

DEFERRED PLEAS OUTLINED FOR RATE HEARING

Commuters' Case Will Be Based on Three Definite Charges—R. R. Heads Silent on Discrimination.

Three clearly defined and distinct points upon which the passenger rate increase proposed by the railroads will be combated before the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission here next Thursday were agreed upon this morning at a meeting of the joint transportation and suburban committee of the United Business Men's Association in the office of Edward B. Martin, chairman.

First, it will be shown that Philadelphia has been the victim of unusual discrimination on the part of the railroads in that, while a general rise in passenger tariffs has been proposed throughout the East, the increase in communication service is to long hauls and not with any thought that the communication service would be affected.

In view of the general misunderstanding regarding this last point, the committee, at the conclusion of its meeting, gave out the following statement: "The general impression which the public laborers under that the Interstate Commerce Commission directed the railroads to raise the passenger rate fare is an erroneous one, when generally considered. The Interstate Commerce Commission has officially declared that they have no authority over intrastate rates. Long haul covering interstate traffic is the service which the railroads claim is a loving venture. This is the passenger service under the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The attorneys for the committee will meet Wednesday morning, the day before the formal hearing, to review the preliminary testimony to be presented to the commission. RAILROAD HEADS SILENT. Officials of the Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Companies today refused to offer any defense against the charge made by commuters before the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission that their companies were guilty of discrimination against Philadelphia.

The protests filed with the commission by the Philadelphia and Reading railroads running into Philadelphia will exact a general increase in fares to all points, they have announced an additional sweeping increase in communication tariffs affecting this city particularly. At the same time not one of the railroads touching New York City has expressed intention of advancing the communication rates, although each has announced a general increase in regular passenger rates.

When asked to give some explanation of this alleged injustice to Philadelphia, J. J. Wills, general passenger agent for the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, replied: "I have nothing to say."

D. N. Bell, general passenger agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad, in reply to a similar question, answered that the Pennsylvania officials would have nothing to say for publication until the formal hearing before the commission.

NOT ASKED TO REPLY. "No charges of discrimination have been made to us," he added, "and if the Public Service Commission wishes to make any reply to the complaints filed with them they would let us know. This consideration will probably be taken up at the hearing next Thursday, and we will make all explanations then."

The Germantown and Chestnut Hill Improvement Association, which, through its attorney, Ward W. Pierson, yesterday protested against the increase along the line of the Philadelphia and Reading, today filed a formal complaint with the Public Service Commission against the increase along the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The charge of discrimination against Philadelphia on the part of the railroads is taken up in particular in the second complaint. The withdrawal of certain forms of the communication tickets and the increase in price of others near Philadelphia by the Pennsylvania Railroad is declared to be "unjust, unreasonable and discriminatory," because the same action has not been taken in the suburban zone near New York City.

The complaint further states if the proposed increase is allowed to become effective it will reduce the area, from which skilled artisans can be drawn here that many manufacturing industries located in and near Philadelphia will be compelled to remove to New York or other industrial centers. It also states that workers and laborers can find credit and ready access at reasonable rates of fare to their respective plants.

CALL INCREASE "A HOLD-UP." Commuters have united in denouncing the proposed changes in suburban tariffs and have organized the Philadelphia Association. It has been pointed out that the communication rates now in force in New York City from points more than seven miles outside of the city are lower than the present rates here for a corresponding distance. Within the seven-mile limit the New York rates are now slightly higher than the present Philadelphia rates. But should the proposed increases become effective here, both with and without the seven-mile zone, the Philadelphia rates will be much higher than those in New York.

SAUCE FOR THE KAISER; 'NOT GUILTY,' SAYS 'HOGG COURT'

Young Socialists Find He Really Didn't Instigate Great War. Kaiser Wilhelm was acquitted of conspiracy to instigate the great European war before the "Hogg Court," where he was tried, under auspices of the Young People's Socialist League, Apollo Hall, 1728 North Broad street, last night.

Both the prosecution, ably represented by Meyer Snyder, and the defense, well conducted by Isaac Paul, tried their best, the first to hang the Kaiser, and the other to have him acquitted on the alibi that he was defending "culture and civilization."

