

FOR ASKS \$50,000 TO FIGHT FARE RISE

Executive Seeks Sum to Cover Cost of Probe and Battle Before Service Commission

NEED AID OF MANY EXPERTS

Mayor Moore this afternoon asked City Council for an appropriation of \$50,000 for the preliminary expenses of the city's fight against the plan of the P. R. T. Co. to increase trolley fares. The ordinance was referred to the transportation committee.

Fare Up, Car Cut, Is Mitten Warning

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Goes Into Revenue Plan

Mr. Mitten took up the question of transfers and exchanges to emphasize, he said, the necessity for more revenue.

Found Labor Conditions Bad

"Labor conditions here were as bad as they could be. That has been cured. I found the property and been used for building up districts for real estate expansion. Passengers were carried at a loss for long distances while the property was being made ready to have been planned to serve the outer districts.

Must Not Harass Short Rider

"In planning any fare increase," he continued, "we must recognize we are more subject to loss by driving the short rider off the cars to the extent of \$5,000,000 than by the loss of long riders who ride because of necessity and convenience.

"Staggered On" Till Warime

Up until 1914, he continued, the company carried on as best it could. In that year, he said, the right of the P. R. T. Co. to issue three-cent exchange tickets was denied and this caused denial of the right to issue three-cent exchanges, which brought in \$800,000 annually.

he said, assured to Philadelphia continuity of service which no other city has enjoyed. He outlined the efficient management introduced and referred to the skip-stop system, introduced, he said, against much opposition, but which has justified itself in greater speed and better service and the saving of approximately \$1,000,000 a year by the company.

Every possible means of increasing revenue and decreasing costs had been resorted to before filing the tariff now under consideration, Mr. Mitten told the members of the commission.

The transit company head at that point took up the question of the three-cent exchange ticket. He called it "an inherited thing." With the construction of the Frankford elevated, he said, a big problem presented itself in connection with exchange tickets.

"The Frankford 'L' of necessity," he asserted, "would have to carry the greatest possible number of passengers, but if the three-cent exchange ticket was necessary between the surface lines and the Frankford 'L' few persons would use the elevated, but some other line.

"It is only by living with these things that the truth becomes evident," he continued. "The Stotesbury-Mitten management, if it means anything and if its nine years' history means anything, has demonstrated the wisdom of its policy; secondly, of the protection of its stockholders.

"The money to fight the fare increase is to be drawn from funds already set aside for the Department of City Transit.

"The proper presentation of the case of the city in this matter will require much technical preparation, involving the employment of expert engineers, accountants and other assistants, and will entail the expenditure of money for their compensation. It is estimated that the preliminary expenses of this nature will require that the sum of at least \$50,000 be thus employed, in order that the evidence on behalf of the city may be prepared and presented."

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Twining Supplies Data

As the cross-fire of questions was opened by Mr. Rosenbaum, Transit Director Twining sat at his elbow and provided him with data occasionally.

Data from Annual Reports

Mr. Rosenbaum had noticed that Mr. Dunbar had prepared the statement for him and that many of the replies apparently were read from the statement. He asked who had prepared the statement and the answer was that it was prepared from annual reports of the company.

Ask Where Is \$30,000,000

"Where is this \$30,000,000?" he demanded. Mr. Dunbar replied it was money represented in improvements and in the general upgrading of the company. The assistant city solicitor sought to show that funds spent for power houses and other equipment had been included in the maintenance and capital figures and had also been charged up as capital on which the company seeks a five per cent return.

Repeats His Question

"What property, if any, of the company," continued Mr. Rosenbaum, "is that \$30,000,000?"

Boy Shoots Self in Hand

As an aftermath to the list of Fourth of July casualties, William Joseph, thirteen years old, of 2518 South Eleventh street, shot himself through the right hand with his uncle's revolver. He was sent to the Methodist Hospital and sent home.

GIRL AND ESCORT ATTACKED BY THUGS

Market street and do away with the dirt and unattractively covered walk which now runs at the level of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad track and goes up to Market street through a tunnel construction.

NO STRIKE SETTLEMENT

Shippers and Longshoremen Conference demands No definite settlement of the longshoremen's strike was effected today as a result of the conference in the Bourse between committees representing the strikers and shippers.

HELD ON GEM THEFT CHARGE

Say Man Traced Through Wife Took \$4000 Jewels Herman Yanko, thirty-five years old, was arrested today in a house on Third street near Green street, charged with the theft on June 7 of \$4000 worth of jewels.

