

COAL TAX LAW INVALID, SAYS SUPREME COURT, AND STATE IS BIG LOSER

Levy Provided for by Act of the Legislature Is Rejected and Companies Are the Victors

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 25.—The act of the Legislature levying a tax on anthracite coal and providing for the collection and distribution of such a tax... was held unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court in a decision handed down yesterday.

The appeal taken by the coal company challenged the constitutionality of the act. Complying with this requirement, the company filed a report with the auditor general on January 31, 1914, a report showing the anthracite coal industry prepared for market during the period beginning June 1, 1913, and ending December 31, 1913.

The tax charged against the coal company was \$7,262.86, and from this settlement an appeal was taken to the Supreme Court of Dauphin County. The court's judgment was in favor of the coal company.

He declared that the price of coal to the consumer was not raised by dealers in this city to cover the amount of the tax under the 1913 act, except in a few instances. He said, the ultimate consumer did not have to pay a higher price anywhere in the State except in a few small towns.

COMMITTEE MAY SETTLE SCHOOL ACCIDENT DISPUTE Arbitrators Named in Case of Contractor Against Board

A committee of two was appointed today to determine the responsibility for the accident at the Sharwood School, 24 and Wolf streets, several weeks ago. The members of the committee are Frank N. Kneass and F. Dickinson Shaw, mechanical engineers.

TRAFFIC FORUM PLANNED Organization to Be Formed to Advance Shippers' Interests

A forum for the discussion of questions relating to transportation was inaugurated at a smoker to be held in the office of the National Traffic Service Bureau, 215 and Spring Garden streets, Joseph H. Hays, traffic manager of Diston & Sons, Inc., will preside at the informal discussion, and several prominent traffic men and railroad officials will speak.

RAILROADS FIGHT MAIL BILL, Join in Protest to Congress and Public Against "Space Plan"

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—Railroads operating 36 per cent. of the entire mileage in the United States have joined in a protest to Congress and the public against renewal of the efforts to effect the passage of the Moon railway mail pay bill. The protest was issued by the Committee on Railway Mail Pay, representing the railroads.

HOTEL TELEPHONE GIRL SLIPS AWAY AND WEDS

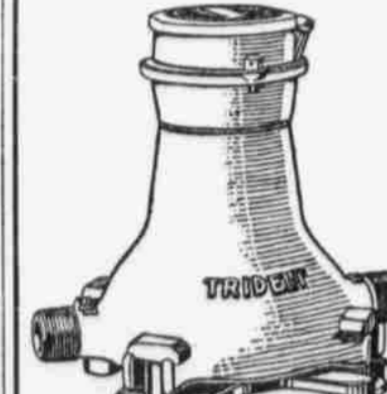
"Yes, Boys, We're Married," Says Bar Cashier as They Return From Elkton

Had the girl telephone operator of the Ritz-Carlton walked quietly through the lobby on her way to work, looking neither to the right nor to the left, and had the bar cashier slipped unobtrusively through a side entrance to his post, this story would not have been written.

But neither of them acted up to the schedule. In the first place, she hurried in a flutter of excitement, blushed guiltily when she arrived opposite the desk and by her manner caused clerks and bellboys to "tamp" her. Then on top of that the cashier appeared as though he just couldn't keep very far away from her and grinned—then he laughed outright.

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CHARITY IS FOUND IN EVERY HEART, AND ITS KEY IS LOVE OF CHILDREN

Obtaining Subscriptions for "Kiddies' Hospital Means Selling Joy to Donors, Says Mrs. J. Ernest Richards, Head of One of Busy Committees

The milk of human kindness is in every human breast, man or woman, young, old, rich, poor, white, black or yellow. Sometimes it is on the surface for all the world to see, and sometimes it is buried beneath an apparently gruff, or selfish, or heartless exterior.

