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Meeting To-day Expected to Fix Fate of I. R. T.

Financial Powers Interested in It and Manhattan Company to Seek Some Way to Avert a Receivership

Debts Total \$9,000,000

Improved Service Order Will Be Issued Regardless of the Road's Control

The fate of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, in its existing organic form, probably will be decided this afternoon at a meeting of the financial powers interested in the Interborough and the Manhattan Railway Company at the office of Alvin W. Kreech, president of the Equitable Trust Company, 37 West Street.

The conference, which is scheduled for 8 o'clock, will be attended by representatives of the Interborough and Manhattan companies and by Dwight Morrow, of J. P. Morgan & Co., representing a large block of the Interborough bonds. Mr. Morrow returned yesterday from Cuba and the conference was deferred until he could attend it.

The interests directly concerned are the stockholders represented by Mr. Kreech and the Interborough officials. The latter, in fact, are in a difficult position, with the Manhattan company 7 per cent on a share capitalization aggregating \$90,000,000. This fixed charge, together with taxes and other items, imposed a burden on the Interborough of more than \$6,000,000 a year. The war period changed the easy financial circumstances of the Interborough. The purchasing power of a dollar was cut in half. Wages went up, as well as about everything else. Instead of being able to show a large net revenue, the figures went "red," showing an ever-increasing deficit. On Saturday of this week the Interborough will be faced with debts aggregating \$9,000,000, and to meet these obligations the company has at the outside only \$1,400,000.

To make matters more critical for the Interborough, the Transit Commission has made it clear to Frank Hedley, president of the company, that the crowding and overcrowding in the subway, especially during rush hours, must be discontinued. A service order mandating improved service is expected within the next few weeks from the Federal Transit Board. Mr. Hedley says that any such order, involving, as it must, increased expenditures, spells a receivership for the Interborough.

All of the members of the committee will be under consideration at the conference in Mr. Kreech's office this afternoon. The Interborough has asked the Manhattan stockholders to modify the operating rental, so as to enable them to escape a receivership. The Manhattan people contend that a contract is a contract, and that it is the Interborough's own business to find the money to pay their overdue rent.

If a receiver is appointed for the Interborough the Transit Commission's condition and the operating rental would remain unchanged. The receiver would be subject to the orders of the Transit Commission, which, through Chairman William Weeks, has announced that better service will be insisted upon.

When Mr. Hedley was asked yesterday about the situation in which he found himself, he said that he had been encouraged, and that nothing would change it until the parties in interest had held their conference.

The committee of the whole of the Board of Estimate voted yesterday to report out for consideration by the full board at its meeting Friday the resignation of the Transit Commission for an appropriation of \$300,000 on account of salaries and expenses of the commission for the remainder of this year. At the meeting last week the committee refused to report out the resignation. Mayor Hylan declaring that he would not vote for the money. William G. Fuller, assistant counsel to the Transit Commission, informed the committee that a motion for a writ of mandamus had been argued last Friday before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. Without further comment, on motion of Borough President John H. Miller, Manhattan, the committee voted the matter out for consideration.

The committee voted out the application of Borough President Matthew J. Cahill of Richmond for \$200,000 for repairing Bradley Avenue from Richmond Turnpike to Brielle Avenue. With the repairing this road will be widened to twenty-four feet. Because of failure to get the State Island authorities to repair Bradley Avenue, the bad condition of which had damaged the trackless trolley cars operated by the city, Commissioner Grover A. Whalen of the Department of Plans and Structures organized a repair crew of his own last week and made temporary repairs.

They Not Only See Snakes at This Dinner—They Have Them

Cunning Rattlers, Copperheads and Boas Guests of Honor and Pets of Ladies at Meeting of Reptile Study Society; Serpent-Hunting Picnic April 22

Have you ever longed to stroke the smooth and shiny skin of some friendly, gracefully wriggling serpent? Would you like to twine a slithering six-foot boa constrictor around your neck and shoulders, or to fondle in your arms a lissome black snake?

If so, you missed your opportunity by not attending the annual dinner of the Reptile Study Society at the Cafe Boulevard last night, where far more interest was given by the members to the half dozen snakes that were passed around from hand to hand than to the food. Quite as much enthusiasm, too, was lavished on the reptiles by the girls and sedate matrons present as by the men, for no one need apply for membership in the society who does not simply dote on handling snakes and lizards. Some of the women, in fact, insisted on having their pictures taken with their pets, and two of them were overheard debating with much animation as to which of the animals was the "nicest and softest" when wrapped about the throat.

