JERSEY TROLLEY FARE BOOST FIGHT OPENS

More Than 100 Municipalities Ranged Against Public Service Corporation

M'CARTER URGES RAISE

Railway Head Tells Utility Board National Emergency Justifies It

Trenton, N. J., March 26.

Led by the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the people of New Jersey today began their fight to prevent the boosting of trolley fares by trolley companies in this State. Hearing on the application of the Public Service Corporation for authority to increase its trolley fare from five to seven cents with a charge of two cents for a transfer and one cent for a transfer on a transfer was started before the New Jersey Public Utility Commission at 11 o'clock.

Asserting that it was imperative for the good of the country in present war times to support public utilities so that they would not be driven into a state of insolvency because of great expenses, and citing a letter from Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, to President Wilson, and a statement of Comptroller of the Treasury Williams, to show that traction lines, power companies and other utilities were essential to the United States properly prosecuting the war, Thomas N. McCarter, president of the Public Service Corporation, told the State board the plea for an increase of fares was an emergency one in order that the concern could raise money to make up for losses accruing through increased prices for labor, material, etc.

While there was not as large an attendance at this hearing, which was a continuation from that of about two weeks ago, great interest was shown, and more than one hundred municipalities were represented by counsel or citizens along with the State League of Municipalities.

Marshall Van Winkle, of Jersey City, who represented the league, obtained permission of the commission for the right to have the books of the concern brought into hearings when wanted. A stipulation was agreed to that the proposed new rates would not become effective until the commission had passed upon their reasonableness.

George L. Record, of Jersey City, assistant counsel for the league with Mr. Van Winkle, as well as representing Passaic city, along with A. O. Miller, city counsel, was present with the following other representatives of municipalities:

Mayor Amos Radcliff and former County Judge Francis Scott, of Paterson; Mayor Albert Smith, of Clifton; Assemblyman Morgan, of Elizabeth; Jerome T. Congleton, city counsel, of Newark; Mayor Donnelly and City Counsel Bird, of Trenton, City Counsel E. G. G. Bleakley, of Camden; Judge John Kates, of Collingswood, and Charles R. Bacon, of Haddonfield.

Emphasizing that dozens of railway companies in the United States had been hard hit by soaring prices of all essentials in the operation of their lines, Mr. McCarter read from Era, official organ of the American Electrical Association, the names of a large number of companies which had tried to obtain relief in the way of increased fares. He informed the commission of a number that had been permitted not only to increase fare rates, but also to abolish strip tickets. He said tthe Public Service Corporation was placing its resources at the command of the Government in getting workers to munitions plants, shipyards, etc., and in that manner aiding in the "speeding up" plans of the country, but that it was imperatively necessary that money be forthcoming so that plans would not go awry. Mr. McCarter said that the company owned 200 miles of tracks and connected with 167 municipalities in the State, and that since the last year and a half there was an ever-increasing expense that would have to be met in some manner or another, and the company had decided on the seven-cent fare and charges for transfers as the best way out of the situation. Industries can get back at wage raises, etc., by increasing the price of their products, he declared. He also said there would be a falling off in the output of war plants, if public utilities were not helped by the people.

Elkton Marriage Licenses

Elkton, Md., March 26.—Marriage licenses were issued here today to Ferdinand W. Klossman and Margaret Donahue and John L. Buzby and Anna Walton, Philadelphia; Robert Chatham and Florence Neary and Leroy Morgan and Martha Bell, Camden, and Percy Boorse and Florence Pfanders, Conshohocken, Pa.; Albert J. Orth and Christine McFarland, Philadelphia, and William Redding and Mattie Moucrief, Bridgeton, N. J., were refused licenses due to both being under age.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

