

TAXICAB MEN KICK ON JITNEY TRAFFIC

Unlicensed Motor Car Operators Permitted to Serve in Emergency.

THOUSAND INVADE FIELD

Police Powerless to Proceed Against Extortioners, Union Looks to Commissioners.

Protest again overcharges for taxicab and jitney motor service by unlicensed operators has been lodged with the police by union chauffeurs.

Indulgence of District Commissioners in permitting owners of vehicles to operate in "this period of emergency" without license is severely scored by members of the drivers' and chauffeurs' unions, who declare it is unjust discrimination against them.

Five hundred and twenty-five chauffeurs and drivers are licensed to carry vehicle passengers for hire in the District.

This number has been increased to almost a thousand since the street car strike began.

"The public is paying the price of a strike," a licensed operator said. "Incompetent and irresponsible drivers are soliciting passengers on every street where car service is tied up. They overcharge and nothing can be done about it."

"The minute we exact an extra charge we are reported to the police and our licenses are forfeited."

Police Lack Power.

All licensed operators of vehicles wear badges, carry identification cards at the front of cars, and have numbers on machine lights.

Indignant members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stabblers and Helpers asserted they would bring the matter direct to the Commissioners, if the police give no relief.

The police, it is said, are powerless to arrest unlicensed drivers who solicit passengers. The assent of the Commissioners to unlicensed service renders the chauffeurs immune from police supervision.

No cases of overcharging by union drivers have been brought to the attention of the police, it was said.

In addition to the thousand cars and horse vehicles traversing the city today in territory affected by the strike, hundreds of privately owned cars, without notice of public service convenience attached, are gathering a few dollars for their possessors by carrying passengers.

Hundreds of clerks came downtown this morning from Columbia and Park roads, Dupont circle and Connecticut avenue, by clinging to the sides of overloaded jitneys or crowding into private autos whose owners were taking in a little extra money.

Taxicab Rates Reasonable.

Taxicab rates, as fixed by law in the District, are as reasonable as in any other city, it is said. The schedule follows:

Taxi—One to five persons. For the first half mile or fraction thereof, 50 cents. Each quarter mile thereafter, 10 cents.

Each four minutes of waiting, 10 cents.

Rate per mile or fraction thereof for cabs traveling empty outside of the two miles radius hereafter described, 20 cents.

Carrying one trunk, 30 cents. No charge for handling or dress suit cases, carried inside cab, not more than two to each passenger, or for children under seven years of age.

Additional baggage, 20 cents each piece. No charges made for going or returning to or from any point within two miles, except for call from which cab is ordered, when such distance is traveled without passenger or passengers.

Rates apply both day and night.

STOPS NIGHT CAR SERVICE

King Gets District Government's Permission to Suspend.

Suspension of service on the Washington Railway and Electric Company's lines at dark last night followed a conference in the District building at which Clarence P. King, president of the company, had been believed it unwise to operate cars.

The charter of the company provides for continuous service. President King went to the District building to obtain permission from the Public Utilities Commission to suspend service, with immunity from penalty for violation of the charter.

The Public Utilities Commissioners, Major Fullman and Inspector of Detectives Grant agreed that if King deemed it unsafe, service should be suspended.

The suggestion of suspending service was first made by President King to Major Fullman and referred by the latter to the Public Utilities Commission.

Following the conference at which the suspension was sanctioned, the traction king gave out a statement in which he said traffic had been suspended at dark "in the interest and for the safety of the public."

Strikers said today, "Mr. King's apprehension was unfounded."

EATING MEAT REGULAR CLOGS THE KIDNEYS, THEN YOUR BACK HURTS

Flush your Kidneys occasionally with a tablespoonful of Salts to avoid danger.

Most folks forget that the kidneys, like the bowels, get sluggish and clogged and need a flushing occasionally, else we have backache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe rheumatic twinges, torpid liver, acid stomach, sleeplessness and all sorts of bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is harmless, inexpensive; makes a delightful effervescent lithia water; clogs the kidneys and stimulates them to normal activity. It also neutralizes the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders.

