

PHILADELPHIA MILKMEN ASK CUT IN RATES FROM COMMERCE COMMISSION

Revision of Freight Schedule Means Big Saving to Farmers, Local Exchange Declares

TRISTATE SESSION OPENS

Two important meetings of the Philadelphia milk situation were held today, one in the rooms of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, the other before the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington.

Before the Interstate Board fifteen members of the Philadelphia Milk Exchange, headed by Thomas B. Harbison, its former president, asked for a revision of the freight schedule in the vicinity of Philadelphia. They presented a schedule which, if adopted, would save dairy farmers virtually twenty cents on every 100 quarts of milk shipped within a 100-mile zone of the city.

The argument for the Philadelphia milk was presented by Robert D. Jenks, who opened the case. Mr. Jenks asked the commission to fix the same rates for all movements of milk in Philadelphia from a distance of 140 miles and less, as now apply to Boston. For shipments to Philadelphia for longer distances than 140 miles he asked for slightly lower rates than are now given by the carriers.

"A few years ago," said Mr. Jenks, "none of the milk shipped to Philadelphia came from a greater distance than from Northwestern New York, Maryland and Delaware in ever increasing quantities. It is increasingly important that rates for long distances be given consideration, because the milk will not flow if the rates are prohibitive."

"Within the last few years there have been a number of large increases in milk rates to Philadelphia. The volume of traffic in now 500,000 quarts a day, and that makes the additional cost large. In 1915 there was a 15 per cent. increase given the railroads by changing the system of measurement. In 1910 another 15 per cent. increase was given for being cars. In 1912 there was a further increase in part of the rates by 'standardizing' them. In 1915 a 5 per cent. increase was given the roads by the commission.

"We now ask for the establishment of a proper rate system, with the same rates up to 140 miles as are now given."

SCHEDULE OF RATES table with columns for distance (20 to 500 miles) and cents.

Fifty-five per cent of Philadelphia's milk is shipped from the first five zones, according to Mr. Harbison.

The Chamber of Commerce meeting was a second gathering of the tri-state milk commission, an investigating body appointed by the Governors of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware. A series of questions to be asked farmers and distributors was prepared.

"The six-cent wholesale schedule announced by the Interstate Milk Producers' Association for November 1 will not include the retail price of a milk," said Waddington, a member of the price-fixing committee of the commission. "That rate includes the freight charges and is really cheaper than five and a half cents a quart plus the transportation charges."

The time for the first meeting for a hearing of the producers and distributors' side was set for Wednesday at 2 o'clock in the chamber's assembly room. At the meeting, which will be conducted by the production committee, the first of a series of questions will be asked the farmers and milk distributors. The committee is headed by C. H. Alford, of Maryland. Other meetings are planned for a period of about a month.

From the result of the meetings and investigations the commissioners will try to bring the warring elements together and fix a reasonable price for all concerned. It is expected that the commission will be augmented by several representatives from the State of New Jersey and that the first of the hearings will be held next Wednesday by the production committee, headed by J. H. Alford, of Maryland. Delegations from the many milk producers' associations in the three States will be asked to come before the commission and explain their trouble.

The commissioners are: Pennsylvania, Dr. Clyde L. King, Philadelphia, chairman of the body; C. Henderson Supple, Philadelphia, secretary; Morris T. Phillips, Pennsylvania, and C. E. Carothers, assistant secretary of the State Department of Agriculture.

Maryland: C. H. Alford, College Park; Harry H. Witter, Frederick; H. H. Hixson, Baltimore, and Dr. J. H. Aikenhead, Eastern.

Delaware: Frederick Brady, Middletown; D. G. Harry, Fylesville; Harry H. Hixson, Newark, dean of the State College and Samuel M. Harrington, Dover.

Will Begin Milk Inquiry in New York NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—The Wicks legislative committee, investigating milk conditions in this State after its first upstate hearing in Middletown, on November 16, will move cityward for an inquiry here, to begin in the rooms of the Merchants' Association, Woolworth Building, on November 30.

