

RAILROADS, LIVING ON HOPE, SAYS REA, NEED HIGHER RATES

Time Ripe for Suggestions on Constructive Legislation, P. R. R.'s Head Tells New York Chamber of Commerce.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The principal speakers at the Chamber of Commerce meeting this afternoon were President...

The meeting was in the nature of a "get-together" affair, taking the place of the Christmas dinner...

HAVE BEEN "LIVING ON HOPE." "This condition," he said, "arises from causes largely beyond their own control...

"Increased traffic will not cure the railroad malady, for up to the present all their economies obtained by increased train loads...

Mr. Rea said that failure in the last decade to protect the railroad and railroad investors had led to a general lack of confidence in public regulation...

MAKES CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS. In the practice of public regulation, from the constructive side, he suggested:

First, that the Interstate Commerce Commission should be materially increased.

Second, that the position should be placed beyond political influence by a long term of office and with compensation sufficient to attract and retain men of the widest experience and greatest ability.

Third, that the regulatory power of the commission should be clearly extended to the supervision and control of all rates and practices which directly, or remotely, affect interstate transportation or commerce.

Fourth, that the Commission should be empowered to interfere whenever necessary to restrain the commission, though it should be necessary to prevent reductions of rate which would have a contrary effect or compel advances of rates found by the Commission to be unreasonable.

Fifth, that for the existing policy of public regulation, a constructive policy should be substituted, one which would deal with questions not merely from the standpoint of the shipper and the carrier, but also from the larger standpoint of the entire country.

Sixth, that Congress should refer to the Commission for investigation and report matters affecting railway revenues and expenses.

Seventh, that the extraordinary power to suspend rates without a hearing should be limited to a period not exceeding 90 days after being filed with the Commission, or some such short period.

MR. HANLIN'S ADDRESS. Mr. Hamilton declared that a financial system has now been established upon principles recognized the world over as comprising sound mobilized reserves, liquid assets and a note-issue elastic and responsive to the needs of trade and commerce.

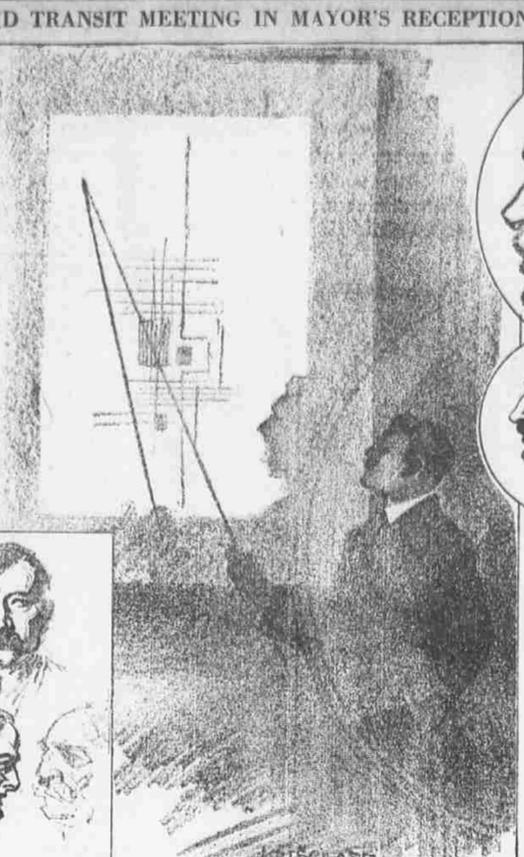
He compared the old system of national banknotes as a basis for currency with the present system. The note declared, were the material evidence of destruction to trade and commerce during the Civil and Spanish Wars and other "necessitous periods of government emergency."

"Turning to the Federal reserve system," declared Governor Hamilton, "it is easy to see the change that has been effected. In place of a currency of reserves, we have reserves mobilized. In place of banknotes issued by independent national banks, the Federal reserve system has provided notes based upon trade and commerce of the United States. In place of a cash discount investment, we see the opportunity and acceptable bill note, based upon commercial transactions, loaned into life, and what was a fixed investment has become an investment far more liquid than any loan upon Stock Exchange securities."

The question of undue speculation and speculation, Governor Hamilton said, would be minimized when the State banks and trust companies joined the Federal reserve system.



