

W. D. DISSTON FILES COMPLAINT AGAINST INCREASE OF RATES

Head of Large Saw Manufacturing Concern Protests in the Name of 3500 Employees.

William D. Disston, vice president of Henry Disston & Sons, saw manufacturer, of Tacoma, today filed a letter of protest against the proposed passenger rate increase by the railroads with the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission at Harrisburg.

Mr. Disston stated that a large number of the 3500 employees of the plant have been using the workmen's tickets, and under the proposal of the railroads their expenses will be greatly increased.

Another protest. V. A. Burchard, secretary-treasurer of Mendville, Pa., 301, United Commercial Travelers, writes in objecting to the proposed increase of rates.

"The railroads of this country are making a strong appeal to the Interstate Commerce Commission to increase the charges which they make for the service, and we commercial travelers feel that this is a blow to us, who use mileage books. Indirectly, we have to pay this increase in mileage rates, as our salaries are based on what it costs to travel."

"This increase would seem to be a discrimination against us. We do not believe that any increase in passenger rates should be permitted that does not include all interstate rates, and we especially object to any increase in the cost of mileage books."

REAL ESTATE MEN ROUSED. D. E. Dailam, of 314 Walnut street, informed the commission that he has been instructed by the Philadelphia Real Estate Board to enter a formal protest against the proposed fare increases and to present, if necessary, a short verbal argument against such arbitrary action on the part of the railroads.

E. L. Conwell, vice president of the Henry S. Spackman Engineering Company, 204 Arch street, home is in Chester, complained as follows:

"Owing to abuses due to business necessities I do not average more than 15 to 20 round trips per month between the two cities and have, therefore, found the 100-trip ticket highly satisfactory.

"At no time during the last eight years could I have used 70 per cent. of the rides on a monthly ticket. Therefore, I have considered this ticket out of the question. The abolition of the 100-trip ticket is, therefore, a considerable improvement for me (as it is upon other commuters) as, if I continue to live in Chester, I will be forced to either the full single trip rate or a monthly ticket which is upon other of the rides of which I could not use."

CHARGE DISCRIMINATION. Charges that the Pennsylvania, the Reading and the Baltimore and Ohio railroads have been guilty of unjust discrimination against Philadelphia in proposing a weekly express passenger rate affecting this city, while the commutation rates for New York city will remain the same, will be taken up by the Transportation and Suburban Committee at a meeting tomorrow morning at 1429 Chestnut street.

The meeting has been called to outline the argument which he has been making in the formal hearing of the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission next Thursday, when this committee will represent nearly 200 civic and improvement associations in the city and within commuting distance of the city.

Edward B. Martin, chairman of the joint committee, said today that the question of discrimination will be among the most important phases of the protest, and data will be presented to show that the three railroads entering this city have worked particularly against Philadelphia in the proposed fare increases.

"TO FIGHT TO FINISH." "Apparently," Mr. Martin said, "the railroads are about to use Philadelphia for the starting point for an extraordinary venture. We do not understand what they are trying to do by raising the rates immediately to the maximum. They say they need the money, but the present attempt to raise money seems a blundering attempt, far different from the usual methods of the railroads. I believe our committee is prepared to fight the increase to a finish, both before the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission and before the Interstate Commerce Commission."

William Carey Marshall, who, with Edward West, filed arguments against the proposed fare increases at the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission at Harrisburg yesterday on behalf of the South Jersey Commuters' Association, said today that the commission would probably consider their appeal on Friday.

"While we feel that we will have a hearing," Mr. Marshall said, "we have no information as to what action will be taken. Today we will be preparing a brief to submit to the Attorney General at Washington, asking that the Department of Justice investigate the evidence of collusion and illegal conspiracy on the part of railroads."

THE WEATHER. Official Forecast. WASHINGTON, Dec. 4. For eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey: Rain tonight and Saturday; fresh to strong east winds.

