

RAILROADS ARE FACING A CRISIS, SAYS SAMUEL REA

President of Pennsylvania, Before Commerce Board, Gives Smaller Earnings and European War as Cause.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Asserting that the railroads of the East are facing a crisis that demands the complete advance of 5 per cent. in freight rates asked for, Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, took the stand before the Interstate Commerce Commission today. The attorney for the roads declined finally to call Mr. Rea as one of their consulting witnesses.

"The railroads have appealed to the commission to modify the order made last July," said Mr. Rea, in his argument, "because since then certain facts have transpired and certain events have occurred in the light of which the present situation of the railroads should be judged. We consider this situation a sufficient reason for the commission to grant what the railroads ask. Among these new factors are:

"First—Complete figures covering the financial results for the first time available in this case; also statements of operation covering the months of July and August of the present fiscal year. "Second—The European war."

"In the fiscal year 1914 the decrease in the volume of business of the carriers was only about 3 1/2 per cent. in the highest level in their history, viz., in 1913. Yet at the end of 1914 the owners of these properties had the return upon their property investment, at the lowest figure for 15 years, lower than in 1909, when the industry was lifting its head after the great depression of the '90s; lower, indeed, than in the two years 1908 or 1909, which the commission in its recent report excluded from comparison on the ground that those were years of business depression. A record such as this clearly indicates something radically wrong with the underlying conditions of the railroad business.

"The operating returns for July and August add to the seriousness of the decline in gross earnings, averaging about 6 per cent., as against a loss of less than 3 1/2 per cent. for the entire year 1914. The companies have been compelled, by reason of this, to continue the forced retrenchment in operating expenses."

Mr. Rea declared that retrenchment policy and practice would not produce real savings in the future, and that in net profits, for he pointed out, sooner or later the property and equipment must be brought up to the standard. "With regard to the European war," Mr. Rea continued, "the question is naturally suggested itself. In what respect may its effect upon the railroads be considered as peculiarly justifying them in asking for relief? Why should not the railroads consider the burden that it brings upon them as one which they should themselves bear, without seeking to be relieved therefrom?"

"The railroads, however, are subject to regulation by public authority, covering not merely the rates they shall charge, but many of the conditions of their operating costs and methods; they are, and have been, placed in a category entirely distinct from that of industries not subject to such regulation."

SHOWGIRLS MINUS TIGHTS CAN NO LONGER PRANCE

Porter Says Passing Show Costumes Are—Well They Must Wear 'Em.

"Tights are the least thing show girls can wear," Director Porter said today, according to Director Porter, who today approved the action taken by Lieutenant Smiley, of the Sixth District, at the Lyric Theatre last night. Smiley told the showgirls that the "Passing Show of 1914" his chorus would have to wear more clothes if he wanted the play to go on.

"The chorus girls had pranced across the stage in short skirts and without the usual tights. Director Porter plans to prevent any similar productions. Each police station in the theatre district has a number of constables, who will view all productions and report their impressions. If tights are lacking or the dialogue is racy the censor-critics will so report at the station house, and some one from headquarters will verify the district patrolman's conclusions."

PENROSE'S VACANT CHAIR IN SENATE IS SEEN BY CO-EDS

High School Girls From Philadelphia Also View J. Ham Lewis' Pink Whiskers and Other Washington Sights.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—West Philadelphia's delegation of pretty "co-eds," who are "doing" Washington, visited the Capitol this morning. They were shown the vacant seat of Penrose in the Senate chamber, the pink whiskers of Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, historic paintings and other sights before they hurried off to Arlington and Mount Vernon.

M'ORMICK ASSAILS PENROSE BEFORE STETSON WORKERS

Palmer Unable to Attend Meeting Because of a Cold. Employees of the John B. Stetson Company, at 4th street and Montgomery avenue, heard Vance C. McCormick, fusion candidate for Governor, denounce United States Senator Penrose at noon today on the subject of the Stetson case.

HEARING IN REBATE CASE

Commerce Commission Considers Charges Against P. R. R. The Interstate Commerce Commission today continued the examination of the charges brought against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company by the Mitchell Coal and Coke Company, which has a case in Circuit Court. The hearing is taking place in the Postoffice Building.

