

MAY INDOSE HEAVY FINES COMPANIES

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Although the putting into operation of the recommendations of John A. Beeler, traffic expert, is expected to help matters on the Capital Traction line...

The utilities law of Congress which created the Utilities Commission placed in the hands of that body great power to enforce its orders and directions...

Companies Would Owe Thousands. Had the Utilities Commission enforced the law as to the failure of the companies to run the maximum number of cars directed in the last seven or eight months these concerns could now be owing the District government many thousands of dollars.

The reports of the Capital Traction show an almost daily failure to run all cars scheduled, but the bar, if reports are accurate, has been small.

Crumbling About Changing Schedules. Mr. Beeler's recommendations as to the Capital Traction are going to require a radical readjustment of schedules...

There are already reports that street railway companies have had doubts about whether they can practically rearrange schedules to comply with the recommendations...

Traffic police are working on these problems now, in view of Mr. Beeler's declarations that vehicle traffic interferes seriously with the operation of street cars...

The temper of the Utilities Commission will not be to insist that the street railway companies lose no time in getting down to strict compliance with the new orders.

The Beeler recommendations will not be formally taken up by the Commission until the Police Department has time to make recommendations relative to automobile and vehicle traffic in the congested areas of the Capital Traction lines...

The new traffic regulations are expected to divert all vehicles from Fifteenth street and New York avenue over other streets, except where

Noodles, So Dear To Italian Heart, Banished by Rome

Spaghetti, that popular Italian dish, has been removed from the menu of restaurants in the province of Rome by order of the prefect.

Wireless dispatches from Rome today say the food situation in Italy is grave. Pastes and noodles, the most popular kind of food, cannot be served in restaurants.

passengers are to be discharged or freight unloaded.

Skip-stopping Report Next. Mr. Beeler's second section will probably deal with "skip-stopping" of cars on all lines, diminishing stops to eight within a mile, that faster schedules may be made and congestion lessened.

The most serious objection offered to the center of the scheme is that it has piled persons living close to car lines and having only short distances to walk to reach the cars will now have to walk a square or two further.

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The Food Administration has issued instructions to the packers not to increase prices above a normal margin over cost and to distribute their available supplies fairly among their customers.

Representatives of the five leading packing and wholesale houses in Washington today scouted the idea of any immediate shortage of meat. What conditions may be by the end of the week they cannot say, as the weather will be the determining factor in transportation, it is believed.

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Anacosta was in good demand and rose one point to 62 1/2, and American Smelting rose to 82 1/2.

The regular quarterly dividend of \$2.50 a share was declared today by the Bethlehem Steel Company, on its class A and B stock.

The regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent on the non-cumulative also was declared.

All dividends are payable to the stock of record of March 13.

Table with columns: Class, Adv. Rumley, Adv. T. Am., Alaska G. M., Allis-Chalm., Allis-Chalm., Am. Beet Sug., Am. Gas, Am. Can., Am. C. & F., Am. Cot Oil, A. H. & L. pfd, Am. In Cor., Am. Linseed, Am. Lin. pfd, Am. Loco., Am. Sam. Top, Am. Smelting, Am. Snuff, A. Steel Fdy., Am. Sugar, Am. Woolen, Am. Zinc, Anaconda, Atchafalaya, Atchafalaya pfd, A. G. & W. I., J. M. Laid, Bait & Ohio, B. & O. pfd, Barrett pfd, Beth Steel, Beth St. B., Beth St. P. fts., Brook R. T., Butte & S. P., Cal. Petrol., Cal. Pet. pfd., Cal. Packing, Can. Pacific, Can. Leather, Chandler M., Ches. & Ohio, C. M. & S. P., C. M. & S. P. pfd., C. R. I. & P. R., C. R. I. & P. R. pfd., C. R. I. & P. R. pfd., Chile Copper, Chin. C. S. L., C. C. & S. L., Col. & I., Col. & E., Col. & S., Connel Gas, Corn Prod., Corn Prod. pfd., Cont. Can., Crucible Stl., Cuba C. Sug., Cuba C. Sug. pfd., Del. & H., Del. & H. pfd., Dist. Secur., Dome Mines, Erie, Erie 1st pfd., Erie 2nd pfd., Gaston Tms, Gen. Elec., Gen. Motors, Gen. Mot. pfd., G. N. B. F., G. N. B. F. pfd., G. N. B. F. pfd., Hart St. Stl., Hill Central, Hill Central pfd., Int. Copper, Int. Agricul., Int. Agricul. pfd., Int. Harves., Int. Nickel, Kan. City So., Kennecott, Lack Steel, Lehigh Val., Lou. & Nash., Lou. & Nash. pfd., Marine pfd., Maxwell M. C., Maxwell M. C. pfd., Mexican Pet., Midvale St., Miami Cop., M. S. P. S. M., M. S. S. new, M. & K. T., Mo. Pacific, Mo. Pac. pfd., Mont Power, Nat. C. & S., Nat. C. & S. pfd., Nev. Cop.,

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