

STREET CAR LINES TOPIC FOR HEARING

Citizens and Public Utilities Commission to Confer on Traffic Problems.

SUGGESTION IS ADVANCED TO COMBINE COMPANIES

Universal Transfers and Other Subjects to Be Discussed by Committee From Federation.

What promises to be an exceedingly important conference on public services

is to be held in the next few days between the public utilities commission and the public utilities committee of the Federation of Citizens Associations.

For Consolidation of Lines.

The federation is on record as favoring consolidation of Washington's traction lines and what it wishes to find out first is whether the commission has authority to merge or authorize the merging of corporate interests.

Change in Hours Suggested.

One suggestion by an official of the commission is that employees of the bureau of engraving and printing and the Department of Agriculture be required to report at a given time, those of the patent office and Interior Department at another, and of the Treasury, State, War and Navy and Commerce departments at a third.

Would Exempt Express Companies.

The commission announced today that it has sent to Congress a favorable report on the bill to exempt from the operation of the public utilities law such express companies as are now subject to the jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission.

MAY BE NANNIE HOLMES.

Young Woman Found Ill on Street Probably Identified.

The young woman taken to Emergency Hospital Thursday morning in a dazed condition from 12th street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest is believed to be Nannie Holmes, formerly a resident of Alexandria, and until last October a resident of Gates street southeast.

MRS. BAKER IN CAPITAL.

Wife of Secretary of War Comes Here for Brief Visit.

Mrs. Baker, wife of the Secretary of War, arrived here this morning from Cleveland for a visit of two or three days. Secretary Baker met her at Union station and escorted her to the Lafayette Hotel.

LOCAL FIREMEN IN MOVIES.

Pictures Taken in Merchants' Efforts to "Boost" Washington.

In connection with the efforts of the Retail Merchants' Association to "boost" Washington, motion pictures were taken today of various apparatus of the fire department.

Sends \$20 to Conscience Fund.

"I believe this absolves my indebtedness to the government," says a penitent, sending \$20 to the conscience fund.

GERMAN RAIDER IS SUNK BY BRITISH SHIP, ALSO LOST

Hundred and Twenty Teutons Out of Crew of 300 Captured—English Casualties 74 Men.

LONDON, March 25.—A German raider has been sunk in the North sea. Five German officers and 115 men out of a total of 300 were captured. The British lost seventy-four men.

The British armed merchantman Alcantara, which sunk the German raider, the Greif, was herself sunk.

The fight occurred in the North sea on February 29. The Greif was sunk by gunfire and the Alcantara by a torpedo. The British losses were made up of five officers and sixty-nine men.

The following official statement was issued: "An engagement occurred February 29 in the North sea between the armed German raider Greif, disguised as a Norwegian merchant ship, and the British armed merchant cruiser Alcantara, Capt. T. E. Warde, R. A. C. It resulted in the loss of both vessels, the German raider being sunk by gunfire and the Alcantara apparently by a torpedo.

"Five German officers and 115 men were picked up and taken prisoners out of the Greif, which was believed to have been over 300. The British losses amounted to five officers and sixty-nine men.

"It should be noted that during the whole engagement the enemy fired over the bows of the Alcantara, which was on the side of the ship.

"This news is now published as it is made clear by the receipt of a German wireless message that the enemy has learned that the Greif, a sister ship to the Mowee, had been destroyed before she succeeded in passing our line of patrols.

The Alcantara was a large liner, belonging to the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company of Belfast. She had been in the service of the British government for some time. Her gross tonnage was 15,300. She was 570 feet long and was built in Glasgow in 1913.

Three German steamships are listed under the name Greif. The largest, a vessel of 1,185 tons gross, is 235 feet long, was built in 1912 and is owned in Bremen.

AIR SCOUTS PROVE VALUABLE TO U. S. EXPEDITION IN MEXICO

Account of Operations Given by Lieut. Bowen, Who Returns to Border Temporarily Incapacitated by a Fall.

