

COMMISSION MUST EXPLAIN OR FACE REMOVAL ACTION

Given Until Monday Noon to Stave Off Impeachment Steps—Place and Date of Rehearing Criticized.

Unless the members of the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission offer before next Monday noon a full and satisfactory explanation of their course in granting the railroad's advance information on the recent rate decision, attorneys for the commuters will take immediate steps to force the removal of the entire Commission in order that the rehearing of the passenger rate case in Harrisburg, January 5, may be held before a new board.

This course was determined upon this morning at a conference in the office of Edwin M. Abbott, of the attorneys who will represent the various organizations of the commuters at the new hearing next month. The formal notice sent out by the Commissioner yesterday, announcing it had decided to grant a rehearing, was considered carefully by the attorneys, who although great satisfaction was expressed at the opportunity for a new presentation of their side of the case, two points in the announcement of the Commission were attacked as unfair.

That the rehearing should be held in Harrisburg instead of in this city, where the other hearings were conducted, was criticized as being unfair to the commuters. If the Commission were to meet in this city, it was pointed out, the State would bear the expense of the commissioners' transportation. Every protesting commuter or attorney-at-law will have to bear individually the expense of going to Harrisburg. Should the number of complaints be as large as at the first hearing, this item will amount to several hundred dollars.

In the second place, criticism was directed against the time of the hearing. The commuters, in appealing for a new hearing, urged that it be held promptly. Instead, the commission set January 5, which, as Mr. Abbott, one of the attorneys, pointed out this morning, is three days after the Senate convenes. The present commissioners might be reappointed in their appointment before this date.

Setting January 8 as the date for the rehearing, therefore, is considered a clever move on the part of the Commission to silence criticism against it until after its confirmation by the Senate. For this reason the attorneys determined today to press the charges of "misconduct in office" against every member unless the list of 15 questions filed with the Commission on Wednesday is answered publicly before next Monday noon.

If the Commission takes no notice of the list of questions by that time and makes no attempt to vindicate its action in favoring the railroads with advance information, charges will be preferred immediately against every member unless the papers will be filed with Governor Tener in Harrisburg before Monday night.

Following the conference of the attorney, Mr. Abbott issued a formal statement declaring their position. He also said that, should Governor Tener consider the charges against the Commissioners sufficient to justify their removal, the appointment of a new board in time to sit at the rehearing will be asked.

Complete restoration of all passenger and commutation rates in force before the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission authorizing the increases effective December 15, will be asked by attorneys for the commuters at the rehearing. The basis for the commuters' claims will be that the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday, granting the railroads of the East a 5 per cent. freight increase, has shattered the only excuse which the railroads might have had for a passenger increase.

The commuters will show that the basis for the original plan of increased passenger rates was the suggestion of the Interstate Commerce Commission, which it had refused to grant the freight increase. The subsequent reconsideration of the freight ruling should be followed, it will be argued, by a full restoration of the former passenger tariffs.

KENNEY AND ASSOCIATES INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY
Plead Not Guilty to Charge of Attempted Fraud on Government.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 18.—Ronald F. Brennan, of New York; Frank W. Anthony and Clara Webster Anthony, of Brooklyn; Harry A. Woodcock, of New York; Richard R. Kenney, former United States Senator, and Daniel M. Ridgely, of Dover, were arraigned in the Federal Court today on a charge of having conspired to commit an offense against the United States and pleaded not guilty. It took most of the day to read the indictments. There is one indictment against Kenney and one against Ridgely; two against each of the two Anthonys, and three against Brennan. There are two against Woodcock.

As soon as Kenney and Ridgely had pleaded not guilty they were allowed to give bail and were released. The others will give bail as soon as the indictments are read. Bail for the two Dover men was fixed at \$200 each, and at the same amount in each case for the other men, except Brennan, whose bail is \$400 in each case. The Court refused an application to reduce it.

Woodcock was represented by ex-Judge J. Frank Hall, Kenney by Joseph Marvel, Ridgely by ex-Chancellor John R. Nicholson and Brennan by James Saulsbury. One of the bondsmen for Kenney was James Land, a life-long friend, who was bondsmen in some of the Dover bank cases which attracted attention 15 years or more ago.

The indictments were unusually long, two of them covering 71 pages each and a third one 41 pages. The counsel in the cases were given until January 18 to change their plea or make new motion in the case at that time. The cases probably will go to trial, unless some motion is made in the meantime.



OTTO EISENLOHR The 5-cent cigar king, who died today.

OTTO EISENLOHR, 5-CENT CIGAR KING, DIES AFTER ILLNESS

Creator of Famous "Cinco" Succumbs, Closing Career of Remarkable Activity in Tobacco Industry.

Otto Eisenlohr, "king of the five-cent cigar," died today at his home, 2312 Walnut street, after a brief illness. His death ended the remarkable career of a self-made man. The Cinco cigar, known in every nook and corner of the United States, and other countries as well, was the foundation on which his immense fortune was built.

