

BUSINESS MEN FILE TRANSIT COMPLAINT

Charge P. R. T. Is Receiving Higher Fares for Greatly Reduced Service

LINES CUT ARBITRARILY

Complaint was filed today with the Public Service Commission by the Business Men's Association against continuation of the present increased fare schedule of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co. and the service which is being given the public.

This complaint was filed by C. Oscar Beasley, counsel for the association. The complaint, briefly, contends that P. R. T. is charging the public more money for inferior service and has failed to abide by its promises to make necessary extensions in various sections of the city.

It is also charged by the complainant that the P. R. T. has abandoned many lines required for the convenience of the public without permission of the commission.

Acquired 200 Cars, 500 Needed. Among other things, the complaint sets forth the following: Estimates and data of the Department of City Transit, November 21, 1919, showed that approximately 500 additional surface cars were needed to adequately serve the public. In the last eight years, the P. R. T. has acquired only about 200 surface cars.

The present deficiency in the service is further demonstrated by the fact that in 1913 the company carried 372,822,530 passengers, while the car mileage in 1920 was 82,458,212. The passengers in 1920 were 313,870,000, while the car mileage in 1920 was 82,458,212.

In other words, the number of passengers in 1920 increased over the passengers carried in 1913, 59 per cent, while the car mileage did not increase at all.

Slight Business Section. The complaint went on to show that although a larger number of passengers are being carried in the business district than ever before, the number of cars operated have only been increased about 3 1/2 per cent, although the traffic has increased 45 per cent in the last four years.

It is pointed out that service extensions are urgently needed in West Philadelphia, Germantown, Northwest Philadelphia, downtown and in other sections.

After mentioning the routes where extensions are needed, the complaint states that the commission has granted local consent for the construction of lines on all these streets.

Heretofore, the public service commission has failed to give any order for improved service, because it believed the P. R. T. did not have adequate funds, but in the complaint it is pointed out that the Superior Court in some time ago decided that the commission had the right to order improved service wherever needed and that the question of the necessary funds could be taken up in the company's reply to the order.

NEIGHBORS, NOT FRIENDS

Man Who Asked \$9 for Repairs to Lawnmower Under Bail. In consequence of having submitted a bill for \$9 for repairs and adjustments to a lawnmower, William McMullin, 1414 Blavis street, is out of jail on \$300 bail to keep the peace, in accordance with a ruling of Magistrate Medaris this morning. The fact that McMullin is said to have used threats in connection with an attempt to collect the bill brought him into court on charges sworn out by Dr. John B. Mayer, his neighbor.

Dr. Mayer testified that McMullin threatened to "get" him. The \$9 charge for one lawnmower looked too much at McMullin's court record. Still Dr. Mayer objected, that the job wasn't satisfactory, and he would pay only for McMullin's time. Besides he hadn't had McMullin to do the work any more, he claimed. McMullin just came and tackled the lawnmower while the doctor was in Baltimore.



CHARLES E. MARVIN President Harding has reappointed him as chief of the United States Weather Bureau

YOUTHFUL ELOPERS SENT BACK HOME

16-Year-Old Washington Girl Not Infatuated With Dudley, She Declares

Infatuated with him? No, of course not. I don't care anything more about John than I do about a lot of boys. I ran away by myself, and just happened to meet him. I wanted some excitement, that's all.

That was the explanation given by pretty sixteen-year-old Alma Doyle, of Washington, who was arrested here yesterday with John Dudley Wilson, twenty, a clerk in the Treasury Department at Washington. They had a hearing this morning in the Morals Court before Judge Gorman.

Alma was released in the custody of her father, and Wilson was ordered sent to Washington in the care of a Federal agent.

The girl is rather frail and not addicted to extremes in dressing. She wore a brown dress, rather long, black silk stockings and a brown hat. Her hair is bobbed, and a multitude of freckles over her nose add to her youthful appearance.

