

# INVESTORS GET HUGHES TO HEAD TRACTION PROBE

## Attrition Which Threatens Disintegration of Systems Will Be Studied.

### REORGANIZATION IS AIM Merchants' Association to Be Heard in Opposition to Hylan Schemes.

Charles E. Hughes, as counsel for a committee of business men formed at the instance of the Merchants' Association, will make an investigation into traction affairs to report on the condition of the city system as a whole. The proposed inquiry will go not only into the attrition that threatens all of the city's traction systems with disintegration, but will include a comprehensive survey of the transit field that will culminate in recommendations for reorganization.

The investigation will be a quasi-judicial proceeding. It was planned on the suggestion of Julius M. Mayer, Federal District Judge in charge of the receiverships of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, the New York City Rapid Transit Company and of the bankrupt Interborough-Consolidated Company, which holds the New York City Rapid Transit Company and the Interborough Rapid Transit Company.

It represents an appeal to the public in behalf of investors against a policy of the city administration that aims at municipal operation of the traction systems. An inquiry made in behalf of a committee that represents the interests of commerce and industry of the city by the inquirer is expected to attract the interest of the public to a problem that is in danger of being permitted to settle without settlement until the traction systems dissolve in a chaos of badly organized and unrelated lines.

Adequate publicity is asserted to be the sole desire of the men who are trying to avert disintegration. They believe that when the facts are made generally known public opinion will force officials to change from opposition to the appeals of the companies to be permitted to institute a fare increase.

The report of Stone & Webster, engineers, who have made a survey of all of the traction systems and recommended a 5 to 10 cent fare as an imperative need, will be reviewed in the inquiry.

**Scope of Inquiry Stated.**

The plan and scope of the inquiry as suggested by Judge Mayer follows:

"Early in the course of the receiverships the court authorized the employment of independent engineers and accountants of the highest standing to investigate the financial and operative conditions of the companies. Part of this work has been finished and the remainder is nearing completion.

"While there cannot be a fair difference of opinion as to the urgent necessity of temporary relief, pending a final solution, the court realizes that, when dealing with estimates as to future financial and operative requirements to be considered in the final solution, there may very well be honest differences of opinion.

"It is desirable, therefore, that such estimates and valuations as may be submitted to the court shall be checked up and competently studied by experts independently acting for a public association such as yours.

"It is further desirable that such an association shall make a study of the transit situation, so complete as to qualify it to formulate and present for public information and consideration, plans for determining the permanent status of the transportation companies in all their relations, legal, financial and governmental.

"In response, therefore, to your courteous inquiry and generous offer, it is suggested that you can render service of high value, if acting unofficially in the public interest and in aid of the court in its effort to deal with the problems involved, you can see your way clear to carry out the following programme:

"Examine and report upon:

"(a) The estimated cost for the twelve months beginning September 1, 1919, of operating each of the several transit systems now under the jurisdiction of the United States District Court, including in such estimate operating expenses and such other outlays as must necessarily be made to continue the operation of the several lines.

"(b) The estimated revenues for each of such systems during the same period.

"(c) The estimated net earnings or deficit from operation of each of such systems during the same period.

"Through qualified engineers and accountants check, test, verify and report upon any valuations of the physical properties of the several traction systems which may be presented to the court as a basis for equitably adjusting the future relations between transit corporations and the public.

"Make a study of the transit field, with relation to existing franchise and contract rights; possible consolidation or consolidation of existing lines or systems; legal, financial and operating conditions, and such other factors as may be germane, with a view to formulating a plan or plans for the permanent, equitable and beneficial readjustment of the relations between the public and the transit corporations which serve them."

The executive committee of the Citizens Transit Committee is composed of the following: William F. Morrow, president, The Merchants' Association; Lewis E. Pierson, vice-president, The Merchants' Association; Alfred E. Marling, president, Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York; J. Sherlock Davis,

# PUBLISHERS URGE SMALLER PAPERS

## National Association Votes for Reduction to Avert Newsprint Famine.

### SENTIMENT IS UNANIMOUS Increase of Advertising and Subscription Rates Also Included in Resolutions.

Smaller newspapers, increased advertising and subscription rates, substitution of adjustable monthly or quarterly advertising rates for yearly contracts, no hoarding of print paper—these are among the recommendations made yesterday by the American Newspaper Publishers Association in a special meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. All newspapers are also asked to conform to the regulations laid down by the War Industries Board last year, although that board is no longer functioning.