The area of high barometer that was centered over the upper Lake region yesterday has developed increased energy and overspreads all of the northeastern portion of the country and all of eastern Canada this morning. Lower temperature fronts will be felt under the influence of the foggy conditions have generally dispersed, but the skies have not cleared. The Gulf disturbance has moved inland and is now over the Tennessee Valley. It has caused light to moderately heavy rains that had spread northward into the Ohio Valley and eastward to the south Atlantic coast. Fair weather prevails in the Plains States, while light rains have been general in the Pacific States.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS TO SHINE PENDING RATE DECISION

Delay in Probe Before State Commission Will Not Put City in Darkness After January 1.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 4.—Philadelphia will not be in darkness after January 1 if the Public Service Commission fails to render a decision by that time in its investigation of the charges of exorbitant rates and discrimination made by Director of Public Works Cooke and testified to by experts from several large cities.

Director Cooke, who is attending the hearing before the commission, today made this announcement when it became evident that the proceedings would not be completed as soon as expected. The Director said arrangements would be made to keep the city in light until the commission renders its decision.

The continued introduction of new schedules of figures of rates and the numerous times of examination and cross-examination thus opened up indicated the hearing could not possibly be concluded before the commission this week.

"The city's hands would thus be tied. Furthermore, the Frankford elevated line is the one which will produce the greatest and most immediate profit by its operation."

CITY PREPARED TO BUILD. "The city is now prepared financially, legally and otherwise to build the recommended high-speed line connecting up every important section of Philadelphia with every other important section of Philadelphia by adequate rapid transit facilities for one-cent fare," Mr. Taylor continued.

"These high-speed lines should be built at once. They should be equipped and operated in the case of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company in conjunction with the existing system under the terms of the arranged program which affords the city a right of preference to purchase the Rapid Transit Company and the existing system against loss, by reason of their operation."

"The city will have to secure an independent company to equip and operate the city-owned line on an equitable basis in competition with the existing system. Such an independent operator can be readily secured."

NO "HALF LOAF" FOR FRANKFORD. "Citizens of Philadelphia realize that they are in a position to establish adequate rapid transit facilities. Nothing but adequate rapid transit facilities will do for Philadelphia. It is not a case of half a loaf is better than none."

"The people who will be served by the Frankford elevated line are not only interested in securing quick transportation to Market street for 5 cents, but they are interested in securing quick transportation to Market street and thence out to any other section of the city directly or by free transfer for the same 5-cent fare."

They demand the elimination of the discriminatory exchange ticket. They must realize that the building of the Frankford elevated line, separate and apart from the plan of the Department of City Transit, would be simply a makeshift which would deprive them of the benefits and advantages which the plan of the Department of City Transit provides for them and for every section of the city.

WON'T SURRENDER "LEVER." "For the city to surrender to the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company the franchise for the most valuable Frankford elevated line, which would constitute an essential part of a city-owned system designed to serve all sections of the city regardless of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company's co-operation, and to be operated by an independent company, is to surrender the most effective lever which the people have to adequate rapid transit for Philadelphia."

CITY LEADS IN METHODISM. Has 49,163 Members of Church, With Prospect of Many More. Philadelphia leads all cities in the United States in the number of members in Methodist Episcopal churches, according to figures compiled by Dr. Alpha G. Kynett, for the Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Church, and announced in the current issue of the Methodist Times. The report shows there are 6,157 persons in the Methodist Episcopal churches of this city; New York city is second with 29,118, and Chicago third with 22,000.

FAIR FOR SETTLEMENT HOUSE. Many Episcopal Churches Participate in Bazaar Downtown. Large crowds are expected to attend the second annual fair to be held at the fair grounds, which is being held in Horticultural Hall under the auspices of the Protestant Episcopal Churches of Philadelphia. The fair is for the benefit of St. Martin's Settlement House, 8th street and Snyder avenue.

WOMAN SEES FREE COY. Has to be Carried From Premises of Nicetown Boys' Club. Kate Reitz, 57 years old, who gave her address as 318 North 20th street, walked into the Nicetown Boys' Club, Hunting Park and Germantown avenues, and, in spite of the superintendent's objections, appropriated a coy. She refused to leave, and had to be carried out by the crew of the Ridge and Milvale avenue station.

