# 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

pittsrungh, Pa., Oct. 39.—The act of the Legislature levying a tax on anthaelie coal and providing for the coltected and distribution of such a tax on the coal mined within the State, was adared unconstitutioned by the State spread outconstitutioned by the State spread Court in a decision handed down ist yesteriay. The onlinion, which was written by Justice Stewart, was remarked in the case of the Commonwealth spring in the Alden Coal Company and resured the Judgment of the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County, Justices Potter and Frazer disaented, as soon as the act had passed the Legislature and been approved by the Governor many coal companies began to charge wholesale and retail dealers an average of

bolesale and retail dealers an average of to 15 cents a ton to cover the amount the tax, should it have to be paid. It estimated by State officials and at-meys who have followed the case that groximately \$9.600,000 would have been alized by the State had the Supreme wrt upheld the tax and required it to be lesale and retail dealers an average of

The appeal taken by the coal company thalenged the constitutionality of the ad Complyins with this requirement, by protesting against its liability to make a report or pay the tax, the coal company filed with the auditor general en January 31. 1914, a report showing the anthractic coal mined and prepared for market during the period beginning June market as 1913, and ending December 31, 1913. The tax charged against the coal com-pany was 87,782.86, and from this settlement an appeal was taken to the Com-ment Pleas Court of Dauphin County where judgment was entered in favor of the Commonwealth. In roversing the when the necessary effect of the leg-usion is to create inequality of burden we here see it, are those complaining of the injustice to receive no other anmer than that, while the Constitution
premises them equality in the matter of
mation, that because it failed to place
mercial upon the Legislature's right to existion, that because it fatied to place seriction upon the Legislature's right to distribute the tax it collects, that therefree the purpose of the legislation is not to be inquired into? If constitutional regiments are to be circumvented by is, the question may yet be asked deris-tely of the Constitution, 'What is all his worth?'

this worth?

Few, If any, consumers of coal in this dity will be affected by the invalidation of the authoracite coal tax law of 1913, it was said today by an official of one ost prominent coal companies in

He declared that the price of coal to be consumer was not raised by dealers in this city to cover the amount of the ix under the 1913 act, except in a few cases. Indeed, he said, the ultimate coner did not have to pay a higher price sywhere in the State except in a few

His statement was made in answer to published reports that the price of coal and been raised by retailers in anticipation of having to pay the tax and that money thus realized was held by re-

cases," he said, "coal pronears raised the price to wholesale etail dealers, but the price list of the etailer was not advanced. The retailer food the loss, believing the law would e dec'ared unconstitutional. In other uses the producers billed coal at the old thee, adding the amount of tax as a sparate item and making an arrangethat if the law were found invalid he amount thus paid would be refunded. In such cases the retailers and wholemers will get their money back from the producers. I do not know how much somey was collected by producers in that way now becoming subject to refund."

#### COMMITTEE MAY SETTLE SCHOOL ACCIDENT DISPUTE

Arbitrators Named in Case of Contractor Against Board

determine the responsibility for the accident at the Sharawood School, M and Wolf streets, several weeks ago. The members of the committee are Frank N. Kneass and F. Dickinson Shaw.

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A huge cornice fell during the course of erection of an annex at the school and P. J. Husley, the contractor, blaming the Board of Education for the accident, falmed \$1500 for the work which he would be required to repeat.

The school board refused his demand and a committee of arbitration was subsequently agreed upon. J. Horace Cook, superintendent of buildings, appointed Mr. Kneass, while Mr. Shaw was named by the contractor. If they fall to agree,

by the contractor. If they fail to agree, hey will appoint a third arbiter. William Dek, secretary of the Board of Educaion, informing the engineers of their ap-mintment, requests them to begin their sventigation immediately.

### TRAFFIC FORUM PLANNED

Organization to Be Formed to Advance Shippers' Interests

forum for the discussion of questions tating to transportation will be insti-sed at a smoker to be held in the office of the National Traffic Service Bureau. th and Spring Garden streets. Joseph Blas, traffic manager of Disston & Sons, ac, will preside at the Informal discushe, will preside at the informal discus-fin, and several prominent traffic men and saveral prominent traffic men and failroad officials will speak. A gen-eal discussion will follow the set ad-

Several hundred traffic managers and mistants, representing a large number of big shippers, will attend, as some of the largest manufacturers and commer-dal houses of Philadelphia are interested in the inauguration of the new method of soperation for the benefit of the persons and firms interested in traffic.



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Join in Protest to Congress and Pub lie Against "Space Plan"

NEW YORK, Oct. B.-Railroads operting 30 per cent, of the entire mileage in the United States have joined in a procest 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 Rallway Mail Pay, representing the railroads.

The measure was introduced in the last Congress, but failed to pass, although it was made a rider on the postoffice ap-propriation bill. The Postmaster General

ran amounted that it will be reintroduced when Congress convenes in December, and will be pushed for speedy passage.