CAPT. W.S. BENSON, COMMANDANT OF THE NAVY YARD



DIRECTOR TAYLOR OUTLINING PLANS



CAPT. SMITH, NAVAL CONSTRUCTOR, ELLIOTT SNOW

ADMIRAL NEED'S RELEASE OF SPECIAL INTEREST HERE

British Officer's Sister Related by Marriage to Morgan Family.

The announcement that Admiral Need, of the British navy, retired, had been released by the German Government as the result of the personal recommendation of President Wilson through Ambassador Gerard at Berlin was of especial interest to Philadelphia, as Admiral Need's wife is a sister of Cecil Kayser-Fisher, who married Miss Jane Morgan, daughter of the late Francis Morgan, of this city.

It was represented to this Government, according to dispatches from Washington, that the Admiral had come to Germany for his health and was being detained, and that the condition of his health was such that he could not possibly have rendered any service to his country.

Admiral Need and Mrs. Need were reported to have been held as military prisoners in retaliation for the holding of the Navy Yard for three months by the German navy, who was captured off Cuxhaven.

SAILORS WRECK MOY DUCK'S RESTAURANT; GO TO JAIL

Criticized Chop Suey and Tried to "Get" a Policeman.

The deck-washing squad of the United States steamship Alabama, moored at the Navy Yard, wrecked Moy Duck's restaurant this morning while three sailors tried to explain to Magistrate Tracy, in the Central Police Court, the exact essential in which the chop suey dispensed by Moy Duck, at 919 Race street, was lacking.

With a score of their comrades, the three tars were accused of wrecking Moy Duck's restaurant, which they could think of nothing which, added to his Oriental provender, would improve its flavor.

Policeman Snell remonstrated with them, ordering them from the place. They complied with ill grace and he arrested one of the men, Roy Stimpson. His comrade came to the rescue, but was also arrested by Snell.

THREE HELD AS WITNESSES OF JAMES CORBI'S MURDER

Slayer, Who Held Pursuers at Bay, Knew to Police.

Three Italians, suspected of having first-hand information about the murder of James Corbi, 38 years old, of 722 Baltimore street, who was shot through the head while quarreling with a friend over a small sum of money, were arrested and taken to City Hall today. They are John Rossi, 618 South 7th street; head of the Italian fall dead and Nick Corbi, 7th and Kater street.

The arrests were made by Special Policemen Fields, Writschaffer and Klerna, of the 3d and Christian streets station. Three men are known to have stood on the corner near which Corbi was murdered while the shooting took place. The police believe the men under arrest are the same ones.

Corbi was called to his door last night by a man to whom he is said to have owed a small sum of money. They walked down the street and began to quarrel. When they were near 7th and Baltimore streets the man suddenly pulled a revolver and, placing it close to Corbi's head, fired. The Italian fell dead and the assassin made his escape. Police declare they later came up with the murderer and that he held them at bay with the same weapon and disappeared in an alley.

It is said that his name is known to the police and his description has been spread throughout the city. Outlying towns have been asked to keep a close watch for the man.

300 SEEK JOB ON "FAKE AD"

Police Have to Handle Crowd at 1108 North Front Street.

ELECTRIC COMPANY UNFAIR TO PATRONS, EXPERT TESTIFIES

Chief Dickerman, of Municipal Bureau, Charges Discrimination Against Consumers of Light and Power Current.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 3.—Harold D. Evans, of counsel for Director Cooke in his case against the Philadelphia Electric Company, today introduced, through James C. Dickerman, figure tending to show the company discriminates among its customers, that its charges are higher than those of companies in other cities and that the rate of schedules have no scientific basis and should be changed.

Dickerman, as chief of the Bureau of Gas and Electricity of Philadelphia, was recalled as an expert witness before the Public Service Commission, which is hearing the matter. His figures were questioned by Frederick C. Feltz, of counsel of the electric company.

Once when Dickerman was offering figures to show how consumers using the same amount of electricity might be charged from \$17.44 to \$157 a month, under different schedules, Feltz objected by saying:

"This man is not an expert and has shown a woeful lack of expert electrical knowledge."

DIFFERENCES IN CHARGES. Commissioner Johnson, however, admitted this testimony, and Dickerman told how under the various schedules of the Philadelphia Electric Company it was possible to charge a consumer a month \$26 kilowatt hours consumption a month \$15, if rate D were taken as a base, or under rate B, \$157. Charging light under rate H and power under rate E, his bill would come to \$17.44, said Feltz.

