

300 ASK SULZER TO RETAIN WILCOX

New York Delegation Protests Against Opposition to Dual Subways.

"WORKING OUT PROBLEM"

Governor Promises to Do Greatest Good for Largest Number.

ALBANY, Jan. 31.—Nearly 300 business men of New York today protested to Gov. Sulzer against the "purely factional, created opposition" to the dual subway situation plans now near consummation and asked that Chairman Wilcox of the New York city Public Service Commission be retained in office until contracts for these subways be signed.

There were two speakers from each borough, and William McCarrroll, formerly a member of the New York city commission, gave the valedictory, as he called it. At the conclusion of the hearing Gov. Sulzer said:

"I shall give careful consideration to all you say. In working out my share of this problem I shall try to do the greatest good to the greatest number according to the light I have on the subject."

The hearing was set for 2.30 o'clock and about that time a double line of delegates filed into the Executive Chamber. All the seats were filled before half the delegation was in the room. Just after 3 o'clock Gov. Sulzer came in and received a welcome of hand-clapping.

"My mind is open and I am seeking light and information," he said.

E. H. Outerbridge, vice-president of the Merchants Association and chairman of its committee on city traffic, made the opening address and introduced the other speakers. He said the delegation represented fifty-three different civic and commercial organizations in New York.

The crisis of the subway situation made it necessary for the business men to give up their time in coming to Albany, he said, because of the "dust storm" which has been raised in New York, which like previous dust storms emanating from similar directions is rapidly degenerating into a mud-slinging campaign.

Mr. Outerbridge sketched the whole situation, emphasizing the impossibility of New York city financing the new subway proposition and declaring that "public needs demand the quickest possible relief." He said all the speakers urged upon the Governor the necessity of preserving the continuity of construction of the present subway plan and system.

Alfred E. Marling, heralded as the dean of Manhattan real estate dealers, said that the present congestion on transit lines is "intolerable" and declared that while for children more schools, better health and more recreating are needed they would never get these things until they had subways leading to less congested districts. He deplored the criticisms which arose "at the crucial point in the negotiations."

Lewis H. Furdus, Commissioner of Public Works of Brooklyn, said that no borough has as much at stake as Brooklyn, and declared that "the people generally are satisfied with the proposed subway contracts." Brooklyn is only half developed, he believes, and can come into its own only through adequate transit facilities such as will come through the dual subway system.

James T. Hoyle read a resolution adopted at a mass meeting of residents of Richmond favoring the retention of Chairman Wilcox until the consummation of the contracts "adopted and approved by a preponderance of public opinion."

W. W. Niles of The Bronx urged the Governor not to do anything that would halt plans for the dual subway system because they are as good a bargain as the city could make.

"There is no real merit to this eleventh hour opposition," Mr. Niles said, "and under one view of operation the balance will be on the people's side of the ledger."

Maurice E. Connolly, Borough President of Queens, said it is "simple to criticize and condemn, but hard to build up" and that no one should criticize and plan "unless prepared to offer as a substitute some better plan." He requested that the Governor not appoint any man to the Public Service Commission unless "he's a friend of these contracts and ready to execute them immediately."

Abraham Lincoln's advice "not to swap horses in midstream" was recommended to Gov. Sulzer by Cornelius M. Koff of Richmond. The present subway plan is the only one that will give relief and provide for the proper development of Richmond borough, he said.

"On these contracts rests the future of New York," asserted E. W. Bloomfield of Manhattan. He requested the Governor to withhold the appointment of a successor to Mr. Wilcox as the opposition to these contracts is very ardent and resolute and might resort to chicanery or court injunctions to hold up the contracts."

Ex-Senator Charles H. Fuller of Brooklyn said he represented about 200 civic associations of that city.

"All of these are for the subway plan," he said. "They are not blindfolded. They know what they want and they know they've got it. They know the contracts and they know the men. We watch them as we do all public officers, closely, and oppose any appointment which will delay, disturb or upset the consummation of these plans in which we believe."

Charles C. Hall of The Bronx said he had lived there since it had a population of 5,000 and had seen it grow to 500,000.

"We want transit and we want it now," he shouted, and the delegation applauded. "We haven't many merchant princes in The Bronx. I'm here to represent the suffering women, girls and children who are subjected to monstrous indignities and treatment on the elevated and elevated lines. There is little that is absolutely ideal, but we believe that these contracts will supply safe, comfortable and sure rapid transit for the next fifty years."

