts between the city and the B. R. T. that the railroad company appears to be quite confident of collecting about 20,000,000 extra nickels at the Coney Island terminals between now and Sept. 30.

Although District Attorney Lewis of Brooklyn and other authorities are of the opinion that the five cent fare to Coney Island, specifically promised the people, is now operative, there appears to be no machinery at hand by which the B. R. T. can be compelled to abandon its present ten-cent fares.

Secretary James B. Walker of the Public Service Commission, in a long statement to The Evening World, establishes to his own satisfaction that he was absolutely right when he made, in April, 1916, the statement that the 5-cent fare should go into operation when the West End and Culver lines were completed to Avenues X and Y and that he was also absolutely right when he stated last Monday that the 5-cent fare provision in the contract does not become operative until the Culver line and West End line are both completed and in operation between the Municipal Building and Coney Island proper.

It appears from Secretary Walker's statement that at some time during the construction of the Culver Line the B. R. T. and the Public Service Commission entered into an agreement changing the "terminal point of city construction" from Avenue X to Sheepshead Bay Road. Also it appears that the B. R. T., instead of operating steel fireproof cars over the Culver Line in connection with the Fourth Avenue subway, is operating the old rattletrap B. R. T. wooden cars over the Fifth Avenue "L," which is not strong enough to hold up modern steel car trains.

The opinion of the legal minds in the B. R. T. service is that so long as the Culver Line is operated over the Brooklyn Bridge and Fifth Avenue L to 39th Street the 5 cent fare provided for in the contract calling for operation through the Fourth Avenue subway from the Municipal Building does not become operative. In other words as long as the Public Service Commission permits the B. R. T. to violate its contract with the city the B. R. T. can continue to take an extra nickel from every person who passes through the Coney Island terminals.

In the year closing Dec. 31, 1918, the B. R. T. grabbed 19,096,728 of these extra nickels and approximately 16,000,000 of them were grabbed during the months of May, June, July, August and September.

This being, according to the signs, the last wet season Coney Island will ever enjoy, the travel to the resort will surpass all records. This month, June, July, August and September should produce 20,000,000 or more extra nickels—unless something is done by some regularly constituted authority which will allow 20,000,000 citizens to keep those nickels for their own use.

As to the open violation of the terms of the contract involved in the operation of trains of the Culver route over the Fifth Avenue "L" it is only necessary to print three quotations from the contract which is known as No. 4:

Article 38, Part 2, reads: "The equipment provided for initial operation shall be of the best character known to the art of urban railway operation and in accordance with the specifications contained in Chapter 2 of this part."

Section 38, Chapter 2, Part 2, reads: "Passenger cars shall be constructed as far as practicable to do so, of steel and fireproof materials. The design, materials and construction are to be such as will give the maximum safety and comfort."

Section 39 reads: "Passenger cars shall be of approved type and dimensions arranged to facilitate to the utmost the quick discharge and loading of passengers and shall present an attractive appearance both within and without."

**B. R. T. LAWYERS "HAVE THE MATTER IN CHARGE."**

Receiver Lindley M. Garrison of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company is in New Jersey attending to some legal matters connected with the Black Tom explosion in 1916. His general manager, Frank P. Royce, said to The Evening World to-day: "The matter is in the hands of our lawyers."

And so it appears to be in the hands of the lawyers of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company.

Commenting upon an offer by District Attorney Lewis of Kings County to prosecute the B. R. T. should that corporation violate an order of the Public Service Commission, Lewis Nixon, the new Regulatory Commissioner of Public Service, said to-day:

"I have gone into the matter of the 5-cent fare to Coney Island and have examined the contracts, without discovering any means for compelling the operating company to inaugurate the 5-cent fare at this time.

"The only means in which I see my way clear to act is to hurry the construction of the line as rapidly as possible, so that it may be put into operation under the contract and permit enforcement of the 5-cent fare contract.

"I am expressly prohibited by law from enforcing a transfer system between a rapid transit railroad and a line operated as a surface line, such as now is used to complete the trip from the present terminus of the line to Coney Island.