FOREWARNED

Several years ago, before his election to the Presidency, William H. Taft was campaigning in the West and stopped at the home of an old friend. The friend's home was small and poorly built, and as the presidential candidate walked about in his little room the unsatisfactory building fairly shook beneath his feet. When he climbed into bed the dilapidated affair broke down, precipitating him unceremoniously on the floor. His friend hurried to his door to ascertain the cause of the commotion. "What's the matter, Bill?" he asked.

SCHOOL CHILDREN PLANT TREE AT ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION



The photograph was taken in Black Oak Park, West Philadelphia. Chief Ball, of the Bureau of City Property, is in charge. The children are from the Transfiguration School, 55th street and Cedar avenue.

MISSES WALLET AFTER HUG

"Fainting" Woman Charged With Robbing Man on Street. "Catch me I am fainting," cried a heavily veiled and well-dressed woman who threw her arms around the neck of James O'Neil, of 302 1/2 8th street, as he was walking up 8th street near Vine this morning.

As he caught the woman, O'Neil thought he felt a tug at his pocket. Investigation proved that his wallet was missing. Policeman Archdeacon arrested the woman, who gave her name as Louise Savage, of 1025 Spring street. Magistrate Tracy, in the 11th and Winter streets station, held her in \$500 bail for court on a charge of larceny.

NEW YORKERS RETURNING TO VISIT NATIVE STATE

Governors of Penna. Society Will be Guests at Dinner Tonight. At the invitation of former Governor Edwin S. Stuart, members of the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania Society of New York will arrive in Philadelphia this afternoon to pay their first visit to the city in a body.

AIGRETTE SELLERS FINED

Milliners Must Pay for Violation of State Law. Charged with offering for sale aigrettes from birds of Paradise, three milliners were fined \$20 and costs by Magistrate Hargesty today.

FOUND WITH BULLET IN HEAD

Suicide's Body Found by Man Picking Mushrooms. The body of a man about 45 years of age was found today in a small strip of woods near Llanerch. There was a bullet wound in his head and by his side a revolver and a note which read: "To whom it may concern: On account of poor health and no money."

\$1602 PAID TO MOTHERS

City Treasurer Gives This Sum to Widows and Deserted Wives. Women and children beneficiaries by the Mother Pension Fund through the office of City Treasurer McCoch today when \$1602 for the month of October was paid to 139 widows and deserted wives.

SCHOOL CHILDREN, PLANTING TREES, MARK ARBOR DAY

West Philadelphia Pupils Gather in Black Oak Park and Bartram's Gardens for Purpose. The hundreds of West Philadelphia children, who turned out this morning in Black Oak Park and Bartram's Gardens to celebrate Arbor Day, made a pretty picture as they gathered together about the subject of legal contention today when the Superior Court heard argument on the appeal of Elizabeth Boehm and Charles L. Boehm.

CONWAY MEANLY ATTACKED

Objectionable Campaign "Literature" From Unknown Source. Objectionable campaign literature" coming from an unknown source has been distributed in the 2d Congressional District in this city, attacking Patrick P. Conway, a candidate for Congress on the Washington-Democratic ticket on the ground of religion, and urging the election of George S. Graham, the Republican candidate for that office.

HIKE TO VALLEY FORGE

Forty Y. M. C. A. Lads Will Start to Walk There Tomorrow. While Philadelphia is slumbering, 40 boys, ranging in age from 12 to 14 years, will crawl from their beds tomorrow morning and start on a 40-mile hike to Valley Forge and return, under the leadership of Harry Waring, of the West Philadelphia Y. M. C. A. The start will be made from the Y. M. C. A. building at sunrise.

HEBREWS WOULD DOWN VARE

900 Members of Civic Club Indorse Pinchot for Purpose. The Hebrew Civic Club, of the 25th Ward, with 900 members, has pledged its solid support to Gifford Pinchot at the coming election. In an effort to drive Vore influence from the downtown section and their ward especially.

PIGGERY FINES APPEALED

Hog Raising in City Again Subject of Legal Contention. Steps taken by health officials, backed by the Mayor, Director Porter and ordinances of Councils, to exclude hog raisers from city limits were again the subject of legal contention today when the Superior Court heard argument on the appeal of Elizabeth Boehm and Charles L. Boehm.