For a while it looked bad for the Kaiser, as "Andrew Darnegie," the czar of Russia, and a Red Cross nurse gave some very damaging testimony against him. His stock rose considerably, however, when the Sultan of Turkey and Mr. Williams, and wild Irishmen testified in his behalf. But what seemed to influence the "court" most in the Kaiser's favor was his own testimony.

So bitter and emotional did the trial appear at certain stages that at one point the czar of Russia and the Kaiser almost came to a sword duel. At another juncture, with the appearance of the Sultan, the love scene enacted between the latter and the Kaiser detained the proceedings for a short interval.

There was perfect silence in the courtroom as the court clerk called the court to order and announced, "The World vs. The Kaiser." The associate judges were a cannibal, appointed to the position for the reason that, being a savage, and, therefore, untaught by the processes of civilization, he was most competent to judge the Kaiser; a deaf, dumb and blind judge, occupying the exalted position because "being blind he typified justice; a Chinaman, and wild Indian, recognized in every way an superior in their methods to those who employ civilized warfare. The cannibal's qualification also lay in the fact that he did not speak English.

The czar of Russia, Samuel Packman claimed, "was dragged into the war against his will." He gave a detailed account of Russian culture, with the evident intention to prove that Slav culture was superior to the German Kultur. "As evidence," the czar pointed to what he has done for the Jews in the past and what he has promised to do for them in the future. He denied that he ordered any mobilization before the Kaiser declared war, saying that he called his soldiers for mere target practice. As another evidence of Russian culture, he gave the fact that "there are no laws in Russia which makes cleanliness compulsory."

The attorney for the defense secured an important point when he proved that "the Kaiser was the only man who was able to drive Russia, France and England into an alley." The Kaiser, on the witness stand, claimed that "the alley bunch were trying to block my almost successful work of civilizing the whole world." He became very defiant and exclaimed, "But I am going to do it if I have to lick the whole gang." "German Kultur," said the Kaiser, "was the only thing that saved my mother of necessity and the father of all desires."

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WHY COMMUTERS ON THE P. R. R. ARE DISGRUNTLED

The Pennsylvania Railroad has provided a comprehensive and adequate suburban train service at frequent hours during the day and night, with high-class modern train equipment to and from all stations in this suburban field, bringing it at all times within close communication with the heart of the city.

The low rates of fare maintained, the high-class service and the various forms of communication tickets provided, are features which must prove attractive to the suburban dweller, as well as materially aid in the further development of this entire region.

As a special accommodating feature for suburbanites, the Pennsylvania Railroad carries free of cost for holders of communication tickets, from Philadelphia to the stations called for on their tickets, sixty pounds or less of marketing and vegetables, also bread in bags or baskets, and butter in kettles and tubs, when intended strictly for family use. This service is supplied to all stations within thirty miles of Philadelphia to which communication tickets are sold, except on the Cape May Division of the West Jersey & Seashore Railroad, on which marketing will not be carried free to stations beyond Glassboro or Swedesboro.

For the week-end pleasure seeker, or those in search of a vacation place of sojourn during the heated summer months, there will be found in the following pages much valuable information carefully collated, as to the names of hotels and boarding houses, their capacity and rates.

To the busy city man of affairs, or the toiler in the various municipal marts of trade, this book of carefully compiled information is submitted, that it may reveal to him the perhaps hitherto unknown joys of suburban life, or the convenience of rural residence along the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The map specially prepared and published as a part of this book will serve to indicate clearly the location of each station to which reference is made.

For further information, if desired, address D. N. Bell, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

This is a reproduction of a page from a booklet issued by the Pennsylvania Railroad entitled, "Thirty Miles Around Philadelphia." The underscoring portions are what strike the commuters as peculiarly worthy of note just now, in view of the sudden rise in passenger fares. They declare they were induced to move to the suburbs on the strength of such lures held out by the company. The market basket privilege has been cut off since this was issued.

ONE-HALF AS MANY HOMICIDES HERE AS IN NEW YORK CITY. Record of Three Months Shows That 15 Persons Came to Violent End in Philadelphia in That Time.