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 25.—Air scouts are proving very valuable to the American expeditionary forces in Mexico, according to Lieut. T. S. Bowen, who has reached here the first army aviator to return to the border.

He has been invalided to San Antonio as the result of a fall sustained last Monday while landing near Casas Grandes.

Lieut. Bowen asserted that the high altitudes and lack of gasoline and oil in the district occupied by the American troops are proving serious handicaps in the operation of the airplanes.

He pointed out that since joining the column the aeroplanes generally have been about sixty-five miles ahead of the cavalry.

Lieut. Willis Misjudges Route. Lieut. Bowen brought with him the details of the mishap experienced by Lieut. Robert H. Willis, for whom search was made for several days.

"Lieut. Willis misjudged his route and flew about thirty-six miles beyond Casas Grandes, his destination," he said. "He landed in the dark, and in landing, struck a bluff in such a way that part of his landing gear was torn away, leaving his plane helpless. He realized he was in the country held by the enemy, so started on a long march back to the advanced base.

"He walked at night and hid in the dry beds of creeks during the day. Only once was he molested, and this was when he made his way to a burning railroad tie and attempted to read his maps. Three armed Mexicans crept from a ravine and commanded him to halt. Instead, he sprang into some brush and escaped. Lieut. Willis reached camp about 2 a. m. on the 21st. He has since recovered his plane, which now is in service.

Easy Flight to La Ascension. Lieut. Bowen said that after the start here last Sunday the army aviators flew easily to Ascension, where they landed and spent the night. After the start the next day the two aviators, Lieuts. Willis and Edgar S. Gorrell, who later were reported missing, became separated, failing to reach Casas Grandes with the others.

He said that the thin, puffy air of the high altitude of the country makes flying somewhat difficult over the district. Lieut. Bowen said it is his belief that Willis is experiencing the greatest difficulty in obtaining rations for his band. He said, however, that the capture of the hand will prove a much more difficult task than most persons imagine.

Thus far the American army fliers have had little difficulty in finding suitable landing places, but as the troops progress into the mountains this phase of the work will become increasingly difficult, the officer stated.

None of Planes Fired Upon. Lieut. Bowen said that so far as he knew none of the army planes had been fired upon, but he pointed out that it is impossible for the driver of a plane in operation to hear shots, even if fired by the heaviest cannon.

Lieut. Bowen, whose home is in Frankfort, Ky., suffered only minor injuries in his fall. He was brought from the field in a motor truck, but asserted that he expects to rejoin his command at the end of a fortnight.

ANOTHER LEGISLATIVE JOB AT PRICE OF GASOLINE

Representative Treadway Offers Resolution Calling on Attorney General for Data.

Another legislative thrust at the price of gasoline was made today by Representative Treadway of Massachusetts in a resolution calling on the attorney general to furnish data to Congress showing what prosecutions have been inaugurated. The resolution provides:

"That the Attorney General be directed to transmit to the House of Representatives full information relative to prosecutions, if any, that have been inaugurated by the Department of Justice against any person, firm or corporation for violation of the Sherman anti-trust act and amendments thereto in relation to the production, transportation and sale of gasoline, and especially with relation to the increase in price in certain localities of the United States and the variation in price between certain sections of the United States.

"In case the Attorney General has not instituted prosecutions on this subject he is hereby directed to transmit to the House of Representatives his reasons for failure to bring such prosecution."

CONFERENCE IS HELD ON THE TINKHAM BILL

Discussion of the Measure Designed to Place District Offices Under Civil Service.

District Commissioners Newman and Kutz, Representative Tinkham of Boston and officials of the civil service commission conferred at the offices of the commission today on Representative Tinkham's bill to place District government positions under civil service.

The Commissioners have not made a report on the Tinkham measure, but it is expected that they will early transmit their views to Congress on the subject.

Have Busy Week Ahead. Next week promises to be a busy one for the Commissioners, as two important public hearings have been scheduled.