Much of the testimony dealt with technicalities relating to the maximum demand and the connected load, and after the rates of the Philadelphia Company had been introduced, Attorney Evans offered a chart showing a comparison of rates before the Philadelphia company's figures and those charged in Milwaukee, Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago, Baltimore, Altona and Buffalo. These were based on the meter consumption per month in kilowatt hours.

Attorney Feltz also objected to the testimony and his objection was sustained by Commissioner Johnson.

COMPARISON OF RATES. The comparative table of lighting rates was based on residential lighting, eight rooms with an installation of 23 incandescent lamps being used in making up the results shown. For 10 kilowatt hours the Philadelphia company charges 10 cents, in Milwaukee, Detroit and Cleveland the rate is higher; in Chicago, the same. The Buffalo charge for the same service is 7.5 cents; Baltimore, 1.5 cents; and Altona, 5 cents.

It is when the consumption reaches 50, 75, 100, 150 and 200 kilowatt hours per month that the table shows the highest charges made by the Philadelphia company. The rate per kilowatt hour in Philadelphia on winter consumption per month of 20, 25 and 30 kilowatt hours is 19 cents. Buffalo for the same consumption charges 11, 12 and 13 cents. Chicago's figures are nearly as reasonable, according to the chart, and none of the other cities used in the comparison shows higher rates.

Detroit is also the lowest in charges, according to the table showing comparative power rates for 10-horsepower installation in cents per kilowatt hour. While Philadelphia charges 10 cents for 20-kilowatt-hour service per month, Detroit charges 12 cents; Altona, 5; Milwaukee, 4; Buffalo, 1; Baltimore, 1.5; and Cleveland, Chicago and Washington the same as Philadelphia.

When the number of hours use of maximum demand per month reaches a point that the table shows the highest charges made by the Philadelphia company are decreased. The Philadelphia rate drops from 19 cents to 14 cents, the number of kilowatt hours reached 10 and 12 cents when 30 hours are used, and 11 cents per kilowatt when 20 kilowatt hours are used.

HELP ASKED FOR THE BLIND. The blind relief fund headquarters, in the Wilkeson Building, has issued an appeal to all Philadelphians to provide coal and other necessities for the needy blind throughout the city. The fund is headed by Dr. Robert C. Moon, inventor of the Moon raised type for the blind, and the fund is organized by the city. The fund is headed by Dr. Robert C. Moon, inventor of the Moon raised type for the blind, and the fund is organized by the city.

MAGISTRATE SETS TRAP TO CATCH MILK THIEVES

Sits at Window, Gets Evidence, and Sentences Men Himself.

Two men who tried to steal milk from the doorstep of Magistrate Harrigan, at 1234 Pine street, while the Magistrate looked on from a window, were sentenced to six months in the House of Correction, two hours after their capture, by the Magistrate at the 12th and Pine street station today. For weeks some one had been stealing milk from the Harrigan doorstep. Last night the Magistrate decided to learn who it was. So he rose before dawn and sat inside his front door, arranging the shade to mask him, yet affording a good view of the steps.

With the first streak of day two men rose over the side of the doorstep and reached out long arms for the milk bottles. Magistrate Harrigan rose and then open the door. The men, who were about the sound and stood rooted, milk bottles in their hands. Just then Policeman Flechtner appeared and the men surrendered. They admitted their guilt at the station.

PLANS FOR BIG CITY STADIUM

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mittie united in choice of the land near the Girard avenue bridge of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The Woodland avenue cemetery site, apparently the most favorable for several reasons, was abandoned after the failure of negotiations for its acquisition. This location is the favorite with George E. Nitche, recorder of the University of Pennsylvania, who announced Monday plans for a stadium to seat 100,000.

"Early in our negotiations with the Army and Navy Athletic Councils," said Mr. Macken, "we realized that Philadelphia did not have sufficient facilities and capacity to be definitely assured of the Army and Navy games and other big athletic events for many years in the future. We therefore called into conference a number of the city's most eminent architects and engineers and the model and plan submitted here today are the result of much study and consideration. In considering a municipal stadium, we must give thought to the needs of the University of Pennsylvania, one of our greatest institutions. Several years ago, by ordinance of Councils, a plot of ground now occupied by the Commercial Museum buildings, was dedicated to the University of Pennsylvania to permit of proper expansion of the educational buildings for that institution.