The serious business of the evening had been disposed of by electing Raymond L. Ditmars, Curator of Reptiles in the New York Zoological Garden, president of the society for the year, and by announcing plans for introducing legislation to protect "economically useful snakes," the members arranged to close the snake-hunting picnic on Waughaw Mountain, near Tuxedo, N. J., on April 22, in order to see how the "wee, timorous hostesses" are coming on this spring.

Arthur L. Gilliam, of Flushing, the society's chief hunter, who has captured hundreds of rattlesnakes and copperheads within fifty miles of New York, then furnished the evening's star entertainment by dexterously picking a furiously rattling rattlesnake out of a stout canvas sack. Mr. Gilliam, holding his snake airily before the jaws between his thumb and forefinger with one hand and taking a secure clove hitch in its tail with the other, casually paraded about among the diners, who paid his superior skill the tribute of picking up the snake or snakes with which they happened to be playing and pushing closer to see the rattler. Mr. Gilliam repeated the performance with a copperhead and all the while Dr. E. L. Bigelow, head of the Arcadia Natural History Colony and a veteran member, stood in a corner stolidly wrapped in the folds of the big boa.

"No danger at all once you've learned how to do it," remarked Mr. Gilliam to a group of horrified reporters, waiting for their non-professional snake fancies.

unearthed an obscure volume on medico-legal practice in regard to mentally deranged prisoners, written by Dr. Villeneuve, medico-legal expert, tending to show that the majority of cases upon which such prisoners are examined have brought before him. This failed to impress the court.

Army Flyers Plan Test Flights to Canal Zone

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Dispatch of army flyers to Panama under their own power is one of the peace-time experiments that may soon be conducted by the air service. Secretary of War Weeks said today, preliminary to the actual flying of land planes in the Canal Zone, the army air service will make extensive aerial maps of the Canal Zone. Had the giant semi-rigid airship "Rome" not been destroyed, it was the hope of the army that she could be employed as an airplane carrier between the Gulf coast and Panama.

Secretary Weeks believes the army air service should utilize its personnel in peace times in making such experiments as the proposed flight to Panama. He also believes that the government should encourage municipalities to establish landing fields for aircraft. Boston, his home city, has a municipal landing field and has recently appropriated additional money to improve it.

Says Bakers' Art Keeps 'Flappers' Out of Kitchen

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Miller Denies Larkin Pardon; Rorke Favors It

Governor Says Petition Is Premature, but Gives Out Letter From Prosecutor Showing He Is Unopposed

ALBANY, March 27.—Governor Miller refused today to pardon Jim Larkin. In doing so he made public a letter from Alexander I. Rorke, who, as Assistant District Attorney, prosecuted the Irish agitator and his six associates, including Benjamin Gitlow, former Socialist Assemblyman, all now serving from five to ten years' imprisonment.

Mr. Rorke, while holding that Larkin had a fair trial, said that he saw no objection to granting liberty to the Irish leader and the others who were convicted with him in 1920 of "conspiring to overthrow the government by force and violence."

The Governor, in denying the petition for clemency was premature, in that it was predicated on the allegation that he did not receive a fair trial. This ground the Governor held to be untimely, because there is an appeal now pending from the verdict before the Court of Appeals.

Was Convicted in 1920

Larkin and his group were convicted in 1920 of conspiring to overthrow the government through the publication of the "Left Wing Manifesto," printed in the July, 1919, number of "The Revolutionary Age," the official organ of the Left Wing section of the Socialist Party. Larkin and his companions were members of the Left Wing.

Mr. Rorke in his letter to the Governor characterized several of the statements made in the petition filed on behalf of Larkin as false and misleading. He said that the plea for clemency had been prepared "evidently with a disregard for the best interests of the defendant."

Even considering the crime Larkin was found guilty of," he continued, "it may be that he has served a sufficient time in prison to accomplish the purpose of his imprisonment."

Criticizes Petition's Authors

"It evidently was prepared by persons who either would not take the trouble to find the truth or who knew the truth and were unwilling to state it. I see no serious objection to commuting Larkin's sentence and to granting liberty to him and likewise to all of the other defendants convicted of criminal anarchy."