The first is slated for Monday morning, when District citizens will be given an opportunity to record their views concerning the proper location for the proposed new Aqueduct bridge.

The second hearing will be Thursday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock, on the protest of the Retail Druggists' Association against the common drinking cup law, which goes into effect July 1. The association wants to clear up a number of questions regarding sterilization and other requirements of the law.

REPORT REVIEWS TARIFF EFFECTS ON COMMERCE

Secretary Redfield Submits Figures Dealing With Operations of Last Three Acts.

A comprehensive report on the value of American imports and exports, the import duties of the last three tariff acts, the value of imports as compared with domestic productions, the expenditure for wages in various industries under the present tariff and the effect of the war on foreign trade has been submitted to the Senate by Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commerce.

The average rate of duty on imports under the Underwood-Simmons tariff, says the report, "shows a marked decrease from the previous rates and is frequently inferred."

"The net effects of the Underwood-Simmons law, so far as shown by the nine-month return, are a considerable increase in the free list, namely from 59.2 to 63.8 per cent of the total imports, and a reduction averaging 10 per cent in the rate of duty on the articles that remained subject to duty."

The Secretary calls attention to the accuracy of the original estimates of the revenue expected from the Underwood-Simmons law.

Cornell Abolishes Three Sports.

ITHACA, N. Y., March 25.—Three of Cornell's minor sports were abolished by action of the council governing sports yesterday. Hockey, swimming and fencing were discontinued, the first two temporarily because of lack of proper facilities and the third indefinitely because of lack of interest of the undergraduates.

AMERICAN MISSING AFTER SHIP STRIKES MINE OR A TORPEDO

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the loss of life would have been heavier.

Managed by Railroad. The Sussex is owned by the French state railroads, but is managed by the Brighton railroad. Before the war she was employed in the night service between New Haven and Dieppe, but after the outbreak of hostilities her run was changed from Folkestone to Dieppe.

The Brighton railroad last night issued the following account of the accident to the Sussex: "The Sussex, sailing under a French flag in the Folkestone-Dieppe service, met with a mishap somewhere off Dieppe on her passage today. There were 28 passengers aboard and a crew of about fifty, but it is impossible at present to give further particulars, nor is the passenger list available.

Naval Orders. Lieut. Commander J. G. Church, from Virginia to command Le Grandis.

Lieut. (junior grade) R. E. Byrd, retired, from all duty to home.

Lieut. (junior grade) Hamilton Harlow, from Montana to Pennsylvania.

Lieut. (junior grade) R. S. Fay, front command D-2 to navy yard, New York.

Passed Assistant Paymaster C. C. Copp, Chief Machinist J. R. Bradshaw and Chief Carpenters W. R. Thomas, G. M. Saylor, J. M. Peterson, G. P. Baker, C. P. Barr, Alfred Bledsoe, A. C. Merrill, S. L. Lovett, Herbert Duthrie, H. V. Wetmore and F. J. Wilson have been commissioned.

Carpenter William Tavernier, from Southern to receiving ship at Norfolk.

Chief Machinist F. J. Pardonin, from Prometheus to Severn.

Lieut. (junior grade) John Wilbur, from the Virginia, to the Salem.

Ensigns R. D. Tidale, R. E. Perry and C. H. Neum, from the Virginia to receiving ship at Philadelphia, Pa.

Ensign Isaac Schlosebach, from the Virginia to the Nevada.

Passed Assistant Surgeon J. V. Howard, from Naval Hospital, Mare Island, Cal. to the Raleigh.

Passed Assistant Surgeon J. P. Haynes, from naval training station, Great Lakes, Illinois, to Atlantic reserve fleet.

Passed Assistant Surgeon G. D. Hale, from the Ohio, to home and wait orders.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Roy Cuthbertson, from the Washington to the North.

Passed Assistant Surgeon I. W. Robbins, from the Raleigh to treatment Naval Hospital, Mare Island, Cal.

