

### HEAVY DEMAND FOR HOMES LEADS TO MANY SALES

#### Building Unable to Keep Pace With the Growth of the City

Real estate sales, while decreasing slightly toward the close of 1919, indicate that houses are still in demand. During the last week among the sales reported were those of the more expensive properties in the city, one selling, it is said, for \$12,000. Reports are that vacant ground will be disposed of readily during the next few months in case another big building program is contemplated by private interests. During this year in the outlying districts many tracts of ground were sold on which dwellings have since been erected.

Although building permits for almost 300 houses were issued the house-

ing situation is a serious one, and many more dwellings are needed to rent or sell at moderate figures. Among the properties sold during the last few days were: Dr. J. H. Kreider to Bertha F. Winfield, 718 North Sixth street, three-story brick, \$7,800. H. A. Hipple to John W. Kirkpatrick and William A. Pennington, two-story brick dwelling with storeroom, 2625 Perry street, stamps indicating consideration of \$1,000. Margaret E. Krichbaum to Mary A. Baker, three-story brick, 1121 North Second street, stamps showing approximate sale price of \$6,000. Samuel Katzman to Charles H. Scandalis, vacant plot, 129 by 100 feet, northwest corner Maclay and Susquehanna streets, revenue stamps showing probable consideration of \$5,500. H. E. Barnhart estate to Charles W. Stephens, three-story brick, 632 Camp, \$4,000 sale price indicated by revenue stamps. Columbia Trust Company to Rebecca W. McCarrell, three-story brick, 203 Pine street, revenue stamps indicating consideration of \$12,000.

### State Farmers Deny Right of Compers to Speak for Them

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 20.—The New York State Federation of County Farm Bureau Associations adopted a resolution calling on Samuel Compers "to make public a statement making clear that he is not authorized to speak in the name of the New York State Federation of Farm Bureau Associations."

The farmer, the resolution states, realizes his position in regard to labor and capital "and will work for American institutions upon sound economic and patriotic principles." Another resolution was adopted urging prompt return to their owners of the railroads of the United States "under such conditions as will insure reasonable returns on the value of the properties and reasonable rates for transportation throughout the country."

**MRS. FLORENCE FLETCHER** Mrs. Florence Fletcher, 38 years old, died this morning at her home, 1224 North Seventh street. She is survived by her husband, Ernest Fletcher; son, Theodore Fletcher, and three daughters, Mrs. Lucy Tate, Miss Priscilla Fletcher and Miss Alice Fletcher, and one sister, Mrs. Cornelius Lawrence. Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Ashbury M. E. Church, conducted by the Rev. Solomon Bedford. Burial will be in Lincoln Cemetery.

**GEORGE C. PEIFER** Funeral services for George C. Peifer, 49 years old, who died yesterday at his home, 322 Reilly street, will be held on Friday morning in St. Lawrence's Catholic Church, conducted by the Rev. P. S. Huegel. He is survived by two sons, George and John; his mother, Mrs. Frances Peifer; three brothers, Albert Peifer, Louis Peifer and Thomas Peifer, and four sisters, Miss Theresa Peifer, Mrs. Charles Snyder, Mrs. William Lausle and Mrs. Harry Karle.

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## RAILROAD NEWS

### RAILWAY DEFICIT STILL GROWING

#### Railway Age Points Out Misleading Statement; Low Figures

That the railroads incurred a deficit in every month except two in the year ending October 31, 1919, is shown in an editorial published by the Railway Age in its current issue. The net operating income earned in these two months is shown to have been \$327,972,000 less than the average net operating income earned by the railroads under private operation during the test period, which was the three years ending on June 30, 1917. It is pointed out that including interest on the investment which has been made in the railroads under government control the deficit incurred in the year ending with October, 1919, was about \$375,000,000.

"Statements being issued by the Railroad Administration are adapted to give the impression that the coal strike came the railways had ceased to incur a deficit," says the Railway Age. "It has been indicated in these statements that before the months of July, August, September and October the traffic of the railroads had approached normal; that during these months they more than earned the government guarantee; and that the very large deficit incurred in the earlier part of the year was due to the comparatively small amount of traffic during that part of the year."

