

FRENZIED FINANCE RUNS TWO ROADS

Wrecking of Pere Marquette and C. H. and D. Told by U. S. Commerce Board

"TAINT OF CRIMINALITY"

Congressional Committee Hears Astonishing Tale of Reckless Manipulation

WASHINGTON, April 20. The story of the wrecking of a great railroad system today was told by a subcommittee of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Commission...

The commission declares that the revelations indicate the need for Federal regulation of securities and for legislation giving the commission authority to have access to railroad files and correspondence...

The commission's story says that the downfall of the Pere Marquette began when, in December, 1902, F. H. Prince secured control from the Thayer-Crapo interests...

CRIMINALITY TAINT

Of the Prince control, the commission says that only a court of criminal justice could deal properly with their manipulations, and that of the Zimmerman-Hollins syndicate, that body declares the taint of criminality clings to their deals...

But meantime E. H. Harriman was springing up like a mushroom in the railroad financial world, and Morgan reckoned about him. Harriman had crept into control of the Erie under Morgan's nose...

City News in Brief

MEDICO-CHI ALUMNI at their meeting at the Rittenhouse Hotel elected officers as follows: President, Dr. A. C. Morris; vice president, Dr. George E. Fahler...

PRESIDENT EDWARD B. GLEASON, of Common Council, has been appointed captain in the medical division of the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States army...

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PROPOSALS WERE RECEIVED today by Assistant Director Baldwin, of the Department of Public Works, for highway improvement work that will cost approximately \$400,000...

MAYOR SMITH today approved the ordinance passed by Council designating the South Philadelphia State Bank as a depository of the city funds.

A NUMBER of contracts for permanent municipal improvements were approved today by Mayor Smith. Among them are contracts awarded to William M. Anderson for \$250,425 for installing a heating and ventilation system in the main building of the Free Library...

SMOKE CLOUDS HALT FIREMEN IN FACTORY

Six Persons Overcome in Blaze at Potter Concern, Second and Erie

Six persons were overcome by dense and stifling smoke from a fire which started a few moments before noon in the Potter and Sons, Incorporated, oil cloth and linoleum makers, Second street and Erie avenue.

The most serious case is that of Frank Richie, of Engine Company 55. Superintendent Anderson, of Building 21, where the fire started, was overcome by smoke, but upon recovering insisted upon going back and helping to fight the flames.

The building where the fire occurred is a five-story brick structure abutting the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks. The men in the culling room on the fifth floor had just put on their coats ready for lunch when the fire started at one end of the room.

By the time the fire company arrived the building was a furnace that speedily clouded the neighborhood with smoke. The firemen had to grope their way to the burning building, and the rumor spread about that many had been overcome.

Then it was deemed necessary to send in a second alarm. The firemen were handicapped in their work by inability to get a line of hose to the fifth floor of the building.

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Thirty invitations have been issued to Mayors of various cities surrounding Camden, including Mayor Smith, Philadelphia. Many are expected to attend.

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Members of this organization in Camden will assemble at Broadway and Buckley street at 2:30 and march in a body to the armory. At least 900 are expected with the Gloucester Stoneman's Band, William Davis, of Camden, treasurer of the organization.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN TO AID "HOME GUARDS"

Plans are being formulated for the enrollment of women, girls and boys in the Philadelphia Home Defense Committee, according to George Wentworth Carr, secretary of the committee, in an address today at a noonday luncheon of the Business Science Club in the Hotel Adelphia.

GUARDSMAN UNDER SERIOUS CHARGE

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CAMDEN PLANS BIG RALLY TOMORROW

Great Demonstration Expected—Vice President Marshall to Speak

PATRIOTISM IS STIRRED

Tomorrow is Patriotic Day in Camden! A rally that is anticipated to rival in spirit and size Philadelphia's recent gathering at Independence Hall is to take place at the Third Regiment Armory, Haddon avenue and Mickle street, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon under auspices of the public safety committee appointed by Mayor Charles H. Ellis.

With approach of the hour for the meeting a martial spirit grows over the entire populace of Camden. The flags are brought out. Patriotism is the one predominant subject of conversation on the streets.

Thomas R. Marshall, Vice President of the United States, will address the rally. United States Senator Joseph Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey; Dr. Russell H. Conwell, of Philadelphia, president of Temple University; the Rev. Dr. John Handley, chaplain Second Regiment, United States Infantry, are the other listed speakers.

The Rev. Dr. Holmes E. Gravatt, of the First Presbyterian, and the Rev. M. Sullivan, of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, will offer the benediction.

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AUTO CRASHES INTO BRIDGE; TWO ARE HURT

Victim of Accident Near Chambers Corner Is Dying in Mount Holly, N. J., Hospital

MT. HOLLY, N. J., April 20.—Unconscious and with a slim chance of recovery, William Pitman, about thirty years old, married, of Vincentown, is in the County Hospital, a victim of an automobile accident near Chambers Corner early this morning.

These men and James and George Alloway, Russell Wright and Firman Brannin, all of Vincentown, crashed into a bridge while returning home from a dance at Columbus. Their automobile headlights were out and they were following another machine until it sped on too fast for them.

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"FREE-VERSE WATTS" EXPOSED AS HOAX

Joyce Kilmer Tells Browning Society He Wrote "Stuff" to Prove It's All Bosh

By M'LISS

The news is bad, don't throw a faint; the poet Alfred Watts, he ain't. We knew him as a free-verse writer, modern poetry's ablest fighter. He wrote some stuff like Amy Lowell, incoherencies of the soul.