"I am in full sympathy with what The Evening World is trying to do and with the people who use the line to Coney Island. I stand ready to take any proper course to bring about the 5 cent fare without delay.

"I would not feel justified to use the authority of the Public Service Commission, even though I had sufficient powers, to enforce a 5-cent fare except in accordance with the terms of the contract.

"It is worth considering that the B. R. T. went into a receivership, although it was getting a 10-cent fare to Coney Island. What would happen under a 5-cent fare before the new route is completed and in operation as a continuous route?"


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## YEARNING FOR SON IN FRANCE, MOTHER DIES UNDER TRAIN

### Husband Finds Body of Mrs. Annie Clopton on Going to Report Her Missing.

Mrs. Annie Clopton of No. 175 Tenth Street, Elmhurst, whose mental and physical health has been failing since Christmas, and her birthday passed without the return of her first born from the American Expeditionary Force in France, was struck by a Long Island Railroad train at the Card Place crossing in Elmhurst at 1.40 o'clock this morning and killed instantly.

Mrs. Clopton was the wife of William Clopton, a mechanical engineer, and the mother of seven children.

The body was picked up by Engineer Henry Stielman and Conductor Elbert Markland and turned over to the police. There were no other witnesses. The scene of the tragedy is near the Clopton home.

At 7 o'clock Clopton, worried, almost frenzied, visited the police station to report that his wife was missing. There he found her body.

When Sergt. "Bill" Clopton, twenty-nine, enlisted in the army on Oct. 6, 1917, there was no prouder woman in Elmhurst—except, maybe, the pretty girl he had led to the altar the day before—than his mother. But when the armistice was signed, and the papers began telling about the return of the —th, and the reception to the —st, Mrs. Clopton couldn't understand why they were keeping her boy. Young Clopton, an expert automobile man, is with the Motor Truck Corps at St. Nazaire.

When she began to fail her husband wrote to Gen. Pershing, to the War Department, to a Congressman. No answers came. Two specialists added to the husband's pleading their written opinions that only the return of Sergt. "Bill" would save his mother's life.

Clopton resigned his position last week on account of his wife's condition. He was to have gone away with her in search of health. A few days ago a letter came from France. "Tell Ma," said Sergt. "Bill," "that I expect to be leaving here any day." "I'll never see him again," said Mrs. Clopton.

When Clopton awoke at an early hour to-day Mrs. Clopton was missing and the kitchen door was open.

## JEANETTE RANKIN OPPOSES PEACE TERMS

### Seconds Resolution Adopted by the International Congress of Women at Zurich.

ZURICH, May 15.—Jeanette Rankin, former member of Congress from Montana, seconded the resolution adopted by the International Congress of Women which declared the German Peace Treaty violates the principles on which a lasting peace can be obtained.

"The terms practically sanction secret diplomacy," said the resolution, "deny the principle of self-determination and recognize the right of victors to the spoils. We urge the Allies to make a peace in harmony with President Wilson's principles."

Fifteen nations are represented in the Congress, including both sets of belligerents.

### 76th Street Settlement House on May 22 Gives a Unique Pageant to Brighten the Lives of the People Among Whom It Works.

The dirty faced little kiddies who used to gleefully cavort about the neighborhood of extreme East 76th Street in past years are no longer dirty-faced. Their trousers and dresses are clean; their hair is carefully brushed; their stockings are darned, while their necks are both clean and shining from liberal use of soap and water.

And what has brought about all this change? The East Side Settlement House of 76th Street has brought this transformation. They have demonstrated modern methods to prevent the poor children from being mixed up with the whirling excitement of New York streets. They are going to give the public an opportunity to see these young editions of America perform in the pageant of the "Children of Sunshine and Shadow." It will be given May 22 in the Lenox Theatre at 8.15 P. M.

The kiddies will dance and act in picturesque costumes. There will be some very prominent patronesses at the pageant. The pageant is by Constance D'Arcy Mackay, presented with the co-operation of Florence Fleming Noyes, whose laughing children have made Madison Avenue above 34th Street famous.