HEARD ON GEM THEFT CHARGE

Woman Who Fought in Civil War Complains of Dishpan Attack Judge J. A. Shulzberg, who presided over the trial of the woman for her part in the Civil War, today complained of a dishpan attack by the woman's husband.

TO RESUME BRIBERY PROBE

Council Continues Investigation of \$25,000 Scandal to July 15 Councilman Moore, chairman of the investigating committee, today announced that the probe of the \$25,000 bribery scandal in connection with the Roosevelt boulevard project will be resumed at a meeting of the investigating committee July 15.

Bill for Raising Sidewalk

The other ordinance permits the raising of the sidewalk of Twenty-fourth street to the level of Chestnut street bridge, making a plaza. The bill will be subject to your approval and that of the Bureau of Highways.

DEATHS

THOMPSON—July 6, 1920, JACOB E. husband of Mrs. Lena Thompson. Funeral services from late residence, 518 E. County street, at 10 a. m. on July 7.

ROOMS FOR RENT

MONTGOMERY, No. 1920, unfurnished, 3400 ft. 113, Phone Diamond 5712 W.



HELD-UP ON STREET BY AUTO ROBBERS The girl is Miss Tessie Banks, 1721 Mt. Vernon street, the man with her is Joseph Marshall. They were held up early this morning on Mt. Vernon street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets

Develin Censures Mayor on Bus Bill

Continued from Page One gentleman from the other side talks about our 'twisting and squirming' but important measures could not be passed without the assistance of the members on this side.

Step to Prohibit All Fireworks

The first step was taken by Council this afternoon to prohibit for all time the use of firearms and fireworks at Fourth of July and other celebrations.

Reper Defends Mayor

Councilman W. W. Reper jumped to his feet at this attack on the Mayor, and raised a point of order. President Weglin ruled that Mr. Hall was out of order, and he sat down.

Gas Scale Change O. K.'D

Utilities Committee Favorably Considers Thermal System The United Gas Improvement Company today received favorable consideration from Council committee on transportation and public utilities to change its measurement scale.

CONFERR ON PAY QUESTION

Increase Not to Be Given Men in Sheriff's Office Mayor Moore and Sheriff Lambertson conferred this morning on the ordinance recently passed by Council increasing the pay of clerks and writers serving in the sheriff's office and which the Mayor disapproved.

J. E. CAIDWELL & CO. JEWELERS—SILVERSMITHS—STATIONERS CHESTNUT AND JUNIPER STREETS An Association of Nearly a Century With PEARLS AND JEWELS Of Important Quality

Capture Bandits After Wild Chase

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Threatened to Shoot Girl

"One of them said, 'Cut it out or we'll shoot your girl. Come across now.' This frightened me still more and I screamed for help again. Many people put their heads out of their windows to see what the noise was about."

HEARING REVEALS HEROINE

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ITALIANS DENY LOSS OF AVIATOR

Paris, July 7.—The Italian embassy here last night denied that the Albanians have taken Avlona.

FIREWORKS BANNED IN COUNCIL MOVE

Passes Resolution Directing Presentation of Anti-Fireworks Ordinance MEMBERS IN BITTER DEBATE

Council took the first step to ban all fireworks forever at this afternoon's meeting, when a resolution was passed directing the city solicitor and the director of public safety to draw up an ordinance, or if necessary a state statute, forbidding the sale and use of fireworks.

The resolution was passed after a long and bitter debate between Councilman Gaffney and Von Tegen. Gaffney was the author of the anti-fireworks ordinance which was passed in much amended form at the last session of Council. Von Tegen, second in command, it forbade the sale or use of fireworks, as passed it forbade the sale and use of fireworks.

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Trim Ankles identify the wearers of Boston Garter With Low Shoes the appearance of your ankles is even more important than usual. George Frost Co., Boston

FINE FOR THE KID Let them have all they want of it. Doctors prescribe orange juice for children, you know—even for the most delicate "Kiddie tummies" ORANGE SQUEEZE is so good; so different from all other drinks that everybody says "Ah! That's the stuff" the minute they taste it. Try a bottle; then you'll buy it by the case. You Taste the ORANGE in Orange Squeeze LOUIS HILLEMANN 412-414 North Orianna St. Philadelphia National Fruit Lumber Co., New Orleans, Manufacturers.