W. H. Williams, president of the Queens Chamber of Commerce, said: "No money, influence or publicity in

New York could bring these men to Albany if the dual system wasn't right. Queens now has the population Brooklyn had when the Brooklyn Bridge was opened, and three years after we get the subways we will have a population of 1,800,000, like Brooklyn has now. And Governor, you will be known as the man who saved the day if you let Chairman Wilcox remain.

In closing the speaking, Mr. McCarrroll said that what the people want is not always the best for them, but that the delegation came to see the Governor to tell him "not only the wants, but the needs of the city."

"On the eve of victory, I stand to say that there could not have been devised or carried out any system so complete and economical as this dual system."

"Never has a delegation represented so united a New York. They let me have the valedictory, but the last word rests with you. We hope it will be a benediction."

SUBWAY CONTRACTS MAY BE READY TO-DAY

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and Eustis, Borough President McAneny and his associates on the Transit Committee of the Board of Estimate, and Le Roy T. Harkness, lawyer for the commission, and Travis H. Whitney, its secretary.

Col. T. S. Williams, president of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, went to the office of the commission yesterday.

"The understanding between Col. Williams and ourselves," said Mr. McAneny, "is that the Brooklyn Rapid Transit contract is completed. I may say that there is only one small point left to be settled and there is no reason to suppose that it will cause friction."

Mr. McAneny explained that the point in question concerned the amount to be allowed for replacement of parts in reconstructing elevated lines.

PROPERTY OWNERS LOSE.

Court Holds William Street Subway Won't Injure Skyscrapers.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court affirmed yesterday the report of the commission which found that the proposed section of the tri-borough subway through William street can be constructed without damage to the skyscrapers abutting on the street.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and other banking firms and a number of insurance companies owning buildings along the route contended that the subway cannot be constructed without weakening the buildings and asked that provision be made to reimburse the owners immediately in case of damage.

THE SYMPHONY SOCIETY.

Eugene Ysaie Plays Two Concertos for the Violin With Excellence.

The spiccato was extracted from the Symphony Society's concert in Aeolian Hall yesterday afternoon by a change in the programme. It had been announced that Eugene Ysaie, the soloist of the concert, would play the violin concerto of Brahms for the first time in this city. The famous Belgian has been heard many times in New York, but he has not yet disclosed to local music lovers his conception of the also famous concerto against the violin, which is now accorded a place not far behind that of Beethoven. But there was a note on the programme yesterday that the distinguished artist had once again looked Brahms within his bosom, and would play the violin concerto as arranged, but as his second number would give the time honored work of Mendelssohn. Therefore critical comment is reduced to a mere record of a repetition quite in line with Mr. Ysaie's standard of art.

The orchestral work which stood between the two concertos and with them made up the programme was the Symphonie Fantastique of Berlioz. Aeolian Hall did not prove to be altogether favorable to the music, which seemed to lack some of its wonted brilliancy of instrumental effects. But Mr. Damrosch conducted his orchestra through a performance which was conspicuous for clarity and careful consideration of details.

MR. KOCHAN'S CONCERT.

The Bohemian Violinist Reappears After Absence of Two Years.

Jaroslav Kochan, the Bohemian violinist, who had not been heard in this city for two years, gave a concert last evening in Aeolian Hall. He came here first as a juvenile prodigy ten years ago when he was exhibited as a rival to young Jan Kubelik, whose precious gifts were heralded in his immature stage.

Mr. Kochan is now an adult artist with certain claims to serious consideration. He played last night a concerto in B minor by D'Ambrósio, Bach's "Chaconne" in G minor, "Air Brindante" and "Intermezzo Pittoresque" and an Andante by Goldmark and a polonaise by Wieniawski.

His performance of the concerto disclosed his best qualities. He displayed a full, strong, penetrating tone, generally free from impurity and overuse of the vibrato, but not often warm. His intonation was almost flawless and he showed a free, vigorous bow arm. He played the concerto with incisive rhythm when that was needed and with a style combining dignity, with no small amount of spirit.

His playing of the Bach number, which is a sort of trial horse for all violinists, was as clear and accurate as that of the concerto. There was a breadth of style in spots, but the general impression was not one of largeness. Mr. Kochan was assisted by Charles Haubel, pianist, who put to his credit a lamentable performance of Chopin's G minor ballad.

SLEZAK SINGS FAREWELL.

Scott Imports a Costume From Boston in a Hurry.

Leo Slezak, the tall Czech tenor, made his farewell appearance at the Metropolitan Opera last evening in the role of Verdi's "Otello." Mr. Amato was to have sung *Iago*, but had a cold, and his place was taken by Mr. Scott, who had been in Boston recently and was to sing *Iago* in again in the near future, so he left his costume there. Consequently day to day he had to change into a new costume, telephoning in hot haste. The Boston Opera House succeeded in getting the costume started on the 2 P. M. train, and it reached the Metropolitan at 10 o'clock, when Mr. Scott was already in his *Barnaba* costume. He was in his usual dress in the second act.