"These statements of the Railroad Administration, while doubtless not intended to be misleading, are adapted to give the public a false impression regarding the existing railroad situation. The way in which the Railroad Administration arrives at its conclusion that the railroads have ceased to incur a deficit is very simple. The government guarantees amount to an average of about \$75,000,000 a month. Therefore, when the roads earn more than this amount of net operating income in a month the Railroad Administration announces that they have earned a surplus. But the railroads always have earned more net operating income in the last six months than in the first six months of each year. The government guarantees are based on the average amount earned under private operating during the three years ended on June 30, 1917, and if we are to know how well the railroads are really doing under government operation we must compare their actual results month by month under government operation with the actual results obtained by them in the same months of the test period.

**Conditions Grow Worse**  
"The total deficit, including interest, incurred in the year ending with October was close to \$375,000,000, and the deficit for the four months ending with October, including interest, must have been about \$38,000,000. The deficit in October itself, in which it has been stated a surplus was earned, must have been, including this additional interest, about \$22,000,000; and the ratio of operating expenses to total earnings was 89 per cent.  
"It is necessary to emphasize the fact that the government when the coal strike came, although it was

### Must Operate All Trains on Grade With Air Brake

Reading, Pa., Dec. 20.—According to orders issued by the United States railway administration, all trains must be operated on grades by air. This includes not only Frackville branch, but also trains on the Reading and Pennsylvania railway systems. For years experienced men have been employed in bringing these trains down steep grades with hand brakes. One train is brought down the Frackville grade every day by air, but trained brakemen continue to accompany it.

Not so long ago one of these trains got the best of an engineer on the Frackville branch, but nothing happened, as the track was set for it at the foot of the grade, and it was brought to a stop some distance south of the grade. Railway officials claim that the reason that hand brakes are used on all grades is because of safety. The law, however, calls for all air and this means that it will be necessary to employ in large number of inspectors at the head of the grades. The brakes on each car must be perfect.

### Misuse of P. R. R. Passes Is Disclosed in Court Case

Buffalo, Dec. 20.—An alleged widespread misuse of the railroad passes privilege was disclosed yesterday with the appearance before a United States commissioner of William D. Keefe, a clerk in the office of the general superintendent of the Western division of the New York Central railroad. His Federal officers said, was only the start of a country-wide campaign to stop traffic in charges.

### Standing of the Crews

**HARRISBURG SIDE**  
**Philadelphia Division.**—The 126 crew to go first after 4 o'clock: 128, 129, 118, 122, 119, 103, 107, 104, 123, 169, 116 and 122.  
Engineers wanted for 128, 123, 124 and 109.  
Firemen for 126, 129, 116.  
Conductors for 103.  
Brakemen for 118, 134, 103.  
Engineers up: Tholan, Gaeckler, Anderson, Lambert, Ream, Graybill, Beinhauer, Andrews, Blankenhorn, Baston, Kilneyoung, Brown.  
Firemen up: Bressler, McKonkley, Shiskoff, Vogelzang, Chorpensing, Roup, Lower, Hoch, Kase, Fry, Harnish, Owens, Webb.  
Conductors up: Billett.  
Brakemen up: Shields, Wouretz, Coulter, Klinepeter, Martin, Shire, Arndt, Berkeleser.  
**Middle Division.**—The 26 crew to go first after 2:30 o'clock: 28, 35, 19, 29, 33, 17, 31, 34, 25, 32, 36, 22, 21 and 20.  
Engineers wanted for 35, 29, 17, 34, 32, 22 and 20.  
Firemen wanted for 26, 25, 19, 25, 32, 21 and 20.  
Conductors wanted for 28, 19.  
Brakemen wanted for 25, 22, 21.  
Engineers up: Kreiger, Fisher, Kistler, Sweger, Gray, Dunkle, Rathbone, Corder, Tiller, Moretz, Kreps, Barley, Richards, Shelley, E. R. Snyder.  
Firemen up: Kauffman, Berkheim, Barton, W. D. Bowers, Naylor, Holsinger, Turnbach, G. M. Bowers, Myers, Arndt, Rowe, Hess, Acker, Gingrich, Ush, Wright, Rumberger, Sunderland.  
Conductors marked up: Brubaker, Miller, Biggan, Crimmel, Wagner.  
Brakemen up: Hoffman, Decker, McNaught, Beera, Forbes, Kurtz, Baker, McFadden, Depugh, Nicholas, Fencil, Shilley, Anders, C. M. Hawk, Cassatt, Steininger, C. B. Hawk, Linn, Clouser, Leonard, Reinecker, Bupp, Bitner, Alter, Dinsinger, Koushe, Dennis, Yingst, Lauver, Roddy, Gross, Hoover, Hollenbach, Buffington, Dare, Leke.

