

TRACKLESS CARS, HINT TO BYBERRY

Isolated Suburb Makes Plea for Extension of Frankford Elevated

COMMISSIONER RYAN'S TIP

Residents of Northern Settlement Ponder New Means to Become Famous

After nearly 200 years of isolated existence, Byberry may yet make its name famous in the affairs of this city, wherein it now has only a remote place.

More than one hundred residents of that northern suburb, which lies closer to Trenton than to Broad and Market streets, assembled in City Hall this afternoon to argue before Public Service Commissioner Ryan their final plea in behalf of the application for a certificate of authority to construct the proposed extension of the Frankford elevated line through Bustleton to Byberry.

At the close of the hearing, which was held in Select Council chambers, the Commissioner made the remark that may be prophetic of Byberry's future status in local history.

Charles H. Haver, its president, had eloquently and logically submitted the conditions of the Bustleton Improvement Association; E. Clinton Thomas had championed the cause of the Business Men and Taxpayers' Association of Frankford; and Lester D. Johnson as spokesman for Select Councilman George Mitchell, of the Thirtieth Ward, had presented from various angles their appeals for the commission's favorable action toward the petition. Nearly an hour had been consumed in the submission of these pleas. The session was about to adjourn.

HINT FROM RYAN

Mr. Ryan, as a judge might deliver his charge to a jury, slowly and deliberately made the suggestion that awakened the citizens of Byberry to their opportunity.

"It seems to be a great pity that private enterprise was not permitted to enter into the competition for this proposed line," he began. "We might have had seen Byberry connected with the city's center by the trackless trolley. This system is now in use in Continental Europe and in Great Britain and Ireland. It is fed from an overhead wire which runs in a tunnel to poles, trees or to houses. It is no more unsightly than are the streets in our city's business centers where overhead wires are in use. It calls for no tracks, no poles in its construction, and can be operated profitably. I presume the construction of such a system on this Byberry line would encounter no objection on the part of the municipal authorities."

The commissioner explained that he was not to be understood as advocating or suggesting the construction of a trackless trolley because one of the main points in the arguments over the proposed new line had been the possibility that no profit could be expected to result from the operation of the line, even when free of overhead carrying charges.

QUESTION OF OPERATION

Mr. Haver, at the outset of his remarks, had told the Commissioner that with the \$1,200,000 available for the line, which penetrates to the residents of a line of five miles wide, private enterprise would operate the line if the P. R. T. declined to do so. He discussed the situation existing, where the city had been paying \$50,000 on the Northeast Boulevard, four and one-half miles of which is inaccessible, save by automobile or walking, and does not include a few blocks along the Broad avenue. This want of development he attributed solely to the absence of transportation. Pennypack Park was instanced as a city improvement costing \$1,500,000 and beyond reach of the residents of the ward in which it is located. Byberry Farms' only transportation, the speaker said, was by horse-drawn busses, at the city's expense of the \$300 or more per person located there or their visitors.

The Philadelphia County Fair, freight transportation and other points of possible revenue were mentioned at the hearing. Frankford High School are obliged to walk to Bustleton station at 6:30 o'clock each morning with a similar walk homeward more than a mile and in his home town.

Mr. Ryan announced that, following a general hearing at Harrisburg next Wednesday and Thursday, whereat the delivery loop, Broad street subway, Eastborough subway and Frankford extension will be argued, a speedy announcement of the commission's decision would be made.

YORK COUNTY FARMER MYSTERIOUSLY SLAIN

Wife of Victim Heard Shotgun Fired in Night After Retiring

YORK, Pa., Jan. 19.—Harry Dellinger, a young hove York county farmer, was mysteriously murdered in his home near the Brogue last night. His body was found today by William Allen, a neighbor. Mrs. Dellinger says she heard a report of a shotgun after retiring for the night.

District Attorney Harvey Gross and Detective Charles White have gone to the scene of the shooting to conduct an investigation.

Elkton Marriage Licenses

- ELKTON, Md., Jan. 18.—Copies from Philadelphia, Camden and Reading comprised the flock taking out marriage licenses in Elkton today, as follows: Howard J. Hart and Julia E. Whalen, Nathan Deom and Henrietta Bookbinder, Howard J. Leary and Doris Hansen, all of Philadelphia; Edwin B. Cooper and Martha G. Griffith, Carroll Noll and Ella Schooley, of Camden; Clinton S. Heck and Margaret Fisher, Ralph H. Goodhart and Esther Kulp, and Ralph Zarning and Gladys Harris, all of Reading, Pa.

RAILROADS BETTER UNDERSTOOD, NEW HAVEN'S PRESIDENT SAYS

By HOWARD ELLIOTT

President of the New Haven Railroad

A GOOD point in the railway outlook is that there is a better understanding on the part of the public of the difficulties under which the railways of the United States are struggling, and there is a growing realization of the fact that the railways need assistance if they are to prepare to do the work of the increasing population of the country.

The public also realizes to a greater extent than ever before that any unreasonable regulation and any attacks on the railways are harmful to the general welfare of the country as well as harmful to the railways.

A bad point is the existence of prices for material that are very, very much more than a year ago, and the necessity of paying very much higher wages than a year ago, with no corresponding increase in the unit price of what the railways have to sell—freight and passenger service.

This condition is narrowing down the margin between income and outgo, and is making it more and more difficult for the railways to go on with the necessary work of adding to their facilities. This is unfortunate, because the time of making improvements to the facilities is vital to the welfare of the whole country.