Serious shortage of newsprint paper, which is being used up considerably faster than it is being manufactured or can be manufactured under present conditions, occasioned this gathering of the publishers. Although the call went out only a few days ago the attendance was about 120, and was regarded by the president, Frank P. Glass, of Birmingham (Ala.) News as very satisfactory under the circumstances.

An interesting feature was a conference between a committee of the publishers and a committee representing the manufacturers—the American Paper and Pulp Association, which began its sessions in the same hotel yesterday. And for what was said to be the first time before the meeting of the publishers were invited to address the manufacturers on the question of prime mutual interest.

**Text of the Resolutions.**

The resolutions of the American Newspaper Publishers Association were adopted unanimously after the conference.

"Paper manufacturers have told us that there is a worldwide shortage of paper. At the present rate of consumption the newspapers are using about 10 per cent. more paper than is being produced. This means an annual shortage on the present basis of approximately 20,000 tons. Your committee therefore recommends:

"That the regulations of the War Industries Board for the conservation of newsprint be strictly adhered to, and that the full text of all these regulations be sent to all the daily and Sunday newspapers of the United States, whether or not they are members of the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

"That publishers everywhere be urged to materially increase advertising and subscription rates, and at the same time limit the size of their issues, so that no newspapers enter into a yearly contract for advertising at a fixed rate, but make rates adjustable monthly or quarterly.

"That the American Newspaper Publishers Association send out a standard form of adjustable contract for advertising.

"That the paper committee strongly discourage the hoarding of print paper, and the white paper committee and the legislative committee of the A. N. P. A. urge the enactment of such legislation as will permit the development of waterpower so that our timber lands may be made fully available for the manufacture of wood pulp, lumber and paper, and we also recommend that Congress be urged to take steps that will induce the Canadian Government to reduce the export of wood cut from crown lands.

"We recommend that the President appoint a committee on conservation of the purpose of adjusting the differences between publishers in competitive territories; that the members of this committee be selected with the view to covering the entire country; that this committee formulate such plans and recommendations as will assist in adjusting existing differences so far as possible; that each member of this committee be given allotment over certain territory and be authorized to appoint sub-committees to deal with conditions in cities or competitive territories within that area.

"It is further recommended that this committee keep the print paper committee of the A. N. P. A. informed as to its problems and accomplishments, that the entire membership of the A. N. P. A. cooperate with this committee to the end that it may result in the greatest benefit to all most vitally concerned."

**Reduction of Reading Matter.**

Rules of the War Industries Board which the publishers are now asked to enforce voluntarily include: No return of unsold papers; no free list; no circulation premiums; reduction of the amount of reading matter on a graded scale which, as applied by the board, worked like the income tax—the larger the newspaper the greater the cut.

The publishers, summoned to New York by telegraph, met in the grand

# STAATS-ZEITUNG AND HEROLD MAY UNITE

## One Expected to Drop Morning and the Other Evening Edition.

Two of the group of four German language newspapers, among the most widely read foreign journals in the country, published by the New York Staats-Zeitung and the New Yorker Herold companies, will be discontinued within a few weeks.

This was learned yesterday by THE SUN from an authoritative source and later confirmed by officials of both companies, although they were reluctant to reveal any details of the transactions. The dropping of two papers, it is believed, is due to loss of advertising and other troubles arising after the entrance of the United States into the war.

While admitting that an agreement with the New Yorker Herold publishers practically was complete, Bernard H. Ridder, eldest son of the late Herman Ridder, denied on behalf of himself and his brother Victor that they contemplated disposing of their newspaper property and devoting themselves exclusively to the publishing business. At the present time the Staats-Zeitung company imports and distributes books. This will be continued.

Under the agreement which practically has been consummated the morning edition of the New Yorker Herold, which is published at 22 North William street, and the evening edition of the New York Staats-Zeitung of 182 William street will be discontinued simultaneously. The circulation of these newspapers will be "switched" to the other German morning and evening newspapers, so that the two companies no longer will issue rival newspapers both in the morning and in the afternoon. It is hoped that the combined circulation will mean prosperity for both companies. The "overhead" cut out by the arrangement will be a considerable sum of money.