PRIVILEGE FOR UNIVERSITY. "Inasmuch as this grant is now in litigation," Mr. Budd said, "it would seem to the Army and Navy Committee that the advised thing to do is to give the University full privilege in the municipal stadium, thus making Franklin Field available for the construction of new buildings. We would suggest that all of the Commercial Museum buildings, with the exception of the building now occupied by the University and the city in turn providing an adequate site for the Commercial Museum on the Parkway or in Fairmount. We suggest all museum buildings with one exception.

"This one exception should take the place of the proposed Municipal Convention Hall," he continued. "Experts who are familiar with convention gatherings are a unit on the question that the average attendance does not number more than 600 or 700 delegates—an assemblage which can well be taken care of by any of our larger hotels. What if we really need, call it a Convention Hall if you will, is a huge exhibition building adjacent to railroad facilities, with machinery and other exhibits which are coincident to conventions may be shown. Any one of the Commercial Museum Buildings is ideally situated for this purpose, having both railroad connection and trolley facilities closely situated to Woodland avenue and the proposed elevated line to Center City. Furthermore, it is a fact that Mr. Windrum, whose bill for the advance work for a Convention Hall in the park has been adjusted by the city, is agreed to give up the project on what would have been a very beautiful building architecturally, but of practically no use for an Exhibition Hall such as required.

RELIEF FOR UNEMPLOYED WILL BE CONSIDERED. Joint Councilmanic Committee to Meet for That Purpose Tomorrow.

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POLICEMAN SAVES FAMILY FROM ASPHYXIATION

Catches Negro in the Act of Robbing a Gas Meter.

Six persons probably were saved from death or illness from illuminating gas early today by Policeman Coots, of the 29th and Fitzwater streets station, who trapped Charles Lawson, a Negro, 67023 1/2 street, in the act of rifling a gas meter at the home of George W. Brown, 709 South 18th street.

Coots was suspended several days ago for getting into a fight at the station house. He was passing the South 18th street address early this morning when he heard a noise in the cellar. The front door had been left open by the chief and Coots managed to get into the cellar unnoticed. There, after a struggle, he captured Lawson.

The Negro had broken the connections of the gas meter and then was flowing up into the rooms. Coots aroused the occupants and the gas was turned off. Lawson was held in 800 hall for court by Magistrate Touchill at a hearing later. When the Negro was searched a hatchet, a set of skeleton keys, a revolver, an ice pick, an electric flash light and several burglar tools were found on him.

BREACH OF TROTH ALLEGED

Girl Says It Was Plighted on Ship-board, But Was Unfulfilled.

A romantic meeting aboard a ship bound to America from Ireland, moonlight promenade and the alleged plighting of a troth had a sad ending today in Court No. 5, when Judge Martin issued a capias for the arrest of James Forster, 2120 Locust street.

Catherine Deasley, who alleges she was plighted by Forster, presented a statement in which she alleged a breach of promise suit to recover \$500 damages. She says she has forsaken her for another girl. The couple, according to Frederick Boyer, attorney for Miss Deasley, met when they were fellow passengers on a boat coming from Londonderry to America six years ago. Since that time, it is alleged, they have been engaged, and Forster continued his attentions after they landed in this country. Miss Deasley lived in Wilmington, Del., Forster residing here.

MASS-MEETING WILL VOICE DEMAND FOR HIGH-SPEED TRANSIT

Committee of Navy Yard Employes and Officers Promote Demonstration to Be Held in Academy.

A big mass-meeting preceded by a parade to demonstrate the city-wide demand for high-speed transit was planned last night at a meeting of a committee representing the League Island employes and officers of the navy yard in the Mayor's reception room at City Hall. The meeting will be held in the Academy of Music on January 11, and will be attended by representatives of business and improvement organizations in this city. The parade, preceding the mass-meeting, promises to be one of the biggest demonstrations of public enthusiasm ever held for such a cause. Officers of the navy yard have pointed out that adequate and speedy transit facilities to League Island are absolutely necessary, and they, with the machinists, bluejackets and employes of the shops, will lead the pageant expressive of public opinion.