With 15 homicides in the months of September, October and November, Philadelphia's record shows hardly more than half as many crimes per thousand population as were committed in New York City in the same period.

GEORGE W. PERKINS FAVORS POLICY OF LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tells Civic Federation Business and Social Ills Cannot Be Eradicated by Legislation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—In opening today's session of the 15th annual meeting of the National Civic Federation, George W. Perkins, chairman of the Social Insurance Department, said: "A specific question under consideration by the department is: "Should there be a systematic scheme of compulsory sickness insurance advocated for State legislation in the United States?"

"With respect to this subject the committee holds that we should resist any spirit of impatience in America to copy these doubtful experiments, but should urge a policy of watchful waiting until their results become certain."

Speaking on the subject of "The Workers' Fair Share," Mr. Perkins said: "One would think from much of the discussion of the day and many of the magazine and newspaper articles that are appearing that the problem of capital and labor is the result of the tariff, giant corporations, etc. In my judgment, this is not the case. There are in reality but minor causes. The main cause is directly traceable to the enormous expansion that has taken place during the last half century in our educational system—a system divided into two branches; first, the education that comes from the public schools, the university, the technical lecture rooms; second, the almost broader education that has come to us in the last half of the century through the extraordinary improvements in methods of intercommunication, especially methods of intercommunicating thoughts and ideas.

"No matter how small the amount of money that a man has in a business, so long as it is a real interest, a genuine investment that has not been given to him as a gratuity, but has been earned by him actually, he will feel the responsibility of proprietorship; and the same impulse will govern his actions as would govern the impulse of others having very much larger sums invested. "I believe they are likewise wrong when they tell us that the tariff is responsible for these corporations, for improved intercommunication and not the tariff is the chief factor in the maintenance of the so-called trusts.

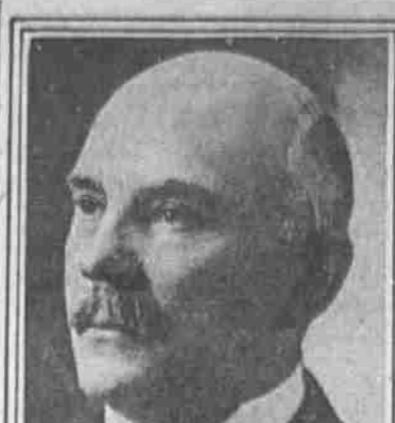
"I believe that no one of average intelligence really thinks that if the present Congress gave us free trade today a single so-called trust would dissolve tomorrow. "I believe that the chief cause of corruption is found in modern methods of intercommunication, and that you can only get rid of them by eradicating the cause, which, of course, we are not going to do.

"The hope of the future, for the worker's fair share as well as for capital's fair protection, is in a live and let live policy, where co-operation and emulation will give to each the protection to which it is fairly entitled and bring about a more equal distribution of the abundance of good things with which the Lord in His mercy has blessed our matchless country."

ONE 'ZUDORA' PUZZLE SOLVED. "Mystery of Sleeping House" Starts Monday in Evening Ledger.

DR. BERKOWITZ'S ANNIVERSARY. The Rev. Dr. Henry Berkowitz spoke this morning in the Rodef Shalom Synagogue, Broad and Mount Vernon streets, on the 23d anniversary of the beginning of his service as rabbi of the congregation. His theme was "The Ideal Congregation."

Dog Bites Burleson's Sister. AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 5.—Miss Emma Burleson, of Austin, sister of Postmaster General Burleson, was bitten severely by a dog yesterday. The dog is under watch to determine whether or not it is rabid.



WILLIAM GRAVES SHARP. Ohioan who has presented credentials to President Poincare as Ambassador to France.

BOYS' PROMISE TO JOIN SCOUTS WINS RELEASE. Larceny of Chairs Forgiven When They Tell Court Their Intention.

Four boys, arraigned in Juvenile Court for larceny of furniture, which they used to equip a clubhouse, were discharged when they expressed their willingness to join a troop of Boy Scouts.