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A well-known local druggist says he sells lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in over-cleaning kidney trouble while it is only trouble.—Adv.

PICKETS "EDUCATE" CROWD

Strikers at Terminal Urge Passengers to Boycott W. R. & E.

A couple of neatly dressed, well-groomed strikers stationed themselves at Union Station this morning, and for several hours, while the crowds boarding street cars at that point were large, did "education work" among the passengers.

"Don't board that car; it's manned by strike breakers," the pickets said to the crowds as a Washington Railway and Electric Company car halted in front of the station.

And nine times out of ten, the passengers waited for the "other car."

Policemen and plainclothes men, as well as representatives of the Washington Railway and Electric Company kept a close watch on the pickets.

Capital Traction cars leaving the station generally were packed. Only now and then would a passenger board the Washington Railway and Electric.

SCHEDULE CLAIMS VARY AT ECKINGTON

Union Men Deny That Service Is Nearly Normal, as Company Claims.

Statements of officials at the Eckington car barn and union watchers, regarding the number of cars in operation and the schedule maintained, vary widely today.

The superintendent of the barn at Fourth and T streets northeast, which covers Brookland and Maryland suburbs, stated that nearly a normal schedule was being maintained. He said that usually during the rush hours, from fifty to fifty-five cars were operated on both lines. Union men, headed by Henry Louche as captain and assisted by Harry Welden, lieutenant, declared that at least fifty-seven cars were operated each morning from 8 to 9 o'clock.

57 Cars, Is Claim.

Add to this number of cars left at suburban points and the total will reach sixty-seven cars, they said. This morning pickets stated, twenty-six cars were running on the lines leading from the Eckington barn.

The first car is said by union watchers to have left the barn at 6:40 o'clock, while officials of the company state that the first one left at 6 o'clock. One of the pickets declared the first car should have left at 4:35.

The first car, which left the barn for Brookland, was said by union employees to have left at 6:45 this morning. The usual time is 4:45. The next Brookland car left at 7:05. It is said the usual time is 6:58. The first car left for the Treasury, it is declared by union men at 7:07 this morning.

Irregular Schedule.

An irregular schedule was conducted after that time. The cars are now being operated intermittently, there being pauses of from one minute to twenty between them.

It was stated at the barn that 100 men are on hand to operate the cars in the company, about twenty-five of them old employees. Union men declare that not more than ten are old employees. Of about 160 men employed in the barn, it is stated by union men 147 walked out.

But two cars, said by Eckington barn were forced to remain in until they were repaired, it is said. Both had to be fitted with new plows, one of them having been pulled off accidentally. The other was broken by obstructions in the track. No broken windows were reported.

THIS STORY HAS A MORAL

Keep Your Eye on Your Wheel Till Strike Is Over.

Thieves, evidently provoked at being deprived of car service last night, turned their attention to bicycles left unattended on the streets.

Clayton Timmons, of 1211 1/2 D street northeast, told the police his wheel was taken from in front of 415 Fifteenth street northeast late last night.

The bicycle of Henry Sobotka, of 64 L street northeast, disappeared from Tenth and G streets northwest yesterday evening.

Harry Parsons, of 49 H street southwest, reported, his bicycle stolen from Four-and-a-half and G streets southwest last night.

Charles Bankett, of 1408 Florida avenue northwest, reported the theft of his wheel from in front of Wardman courts yesterday evening.

NOT OFFICERS HERE

Strike Breaking "Detectives" Have No Authority to Arrest.

Although the Vickers strike breaking agency now operating in Washington Railway and Electric Company's cars has a number of so-called "detectives" in Washington to protect the motorman and conductor and watch crowds of strikers, Clifford Grant, inspector of detectives at the Central Office, said today none of them had police authority here.

Inspector Grant said no Washington police badges had been issued to the "detectives" and that the latter were powerless to make arrests. The "detectives" are therefore serving in the capacity of watchers.