Under the terms of the Moon bill, the Postmaster General would be authorized to establish the "space pinn" of payment for mail teauseriation by which a rallor mail transportation, by which a rail-oad company would be paid no more for nauling a whole carload of mail than for a partial carlend:

## HOTEL TELEPHONE GIRL SLIPS AWAY AND WEDS

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

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 achedule. In the first place, she hurried in in a flutter of excitement, blushed guiltily when she arrived opposite the desk and by her manner caused clerks and bellboys to "lamp" her. Then on top of that the coshler appeared as though he just couldn't keep very far away from her and grinned-then he laughed outright

"Yes, hoys, we're married. We ran down to Elkton to get it done and have just returned," the benedick admitted,

Just then the girl shyly withdrew her hand from her muff and, sure enough, there sparkled the golden band. Then she fled. A guest heard about it, bought a big bouquet and threw it over the desk, almost smothering her.

The girl is Miss Margaret McCabe, of

1823 Brunner street, 20 years old, and the man Arthur A. Thormann, 523 Stewart street, three years her senior. They were off work at noon yesterday and selzed the opportunity to elope to Elkton. De-spite the rumored difficulties experienced by couples who go to Elkton with matri-monial intentions, they got a license and had the knot tied in "no time." They re-turned to work at 6 o'clock the same They met three months ago in the

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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

young, old, rich, poor, white, black or thing tangible. rellaw. Sometimes it is on the surface for all the world to see, and semetimes and quality, but it is always there, in such degree as given, to be laid bare,

This is the story of how a woman found t in Philadelphians of low and high degree; and in the finding brought new ind fascinating experiences into her life, comeths of a hitherto unthought-of perspective and a new philosophy. It is a ecord, typical of the whole, of a few record, typical of the whole, of a few hours in the last nine days, during which Mrs. J. Ernest Richards, of 225 Walnut street. In her voluntary capacity as captain of Ladies' Team A in the campaign closing tonight in aid of the Children's Hospital of Philadelpha, found that the virtue of charity was in every human heart, and that the key to it was the universal love of little children.

Sitting in campaign handquarters in the

Sitting in campaign headquarters in the Hotel Adelphia today, Mrs. Richards said: "Living as I do, but a minute's walk from the present quarters of the Children's Hospital, I have seen something of its noble work, and have had some realization of its urgent need, so when this campaign was organizing I made up my mind to our acids all scale and my mind to put aside all social engage-ments for 10 days and devote the time to helping, as well as I could, toward raising that \$500,000. So I organized a team of three—myself and two friends.

"My heart was in the undertaking, but, nevertheless, at the outset, I did not quite know just how to work. I had sold tickets for charities with some success; but in those instances I was offering a material something to those I approached . Hospital. The little chap was not seri-

The milk of human kindness is in in return for their philantrophy, and it every human breast, man or woman, seemed to my mind like selling some-

"But when I started out the first day of

this campaign, I thought that I was going It is buried beneath an apparently gruff, to ask people to give me something for or selfish, or heartless exterior, or nothing, and that consequently the task course, it is in greater or lesser quantity | would be unpleasant, and perhaps embarrassing. Then, while riding to see my first prospect (for that's what we call such degree as given, to be laid bare, the people on our lists) the thought forth from the darkness of an fine closet, if you can find the tallaman or open sesame that will bring it to the lain the sesame that will bring it to the selling him just so much happiness, the loy of alleviating suffering in poor little hables. 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 800 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 worthiness of the campaign, and would

"I told him I thought he really ought to give me the other \$400, too; but thanked him, and left his office wonder the whether, if I had approached him dif-ferently, I might not have been more suc-cessful. My next prospect was not in, so I told my chauffeur to go to the efso I told my chauffeur to go to the effice of the third man on my list. To reach this office I had to drive past the office of my hundred-follar 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. Leaning over the child, with a look of compassi n on his face, was the man who had given me the \$100 m 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

ounly hurt, we were told on teaving him | CONQUEROR OF TYPHUS

"Driving my first prospect back to his ace of business, I said to him on the

" Mr. So and So, I'm coming to

office with you to get that other \$400."
"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 30 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 pso-ple who looked as if they did not have

My laundrees and two bousemaids each came to me with a dollar. Those who refused me, with but 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 convinced that it is in everybody. I am satisfied that in every Philadelphilan 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 force of it for myself, since I have been justrumental in a modest way in bringing, with all the people who gave me money, health and renewed strength to little children."

the quality in their souls to express it

hildren Mrs. Richards bought an apple at a esmpaign luncheon a few days ago 380. 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 convalencent patients Body Found on Tracks

The body of an unidentified man, apparently about to years old, was found today on the tracks of the P., B. and W. division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. 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 Over-seas Corporation, will sail for London tomorrow to complete the arrangements with the British Government the corporation will operate

RETURNS FROM SERBIA Dr. Richard Pearson Strong Saved Thousands of Lives in Kingdom

Dr. Richard Pearson Strong, having puelled the spidemics of typhus fever in Serbia, thereby saving countless thousands of lives, now returns to this country to resume his place as professor of repleat medicine at the Harvard Medical School. He bad previous plague experionce in the Philippines and China.

Dector Strong was born in Fortream Monree, Virginia, March 18, 1872. It is said that even as a child he was attracted to sedicine as a professor 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 1857. Then came a year as restdent house physician at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. He entered the army July 23. 1898, as anclatant surgeon. After his splended work in China he was induced to atrach himself to Harvard University, where he has operated along research

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