Pay Inspector W. B. Izard, from fleet paymaster, Pacific fleet to home and wait orders.

Marine Corps Orders. Capt. S. W. Hogan and First Lieut. R. E. Messersmith, commissioned.

First Lieut. John Dixon, from marine barracks, San Diego, to marine barracks, Norfolk.

First Lieut. R. S. Geiger, to navy aeronautic station, Pensacola.

Naval Movements. The Vulcan, at the Norfolk yard, will leave Hampton roads for Key West and return about the 12th proximo.

The Hancock, which vessel left Philadelphia the 18th instant for Key West, has been ordered by radio to proceed to Galveston.

The following is the itinerary of the Birmingham en route north from Guantanamo: Arrive Key West April 5; leave Key West April 10; arrive New York April 13; leave New York April 18; arrive Boston yard April 20.

ADDRESSES MISSISSIPPIANS. Attorney General Gregory Speaks on "Ku Klux Klan."

Following an address by Attorney General Thomas B. Gregory upon reconstruction in the south and the part played by the famous "Ku Klux Klan," the Mississippi Society, meeting last night at the Belmont Seminary, elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Harry Payton, president; Walter S. Erwin, first vice president; Miss Hermina Guyton, second vice president; Mrs. J. T. McCormick, third vice president; Miss Bernice Sabers, secretary; George W. Potter, financial secretary; William T. Fulkerson, treasurer, and Mrs. Walter Ramsey, historian.

Musical numbers were given by Mrs. Francesca Casper Lawson, Miss Waugh and Miss Vardaman.

WORKMAN INJURED AT POWER HOUSE.

Raymond F. Woltz of 18 Florida avenue northeast was injured last night while working at the Ivy City power house by being knocked from a ladder when a boiler tube blew out.

CALLED TRAITORS TO RUSSIAN CAUSE

Jews Bitterly Assailed and Storm Breaks Out in Duma.

HEBREWS ARE ACCUSED OF FOOD SPECULATION

Interpellation by Opposition Withdrawn After Extremely Violent Outbreaks.

LONDON, March 25.—The Russian duma, says a Reuter's dispatch from Petrograd, concluded, after two sittings, a debate on the interpellation by the opposition regarding circulars issued by the ministry of finance and the police to the provincial authorities requesting them to keep strict watch on the Jewish population.

According to the ministry's information, the Jews are engaged in a pernicious campaign of commercial speculation in foodstuffs and other necessities of life, with the result that the prices of those articles have been much increased. Several speeches were made violently attacking the government policy of repression of the Jews.

The director of the department of police read a circular which had been issued to the departmental authorities instructing them to take energetic measures against all anti-Jewish propaganda. The interpellation was then withdrawn.

Interrupted by Shouts. A speech by M. Zamyoslovsky, conservative, against the adoption of the interpellation was continually interrupted by shouts from the opposition, and he finally was forced to abandon the floor. Thereupon the entire conservative faction marched out of the house.

Favorable action on the interpellation, said M. Zamyoslovsky, would be interpreted as an act favoring Hebrewism, and the conduct of the Jews was not such as to deserve a favorable declaration from the duma. As the speaker proceeded to bring a series of indictments against the Jews he was interrupted by cries of "It's a lie" and requests were made to the president that the speaker be forced to retract his unparliamentary language.

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M. Zamyoslovsky continued, characterizing the proposed interpellation as an "insult to the army." He said that when an army entered a village the first thing it found necessary to do was to get rid of the Jews.

At this point exception was taken to the speaker's use of the word "Jew," and opposition members shouted that the speaker should not be allowed to continue unless he could speak with less feeling and more decency.

"I cannot speak quietly of Jews," answered M. Zamyoslovsky, "because they are traitors to the country, and are responsible for the present high cost of living, alleging it was caused by their 'speculation and swindling.'"

"Feeling ran high in the chamber. M. Zamyoslovsky persisted in the use of the word 'Jew,' whereupon one of his opponents yelled 'Hooligan!'"