It was made plain at the Central Office that no badge issued to the "detectives" in New York or any other city or by any national or international detective agency would empower them to make arrests here.

STRIKERS ATTACK ELEVENTH ST. CARS

First Clash Between Forces Reported at Four-and-a-Half Street Barn.

A clash between striking car men and strike breakers at the barns of the Washington Railway and Electric Company at Four-and-a-half and O streets southwest last night was the first actual precipitation between unionists and imported car operators.

His head bruised from a blow with a bottle, a strike breaker pushed his way through the crowd of unionists and sympathizers and escaped before the police could learn his name.

The trouble began, it was said, when a strike breaker was attacked as he left the barn on his way home shortly after 9 o'clock.

Depredations Reported.

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First Leaves Barn at 6:40. Hisses and Cat Calls Only Demonstration.

Only a few hisses and cat calls from the small crowd of striking car men gathered at the corner of Eleventh and W streets today marked the passage of Eleventh street cars by the car barn—located at that point.

The regular car to leave the barn today was at 6:40 o'clock, twenty minutes later than the first one to leave yesterday. In normal times the first car leaves the barn at 4 a. m.

During the rush hours on normal days, thirty-six cars, running at two-minute intervals, pass up and down Eleventh street. Between the hours of 9:30 o'clock and 2 p. m., twenty-eight cars run regularly at six-minute intervals.

Today eighteen cars are operating on the Eleventh street line, which includes Anacostia. These cars operated southward this morning, according to the schedule, at four-minute intervals, during the rush hours. According to pickets of the car men, however, the cars ran irregularly, some passing every minute and others from ten to fifteen minute intervals.

In normal times after the rush hours are over, about half the cars are taken off. Today the eighteen cars will run throughout the day. The cars' average headway during the day was from fifteen minutes to half an hour.

It further was estimated that there are seventy-two men working on the Eleventh street line. This number includes three old employees, the remainder being strike breakers. In normal times, the number is seventy-two, during the rush hour, and fifty-six after 9:30 o'clock.

Strike breakers operating an early northbound car this morning, put on the emergency breaks and came to a sudden stop in Eleventh street, between U and V streets, and on dismounting found a large wooden hoop had been inserted in the slot.

P STREET SHOPS IDLE

Shopmen Who Struck With Car Men on Picket Duty.

Work in the P street shops of the Washington Railway and Electric Company is practically at a standstill. No cars have been taken into or out of the shop since the strike began. Power was put on in the plant this morning, but only one or two machines, apparently, were turning.

Shopmen who went out with the car men picketing the shops. They claim that five men, in addition to three who failed to strike, are in the shop today. They predict trouble when rolling stock runs short, with the result that the shops will be idle, with but few of the places of the 122 strikers filled.

In Five Minutes No Sick Stomach Indigestion, Gas

"Pape's Diapepsin" is the quickest and surest Stomach relief.

You don't know what upset your stomach—just that portion of the food did the damage—do you? Well don't bother. If your stomach is in a revolt; if sick, gassy and upset, and what you just ate has fermented and turned sour; head dizzy and aches; belch gases and acids; eructate undigested food; breath foul, tongue coated—just take a little Pape's Diapepsin to neutralize acidity and in five minutes you wonder what became of the indigestion and distress.

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The PALAIS ROYAL

A LISNER HOURS: 9 A. M. TO 6 P. M. G STREET

ANNUAL SPRING "OPENING"

Wednesday—tomorrow—to be a day of special interest in Spring Suits, Dresses, Hats, Blouses, etc. Splendid values in latest style spring apparel.

Women's New Spring Suits

At \$19.50 and up to \$32.50.

Tomorrow's most important special "Opening Day" offering will be the variety of styles, the many materials, the wonderful colorings, and the superlatively good tailoring developed in the

Suits Special at \$25.00

Strictly Tailored Braid-bound Suits, Semi-tailored Suits, Belted Suits, Straight-line Suits, Plaited Suits, Semi-fitted Suits and Sport Suits

All are garments such as discriminating women will choose because of their better styles, better materials, better workmanship and better values at the price.

