

# CITIZENS ASK FOR UNIVERSAL TRANSFERS IF FARE IS RAISED

By BILL PRICE

Action so far taken by various citizens' associations, favoring "universal" transfers in connection with the granting of straight 5-cent car fares to city street railways, has added impetus to the known intention of members of the Public Utilities Commission to vary thoroughly go into that subject.

That "universal" transfers would be beyond doubt be favored by the commission if it does not interfere with the necessary financial assistance to be given the companies through a 5-cent fare, can be stated with confidence. It is the intention of the commission and of representatives of citizens' associations who will be present at the hearings beginning October 7 to develop facts as to what might be the effect upon the two railway companies of transfers at vital points throughout the city.

Experts like John A. Beeler agree that interchangeable transfers are of great value to the public and often to street railways, but declare it is a question for careful study.

The shortening of long roundabout hauls is one advantage to the companies, as well as the public, and there are a number of these in the District.

Transfers often develop serious congestion at some points, however, it is stated, and the problem should be worked out with care.

There will be strong pressure from representatives of the people for at least an initiation of the "universal" transfer idea, so long approved by civic bodies. If the general introduction of the plan should threaten dangerous financial loss, it is possible, citizens feel today, that the plan may be inaugurated at certain points where long roundabout rides, now a necessity through the existence of two independent companies, may be obviated.

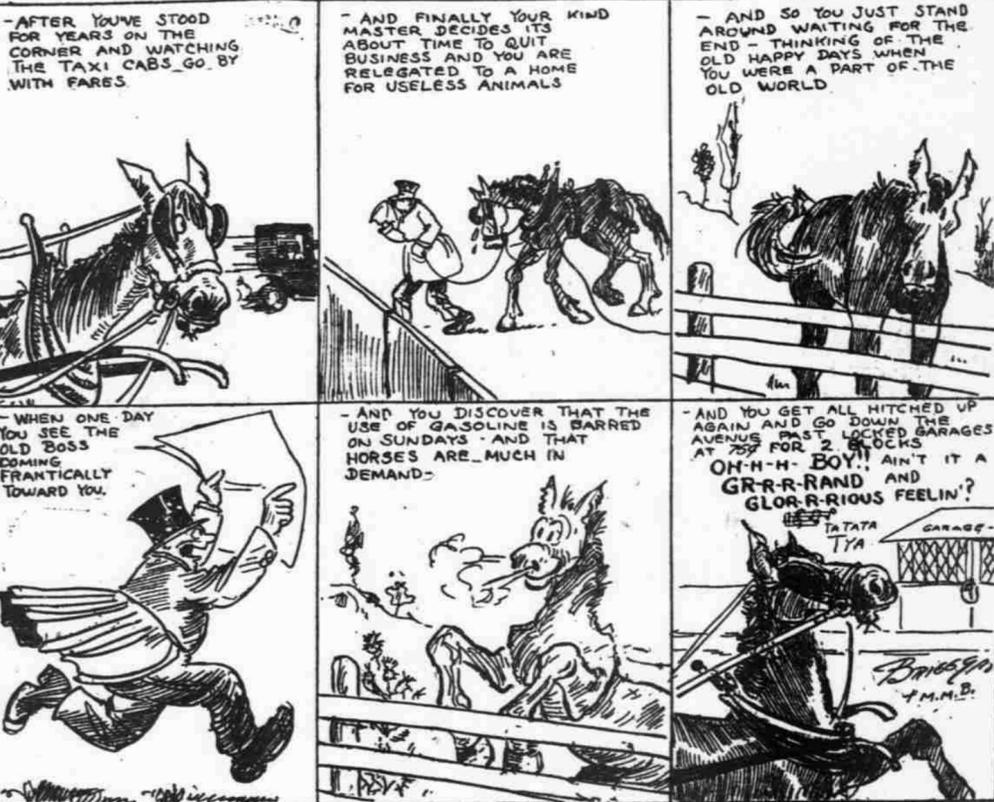
Mr. Beeler's recently proposed belt line, which he still advocates as of importance to the street car situation, contemplated transfers that would enable citizens to use cars of either line, according to congestion or convenience.

Citizens' associations that have

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By Briggs



### OPEN BRITISH EXHIBIT.

The Library of Congress has placed on exhibition sixty-four lithographs, comprising an official collection made by the British government to illustrate "Britain's Efforts and Ideals in

### the Great War."

Among the artists represented are Frank Brangwyn, Muirhead Bone, Charles Shannon, Edmund Dulac, and Augustus John. The Library is open from 9 a. m. till 10 p. m. daily and on Sundays and holidays from 2 till 10 p. m.

### GUATEMALA ENVOY DEAD

PARIS, Sept. 24.—Dr. Rosal, Guatemalan representative from Guatemala, died here yesterday on the occasion of his presentation to M. Pichon, the French foreign minister.