Many years ago, when he started in business on a small scale, Mr. Eisenlohr learned that there was not a five-cent cigar on the market to satisfy the taste of an exacting smoker. He traveled to various tobacco fields and learned by experiment that certain blends would give satisfaction equal to that of the ten-cent cigar of that time. Having struck the combination, he concentrated all his energy in making the cigar a success, and, to impress the price upon the minds of smokers throughout the country, he called the new cigar the "Cinco," meaning five-cents.

The "Cinco" hit the popular fancy like a storm. Demands for it came from all parts of the country, and finally young Eisenlohr found that his small factory could not begin to meet the demands. To facilitate shipments and keep pace with orders he opened factories in many Pennsylvania towns and his enterprise gave employment to thousands of men and girls in the State.

The persevering Eisenlohr realized that to keep the "Cinco" at the head of the line it was necessary to infuse a spirit of enthusiasm into every employee who was connected with its manufacture. He started to offer prizes to the employees who turned out the best product each month. These prizes were worth while and had the desired effect. Finally, by exacting attention to details in each plant the cigar attained an efficiency which seldom deviated from the set standard.

The cigar was backed up with unique advertising campaigns in which the word "Cinco" greeted every American from coast to coast. There was no place too small or too large to escape it. Mr. Eisenlohr was prominent in German social circles and was a member of numerous organizations in this city. His wife was at his bedside in his last moments.

TAKEN ILL WEEK AGO.
Mr. Eisenlohr was in good health until a week ago, when he was attacked with acute dilation of the heart. His condition grew gradually worse until the end. He is survived by a widow, Josephine F. Eisenlohr; a daughter, Mrs. Harry C. Vetterlein; a sister, Miss Marie Eisenlohr, and two brothers, Louis H. and Charles J., who were associated with him in business.

Mr. Eisenlohr was born in this city 32 years ago. He succeeded his father in the cigar business in 1874. His brothers became associated with him in 1880. The firm has grown to be the second largest of the independent cigar manufacturers of the country. Mr. Eisenlohr led a quiet domestic life and did much charitable work. He had a pleasing personality and the knack of making friends, which aided him greatly in business. He was a member of the Union League, the Manufacturers' Club and the Philadelphia Yacht Club.

The funeral will take place from his home at 11 o'clock on Tuesday. At that hour every one of the firm's factories will close as a mark of respect.

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GUNMEN WHO SLEW BARR FOR \$280 UNDER ARREST

Informers Leads to Four More Arrests—Twelve in Gang. Business Rivals of Victim in Plot.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Two hundred and eighty dollars is the price of murder in New York city. That is the amount paid to the principal gunman who assassinated Bennett Barr, rich poultry dealer, on November 21.

This amazing revelation was made today just as the District Attorney's office was announcing the arrest of four more suspects, bringing the list of prisoners in this case up to 12. It is learned from a reliable source that James Moore, one of the prisoners, has turned informer, giving information which led to the arrest of "Joe" Cohen, "Jake" Cohen, Harry Cohen and Benjamin Lewis. Moore said he was offered \$200 to kill Barr two months ago, but refused. The actual slayers of the poultry dealer are among the 12 prisoners. In addition to the prisoners in hand, Acting District Attorney James A. Delehanty has learned that about 25 individuals, some of them well-to-do business rivals of Barr, were in the conspiracy.

Barr's death was decided upon three weeks before the actual killing and at a time when a sudden shift in business conditions in the Washington market made Barr absolute dictator over prices and profits of the poultry dealers doing business there. Detectives employed by the District Attorney's office are engaged in tracing the movements of suspects on the day of the shooting. Several of them are professional gangsters; one is a chauffeur, who hired the murder car on which the assassin escaped; the others are involved more or less directly. "Joe" and "Jake" Cohen have been indicted, but Mr. Delehanty has purposely prevented indictments of others of the prisoners in order to try and induce them to talk. An indictment is proceeding against Harry Cohen, charging him with assault during a gang fight. "We have got new and valuable evidence, enough to keep the grand jurors busy for several days," said Mr. Delehanty. "We are getting good results from the police department's co-operation."

Redfield Admits Munition Exports WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—While admitting that there is active business in the sale of munitions of war abroad by Americans, Secretary Redfield, of the Department of Commerce, told the Senate this afternoon, in response to the Hitchcock export prohibition resolution, that he could not supply the Senate with definite data. He gave comparative figures on the exportations.

Philadelphia Uninjured in Wreck A telegram from Mrs. F. M. Elliott, 1515 Arch street, today, stated that she had escaped unhurt from a wreck on the Southern Railway, at Jetersville, yesterday. Mrs. Elliott, who left Philadelphia Thursday to spend the holidays with her parents at New South Boston, Va., was reported to have been injured in the wreck. One man was killed and 14 persons were hurt. The engine jumped the rails and two cars were overturned.

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\$500 BEQUEST FOR CHURCH

Former Philadelphian Who Died in California Remembers Calvary Mission.