This member, as well as another who indulged in similar epithets, was excluded from the duma for twenty-four hours by the president.

The presiding officer was forced finally to request M. Zamyoslovsky to discontinue the speech. Shortly afterward the conservative faction left the hall and the session adjourned.

ARMY—NAVY.

Army Orders. Lieut. Col. George Montgomery, ordnance department, will visit Pittsburgh, Pa., on official business pending on the operations of the ordnance department.

Maj. Lawrence J. Fleming is assigned to the 5th Cavalry.

Col. Lyman W. Kennon, infantry, on leave of absence in this city, is assigned to temporary duty in the office of the chief of staff.

The following named officers of the 5th Cavalry are relieved from their present duties and will join their regiment: Maj. Nathaniel F. McClure, Lawrence J. Fleming and William J. Glasgow. Lieuts. Herbert H. Mann and Thomas H. Cunningham and Second Lieut. Harry B. Chamberlin and Harold Thompson.

Capt. Edward H. De Armond, 2d Field Artillery, is transferred from the Quartermaster Corps, vice Capt. Albert S. Fuger, relieved.

Private Henry Watson, Company G, 24th Infantry, Harlingen, Tex., will be discharged by his commanding officer to enable him to enter the Soldiers' Home, Washington, D. C.

Second Lieut. Allen G. Thurman, 11th Cavalry, at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., will join his regiment in Texas.

Maj. Henry T. Ferguson, 20th Infantry, is attached to the 9th Infantry.

Leave of absence for two months is granted Lieut. Abraham G. Lott, general staff.

Capt. George F. Connolly, Coast Artillery Corps, is transferred from the 160th to the 131st Company.

Capt. Harold S. Hetrick, Corps of Engineers, will proceed to Fort Sam Houston, Tex., for duty as assistant to the engineer of that department.

The resignation of First Lieut. Richard M. English, Medical Reserve Corps, is accepted by the President, to take effect March 23, 1916.

Second Lieut. John C. Walker, Jr., 12th Infantry, is announced as on duty that requires him to participate regularly and frequently in aerial flights.

Leave of absence for two months is granted First Lieut. Charles E. Meyer, Coast Artillery Corps.

Capt. Joseph P. Siler, Medical Corps, is relieved from duty at the Army Medical School, and will proceed to Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

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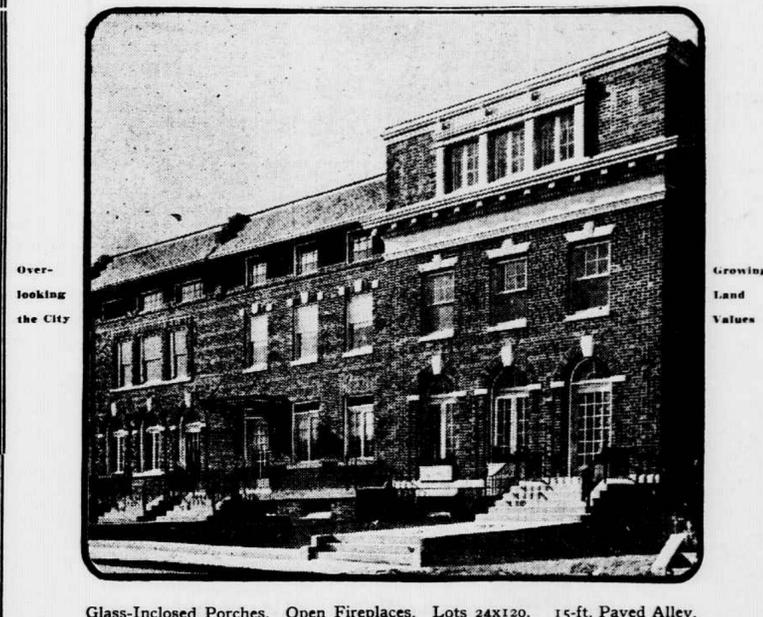
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