MR. P. E. LEAKE.

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acted are divided on the subject of granting a straight 5-cent fare, but the majority appear willing to concede this. All of them favor transfers. The Columbia Heights Citizens' Association is investigating the subject before deciding upon its position. There is a disposition to be fair to the companies.

Mr. Beeler has just returned from Boston, where he has been looking into street railway conditions. Seven-cent fares are paid in that city, but have not resulted in the favorable financial conditions for the companies that were expected. There is a gross increase in revenues, but a loss in net revenues. Short-haul passengers are walking.

Experts do not believe the relative increase to be granted here will affect the revenues of the local companies adversely. If the increase were greater, there would be a big falling off in the number of passengers carried.

### LT. LARNER DOWNS HIS FOURTH BOGHE

Lieut. G. De Frest Larner, son of Mrs. Robert M. Larner, of the Highlands, is an aviator who has proved himself a true American "eagle" by bringing down his fourth Hun "bussard." The lieutenant is following very closely the lead of Washington's only ace, Lieut. Donald Hoodson. Friends of Larner predict that he will become an ace in a very short time.

Announcement of Larner's fourth victory was received by cable yesterday. He went to France in June, 1917, and joined the Lafayette Escadrille. He was transferred to the American squadron last December, receiving his commission as second lieutenant in January.

Larner received the Croix de Guerre for bringing down his second German plane after a thrilling battle. Larner encountered the German, an Albatross, over a railroad along the banks of the Ouse March 28. Larner was flying a 20-horse-power Spad, in which he circled all round the German. Finally he got "onto the tail" of the Hun and killed the observer.

His third victory was over the German lines. As a result of this victory he was appointed flight commander. Larner, who is twenty-one years old, was a student at Western High School, Lawrenceville Preparatory School, and Columbia University.

### D. C. MAN BADLY WOUNDED IN WAR

Mrs. Mary S. Pestell, of 1111 H street northwest, has received official notification from the War Department that her son, Wilbur A. Pestell, was "wounded severely in action" July 19, and not killed, as previously reported.

Mrs. Pestell received a letter from the captain of her son's company early in August, stating that he greatly regretted to inform her of her son's death in battle. A few days later Mrs. Pestell heard from her son, who had dictated a letter to a Red Cross nurse, to be sent home from a base hospital "somewhere in France." The soldier said he was wounded in the shoulder, and in both legs. Then she was told by the War Department of the mistake that had been made.

Pestell is twenty-one years old. He was a member of the District National Guard, and had just returned from seven months' service on the Mexican border when mustered again into service for duty in France. He was assigned to the Second Battalion of Infantry, Machine Gun Company B. He landed in France Christmas Day, and has been on duty ever since. His brother, Eugene F. Pestell, a corporal in Company H, Third Infantry, is serving in England. He was also on duty at the border.

Pestell has two sisters. He attended the Grant School here.

### SANTA TO VISIT TROOPS.

PARIS, Sept. 24.—The Santa Claus of the trenches will positively appear during the Christmas holidays. French women are preparing costumes for impersonators of the venerable St. Nicholas. Others are making gifts which will be useful to the soldiers.

### AMUSEMENTS

#### FILM FEATURES

**PLAZA** TODAY—J. WARREN KERRIGAN IN "ONE DOLLAR BID." TOMORROW—MAY PICKFORD IN "THE EAGLE'S MATE."

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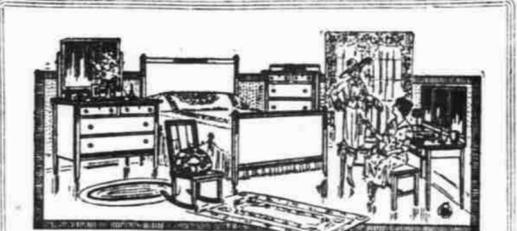
### SOCIETY GOES NUTTING

"A nutting party was held in Washington (the sovereign State) last week, attended by fifty girls. A pleasant time was had by all." The Food Administration gives the item. The purpose of the party was to collect nuts and other fruit to be used in making charcoal for gas masks. It is estimated by Food Administration statisticians that 1,250,000 persons have been urged to join the "nutting" campaign.

### AIR PROBE FINISHED

With only a few details yet to be cleared up and possibly a short additional hearing, the Hughes-Gregory probe of America's aircraft production program is complete.

The report is in the hands of stenographers today being prepared for President Wilson. There was a report at the Capitol that portions of it are already in the President's hands.



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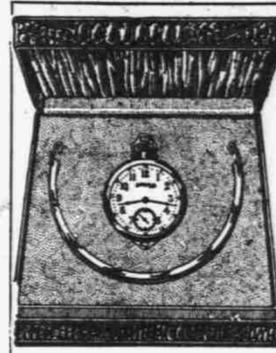
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