

### CITY NEAR VICTORY IN RAIL RATE FIGHT

George P. Wilson, of Commerce Chamber, Tells Shippers Chances Are Very Bright

### TO CONFER IN WASHINGTON

Philadelphia shippers, at a meeting in the Chamber of Commerce today, learned that the chances of this city winning its long fight for favorable differential rates to points south in the eastern part of the country are very bright.

George P. Wilson, commissioner of transportation of the Chamber of Commerce, who presided, told the shippers that from this and nearby cities that a recent conference at Atlanta, in which railroad men and shippers from all points north and south took part, had established this belief.

A hearing, at which the whole question of differentials will be thrashed out, will be held in Washington in a few weeks. The preliminary conference of shippers and transportation officials will be held in Washington next Tuesday.

If the hearing results in the favorable rates sought by this city it will mark an epoch in Philadelphia shipping history and will mean millions of dollars more to business men here.

It was said that the railroads are co-operating with local shippers, giving a recognition that they have fought for years to obtain. Northern and southern shippers and railroad men, it was announced, have all apparently gotten together on an equitable working basis in an effort to iron out the whole differential question.

Almost as important was the statement that the railroads had recognized that the city's differential claims to 2000 southern points whereas we formerly had but twenty-six. This will make it possible for Philadelphia business to points in Virginia, the Carolinas, Tennessee and Mississippi Valley points.

The present situation is regarded as an approach to a victorious climax of a year's hard work on the part of the Chamber of Commerce and Philadelphia shippers to gain this long-sought goal.

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### Wills Probated Today

Wills admitted to probate today included that of Edwin O. Michener, of 4615 Pulaski avenue, Germantown, a prominent attorney. Of his \$220,000 estate, \$2000 was left to each of two nephews and the balance divided among his four daughters.

Other wills were of Elliott C. Gay, 845 Peabody road, \$10,000; Frank Munchen, who died at Wildwood, \$15,000; Berlet C. Hansen, 121 West Wishart street, \$10,000.

### WIRELESS SIGNALS PLAN FOR POLICE

Superintendent Mills Says City Will Soon Have System Worked Out

### PITTSBURGH PROVES VALUE

Philadelphia police may soon have a wireless system that will not only provide communication between this city and the police boats and police stations here, but will provide a signal system within the city itself. Superintendent Mills announced this today when attention was called to the fact that Pittsburgh has installed a system to put its police instantly in communication with every police station in a radius of 300 miles.

The Pittsburgh system is particularly aimed at automobile bandits and other criminals attempting to make a quick getaway, but Superintendent Mills' plans for Philadelphia embrace a wider scope still.

"The idea of using the wireless in police work occurred to me about a year ago," the Superintendent said. "At that time I took the matter up with James F. McLaughlin, Chief of the Electrical Bureau, who dismissed the idea as impracticable. Developments in other cities since have proved that it is practicable."

"The principal expense and question in the problem lies in the matter of wave lengths. The longer the wave the higher the expense. A wave length stretching the 3000 miles across the country would not only be prohibitive in expense, but unnecessary, as criminals could not travel that fast. New York has 200-mile waves, and Buffalo ninety. Two hundred is really long enough, because in most cases it will allow any city to reach the nearest principal metropolis."

"I am very anxious to get the system on the police boats and police stations here. I do not want Philadelphia to be behind the times, and that is what it means if we do not get wireless to work for us soon."

"Wireless is undoubtedly the coming means of communication and I believe it will in time supplant all other police signal systems. In Buffalo, the automobiles which are used to chase bandits are equipped with apparatus. It results in them being always in communication with the sergeant wherever they may be."

"The automobile may be speeding in chase of bandits and the sergeant can still talk with the men in it by wireless. There will be no more running to nearby telephones with the attendant waste of time. It will take a great deal of study and some time to work the problem out, but we will do so and establish a system as soon as possible."

### IDLEWOOD FARM MANSION DAMAGED \$10,000 BY FIRE

Two Firemen Overcome Fighting Blaze Near Berwyn

The upper floors of the mansion on Idlewood Farm, formerly the Walter M. Wilbur estate, and now the property of Thomas J. Murphy, near Berwyn, was destroyed by fire at 7 o'clock last night. Many costly furnishings on the first floor were damaged by water. The loss will be about \$10,000.

Two firemen of the Berwyn company were overcome. One, John Melber, collapsed after dragging a chemical hose into the building. The other, Thomas Dunn, was overcome while dragging Mr. Berthoff from the house. Fire companies responded from Berwyn, Radnor, Newtown Square and Devon. Five streams of water were directed against the burning house from a shallow lake 1700 feet away from a building.

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