"I have been informed that the leaders of the general strike in Winnipeg, which took place in 1919, resulting in riots, destruction of property and bloodshed, were given their liberty by the Canadian authorities after a year and three months' imprisonment. The Left Wing manifesto cited the Winnipeg general strike as the proper method to be pursued by the proletariat in the United States to overthrow our government. The action of the Canadian government may possibly be a precedent."

The men convicted with Larkin and Gitlow were Charles E. Ruthenberg, Isaac E. Ferguson, Harry M. Winitzky, Carl Diavo and Gust Alenen.

'Siamese Twin' Near Death, Sister Helpless Bedmate

CHICAGO, March 27.—Joseph Black is near death at the West End Hospital. In the same bed, bright and vivacious, is her "Siamese twin," Rosa.

Form 3-Fold Political Union

GREENSBORO, N. C., March 27.—A political alliance among the North Carolina Farmers' Union, the North Carolina Federation of Labor and the North Carolina Division of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen was formed at a conference between leaders of the three organizations here today.

U. S. Probes Charge Boat Ignored Wrecked Plane

Asks Copy of Statement Made by Miss Miami Pilot; Company Claims Corroboration

MIAMI, Fla., March 27.—The bureau of Navigation of the Department of Commerce today began an investigation into the charges of Pilot Robert Moore of the ill-fated Miss Miami that a fishing boat had refused aid and left him and his five passengers clinging to the wrecked plane in midsea.

Officials of the Miami Airways Corporation, owners of the Miss Miami, were asked to forward a report on the charges and a copy of Moore's statement.

Harry Rogers, of the corporation, said today that during the search the captain of a fishing boat came to him and said that he had seen the plane alight, but that it was in shallow water and in the lane of other vessels, so he did not go to it.

A plane and a sub-chaser today went out to sea in an effort to find the bodies of the five passengers who were drowned, but returned without success.

Seven Indictments Are Added to List In Fur Tax Frauds

Two Manufacturers Named in Alleged \$2,000,000 Conspiracy, with 5 Leaders; Rosenblum Is One

Seven more indictments involving the alleged \$2,000,000 fur tax fraud conspiracy revealed January 24 were filed in the Federal District Court yesterday. In two of them manufacturing furriers are charged with failure to file proper returns with the Collector of Internal Revenue and attempting to evade the payment of taxes, while the other five alleged ringleaders of the plot are accused of counterfeiting, uttering forgeries and having counterfeited stamps in their possession.

Morris Rosenblum, former deputy collector, whose knowledge obtained in the government service is believed to have aided in devising the alleged fraud, is named in all five of the forgery indictments. He is indicted on a total of thirty-four counts, on each of which he is liable to ten years' imprisonment.

Just before the grand jury reported Rosenblum, who at the time of his arrest in January was out on bail awaiting a deferred sentence for income tax frauds two years ago, was taken before Judge John C. Knox for judgment. Because of the assistance he gave the government in the earlier case he was sentenced to only three months in Essex County penitentiary.

Herman Schuss, alleged to have been in partnership with Rosenblum in directing the plot, is named in three of the indictments involving the ringleaders, while Melville Newmark and Ben Weiss are made defendants in two cases and William Sherman in one. These three are accused of having been the intermediaries between the furriers and Rosenblum.

The manufacturers charged with attempting to evade taxes are Charles Biscow, who at the time of his alleged participation in the frauds was connected with Miller, Biscow & Co., 337 Seventh Avenue, and Sam Kanik, of Kanik & Greenberg, 312 Seventh Avenue. They are alleged to have accepted counterfeit receipts, knowing them to be forgeries, and to have shown them to internal revenue inspectors as proof that they had paid their taxes. The government's claim against Miller, Biscow & Co., according to Assistant United States District Attorney David V. Cahill, is about \$75,000.

Similar indictments, the prosecutor announced, will be filed later in the week, some of them involving the alleged ringleaders in new charges and others naming furriers as defendants.

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Millionaire Stevedore Fights \$125,000 Suits

Opposes Order for Questioning Him Before Trial of the Woman's Charges

James Auditors, millionaire stevedore, struck her several violent blows in the face and on the body and that she was compelled to obtain medical treatment for her injuries.

Chicago Gets Subway Plans

Four Two-Track Lines Suggested, to Cost \$34,400,000

CHICAGO, March 27.—Plans for a \$34,400,000, initial subway system, which may be operated independently by the city or used to supplement the existing traction systems, were submitted today by a committee of en-

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