His performance was one of unusual excellence. Slezak was in his best voice and exerted himself to leave a fine memory behind him. He certainly succeeded, and promised the audience to great enthusiasm. Mr. Scott also sang admirably, and Mme. Alda, as *Desdemona*, equaled her best previous impersonations of Otello's unhappy wife.



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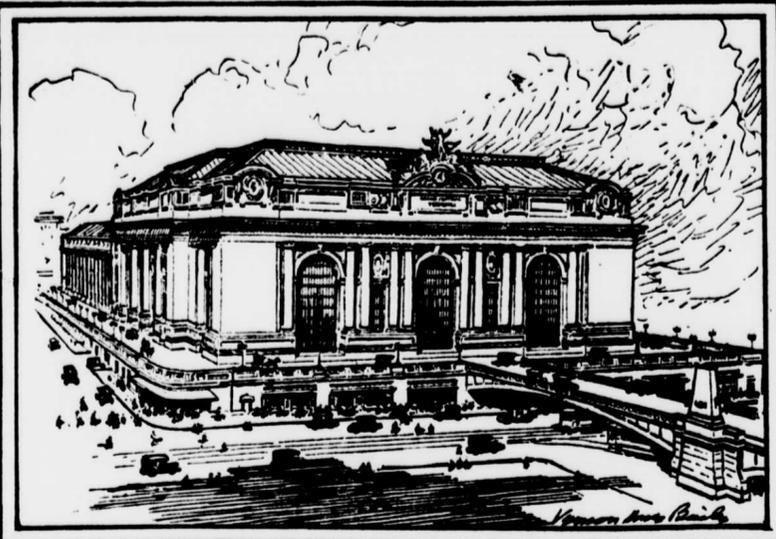
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BUSINESS MEN LOOK ON WILSON AS SAFE

Canvass by Fourth National Bank Shows General Confidence in President-elect.

DISCOUNT TARIFF CHANGE

Industries Prospering and Outlook Is Excellent—No Fear of Panic Times.

The Fourth National Bank gave out yesterday the result of an informal canvass of business men on the commercial outlook and tariff revision. The bank thus summarizes its findings:

"First—It is evident that business men of the country are not looking forward with serious forebodings to the new administration. It is expected that the President-elect will give a safe and sane administration and one calculated to build up rather than to tear down enterprise. This feeling is almost universally held.

"Second—Uncertainty because of expected tariff revision is unquestionably holding up business in a few industries, but these are industries that would be vitally affected by a lowering of the duties. The feeling of manufacturers is not at all one of fear that their business will be ruined, but, on the contrary, the opinion is that revision will be conducted sanely and with a view to disturbing business as little as possible.

"Third—Taking the country at large it may be said that the area of disturbed business is relatively small, and such branches of industry as are affected represent but a small proportion of the whole. It is significant that from some centers where local industries would be affected by reduction comes the assurance that tariff revision has been largely discounted, so that when new schedules are actually announced there will be little further adjustment required.

"The disclosures of this investigation, therefore, go far toward refuting the theory that the country is witnessing a

gradual slowing down of business in all lines. Such a theory is unfounded.

"In a sense the country is now in a transition period and there is no doubt that the changes which are to be brought about will mark the absolute abandonment of many time honored practices. Although such changes oftentimes lead to temporary complications, there is nothing alarming in the outlook, and the consensus of opinion among business men is that the new administration should be given a fair chance with reference to defining its policies.

"While much has been said concerning radical legislation which will affect the banks, the money market and the various exchanges, it is doubted whether any law will be enacted without thorough consideration."

It is reported that the South sends assurance of full employment of labor, factories booked ahead and expectation for a satisfactory year. From the West, including the Bryan belt, indications are that less antagonism to railroads and large business is shown, and the growing desire not to press restrictive legislation. The bank emphasizes the increase of \$52,000,000 in exports of merchandise during 1912 in drawing attention to the abnormal outflow of gold from here to Europe and South America.

A total absence of stock market speculation during 1912 with a consequent marked reduction of loans.

SLEUTH SEES POCKET PICKED.

And the Next Day He Arrests Man He Saw Doing It.

From the uptown platform of the Thirty-third street subway station Thursday afternoon Detective John W. Finn saw a man who had just boarded the train open a handbag suspended from the arm of a woman passenger and deftly remove a purse. Finn followed in the next train and in the Grand Central subway station he found the woman rushing excitedly about among the crowd proclaiming her loss.