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WATER RATE SCHEDULE OF INCREASE UNFAIR, HOUSE-OWNERS SAY

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MORE FOR SMALL HOUSES

Objections to the proposed increase in meter water rates are being received by Carleton E. Davis, chief of the Water Bureau, which are, in turn, being referred by him to the special committee of Councils to be the basis of public discussions.

The new property owners are charging that the new meter schedule is unfair when compared with the cost of water service under the old fixture rate because consumers paying only for water actually used are being penalized. F. C. Field, superintendent of the Octavia Hill Association, in his objections, pointed out that water for small houses under the new meter rate would be \$6 for 1000 cubic feet, while the installation of a meter in the same house would set the cost of the same amount of water at \$5. This unfairness, he says, discourages the installation of meters.

In reporting to the committee on Mr. Field's objection, Chief Davis said that Mr. Field was speaking of a class of houses having fixture rates less than the proposed minimum meter rate.

"As a matter of fact," he said, "there are only 60,000 properties in the city paying less than \$5 a year under the fixture rates. The proposed ordinance could not be drawn to cover these properties without unduly complicating the terms. The number of such properties is constantly decreasing. Under the housing act the introduction of more water appliances is proceeding rapidly."

JAPAN FRIENDLY, SAYS GARY

No Cause for Trouble With U. S., Steel Chairman Asserts

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 27.—There is not now and need not ever be any trouble between Japan and the United States worth going to war over, Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, who has just returned from a tour of the Orient, declared today at the annual meeting of the American Iron and Steel Institute.

"I told the Japanese the American people did not want and would stubbornly oppose war with Japan except in self-defense," he said.

"The controlling men of Japan, judging from the statements made to me, are anxious for continued peace with the United States."

"The Japanese realize the geographical location of the two countries should make them virtually allies, though acting independently."

BEUTINGER VERDICT TODAY

Woman Who Killed Husband Victim of Thieves While Facing Jury

NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 27.—Mrs. Margaret Claire Beutinger, who shot and killed her husband when he forced his way into her room after she had decided to get a divorce, probably will know her fate today. The woman admits the shooting, but declares that she was afraid for her own life.

While Mrs. Beutinger was in court with her five little children, thieves broke into her home and stole a quantity of jewelry and money. The money was taken from a bank owned by eight-year-old Margaret Beutinger, one of the two daughters of the defendant.

NOW COFFEE IS UP A CENT

Market Street Restaurant Charges Six Cents a Cup

And now coffee has gone up a cent. At Horn & Horn's luncheon in Market street, near Thirteenth, one has to pay six cents for a cup.

When the management boosted prices all along the line they decided that the increased cost of labor and materials should be paid for by the coffee drinkers as well as those who eat pie.

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MYSTERY IN SHOOTING OF POLITICIAN'S WIFE

Mrs. G. D. Armstrong, of Cartertown, Near Death—Police Seek Solution

CHESTER, Pa., Oct. 27.—A strange revolver, a trail of blood spots in a locked house and bullet holes in the floor and wall make up a mystery today for the Chester police in the case of Mrs. George D. Armstrong, wife of a city contractor, who was found unconscious in the Armstrong home at Cartertown last night with two bullet wounds in her head and the empty weapon beside her.

Mrs. Armstrong, who is in the Chester Hospital, is expected to die. Physicians doubt if her story of the shooting ever will be told.

When Armstrong, who is prominent in Delaware and Philadelphia politics, returned home last night with his son, Richard, he found the house locked. Breaking into the house, father and son followed a bloody trail up the stairs to Mrs. Armstrong's bedroom, the door of which also was locked. Upon entering the room they found Mrs. Armstrong lying on the floor. Two bullets had entered her head, two had plowed into the floor and one had imbedded itself in the wainscoting. The empty revolver, which Armstrong said he had not seen before, lay beside the dead woman.

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