### ENOLA SIDE

**Philadelphia Division.**—The 213 crew to go first after 3:45 o'clock: 216, 255, 231, 221, 214, 228, 249, 237, 205, 254, 232, 246, 215, 230.  
Engineers for 237, 230.  
Firemen for 216, 237.  
Conductors for 55, 14, 05, 46.  
Flagmen for 16, 22.  
Brakemen for 213, 21, 14, 22, 37, 36, 15(4).  
Brakemen up: George Kroh, Carroll, H. R. Smith, E. R. Morgan, McConnell, Battulo, Swartz, Shank.  
**Middle Division.**—The 118 crew to go first after 2 o'clock: 123, 115, 127, 103, 124, 126, 114, 102, 107, 113, 121.  
Engineers for 113.  
Conductors for 115, 113.  
Brakemen for 127, 114.  
**Yard Board**—Engineers for 140 3rd 102, 2nd 129, 1st 104, 108.  
Firemen for 137, 145, 2nd 126, 135.  
Engineers up: Fortenbaugh, McNally, Feas, Herron, Bruw, Ewing, Metz, R. H. Fortenbaugh, Quigley, Smith.  
Firemen up: Kenneday, Albright, Sanders, Bensen, Casper, Meek, Shuey, Smiley, White, Cranmer, Walters, Conley, Eichelberger, Campbell.

### THE READING

The 71 crew to go first after 12:15 o'clock: 72, 69, 64, 66, 62, 57, 3, 67.  
Engineers for 69.  
Firemen for 57.  
Conductors for 62.  
Flagmen for none.  
Brakemen for 60, 66, 72.  
Engineers up: Walton, Munroe, Dittrow, Schubauer, Neidlinger.  
Firemen up: Kline, Kirtland, Ketter, Saul.  
Conductors up: Hilton, Hetrick.  
Flagmen up: Snader, Spangler, Wiley, Shank, Walhay, Hoover.  
Brakemen up: Cullison.

### DREXEL MANSION BURNS

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—The Anthony J. Drexel mansion at Drexel Hill, Pa., near here, was destroyed early today by fire. The loss is estimated at between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

## PRaises Work of STATE TROOPS

#### Chief of Military Affairs Bureau Speaks at Officers' Conference

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—The National Guard divisions acquitted themselves so creditably in the late war that now regular army officers have only the highest admiration for the state troops, said Major General Jesse McIver Garter, chief of the Bureau of Military Affairs, in an address before the higher officers of the new National Guard of Pennsylvania at a conference here yesterday. The general predicted that in the future there will be a more harmonious co-ordination between the regulars and the militiamen which, he pointed out, will bring about a betterment of the service as a whole.

General Carter highly praised the work of Pennsylvania 28th division and added that from present indications, the organization now being formed to take its place will prove a worthy successor in every respect. He advised the Keystone officers that the new regiment will be equipped with new accoutrements as soon as they are recruited to full strength. Regular army instructors for the National Guard are being trained at Camp Benning, Ga., according to General Carter. One sergeant in-

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structor will be assigned to each battalion of the Pennsylvania division as soon as it is completely recruited, he said. Later each company will have a non-commissioned instructor and each regiment a commissioned regular army officer, who will supervise the training program. The War Department proposes to equip the militia with the 30-20 model 1903 Springfield rifle, instead of the heavy Enfield. The artillery will be supplied with modern guns. The Philadelphia regiment, which will be motorized, will be issued 155-rifles and howitzers. The Luzerne county and Pittsburgh regiment will use the famous French 75's. Commanders of the various regiments reported that enlistments are proceeding at an encouraging rate.

## Freight Car Damage on Middle Division P. R. R.

During the week ending December 13, twenty-three freight cars were damaged on the roads service on the Middle division, the repair cost in labor and material being \$1,013.79. Seventeen cars were damaged in the Altoona yard at a cost in repairs of \$254.39 and two in the Hollidaysburg yard at a cost of \$4.

**CLOSE FOR HOLIDAY**  
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