She was Mrs. Hermann Friedmann of 340 West Fifty-seventh street. She said that she had been robbed of two purses, one of which contained \$35.

Detective Finn spent yesterday afternoon in the Thirty-third street subway station. Shortly before 6 o'clock a man came down the station steps, dropped a ticket in the box and stood waiting for an uptown train. Finn looked at him twice and then arrested him. At Police Headquarters the man said he was Marvin Cohen, 24 years old, a driver, living at 106 East 117th street. Mrs. Friedmann identified him as the man who had jostled her in the subway train.

Cohen was convicted of burglary a few years ago and sent to the Elmes Reformatory. His picture is in the rogues' gallery.

WILSON DINES HERE AT ROUND TABLE CLUB

Governor to Go to Capital March 3 in Princeton Club's Special Car.

STUDENTS GO WITH HIM

President-elect Denies Final Decision on Bryan for Secretary of State.

President-elect Wilson came to New York yesterday afternoon and in the evening attended a dinner at the Round Table Club, of which he has been a member for some years.

The club holds a dinner for its twenty members every now and then during the winter months at the Knickerbocker Club. No speechmaking is permitted and the Governor said he had a pleasant time renewing old acquaintances.

On the way in from Philadelphia, where he went in the morning to see his dentist, Gov. Wilson accepted the offer of a special car to take him to Washington on March 3. Paul F. Meyers, president of the Woodrow Wilson Club of Princeton University, made the offer in behalf of the student body. The special car will be for the President-elect, the members of his family and the newspaper correspondents who travel with him.

In addition the students have chartered thirteen cars to take them to Washington. Already 1,000 of them have decided to go and Mr. Meyers said he believed practically the entire student body would go. The students are to attend the smoker of the alumni in Washington on the night before the inauguration and the President-elect will be one of the speakers.

About the first thing the Governor

did yesterday morning was to voice his opinion that too much had been inferred from his remark that no other name than that of Mr. Bryan had fixed itself in his mind as a candidate for Secretary of State. He said:

"I notice that some of the morning papers declare definitely that Mr. Bryan is to be Secretary of State and that I sent him a message by Col. House. The story is based on the fact that I could not recall the names of the men who have been suggested for that position. In the second place I am not limited to suggestions in making up my Cabinet. I reserve the privilege of making some suggestions to myself and I might appoint to places in my Cabinet men who have not been suggested to me at all.

"As to any definite conclusion concerning the Cabinet the situation is the same as it has been all along. I have not reached any decision. I have not sent any message to Mr. Bryan by Col. House or by any one else."

The Governor will return to Princeton this morning.

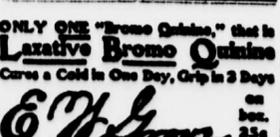
CHAMP CLARK IS TAFT'S GUEST.

President Gives Dinner in Honor of Speaker of House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The President and Mrs. Taft entertained at dinner this evening in honor of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and Mrs. Clark. The dinner was followed by a musical when Mrs. Beatrice Bowman, of the Montreal Opera Company, gave the programme assisted by Mark Andrews at the piano.

Among the other guests were Senator and Mrs. Bankhead, Senator Bradley, Senator du Pont, Senator and Mrs. Jackson, Senator and Mrs. McLean, Senator and Mrs. Oliver, Senator and Mrs. Payne, Senator and Mrs. Pomeroy, Senator and Mrs. Swann, Senator and Mrs. Williams, Representative John D. Bailey, Representative Cannon, Representative and Mrs. Martin W. Littleton, Representative Rereno E. Payne, Representative and Mrs. Townsend and Representative and Mrs. Weeks.

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CITY JOTTINGS.

Two striking waiters received six month workhouse sentences yesterday before Justices Moss, Salmon and Mason in Special Sessions, Part I.

Surrogate Fowler granted letters testamentary on the estate of Col. John Jacob Astor to his son, Vincent Astor yesterday.

John F. Quinn, 50 years old, driver of a newspaper delivery wagon, who lived at 203 Smith street, was killed on the Brooklyn Bridge early yesterday morning by a trolley car near the High Street station.

\$40,550 for Cancer Research.

Requests of \$40,550 each to Columbia University, Mt. Sinai Hospital and the German Hospital and Dispensary are disclosed in the appraisal of the estate of Augustus W. Openhym, a silk importer, who died on April 25 last. Mr. Openhym directed that the bequest to Columbia be known as the Openhym fund for research into the cause, prevention and cure of cancer.

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