Miss Margaret L. Chamberlaine has volunteered to aid in the pageant. Miss Margaret is beautiful to look upon and decidedly light on her feet. She will dance with Sonia, a small Russian lass of some six summers.

There will be an address on "Children and Reconstruction" by Owen R. Lovejoy. There will be a novelty dance by Emma Guariglia and Gertrude Reardon, a genuine novelty. In prances Olga Guariglia as Ellen, the little girl; also in creeps Eleanor Qualey as Jane the nurse. Next will be presented a dream. Miss Chamberlaine will take the part of Joy. Then enter the Sunshine Girls and dances by the Noyes students, Mary Ginell, Camilla Cerney, Margaret Fallinan, Frances Pagano, Rose Gottieb, Mary Senflug and Lydia Guariglia. Following these come Emma Guariglia, Miss Kathleen Qualey, Irene Hajto, Evelyn Dolan and Master Martin Weiss, depicting the characters of Play, Knowledge, Aspiration, Jill and Jack. These children need but to act little for 'tis sunshine they depict.

And the children of shadow—who are they? Gertrude Reardon, Helen Somanek, Tony Le Rosa and John Resch. Some more, too—James Dande, Ferol Cassidy, Marion Cassidy, Louis Lotz and Ernest Sabo. They depict Greed, Fatigue, Ignorance, Public Opinion and Legislation.

Other little dancers are Winifred Roberts, Beatrice Sussman, Margaret Seeder, Bernice Robinson, Anna Mollica, Margaret Zucker, Margaret Michaelson, Anna Newton, Helen Levy, Dorothy Rabinowitz and Anna Ruhalter. Miss Allaseba Valentine will be directress.

The date is May 22; the place, the Lenox Theatre.

## HENRY J. HEINZ DIES AT 75.

**Originator of the 57 Varieties Headed Sunday School Bodies.**

Henry J. Heinz, who made millions out of the 57 Varieties, as he nicknamed the pickles and preserves he manufactured, died yesterday in Pittsburgh at the age of seventy-five years. He was at the head of many agencies for improving the efficiency of Sunday schools and for years had been Chairman of the World's Sunday School Association. He was a Vice President of the Sunday School Union of London.

Mr. Heinz's great business grew out of his effort to save the surplus of his father's farm at Sharpsburg. His first kitchen was a one-room cottage. It grew to cover thirty acres of buildings. Mr. Heinz leaves two sons, Clifford and Howard J., and a married daughter.

"We wanted to rush up to every one we met and cry, 'Don't miss it—Oh, don't miss it.' That's the Phone about "Broken Blossoms." Geo. M. Cohan Theatre.—Adv.

## IMPERATOR ON WAY HERE; 30,000 TROOPS LEAVE BREST

### Former German Liner Making First Trip Under American Flag.

BREST, France, May 15.—The liner Imperator, which was turned over to the United States by Germany under the armistice agreement, sailed at 10 o'clock this morning for America. On board were 1,100 first class passengers, 2,200 second class, including troops, and 810 women, nurses, Y. M. C. A. workers and soldiers' brides. This is the first overseas journey for the Imperator under the American flag.

The big transport Leviathan will sail at 6 o'clock this evening with 12,000 troops on board. Among the passengers will be Henry P. Davison, Chairman of the Red Cross War Council, and Representative Julius Kahn of California and Richard Olney of Massachusetts.

The transports Agamemnon and America will sail at 5 o'clock.

All told, 30,000 troops are leaving Brest to-day on the four steamers mentioned.

## MAN IN TACOMA SUSPECTED AS BROOKLYN BANK SLAYER

### Convicted Murderer in Pacific Coast City Said to Resemble Roy Tyler.

Assistant District Attorney Conway of Kings County and Detective William Roddy are speeding toward Tacoma, Wash., to-day to have a look at a man recently found guilty of murder there. District Attorney Lewis says he has reason to believe the man may have been one of the robbers who held up the East Brooklyn Savings Bank on Dec. 13 last, killing two men and stealing $13,000.