I believe the railways of the country as a whole are not likely to show large increases in gross earnings this year. The net earnings, I think, will show decreases.

The railways can only add to their facilities by getting and spending money. Some improvements should be made out of earnings, and, to permit this, rates should be advanced. Other improvements should be made by obtaining new capital, which can only be obtained if investors will buy new railway securities freely. This they are indisposed to do under present economic conditions.

The railways are in need of rolling stock and many other facilities, and some increase will necessarily be made in 1917, but the increase will be limited somewhat by the high prices of material and the very high wages.

I believe the Congressional investigation of the railway situation will bring clearly before the public the fact that the prosperity of the railways and the general progress of the country are so interwoven that the result will be the public will insist that sufficient assistance be given to the railways to keep them in condition to take care of the constantly increasing business of the country.

The country is headed for government ownership unless some encouraging legislation is granted and a system of flexible regulation is created so that income can be more readily adjusted to the outgo when general economic changes occur. I believe that government ownership would affect both the railways and shippers adversely.



HOWARD ELLIOTT

TEUTONS TO WAGE GREAT SEA WAR

Huge U-Boats and Raider Fleet Likely to Be Set in Motion

WILL OBSERVE PLEDGE

Promise to U. S. to Respect Law Will Not Be Broken

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—(Special Telegrams.)—The German fleet, consisting of the Central Powers' fleet, will resort to submarine warfare on a broad scale, in accordance with the pledge given in the ultimatum to the United States, in which the Berlin Government is strongly opposed to throwing off all restraint and conducting the so-called "ruthless submarine warfare" demanded by our powerful German ally.

With the largest guns, it is pointed out, the submarines are making a very insidious target, can hit merchant vessels and fully determine their registry and character with a minimum of danger to the submarine.

Supplementing this form of warfare it is expected that Germany will attempt to equip and put in service many other raider vessels, distinguished as "privateer" vessels, as possible. Their effectiveness against allied commerce has been shown completely.

THREE BANK ROBBERS KILLED IN OKLAHOMA

Gang Believed Broken Up After 35-Minute Battle With Posse

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 19.—Oscar Poe, William Hart and Harry Hart, bank robbers, were killed in a night with posse near Okmulgee today. The bodies were taken to Okmulgee after the fight, which lasted thirty-five minutes.

W. H. SMITH UNWARE OF PLAN TO RECALL HIM

Ex-Banking Commissioner Declares Unwillingness to Accept Favor of Governor

Denial was made this afternoon by former State Commissioner of Banking William H. Smith, who was forced to resign by Governor Brumbaugh, that any steps were being taken to bring about his reinstatement.

LEE REGRETS CANCELING RAILROAD STRIKE CALL

Tells House Committee Last Chance for General Movement Has Passed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The breach between railroad employees and the Administration was widened today when W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, declared before the House Commerce Committee that his recommendation of the railroad strike last summer.

JACKSON TO ATTEND ASTOR DINNER

HARBIN, He., Jan. 19.—John Price Jackson, Commissioner of Labor and Industry, went to New York today to attend a dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Astor and the Immigration Committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce at the Astor home.

DANIEL'S BOOZE BREATH MARS ODOR OF SANCTITY

Actor in Clericals Turns to Whisky to Relieve Tedium of His Role

Daniel Hamilton, 495 Dexter street, was denouncing the garb of a clergyman, to follow his line of work last night, when several surrounding people observed that they smelled whisky—it was very strong and (look, who's here?) it was coming from the lips of Daniel, who was by this time buttoning his collar in black.

Daniel quietly removed his costume and wanted to fight everybody present, so Magistrate Price heard this morning in Manayunk police station, where Daniel was removed after his chaotic last night.

George W. F. Gaunt, while serving as a volunteer fireman at a barn blaze in Mullica Hill, Gloucester County, was the State's attorney and president of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, fell from a ladder. A rib was fractured and a knee sprained.



GEORGE W. F. GAUNT

Advertisement for Chalmers Motor Co. of Philadelphia, featuring cars like the 5-passenger 6-30 at \$1090 and the roadster at \$1070. Includes contact information: 252-254 North Broad Street, Booth 33, Philadelphia Automobile Show.

City News in Brief

THE REV. MELVIN B. WRIGHT, pastor of the Baptist Church, Brock and Pine, was the guest of honor at the reception by the congregation last night. The Rev. Mr. Wright came to the church choir from the Baptist Temple, where he had been associated with Dr. Russell H. Conwell for five years.

NEWLANDS'S FIX MARS SENATORIAL DIGNITY

Nevada Man Admits "Leakage" on Executive Session—Expulsion Rule Not Invoked

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Senator Newlands, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Committee, admitted to the senate this afternoon that he was the "leaker" who furnished Interstate Commerce Commissioner Daniels with a copy of Senator Cummins's speech, delivered in executive session, while the Senate was debating Daniels' reappointment to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

DEATHS

WASHINGTON.—Jan. 18, JAMES HORLICK, husband of Anna Bova Harris, was killed by a trolley car on the corner of 23rd and Washington streets, D. C., at 94. Services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2 1/2 m. N. of Arlington National Cemetery, Jan. 19, at 2:17 P. M., 19th st. BURIAL WILL BE HELD HERE.

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Advertisement for CELESTINS VICHY Natural Alkaline Water, including an image of the product bottle and text: 'SPLITS are now on sale and can be obtained at all first-class Hotels, Bars and Restaurants.'.