Negotiations have been in progress for some time between Julius Huiz, general manager of the New Yorker Herold, Louis Stecker, counsel for the paper, the Ridder brothers, and William J. Amann, their counsel. It was realized that the discontinuation of the newspapers would mean a stronger position for each company in its restricted field, but there were many details to arrange. A formal announcement of the transaction will be made on Monday or Tuesday next, if final negotiations are carried through.

"The matter has been under consideration for five years," Mr. Ridder said yesterday at his office, when he learned that the general plan was already known to THE SUN. When asked about details he said there were no details, and that the discontinuation of the two newspapers, one by each company, was all that was to the plan.

Mr. Huiz, of the New Yorker Herold Publishing Company, was even less communicative, although he was positive in his assertion that no amalgamation or

# ELKUS IS NAMED TO COURT OF APPEALS

## Governor Appoints Him to Succeed Late Judge Cuddeback of Buffalo.

ALBANY, Nov. 12.—Abram I. Elkus of New York was named today by Gov. Smith as Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals to succeed the late Judge William I. Cuddeback of Buffalo. Mr. Elkus's term will expire December 31, 1920, so he probably will be the Democratic candidate for the Court of Appeals next fall.

Mr. Elkus, who is chairman of Gov. Smith's Reconstruction Commission, has been talked of as a possible candidate for the United States Senate next year. But his appointment to the bench disposes of him as a Senatorial possibility.

The Governor's appointment of a New York city man to succeed a western New York man on the Court of Appeals bench created considerable talk. Heretofore the appointments have been made with some regard to geographical location, but when Judge Cuddeback died New York city immediately made demands upon the Governor for the post. The argument was made that, although New York now has two Judges on the Court of Appeals, about three-fourths of the business of the court comes from New York, and therefore the city should have more representation. Western New York, it was urged, already is represented by Judge Pugh of Lockport.

Mr. Elkus has been a member of the public schools; graduated from Columbia University, and was given the degree of doctor of civil laws in St. Lawrence University in 1913. He was admitted to the bar in 1888, and has been in active practice since, being now a member of the firm of Elkus, Gleason, Vogel & Proskauer at 111 Broadway. He was elected Regent of the University of the State of New York in February, 1911. He is a former Ambassador to Turkey, a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, New York County Lawyers Association and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Mr. Elkus is married and has four children.

**DEMPEY GETS TAX JOB.**

New York Democrat Is Appointed by Travis.

Special Dispatch to THE SUN.

ALBANY, Nov. 12.—John E. Dempsey of New York city was named today by State Comptroller Travis as district director of the New York office of the new State income tax bureau. The salary is \$4,000 a year. Comptroller Travis had left town when the appointment was announced, but it was said that Mr. Dempsey is a Democrat and was approved by Gov. Smith.

Thomas J. Marding of Yonkers, was named senior auditor at the White Plains office at \$2,000 a year; Frank J. Ford of the Syracuse office, at \$2,750 a year; and Birnie H. Cady of Tonawanda, senior auditor at the main office in Albany, at \$2,640 a year.

# PAPER MATERIAL WASTED

## Southern Loggers Told of Huge Loss in Mills.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 12.—Hundreds of tons of sawmill waste which could be used for newsprint and other coarse papers, are being burned every day, and there are millions of feet of stumps and small timber in southern cutover lands which could be used for the same purpose, J. F. Kidd of Lake, Miss., today told the annual convention here of the Southern Logging Association.

"I understand," said Mr. Kidd, "that many small town weekly and semi-weekly newspapers have been forced to suspend publication because of the high cost of newsprint, and that even some of the city dailies are having a rocky road to travel, but it seems there is inefficiency and neglect of opportunity somewhere when raw material is being wasted in quantities with a market crying for the products which could be manufactured from this wastage."

He advocated establishment through the Southern timber belt of either pulp or paper mills to convert into paper what "now goes up in smoke."

**GOSHEN CITIZENS ALL WANT SKUNK MASKS**

Police Battle Odorous Animals in Main Street.

Special Dispatch to THE SUN.

GOSHEN, Nov. 12.—Skunks are so numerous in Goshen that the members of the police force were called upon by the residents Tuesday night to come to their rescue and shoot two of the animals that were prowling up Main street.

Goshen boys, who have been waiting for November 10, when the law went off of these animals, have been rewarded for their patience by trapping the largest number in the memory of the oldest inhabitants. The beasts have been running about the streets so much at night that each morning the residents wish they had gas masks. The pets bring seven dollars each.

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