"In a general way," District Attorney Lewis said, "the prisoner at Tacoma resembles Roy Tyler, who was brought here from St. Louis several weeks ago and released after establishing an alibi."

Chauffeur McCullough, driver of the taxicab in which the gunmen got away from the bank, and a young employee of the bank who had a good look at the robbers are with Conway and Roddy.

## DRINKS POISON IN PARK.

**Young Mother, in Hospital, Charged With Suicide Attempt.**

Pedestrians in Fifth Avenue near 71st Street this afternoon heard groans of a woman on the other side of the Central Park wall. Patrolman Andres Boss climbed over and found Pauline Ballon, twenty-four years old, No. 520 West 160th Street, who said she had taken poison. The bottle was near her.

She was removed to the Presbyterian Hospital as a prisoner charged with attempted suicide. No statement was obtained about her reasons, but she said she had a one-year-old baby at home. At the hospital it was said her condition was not serious.

## U. S. SUBMARINE LAUNCHED.

**R-25 is 38th Turned Out at Bridgeport Yard.**

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., May 15.—United States submarine R-25 was launched at the Lake Torpedo Boat Company yard here this noon, sponsored by Mrs. R. H. M. Robinson, wife of the General Manager.

The submarine is the thirty-eighth turned out by the corporation for the United States Government and it is the first ever to be launched here fully equipped. Three thousand persons witnessed the ceremony. Immediately following the launching, submarine N-2, one of the largest of the Government submarines, was started on her trial trip.

**Mrs. Harrison's Decree Made Final.**

SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 15.—Mrs. Mabel Judson Harrison was granted a final decree of divorce in the Superior Court here to-day from Francis Burton Harrison, Governor General of the Philippines.

## GIRL'S EVIDENCE AGAINST MOTHER BRINGS DIVORCE

### Mrs. Schmutz Abandons Her Defense After Daughter Tells of "Love Taps."

Aline Windsor, nineteen-year-old Wadleigh High School girl, to-day took the witness stand in behalf of her stepfather, Dr. Louis R. Schmutz of No. 47 West 42d Street and testified against her mother, Mrs. Mabel Wilbur Windsor Schmutz. On the daughter's testimony Supreme Court Justice Ford granted a divorce to Dr. Schmutz.

The girl's testimony was such a surprise to her mother that the latter, after hearing her daughter's story, ordered her attorney in open court to abandon the defense which she was prepared to offer.

Without the slightest show of emotion the girl told the story of her mother's alleged relations with J. Arthur Belden, a millionaire real estate operator. She told how her mother nursed the rich man, gave him little "love taps," how they had breakfast together frequently in pajamas and kimonos, and how Belden provided maids and chauffeurs for the use of the girl and her mother.

Asked by Mrs. Schmutz's lawyer whether she wanted to see Dr. Schmutz, her stepfather, win a divorce against her own mother the witness said:

"Well, I don't know. I imagine they both want a divorce. However, I think the doctor's right and I want him to win."

The girl testified that she had frequently seen her mother and the real estate operator in the same apartment in New York City, Avon and Belmar, N. J. At that time, she said, her mother and Dr. Schmutz were separated and she was attending a boarding school at Mount Hope, visiting her mother only on week-ends. She was thirteen when she first met Belden in her mother's home.

"My mother went in to nurse Mr. Belden," said Aline, "while he was living in an apartment in our house. After that they became very friendly. Mr. Belden gave up his apartment and moved into ours. They had quarrels, but always made up and Mr. Belden would leave the house and return."

The witness further testified that her mother called Belden "Arthur, dear," and he called her "dear," and that they some times gave each other love taps."

When the witness was asked what "love taps" were, Justice Ford intervened and said: "Everybody knows what they mean and, furthermore every love tap has a meaning of its own."

The witness said that a love tap was just a quiet way lovers have of ending disputes and she was sure her mother's love taps had never injured Belden.

The girl admitted that her mother and she had been on the best of terms since she had ran away from Wadleigh High School to go into the movies.