William J. McLaughlin, 3112 Cedar st., and Mary McGlashn, 2811 Agate st.
William E. Achterman, 1934 N. 24th st., and Rachel E. Campbell, 1851 N. Park ave.
Alfred C. Mosford, New York city, and Marie B. Sickles, Kilmarnock, Va.
Abraham Wolf, 1424 N. Franklin st., and Vera Rosenweig, 3716 N. 8th st.
Louis L. Lipshutz, 264 W. York st., and Jean Horn, 3001 Euclid ave.
Henry G. Ruan, 888 N. 23d st., and Ruby M. Herley, 2145 E. Adams st.
Michael Justari, 921 Fairhill st., and Eleanor Brown, Atlantic City, N. J.
Brown Friend, 50 Armat st., and Florence Bailey, 50 Armat st.
Arthur L. McLaughlin, 1324 Columbia ave., and Margaret E. Ryan, 1722 Edsler st.
Bismark Castero, 1711 Christian st., and Pearl T. Randolph, 5816 Marion st.
Charles Edwards, 505 S. 12th st., and Julia Johnson, 1225 Fitzwater st.
Franklin M. Heisel, 4065 Dexter st., and Lucy C. Rasan, 3635 Dexter st.
William E. Roberts, 143 W. Dauphin st., and Anna V. Torper, 2017 E. Buckius st.
Frederick M. Grauer, 3203 Turner st., and Edith Rentschler, 3612 N. 22d st.
William Dunn, 2850 Cedar st., and Anna E. MacMath, 2815 E. Dauphin st.
Harry B. MacFarland, 5114 Hazel ave., and Mabel Shaw, 1536 Cherry st.
Louis T. Smith, 2230 N. Leithgow st., and Matilda A. Grimm, 4084 N. 4th st.
Fritz Hartman, 1819 W. Columbia ave., and Anna Frisch, 2160 E. Somerset st.
Samuel Gilpin, 2235 Catharine st., and Lillian McCarthy, 2434 N. 16th st.
Samuel Steinberg, 1723 S. 6th st., and Mina Friedel, Baltimore, Md.

(Other Marriage Licenses on Page 11)

DIVORCES GRANTED

The following final decrees in divorce were granted today by Court of Common Pleas No. 2:

Wilhelmina A. Sheldrake from Raymond W. Sheldrake.
Elizabeth R. Valass from James Valass.
Jessie K. Bricker from Joseph Bricker.
Esther B. Cohen from Benjamin Cohen.
Agnes M. Councell from Charles H. Councell.
Beatrice Estelle Kane from Earl Kane.
Jane Graff Rock from William Baker Rock.
Morris Colchinsky from Martha Colchinsky.
Therese Eppner from Frederick Eppner.
Lloyd L. Feitz from Elizabeth M. Feitz.
Freda Horwitz from Lewis Horwitz.
May Billetter from Herman W. Billetter.
Mary C. Ashhurst from Lewis R. Ashhurst, Jr.
Lewis C. Rutch from Barbara M. Rutch.
Laura A. Hunt from Howard B. Hunt.

The following final decrees in divorce were granted by Court of Common Pleas No. 4:

[illegible] M. Scott from Jay B. Scott.
[illegible] N. Bedford from Florence Bedford.
[illegible]tte Furlong Wilson from Joseph G. Wilson.
[illegible]amin Green from Gertrude Green.
[illegible] Elizabeth Keith from Lowell Aubrey Keith.
[illegible] Reichert from Laura Reichert.
[illegible] C. Foster from James A. Foster.
[illegible] Taller from Augustus Talley.
[illegible] Vanjver from Minnie Vanjver.
[illegible] J. Perlstein from Samuel Perlstein.
[illegible] Arnold Birbeck from Florence Birbeck.
[illegible] from William Sokolowski.
[illegible] from Joseph J. Mc[illegible]

COURT'S 'DOPE' CHARGE STIRS ATLANTIC CITY

Indicted Doctors' Names Suppressed in "Corrup and Contented" City, Allegation

PROTECTION IS DENIED

Says Gambling Resorts Are Not Tolerated—Druggist Was Fined $1000

Atlantic City, N. J., March 26.

Burning resentment and sharp denials in shore official circles today, followed the declaration of Judge J. Warren Davis, in imposing a fine of $1000 upon Harry B. Leeds, a druggist, in the Federal Court at Trenton yesterday, for the habitual sale of narcotics, that Atlantic City is "corrupt and contented."