Among the materials are wool jersey, tricotine, velour, serge, poplin, Poiret twill and Burella Cloth.

Sizes for misses and women, with extra sizes for stout figures.

Palais Royal—Third Floor.

Charmingly New Silk Dresses

At \$16.75 and up to \$50.00.

Lovely New Afternoon Dresses, suitable for all formal daytime wear, \$25.00 to \$50.00. Mostly of Georgette and in combination with taffeta and crepes. Many are draped models; others show the straight lines; soft pearl grays, novelty colorings, as well as blues and blacks. Some are elaborately hand embroidered and hand beaded.

Special at \$16.75 to \$37.50

Dresses of superior taffeta, stripe silks, and crepe de chine, in many tunic and plaited models, in all the season's colors. Many are combined with Georgette crepe and show a great deal of handwork, as embroidery and beading. There are styles for misses and women, from \$16.75 to \$37.50.

Palais Royal—Third Floor.

HATS TO ORDER—To attractively wear with these new dresses. An interview with a Palais Royal milliner in one of the little private parlors will prove entertaining and instructive.

Palais Royal—Second Floor.

The Basement Store Announces

Late Arrivals—Creating Greater Variety of New Dresses for Tomorrow's Sale

At \$8.75

At \$12.75

The wonder will be—the needlework of these dresses. It will seem that \$8.75 would be too little—for the making alone. And note the elaboration of the pleated models, the belts, trimmings, every detail of the following all-wool cloths:

Panama Cloth. Wear-resisting Mohair. Plain Wool Crepes. Novelty Wool Crepes. Fine French Serges.

COLORS include blues, grays, Copenhagen, navy blue, burgundy and black. At \$8.75—tomorrow—in the Palais Royal Basement Store.

Silk Dresses, Daintily New

There are models alike becoming to slender and stout figures, for adults and misses, in the fashionable straight lines and plain and pleated styles.

The new colorings are a factor that will attract, though, of course, black, white, navy, and the more subdued shades are also shown. Among the new arrivals are Taffeta Silk and Crepe de Chine Dresses, some with collars and sleeves of georgette crepe; some embroidered in silk floss.

Choice for \$12.75 tomorrow—in the Palais Royal Basement Store.

Basement Store Suits at \$15

These new Spring Suits should be seen by every woman whose price is \$20.00 or less. For the "Opening Days" the makers' samples are included—all at \$15.00 for choice. Come tomorrow—for a smartly man tailored, all-wool cloth Suit, lined with rich silk brocade or peau de cygne, in plain colors.

VISIT THE BARGAIN TABLES BEFORE LEAVING THIS BASEMENT STORE

RAMIE CLOTH—A table full, in lengths of 2 to 12 yards, in pink, blue, and brown. Guaranteed 39c a yard quality at only 25c per yard.

TABLE DAMASK—38 inches wide, in six artistic patterns. The quality generally selling at 50c for only 35c per yard.

BUNGALOW APRONS—Of best fast color ginghams, cut fully large and strongly made. Values, in limited quantity—at only 49c.

New Spring Silks at \$1.00 per yard

NATURAL PONGEE—A highly recommended domestic fabric, of silk and linen, especially made for Suits and Skirts. Black Messaline, all silk and yard wide; good, serviceable quality for dresses, waists, and trimmings. At \$1.00 yard.

Sport Pongees, \$1.00 Yd. Yard wide, good, serviceable quality—for sport wear—in the new spring shades and sport stripes.

Natural Pongee, a Yd., 69c, 79c, 98c, \$1.25. 31 to 32 inches wide, in various weights, genuine imported Chinese Pongee; will wear and wash perfectly. Palais Royal—Second Floor.

Sport Poppins, \$1.19 Yd. Yard wide, beautiful lustrous quality, in the new sport colors and handsome printed effects, for sport wear.

Satin Mess