HELD FOR MANY BURGLARIES

Seven Witnesses Identify Stolen Goods and Accuse Bosinsky. Joseph Bosinsky, 4290 Main street, Manayunk, who was arrested last week on a burglary charge, was held without bail for court by Magistrate Renshaw in the Central Station today, after seven witnesses identified goods that detectives found in the man's rooms.

WANTS \$100,000 PUT TO USE

Director Cooke Asks Councils to Release Highway Funds. Director Cooke, of the Department of Public Works, today wrote John P. Connelly, chairman of Councils' Finance Committee, asking that action be taken by Councils to release for use of the Highway Bureau approximately \$100,000 now tied up by restricted ordinances.

WATMOUGH KIN CONTINUE FIGHT FOR \$1,000,000 ESTATE

Orphans' Court Hears Testimony in Attempt to Break Will. Further testimony in support of the validity of the will of the late John G. Watmough was taken before Judge L. F. Morelle in the Orphans' Court today. The will is being contested by relatives of the testator, who were cut off from any share in the \$1,000,000 estate.

INSURANCE MAN ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF FRAUD

Woman Alleges P. Curtis KoEune Retained Money Paid on Policy. That she was defrauded of \$5000 insurance by P. Curtis Ko Eune, of Ko Eune & Co., fire insurance adjusters, was charged brought today by Mrs. Eldonia Clark, of Cape May Point, N. J., widow of an officer in the United States Navy.

ARREST SEVEN DEALERS FOR USING DECAYED EGGS

State Agent Renews Crusade Against Impure Food Distributors. Jacob Schornhoff, 1307 7th street; Samuel Levin and Joseph Starker, 2121 8th street; and Max Goldberg, 183 1/2 8th street, were today arrested on warrants issued by Robert M. Simmers, agent of the State Dairy and Food Commission. Two other retailers were also charged with violating the State food law. All were accused of having decayed eggs ready for use in cake and bread.

CITY HAS \$9,300,000 READY; "CRIME TO KEEP MEN IDLE"

Mayor Declares Funds Should be Used at Once to Aid Unemployed. City Solicitor John M. Walton this afternoon told the special councilmanic committee appointed to devise means of providing employment for thousands of men who otherwise would be idle this winter that there was an unencumbered balance of \$9,300,000 in the city treasury.

"SCHOONERS" STAY TALL

"A Beer's a Beer," So Brewers Will Bear War Tax. Imbibers of beer were jubilant today when the brewers announced "A beer's a beer," and that glasses would be as tall as ever, despite the extra war tax of 50 cents on each barrel of the foaming lager.

MISS WILSON'S SUITOR INSANE

Man Who Wanted to Marry President's Daughter Sent to Asylum. CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—David A. Wilson, who admitted he had written a letter to Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of President Wilson, proposing marriage was taken to the State Hospital for the Insane today.

SUFFRAGE ORATORS PLEAD FOR CAUSE ON TOUR OF CITY

Speakers Address Noon Crowds at Big Industrial Establishments on Next to Last Day of Campaign. "Flying squadrons" of suffragists again dashed about the city in motorcars today in their "clean-up week" campaign among Philadelphia's legislative districts to enlist aid in the "votes for women" campaign.

Noon meetings were held at the Midvale Steel Works, Nicetown; the Saugott Silk Manufacturing Company, Hunting Park avenue and Clarissa street; 15th street and Susquehanna avenue; Fels' soap manufacturing plant, Woodland avenue and 63d street, and at 52d and Media streets.

USES MOTHER FOR TARGET

Woman Loses 30 Pounds Dodging Missiles Hurling by Son. Mrs. Jacob Katz, 3506 Warren street, has lost 30 pounds in the last month and a half dodging missiles thrown by her son, according to the testimony given today by her husband before Magistrate Harris, in the 37th street and Woodland avenue police station.

THE MUSIC OF THE BELLS

Jacob Gould Schurman, president of Cornell University, was walking across the campus one day with the dean of one of the colleges when the chimes in the library tower began to ring. "Dean," said he, "the music of those chimes is so beautiful that it always sets me dreaming of the past. My boyhood days, you say?" Interrupted the venerable dean.

THE WEATHER

Table with weather forecasts for various cities including Philadelphia, New York, and others, including temperature and wind direction.