Delicate Operation May Save Sight of Injured Organ. Surgeons at the Frankford Hospital, by a delicate operation performed yesterday, hope to save the sight of the left eye of a 4-year-old boy. Surgeons at the Frankford Hospital, by a delicate operation performed yesterday, hope to save the sight of the left eye of a 4-year-old boy.

Two Murderers Die in Chair. COLLEMBURG, O., Dec. 4.—Two murderers died the penalty for their crimes in the electric chair at the Ohio Penitentiary here today. The men were Charles J. Kelly and James J. Kelly, who were convicted of the murder of Dr. Charles J. Kelly.

TAYLOR BRANDS "L" PLAN BETRAYAL

Members of the University of Pennsylvania Football Team Denied Statement Issued by the Freshman Team that the System of Coaching used for the Letter was the Same as that for the Varsity. They Say the Brooke System was Considerably Modified in its Application to the Freshman Eleven.

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"I don't want to get mixed up in this squabble personally," he said, "but I think I express the sentiments of a good many Pennsylvania men when I say that the coach was not given a fair trial. The players, of course, have a right to express their opinions, and they should be listened to with respect, but that is a right and a wrong way to do everything."

"I hope the board of directors will not allow the action of the team to go on. I think it is a vote withdrawing their right to wear the varsity 'P' should be the punishment of every man who voted for such a motion. If the players had taken this matter up with the new football committee, instead of rushing pell mell into trouble of this kind, all this might have been avoided."

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CIVIL SERVICE BOARD HAS POWERS SHORN BY COURT DECISION

Body Sought to Review Action of Police Court of Trial in Reinstating Policeman.



PETER E. COSTELLO, COUNCILMAN

Tioga residents are said to regard his bill providing for a change in the proposed high-speed route as a subterfuge designed to halt the rapid transit campaign.

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C. H. S. YOUTHS PATRIOTIC

Penn Professor Says Students Would Rush to Enlist. "Central High School students would rush to enlist under the Stars and Stripes in larger numbers than those of any other school in Philadelphia if the United States engaged in war," said Dr. Charles E. Mills, professor of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, who addressed students of the High School today.

"They have always shown their patriotism in the country and the action of the school in the future if the occasion arises. In the Civil War and the Spanish-American War the school furnished many soldiers." Mills, who was graduated from the school in 1864, said that his class of 125 contributed 50 soldiers to the Union army. He was among those who went to the front.

THREE ROBBERIES IN DAY

Two Homes Entered and Man Was Held Up. Three robberies were reported to the police today. The house of Mrs. Julia Trent, 205 North 23d street, was robbed of \$120 worth of jewelry and silverware yesterday afternoon. Shortly after midnight, yesterday, the police found a diamond ring, valued at \$120, was taken from the home of Ward Smith, 456 Silverwood street, by a sneak thief.

The police also reported that a man was held up on 19th and Shamokin streets, last night. The man was carrying a package and was forced to hand it over to the robbers.

MARSHALL STREET MARKET A BOON TO CONSUMERS

Extension of Thoroughfare Pleases Merchants and Residents. Business men and householders along Marshall street, between Parrish and Brown streets, today gave their approval to the resolution adopted by Select Councilman Parrish, C. C. and the action of the city in extending the thoroughfare. For some time such a market has been operating in Marshall street, between Poplar and Parrish streets, and the action of Councils will enlarge the marketplace.

Among the merchants questioned about the project were J. Livingston, Jacob Weiss, Herman Rauh, Mrs. Sarah Snyder and Morris Cohen. All said their business would be a good thing for the neighborhood and will tend to cut down the high cost of living.

BAZAAR FOR CHARITY

A Christmas bazaar to raise funds for the distribution of gifts among the destitute women and children in this city was opened today by the Women's Auxiliary of the German Society in the hall of the society, Marshall and Spring Garden streets.

Fancy and useful articles suitable for Christmas gifts are on sale and various kinds of refreshments will be served. The bazaar will be open from 2 until 10 p. m.

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