"But when I started out the first day of this campaign, I thought that I was going to ask people to give me something for nothing, and that consequently the task would be unpleasant, and perhaps embarrassing. Then, while riding to see my first prospect (for that's what we call the people on our list) the thought flashed across me that I would be offering him the greatest bargain in the world in return for his money; for I would be selling him just so much happiness, the joy of alleviating suffering in poor little children. With this thought in mind, I smiled to myself, for I remembered reading somewhere that happiness was a thing no one could buy, and here was I going forth to sell it. It seemed like a paradox, and, still smiling, I entered my prospect's office.

"Walking right up to him, I said: 'Mr. So, and So, I want your check for \$50 for the Children's Hospital.' 'Smilingly, he told me he could not see his way clear to give me that much, but that he loved children, and realized the worthlessness of the campaign, and would give me \$100.' 'I told him I thought he really ought to give me the other \$50, too; but I thanked him, and left his office wondering whether I had approached him differently, I might not have been more successful. My next prospect was not in; so I told my chauffeur to go to the office of the third man on my list. To reach this office I had to drive past the office of my hundred-dollar friend. Directly in front of it a crowd had gathered. Stopping my car as if by an impulse, I saw that a little boy had just been hurt by a passing wagon. Learning over the child, with a look of compassion on his face, was the man who had given me the \$100 a little before.

"I called to him to bring the child to my car, and he and an officer who was about to send for an ambulance, got in, and we drove at once to the Children's Hospital. The little chap was not seriously hurt, we were told on leaving him there. 'Driving my first prospect back to his place of business, I said to him on the way: 'Mr. So and So, I'm coming into your office with you to get that other \$50.' 'And I'll give it to you, Mrs. Richards,' he replied, which he did. 'From that time forth until today I secured something from at least 90 per cent. of the people I went to see. I found I could touch every heart to some extent, and many who heard I was collecting for the campaign fund came to me voluntarily with their offerings.

"I have seen kindness and sympathy come as in a flash over many faces, and heard words of encouragement from people who looked as if they did not have the quality in their souls to express it. My laundress and two housemaids each came to me with a dollar. Those who refused me, with few exceptions, were, I believe, unable to really help. And those who did refuse had the milk of human kindness in their hearts, too. 'I am sure of it. I am convinced that it is in everybody. I am satisfied that in every Philadelphia there exists charity and love for little children. I sensed it, of course, before this campaign; but now I know it from interesting personal experiences in successfully selling happiness, and realizing more of it for myself, since I have been instrumental in a modest way in bringing, with all the people who gave me money, health and renewed strength to little children.

Mrs. Richards bought an apple at a campaign luncheon a few days ago for \$50. She intends planting the seeds in the grounds of her country home, and calling the trees "my Children's Hospital orchard." When they bear fruit, she will send every apple to the new Children's Hospital for little convalescent patients.

Body Found on Tracks The body of an unidentified man, apparently about 45 years old, was found today on the tracks of the P. & W. division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, near 67th street. The man's arm was broken, and it is believed death was caused by internal injuries, suffered in a fall from a train.

Trade Expert to Sail for England Charles H. Burr, of 246 South 23d street, general counsel for the American Overseas Corporation, will sail for London tomorrow to complete the arrangements with the British Government under which the corporation will operate.

CONQUEROR OF TYPHUS RETURNS FROM SERBIA

Dr. Richard Pearson Strong Saved Thousands of Lives in Kingdom

Dr. Richard Pearson Strong, having quelled the epidemic of typhus fever in Serbia, thereby saving countless thousands of lives, now returns to this country to resume his place as professor of tropical medicine at the Harvard Medical School. He had previous plagues experience in the Philippines and China.

Doctor Strong was born in Portress Monroe, Virginia, March 18, 1872. It is said that even as a child he was attracted to medicine as a profession and that the medical officers at the fort were his chosen friends. He graduated from the medical school at Johns Hopkins, winning his M. D. in 1897. Then came a year as resident house physician at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. He entered the army July 23, 1898, as assistant surgeon. After his splendid work in China he was induced to attach himself to Harvard University, where he has operated along research lines.

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