The Calvary Mission Church, Washington lane and Limekiln pike, will receive a bequest of \$500 from the \$320 estate of Anna B. Lavine, late of Philadelphia, who died in Sacramento, Cal. Her will was admitted to probate today. A brother and sisters will receive the residue of the estate. Other wills probated today are those of August H. E. Juergens, who died at Stone Harbor, N. J., leaving an estate valued at \$30,000; Elizabeth M. Wolff, Rush Hospital, \$200; Margaret F. Hopkins, 605 Walnut street, \$250; Wilhelm C. Gebhardt, 173 North 21st street, \$200; Edward Wilson, 140 Lehigh street, \$200; Martha Myers, 243 North 35th street, \$200. Personal property of Christian Muller has been appraised at \$951.77, of Harry Newmeyer, at \$203.22.

FUGITIVE TRAPPED BY FILM

Motion Picture Actor Arrested on Worthless Draft Charge. Success as a moving-picture actor proved the undoing of Joseph S. Ryan, a member of the Lubin Company staff, who was held without bail in the Night Court by Magistrate Penneck on charges emanating from Los Angeles that he issued worthless drafts. Ryan lives at 437 King-neasing avenue.

He came to this city from California in November, 1913, and obtained a position as a moving-picture actor. After a time he became a star and assumed prominent roles in numerous films, which were sent all over the country. A man in Los Angeles recognized Ryan's face and notified the police there, as a result of which he was arrested here. The total of his alleged worthless drafts is said to have been \$750.

DYNAMITE DEFENDANT FREED

Foreman Whose Orders Wrecked Home Promises to Be More Careful. Samuel Farko, the blasting foreman who ordered set off the charge of 20 sticks of dynamite that wrecked the home of Patrick Maxwell, at 167 Roxborough avenue, last Tuesday, was discharged today by Magistrate Greis, at the Manayunk station, under a suspended sentence. The Magistrate gave Farko the choice of facing trial on the charge of reckless use of dynamite or continuing never again to use explosives in this city. Farko decided to give up the use of explosives. W. J. Hendren, the contractor, agreed at the hearing to repair the Maxwell home, and Maxwell decided to drop the prosecution.

FLAMING OIL BURNS TWO

Woman Dying After Attempt to Quicken Fire With Kerosene. Mrs. Madeline Kish, 30 years old, is dying from burns in the Stetson Hospital today. Her husband is in the same institution suffering from severe burns on the arms and hands. Last night Mrs. Kish was late with supper, and the fire in the kitchen range at her home, 214 Germantown avenue, was slow. She poured kerosene into the stove to quicken

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RENSHAW FINES OLD CHUM

Magistrate Does Not Permit Friendship to Influence Judgment. Friendship is not allowed to interfere with the law by Magistrate Renshaw. Among the prisoners brought before him this afternoon was Harold Halesley, of 502 Walnut street, who was charged with spitting on the floor of a Market street car.

BERLIN WELCOMES U. S. GIFTS

Reception Tendered American Committee Arriving From Naples. BERLIN, Dec. 19. Five hundred little girls and boys, waving American and German flags, sang carols today to welcome the party which arrived from Naples with American Christmas gifts for the children of fallen German soldiers. A representative of the German Foreign Office met the party at Naples and accompanied the gift-bearers to Berlin. The gifts include all kinds of toys. A reception was given this afternoon by the municipality of Berlin for the formal presentation of the gifts from the American donors to the German committee.

"WILLIE" HOUCK MISSING

Wife Asks Police to Find Lightweight Prize Fighter. A search for "Willie" Houck, the lightweight prize fighter who fought "Johnny" Kilbane recently, was started today, when the pugilist's wife, Mrs. Lillian K. Houck, reported him as missing to the police of the Germantown station.

STEAM WINCH KILLS STEVEDORE

A stevedore, who slipped on the ice on the deck of the steamship Brantford while it was being loaded at Pier 3, Port Richmond, was instantly killed this morning by being caught in a rope and drawn into a steam wharf. His body was badly crushed. The man was August Simmons, of 115 Stiegel street. He was employed by the Joseph M. Taylor Ship Broking Company.

ROBERT REED CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 19.—Robert Reed, for 20 years a boss cloth printer at the Edgemoor Print Works and a former Chief Burgess of Edgemoor Borough, died this morning at the home of his son, Archibald Reed, in this city. He was born in Scotland 60 years ago, coming to this country when a young man.

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rate Renshaw in the Central Police Station today. The man is accused of stealing a public automobile belonging to Walter D. Downell, of 419 Oxford street, from Chestnut street near 11th on Monday night. He was arrested in Concordville, Pa., by Detectives Sullivan and Gleason, who received word from the police of that town that a car answering the description of the stolen automobile arrived there on Thursday.

CANDY STORE SWEEP BY FIRE Proprietress Thinks Blame Caused by Cigarette. When the candy store of Jennie Mellor, of 173 Orthodox street, took fire early this morning the proprietress was glad that a persuasive fire insurance collector induced her not to lapse a policy of \$100 she was carrying. Mrs. Mellor believes the fire was due to a lighted cigarette dropped by a customer, late last night.

ALLEGED AUTO THIEF HELD Man Who Disappeared With Machine Under Bail. John R. Thomas, a young man who gave an address in the fashionable residential section of Jacksonville, Fla., was held under \$1500 bail for court by Magistrate

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