In the courtroom Alma and Wilson did not look at each other, and when they came out afterward appeared indifferent. John Thomas Doyle, Alma's father, who came from Washington, looked careworn and tired, and admitted he was torn by the anxiety of a week's search for Alma. He said he had no intention of making Wilson marry the girl, but said he would take her home.

Mr. Doyle said the girl's mother was very angry, and had phoned him this morning to tell him not to bring the "bad girl" back home.

The father was inclined to hold some vindictiveness against the boy, saying that if the two were married, the latter could not be prosecuted, and that he desired to make him suffer at least a part of what he himself had suffered.

When asked if she was glad to be going home, Alma tossed her pretty head and said: "Oh, very," but she did not seem to be overenthusiastic.

ARMED MEN ROB GROCER

Hold-Up in South Philadelphia Store Nets Robbers \$45. League Weinman, a grocer of 1000 East Moyamensing avenue, was robbed last night by two armed men who entered his place of business.

The two entered his store at 8:15 o'clock, one armed with a revolver, the other with a blackjack. While the man with the revolver kept the grocer covered, the other robbed the counter and stole \$45 from the cash register.

WOMAN MOTORIST ANGRY AT ARREST

Mary E. Given Says Police Were Rude in Asking Her to Move On

FINED \$7.50 AT HEARING

Refusal to obey the orders of two men, who, she says, addressed her rudely, and whom she didn't recognize as officers, "because they didn't have on uniforms," caused the arrest of Miss Mary E. Given, of 853 North Sixty-second street, at Fifteenth and Cherry streets last night.

Miss Given stopped her motorcar across the policemen's crossing and when she refused to move was taken to the station house and accused of obstructing traffic, operating a motorcar without a driver's license and breach of peace.

She said today the two men, who later proved to be Sergeant Cannon and Detective Haggerty, of the Fifteenth and Cherry streets station, spoke to her and treated her as "a little cur in the gutter."

"Had they addressed me in a gentlemanly manner," she said at the hearing before Magistrate Grellis when she was fined \$7.50 and costs, "I would gladly have complied with their request."

Asked what right they had to tell her what she could or could not do, they threw open their coats and showed their police badges. Still Miss Given refused to recognize their authority and calmly locked her machine and left.

When she returned the two policemen were waiting. Still she refused to heed them when ordered to drive to the police station. She was about to press her foot on the self-starter when Cannon reached into the car and snatched the key from the switch.

Haggerty was at this time sending in a call for a patrol wagon. Miss Given decided she preferred her own machine to the patrol and quickly complied with the men's request to go to the police station.

Deaths of a Day

GEORGE L. MARIS Former Head of Friends' Central School Dies at Age of 80. George L. Maris, former principal of the Friends' Central School, this city, and a former principal of the State Normal School at West Chester, died last night at his home, 2039 North Twelfth street. He was eighty years old. He retired from active school work about ten years ago. Mr. Maris was a member of the Society of Friends. For many years he was principal of the George School at Newtown, Pa.

He is survived by a daughter, Miss Helen Maris, and a son, Herbert L. Maris, an attorney. The funeral will be held from his home Monday.

Charles A. Howard, for thirty-eight years in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad, died yesterday in the Samaritan Hospital. His home was at 5404 Lansdowne avenue. He began his railroad career as a messenger with the Pennsylvania road, and by successive steps rose to the position of passenger trainmaster. He is survived by his widow, Lily Hannah Howard; his mother, two sisters and three brothers. Funeral services will be held at 1820 Chestnut street, The Rev. John P. H. Schweitzer, of the Corinthian Avenue Presbyterian Church, will officiate.

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BOY ADVENTURERS BACK

Haddon Heights Youths Abandon Plan to See the World. After sending back a diplomatic note, announcing bravely that they were going on about their conquest of the wide world, three fourteen-year-old boys of Haddon Heights walked back most of the way from Gettysburg, Pa., and reached home last night. They are Wayne Nice, twenty, Eighth avenue; George Gross, fourteen, Tenth avenue; and William Lampkin, ten, Tenth avenue.