## HELP! SAVE THE NATION.

**League of Nations Propaganda Seen in New Postage Stamp.**

HACKENSACK, May 15.—At a meeting of the Bergen County Republican Committee last night, President Brennan of the State League of Republican Clubs exhibited a new three cent stamp showing the flag of the Allies and protested against its issuance on the ground that it was Democratic propaganda in favor of the League of Nations.

He said that no other flag but the Stars and Stripes should be placed on stamps of the United States Government.

## DYNAMITE ON CAR TRACKS.

**Discovery Made After Explosion at Methuen, Mass.**

LAWRENCE, Mass., May 15.—A quantity of dynamite buried in the dirt with fuses laid across the street car tracks was found by the police in Methuen early to-day. Cars from Haverhill with workers for the textile mills here, where a strike has been in progress for more than three months, pass over the Cook's Corner route.

A few hours previously a work car, carrying only the motorman and conductor, was wrecked by an explosion in another section of Methuen.

## WIVES AND MOTHERS OF U. S. SOLDIERS MAY VISIT THEM ABROAD

WASHINGTON, May 15.—After June 15 the inhibition against granting passports to wives or mothers of American officers and enlisted men who may wish to go to Europe will be removed.

It was announced to-day by the State Department that passports will be issued in such cases providing the officers or men concerned are not about to return to this country, but wives and mothers who take advantage of this opportunity will not be able to return to the United States within six months. This time limit is set to prevent congestion in transportation facilities.

To avoid paying $10 for a seat, the price offered last night to see "Broken Blossoms," buy tickets in advance at the Geo. M. Cohan Theatre.—Adv.

## *Policemen Who Figured in Rescue And How They Saved Man at Blaze*

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## 6,000 SOLDIERS DUE ON 5 SHIPS TO-DAY; MANY BRING WIVES

### On the Plattsburg Are 477 Sick or Wounded and 13 Stranded Civilians.

The French liner Espagne, with 217 officers and soldiers, arrived at her pier early to-day. She had aboard six casual officers and three casual companies, bringing them from Le Havre.

The Espagne was the first of five transports with about 6,000 returning soldiers due to-day. The largest is the Plattsburg from Brest with 2,899, including the 322d Field Artillery, 477 hospital patients, sixty soldiers' wives with ten children, thirteen sailors' wives with three children and thirteen civilians.

On the Floridan, St. Nazaire, there are 1,799, including the 113th Infantry, 1st, 2d and 3d Battalion Headquarters, Sanitary Detachment, Companies C to G inclusive, and I to M inclusive of 2d and 3d Battalions.

The Antonio Lopez, Bordeaux, has 1,174, including the 325th Infantry, Headquarters 2d Battalion, Medical Detachment and Companies E to H inclusive; three small special casual companies, 544th Casual Company, New York; 2 Bordeaux Convalescent Detachments of 24 officers and 1 man; 326th and 327th Infantry Detachments of 31 officers and 15 casual officers.

The Hudson, Bordeaux, has 652 men, including the 325th Infantry Headquarters Company, Detachment Company M and Sanitary Detachment; 546th Casual Company, New York, 1 officer and 64 men; 158th Infantry Detachments of Companies A and K and 14 casual officers.

**Railway Executives' Meeting.**

T. DeWitt Cuyler, Chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, announced last night that the Standing Committee of the association will meet to-morrow morning in the New Haven board room, Grand Central Terminal. In the afternoon the member roads of the association will meet for general business.

## PHILADELPHIA GREETS 28TH.

**17,000 Men of Iron Division Given Great Welcome on Parade.**

PHILADELPHIA, May 15.—The State and city to-day formally welcomed home the men of the Twenty-eighth Division, composed largely of former Pennsylvania National Guardsmen and it was a welcome such as never before has been seen in Philadelphia.

Headed by Major Gen. Charles H. Muir, their commander, the boys of the Iron Division, more than 17,000 of them, marched for eight and one-half miles through streets bedecked with flags and banners and past grand stands crowded with spectators. It was estimated that at least 2,000,000 persons saw the parade.


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