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COURTS ASKED TO EXCUSE FARMERS FROM JURY DUTY

Governor Edge Reminds Judges of Need of Maintaining Agricultural Output

TRENTON, April 20.—In order that the convening of county courts throughout the State this spring may not interfere with the movement for utilizing farm land to the utmost for agricultural purposes, Governor Edge has written to all of the county Judges and also to Justices of the Supreme Court sitting in the counties of the State suggesting that all farmers who have been or who may be drawn for jury service at the spring term of the courts be excused from service if they so desire.

The Governor says: "It may be thought that such a step is absolutely necessary in order that nothing may be done which would tend in any way to lessen the agricultural output. We must be careful not to cripple, even so little, the manpower essential for the vital part which the farm is to play in modern warfare."

FARMER KILLED BY EXPRESS TRAIN

LANCASTER, Pa., April 20.—Harry Heindle, fifty-eight years old, was killed last night at Dillersville when the Buffalo Express of the Pennsylvania Railroad struck and demolished a wagon in which he was riding. He was a well-known truck farmer and was married.

WEST POINT SENDS OUT CLASS OF 139

Graduation at U. S. Military Academy Advanced Under Stress of War

NO JUNE WEEK GAYETY

WEST POINT, N. Y., April 20. One hundred and thirty-nine cadets were graduated from the United States Military Academy today and took their places as lieutenants in the new army being formed to fight Germany. They are the members of the class of 1917 which expected to be graduated in June next with all the pleasant features incident to a West Point "June week" ceremony.

Urging them to do their best in the world war which the United States has entered, Secretary of War Baker presented the graduates their diplomas and added them to the roster of officers of the United States Army.

Indirect references to the conscription issue which now faces the Government brought cheers of approval from the crowds which packed the academy gymnasium.

While the ceremonies were in progress two aeroplanes from the Government station at Mineola alighted on the grass plain outside.

Secretary Baker emphasized the need for universal military training and was cheered by the cadets, whose graduation was advanced sixty days because of the war.

With Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, and Mrs. Baker, the Secretary reviewed the West Point battalion after the graduation ceremony. The new officers left at once on a special train for New York for a month's absence before reporting to the commands to which they have been ordered.

Captain Harris Jones, of Clayville, N. Y., was the honor man of the class, while John R. Nygaard, of Wisconsin, was the last man on the roll, the "goat" in West Point parlance.

The class of '17 is a representative West Point class, drilled to the minute and ready to do its part in the big business now at hand. Undoubtedly most if not all the men will be commissioned as first lieutenants.

U. S. BOOSTS INTEREST ON TREASURY NOTES

Advance From 2 1/2 to 3 Per Cent Ordered to Stimulate Sale

Charles J. Rhoads, governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, announced this afternoon that the Government had decided to boost the interest rate on the \$200,000,000 Treasury certificates offered the twelve reserve banks from 2 1/2 per cent to 3 per cent.

At the same time, the date of maturity of the certificates was changed from July 1 to June 30. The certificates will not be issued until about next Tuesday or Wednesday, owing to the delay of the conference report from Congress on the war loan.

The advance in the rate of interest, Mr. Rhoads said, was made in order to create a wider market and give the country banks an opportunity to subscribe for as many of the notes as they want.

While no figures regarding the amount of subscriptions received by the Federal institutions for the certificates were made known, it was understood that they were quite satisfactory. This is true all over the country, and it was thought that with the advance in the interest rate the subscriptions would increase.

Dispatches from Washington said it was understood that the money was to be used to help the Allies, and that most of it would go to Russia to aid that country in purchasing supplies in the United States. Financiers regarded this as the answer of the United States Government to the reports from Germany that there were good prospects of Russia's negotiating a separate peace.

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We have just been reliably informed that Labor at the Anthracite Mines has made a demand of a 20% increase in their wages. In view of this condition, as well as the fact that we have booked more orders at the recent reduction of 75c per ton than we will be able to obtain from the mines at the April schedule, we are obliged to advise the Public that all orders taken after Saturday, April 21st, will be subject to May prices.

We are very much pleased that so many of our patrons have availed themselves of the opportunities offered since the 1st of April in securing their Fall and Winter supply at the recent reduction of 75c per ton. Although we are uncertain as to what prices will be after May 1st, we still urge the Public to put in their Fall and Winter supply during the Summer, as every indication points to still higher prices as the Fall approaches.

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Franklin Bank Building Spruce 1400 Race 3800

Advertisement for NIEDERMAN shoes, featuring a high-heeled shoe and text: 'The Square-Throat Pump', 'A new model both charming and comfortable, which exactly meets the requirements of the season, for all occasions. Our very great variety of exclusive models is a continual surprise and pleasure to discriminating women, you should see them.'

Large advertisement for Mawson & DeMan's hats, featuring a woman in a hat and text: 'Mawson & DeMan's 1115 Chestnut Street (Opposite Keith's) For Saturday 150 Stunning Hats Reduced from \$10 and \$12 to 5.00. Following our week-end custom of featuring millinery at extremely low prices, we have taken a large number of exquisite new spring models from our regular high-class stock and priced them regardless of profit for immediate clearance. Specially Priced for Saturday Fox and Wolf Scarfs 24.00 Very Special Values. Including Taupe, Blue, Brown, Kamchatka, Slate, Battleship Grey, London Smoke, White or Red.'

Advertisement for F.C. Pequinot jewelry, featuring a watch and text: 'Enameled Clocks and Novelties. Jade, amethyst and quartz paper cutters; bureau boxes, pin trays, ash receivers, toilet bottles. F.C. Pequinot Jewels 1330 Walnut Street'.