They had saved between \$20 and \$25 among them. Tuesday, instead of going to school, they bought tickets to Gettysburg, with the evident purpose of getting first-hand information about their country's greatness. Yesterday Mrs. Gross got a letter from her son saying all was well and that they were going to go out into the world and make their way. But Gettysburg must have impressed them in a different way from what they had anticipated. They began to ponder on what happens to heroes.

"They say they walked back begging for help," she said at the hearing. The boys and their father arrived in Haddon Heights about 6:30 last night.

TAKES RUNAWAY GIRL BACK

Margaret Davis Turned Over to Scranton Deputy Sheriff. Margaret Davis, a sixteen-year-old runaway, who left her home in Old Forge, near Scranton, last week, was turned over to a deputy sheriff from Scranton today by Municipal Court officials.

The girl was found in Broad Street Station last Saturday by Thomas Longo, sixty years old, 1422 Tasker street, who told police he was impressed by her story of hardships. Longo called her to his home and asked his wife to care for her for a few days. On Wednesday, after reading of the search for the whereabouts of the girl, Longo called police of the Fifteenth and Snyder avenue station about the girl.

She was turned over to the Municipal Court authorities as a runaway and the police of Scranton notified when it was learned she did not meet the description of Lig's sweetheart.

HE WASN'T FULL OF SOUP

Motorman Pays \$5 for Wrongfully Accusing Policeman. "Did you have any soup yesterday?" Magistrate Price asked Reserve Patrolman Wilhelm, who directs traffic at Broad street and Allegheny avenue, this morning in the Twenty-second street and Hunting Park avenue police station.

"No, your honor," the semaphore sentinel replied. "Then this man lied," the "judge" said, pointing to James Keough, 271 West Westmoreland street, a motorman on an Allegheny avenue trolley.

"It's not because he said that I was full of soup that I arrested him, but because he ran past my signal to stop," the policeman answered. Keough was fined \$5 and costs.

ANTI-SALOON MEN DISCUSS 'DRY' ACT

League Meeting Today May Ask Veto of Measure Saloon Men Like

BISHOP BERRY ASSAILS IT

The state prohibition act of the Legislature, condemned by foes of liquor, will be discussed this afternoon at a meeting of the executive board of the Anti-saloon League.

Plans may be made to bring pressure to bear on Governor Sprout to veto the bill, which puts enforcement of the Volstead act up to the district attorney alone, and gives no power of enforcement to the Mayor.

The Rev. Dr. Homer W. Tapp, state superintendent of the league, is withholding whatever plans his organization has with regard to the new enforcement act.

The meeting will be in the headquarters of the Anti-saloon League in the Stock Exchange Building. Only members of the board will be admitted.

Liquor Men Seem Pleased

While prohibitionists openly show disapproval of the bill, liquor dealers appeared pleased with it. Thomas J. O'Connor, president of the State Federation of Liquor Dealers, called it "a commonsense solution of a difficult problem."

The executive board of the Philadelphia Retail Liquor Dealers' Association will meet this afternoon. Their session will be held in the Penn Square Building.

The bill was flayed by Bishop Berry, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who termed it a nauseating done and predicted that rum would hold sway in Pennsylvania for two years.

Predicts Reckoning Day. There will be a day of reckoning ahead for those responsible for this measure, the bishop said. Representatives in the General Assembly have betrayed the people, he continued, and have yielded other to the pressure of political bosses or of the agents of the outlawed rum power.

Although the federal constitution has outlawed the saloon, the bishop stated, the Pennsylvania Legislature has divided to license "that outlawed abomination and to provide a legal covering for the most wholesale and unblushing system of bootlegging ever carried on in any commonwealth."

The bishop declared the daily newspapers of the country, with few exceptions, are engaged in propaganda to

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Held for Stealing Employer's Car

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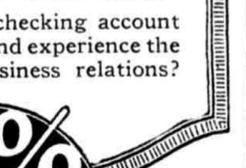
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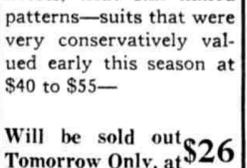
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