PATIENT'S RIB BROKEN. Injury Found on Blockley Inmate, Who Died From Tuberculosis.

TRUSSES ELASTIC "RING" ABDOMINAL SUPPORTERS, ETC. Lady attendant, Purchase FLAVEL'S direct from the factory.

CITY'S DEATH RATE LEAPS ALMOST 25 PER CENT. IN WEEK

General Diseases Principal Cause for High Mortality. Epidemics of Children's Diseases Increasing.

The death rate in Philadelphia increased almost 25 per cent this week over the record of last week and the corresponding week of last year. There were 563 deaths during the last seven days.

The high death rate this week was due principally to high mortality in heart disease, Bright's disease and other general diseases. Contagious diseases caused 130 deaths, slightly more than the normal number.

Epidemics of children's diseases are increasing. Last week's new cases of contagious diseases reported were chicken-pox, 13; diphtheria, 83; measles, 74; mumps, 29; scarlet fever, 65. Thirty-nine new cases of pneumonia were reported, 106 of tuberculosis and 11 of typhoid fever.

Ten Couples Arrive at Elkton Green on Honeymoon Express. ELKTON, Md., Dec. 5.—Ten couples came here on the noon train today, obtained marriage licenses and were wed. They were: William Cottell and Anna J. Miller, Joseph Beach and Mattie R. Jones, Charles H. Hall and Emily C. Huhn, James W. Hooper and Mary Renninger, John F. Dougherty and Mary G. McCarthy, Howard Mullen and Frances B. McBryde, all of Philadelphia; Charles E. Drexler and Mabel MacMillan, Doylestown; John M. Meredith and Mary M. Fieles, Coatesville; James L. Geiger and Emma B. Brady, Reading, and William W. Groff and Katherine Beneau, Conshohocken, Pa.

Advertisement for \$1 for \$500 Gold Shell Eyeglasses. Includes text: "for Monday Only And that's exactly what we give you, regular \$5 glasses for \$1. How can we do it? Come down and see for yourself. We know if you don't believe us, we'll absolutely convince you when we have convinced you we know you shall tell your friends, and that is our point: by getting you to convince your friends and neighbors' patronage. Don't doubt our sincerity. Come have your eyes examined by expert opticians and secure your gold shell eyeglasses for \$1.00."

Advertisement for Alexanders Opticians. Includes text: "Alexanders Opticians, 3 South Eighth Street, 2 Doors from Market Street, Opp. Gimbel Bros."

Advertisement for Rose Valley Music Rolls. Includes text: "A Christmas Suggestion. From Manufacturer to User 4 Music Rolls \$1 For 88-Note Player-Pianos. There is no real Christmas cheer without music. What better gift could you conceive for the owner of a player-piano than four of these high-grade music rolls neatly wrapped in a corrugated carton? Rose Valley Music Rolls are manufactured by our new economy process, which enables us to sell them direct to you at this low price. Unlike the old-fashioned rolls, they are wound on an all-steel spool and cannot warp, bend or break. They play with greater precision and last twice as long as the ordinary roll. Rose Valley Music Rolls are used and endorsed by leading musicians everywhere."

Advertisement for \$5 Auto Robes. Includes text: "5 Auto Robes. Plush or all-wool. Beautiful color combinations. Ford Radiator Covers. Black leather faced heavy wool-lined. Price \$1.50 each. Direct from factory, save 10% from retail price. Occupancy upon receipt of invoice. Free delivery. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. HOERNER MORGAN."

Advertisement for The Ledger's All-America Football Team. Includes text: "The Ledger's All-America Football Team Announced Tomorrow. Selected by Robt. W. Maxwell, himself a widely known player, and a successful football author, coach and official. Mr. Maxwell selects a first and second eleven and gives specific reasons for each choice. Geo. E. McLinn also picks the Ledger's All-Pennsylvania team. These selections will be regarded as highly authentic because of their writers' intimate knowledge of the game and for the reason that both authorities have carefully compared the playing of candidates throughout the season. Watch for Maxwell's and McLinn's choice in tomorrow's SUNDAY PUBLIC LEDGER."