

PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED

Compensation Board Lays Down the Law to Lehigh Valley R. R. Co.

Because of the failure of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company to file an appeal from an award in compensation made in the case of Meyers vs. Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, a Luzerne county case, the State Compensation Board has made an order that the compensation stands even though the company contended that as the accident on which compensation was based occurred in inter-state commerce...

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county court when the Board granted a rehearing, but dismissed. The Board says that the company was "notified as provided for by the act of assembly of all the various steps in the proceedings, that it had full notice of the referee's award and that it failed to take an appeal within the proper time and ignored the proper method of proceeding, relying upon the affidavit which it had filed."

The Compensation Board refused to grant compensation in Hutano vs. Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co. Coal-dale case, where a claim was made that the husband of the claimant had been fatally injured while driving a team of company horses in a parade. The Board holds that no one "could carry the liability of this corporation into a patriotic parade which had no connection with the charter purposes of the corporation."

Compensation was disallowed in Sendrowski vs. Mt. Lookout Coal Co., Exeter case, on the ground that X-ray photographs failed to show any injury to bones claimed. The Commission holds it has no jurisdiction because of inter-state commerce in Reilly vs. Erie Railroad, Susquehanna, and Knorr vs. Central Railroad of New Jersey, Mountain Top, and dismisses appeals on the ground of no grounds shown. McNulty vs. Lackawanna Railroad, Scranton; Banish vs. Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co., Lansford, and orders payment made through Italian consul in Diano vs. American Sheet and Tin Plate Co., Pittsburgh.

Arguments in complaint of the city of New Castle against the increased fare and the service of the Mahoning and Shenango railway and light company and the company's application for approval of a ten-cent fare were consolidated before the Public Service Commission. City Solicitor James A. Gardner, of New Castle, objected to the ten-cent fare and attacked the company's service. Ralph J. Baker appeared for the company.

Medical officers have been sent by the State Department of Health to aid in the fight against spread of diphtheria in the Shamokin-Mt. Carmel and Monessen districts where large supplies of anti-toxin have been sent.

Fewer cases of hog cholera have been reported to the State Department of Agriculture's bureau of animal industry this fall than usual, according to State officials. The quarantine against any shipments of hogs from seventeen eastern counties which was in force during the greater part of the summer is believed to have been the cause of the few reports of fall cholera.

The State Board of Pardons will have three pleas for commutation of the death sentence before it when it holds its October session tomorrow. These cases were continued from the September meeting. They are from Northampton, Dauphin and Fayette counties.

Although the season for fishing with spears and gigs in Pennsylvania streams under the "special devices" license expires on October 31 numerous applications for the licenses are being received daily at the Department of Fisheries. The department will require returns from the fishermen within two weeks of the close of the season.

Attorney General William I. Schaffer has named J. B. Colahan, Jr., Philadelphia attorney and former president of the State Bar Association, to act as special deputy attorney general to assist the State Welfare Commission in the investigation into allegations of rent profiteering in Philadelphia. Mr. Colahan served as a member of the Tenor Workmen's Compensation Investigation Commission and has had much experience in legal matters pertaining to real estate in Philadelphia.

Dr. A. J. Gerson, one of the Philadelphia educators well known here, has been selected as head of the William Penn High School in Philadelphia, to succeed Dr. W. D. Lewis, appointed second deputy superintendent of public instruction.

The latest story is that Col. John C. Groome is to be director of public safety in Philadelphia. The head of the State Police is mentioned for the office whenever a new mayor is about to make up his cabinet.

General John W. Schell, of Norristown, former head of the National Guard, is ill at his home. The Superior Court has upheld judgment of the Public Service Commission in dismissing the petition of the Consolidated Telephone Company for an order to be made by the commission for connection of its lines with the Palmyra Telephone Company. The opinion pointed out that while the Public Service Commission has the power to order telephone companies to connect their respective lines in order that a continuous line of communication may be formed between different localities not reached by either company alone, nevertheless, the Public Service Company law of Pennsylvania clearly indicates that it was not the legislative intention that all telephone companies should be compelled to connect their lines so that every subscriber of each of the companies could freely communicate with the subscribers of the other companies.

Governor Sprout returned last night from Philadelphia, where he spent the week end.

Public Service Can Not Determine

Considerable interest has been aroused at the Capitol by the making permanent of an injunction restraining the borough of Sunbury from buying part of the system of the Northumberland Gas and Electric Company with its limits in the Northumberland county courts. Judge H. A. Fuller, of Wilkes-Barre, specially presiding, held that the Borough of Sunbury could not proceed to purchase such portion of the electric system of the plaintiff as lay within the borough limits, in that the Borough Code of 1915, authorizing a borough to purchase electric plants, should not be construed to mean that such purchase could be made without the consent of the vendor nor by means of condemnation proceedings, and that in any case the Act contemplated the purchase of an electric plant in its entirety and not its dismemberment by purchasing a part only of a large unified system transacting business in several counties.