There will be a dash of color and spirit, therefore, in the parade, which will be further enhanced by at least 15 bands. In addition to this it has been planned to include a number of floats depicting the movement of the city and progress in transportation in this city. The demonstration to obtain better car service for League Island and other sections was aroused in a large measure through the recent articles by the Evening Ledger, pointing to the needs of better transit in every part of the city.

Numerous meetings were held in the southern part of the city and other sections which culminated in the action taken last night.

CAPTAIN BENSON SPEAKS. Captain William S. Benson, commandant of the Navy Yard, acted as chairman of the meeting. He said that not only League Island, but all South Philadelphia, required the high-speed lines suggested by Director Taylor. The Navy Department is interested in League Island, he asserted, "as has been shown in the last few months. This city has been made the headquarters for the reserve fleet, with its thousands of sailors and marines, and now it has established its advance base at this station. Tomorrow we expect an increase of at least 230 marines from Vera Cruz. This movement of interest, not only in the personnel of the navy, but in thousands of men employed in the shops."

The captain then called attention to the fact that many of the employes lived in Frankford and other sections which require great loss of time to reach from the yard.

He then introduced Director Taylor, who was warmly received.

TAYLOR URGES PROMPT WORK. The Director explained that the city was prepared financially and legally to go ahead with the transit development. He told in detail of the cost of the proposed system, how it could be obtained, and the benefits which would result.

While expressing the hope that there would be co-operation by the present company, the Director pointed out that the city did not have to wait for that, and said:

"My recommendation is that the city build the proposed lines and arrange for equipment from the illuminating gas company or in competition with it. This way is now clear and all we want is favorable Councilmanic action. If it is taken forthwith the high-speed lines will be under way in 1915."

In speaking of the Broad street subway to League Island, he said this road would reduce the time from League Island to City Hall from 25 to 17 minutes, a saving of 25 minutes on the round trip. While the trip from League Island to Frankford, where hundreds of navy yard employes live, would be reduced from 45 to 40 minutes. By the elimination of exchange tickets, he said, there would be an annual saving to the employes of \$7200.

Mr. Taylor backed up his statements with maps and figures, showing the traffic flow from League Island to other sections. At this point Captain Benson told of the enthusiasm for the high-speed system in the southern section of the city, and referring to a communication which he had from Mayor Blankenburg on the subject, said the latter had expressed the wish that the men make a demand for the proposed lines.

BENEFIT TO ALL SECTIONS. Following the meeting at City Hall, Director Taylor addressed the Philadelphia Hardware Men's Association at the Parkway Building. After hearing the transit plans and the beneficial results which they would bring, the meeting unanimously adopted a resolution pledging its active support in the movement.

Speaking of those who may raise objections in some communities, the Director said, "Narrow-minded persons believe that local sections will have their business taken away by the construction of the high-speed lines. This is not true in any respect. The construction of the proposed lines means that every section will benefit. The public is behind this fight and that means that we are going to win."

CITY SPENT \$25,771 IN WEEK

Receipts at the City Treasury during the last seven days amounted to \$25,771, with payments during the same period aggregating \$25,771. The balance of \$1,500,000 was in the Treasury Wednesday night, not including the sinking fund.

\$7543.09 NEEDED AT NOON TO END BOY SCOUTS' FUND

Team Leaders Confident Whole \$50,000 Will Be Collected by Nightfall. Cheers Greet Reports.

PROGRESS OF \$50,000 CAMPAIGN FOR BOY SCOUTS. Amount reported Tuesday (corrected total), \$12,487.75. Amount reported Wednesday, \$13,210.76. Amount reported today, \$10,949.62. Total collection up to noon today, \$12,450.01. Total amount needed to complete fund at close of announcements, \$62,549.62. Total time consumed in work upon which reports have been made, 32 hours. Time remaining to complete fund, 12 hours from noon today. Campaign ends at 12 o'clock tonight. Average total collection per hour needed to obtain remainder of fund, \$308.66. Average total collection per minute needed to obtain remainder of fund, \$5.14. Average collection per hour for total amount reported to date, \$1238.75. Average collection per minute for total amount reported to date, \$22.12. Total number of men on 40 teams, 201. Average collection per hour for each man on reports made, \$6.43. Average collection per minute for each man on reports made, \$0.11. Average collection per hour needed from each man to complete fund before nightfall, \$4.15. Average collection per minute needed from each man to complete fund by midnight, \$0.68.

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