In reaching this conclusion Judge Fuller decided that the Public Service Commission did not have exclusive, original jurisdiction in such cases as the matter involved is purely legal question. Its jurisdiction in such cases is to be distinguished from those involving rates or service. In the latter cases the Commission as an administrative body has jurisdiction, exclusive and original jurisdiction but in the absence of such elements the jurisdiction of the Court to prevent intended wrong to the plaintiff must be maintained.

TOWN HALL LAGS York Haven, Pa., Oct. 14.—Although work on the new town hall is slowly progressing, it will be spring before it is completed, it is said, owing to the difficulty in securing the material.

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House Passes Bill to Bar Policemen From Labor Unions

Washington, Oct. 14.—Under a bill passed by the House yesterday members of the District of Columbia police force would be forbidden to join labor organizations.

City to Buy Coal For Fire Houses in Open Market

Because no bids were received for furnishing coal for use in the city fire houses, Commissioner E. Z. Gross secured permission from Council to buy coal in the open market at least until the first of the year. The Commissioners approved the contract and bond of S. W. Shoemaker and Son, contractor for the construction of concrete steps at Summit street, south of Market. Commissioner W. H. Lynch introduced an ordinance placing Harvey alley 90 feet wide, from Nineteenth street, between Chestnut and Zarker streets, on the city map, and authorizing the paving and curbing of Walnut street, from Ninth to Tenth streets.

Bernard R. Mausert Is Honored by Dickinson

Bernard R. Mausert, new organist of Grace M. E. Church, has just been appointed to the chair of music at Dickinson College in Carlisle. The duties connected with the professorship will be to conduct an elective course in the history and art of music, organize and conduct a choral union, direct the Men's Glee Club and organize and conduct a women's vocal club. The mixed chorus and club for women's voices are new departures.

Professor Mausert has had a wide and successful experience in training vocal organizations. Although here only a short time, his work at Grace Church is being favorably commented upon. He has reorganized the choir and enlarged it to a membership of nearly fifty singers. He also is organizing a male chorus at the Central Y. M. C. A. The first rehearsal is being held to-night. Thirty men already are enrolled.

French Naval Losses Are 27 War Vessels

Paris, Oct. 14.—(Havas)—Twenty-seven war vessels were lost by France during the period of hostilities. It is shown by an order of the day issued by Georges Leygues, the minister of marine, citing this number of war craft destroyed. Included in the list are three battleships, the Danton, the Gaulois and the Suffren.

The Danton, of 18,000 tons, was sunk by a German submarine in the Mediterranean on March 19, 1917, with the loss of 296 men. The Gaulois of 11,000 tons, which aided in the Dardanelles bombardment, during which she was damaged but repaired, was likewise torpedoed in the Mediterranean by a German U-boat, on December 27, 1916. The Suffren of 12,500 tons, another of the French fleet at the Dardanelles, was lost with all on board during the engagement, in December, 1916. The German Admiralty announcing that she had been torpedoed and sunk.

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Republican Club Plans For Political Rally

Plans are being made for a big supper and candidates' meeting to be held by the Harrisburg Republican Club on Thursday evening, October 23. Committees have been appointed to

arrange for speakers, the supper and music for the occasion. Members of the club and all candidates on the Republican ticket will be entertained. If possible Governor William C. Sprout will be present and arrangements are being made for addresses by Lieutenant Governor Edward E. Beidleman, Secretary of Internal Affairs, James F. Woodward, Attorney General William I. Schaffer and Auditor General Charles A. Snyder.

32-Foot Giant Skeleton Is Reported Found in Mexico

Mexico City, Oct. 14.—The fossilized remains of a giant measuring more than 32 feet 10 inches in height were, according to report, re-

cently discovered by workers near the little village of Nanacamilpa, State of Vera Cruz. The natives, who still cling to many of the traditions of their Indian ancestors, declared the giant was related to the gods of their forefathers. They erected a catafalque in the plaza upon which the giant rested in state for many days. The discovery attracted the at-

tention of scientists here. Manuel Gamio, director of anthropology at the National Museum, expects to leave soon for Nanacamilpa to investigate. He is inclined to believe the fossil is that of a prehistoric vertebrate not human. MEMORIAL PARK ADDITION The Suburb Unparalleled.—Adv.

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