Judge Davis said he did not understand the lack of "moral fibre" in Atlantic City in commenting upon the fact that powerful influences were able to prevent the publication in Atlantic City newspapers of the fact that Doctors M. S. Lyon, Edward Gulon, Samuel Gorson and C. Barenda Weinberg had been indicted for giving prescriptions to addicts in violation of the anti-narcotic law. He intimated also that county authorities told newspapermen they might publish a copy of the indictment against one of the physicians who did not have a "pull" but must not mention the others.

Mayor Harry Bacharach issued an emphatic denial of an implied charge of protected gambling that developed in connection with the case of Harry J. Ghring, a postoffice clerk, who confessed he rifled letters for money to play in "safe" gambling resorts.

Gambling Not Tolerated

"There is no such thing as protected gambling in Atlantic City," Mayor Bacharach declared emphatically. "Our hand is against gambling of all kinds and Atlantic City is cleaner than any city in the country that I know of in that respect. Police records will bear out the statement that every known or suspected gambling place has been promptly raided and prosecutions pushed with all possible vigor. Atlantic City says to the world that gambling is not tolerated here.

"As to narcotics the evidence in practically all of the prosecutions against doctors, druggists and addicts brought in the county and federal courts has been obtained or through the police. We have combated this evil with all the means at our disposal and will continue to do so."

"It is true," said Charles Sumner Moore, who recently retired as county prosecutor, "that the Atlantic City newspapers did not print the fact that four physicians had been indicted for narcotic violations. I don't know why or how this was accomplished. It is not my business. There was no secrecy whatever so far as the courts are concerned.

One Doctor Fined $500

"The pleas of the defendants were taken in open court. Subsequently Doctor Lyon entered a plea of guilty and was fined $500. Doctor Gulon is in the army service. The case against Doctor Weinberg was not pressed, because he had previously been convicted of conspiracy in the Knittel divorce case and sentenced to State prison for one year. There was very little evidence against Doctor Gorson, and the indictment is still pending."

It developed today that the four indictments were the result of a demand from the County Medical Society that the police produce bills or cease impugning the integrity of the profession as a whole. Strong influence subsequently prevented any action by the medical society.

Divorce for Wife He Tried to Kill

Mrs. Esther Ledwith was granted a divorce today from her husband, Michael Ledwith, who is serving a twelve-year sentence in the Trenton prison for an alleged attempt to murder her. The divorce was ordered by Master Powell in the Camden court. At the time of the shooting, in September, 1915, the Ledwiths lived at 724 Clinton street, Camden.

MAY OUST LICHNOWSKY

Proposal to Exclude Prince Likely to Have Overwhelming Majority

Amsterdam, March 26.—Many members of the Parisian upper house have decided to propose the exclusion of Prince Lichnowsky, German ambassador in London at the beginning of the war, in accordance with the rule by which "any member who has shown himself unworthy can be excluded by a vote of his fellow members."

The newspaper adds that the proposal is sure to have an overwhelming majority.

A secret memorandum prepared by Prince Lichnowsky, in which he adversely criticized the German foreign policy, was published by a Stockholm newspaper recently. In it the Prince blamed the German Government for starting the war. During a debate on the memorandum in the Reichstag last week it was said that the Prince had apologized and had resigned his honors. The Prince declared the memorandum was written for the family archives and not for publication.

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PATRIOTIC PLEA SAVES AGED SLAYER'S LIFE

Verdict of Manslaughter Follows His Dramatic Story of Killing a German

Media, Pa., March 26.

A patriotic plea saved Peter Mayer, an aged resident of Morton, from the electric chair here today. Mayer was tried for the murder of John Grau, a German, and his plea was an admission that he killed Grau, but that he did so in self-defense after Grau had attacked him following an argument during which Grau boasted of Germany's successes in the war and told of his investments in German bonds. The jury in the case returned a verdict of manslaughter this morning after deliberating all night.

Sentence has not yet been imposed by Judge Broomall.

The principal evidence against Mayer was his statement made to Assistant District Attorney Weeks immediately after the killing. Mr. Weeks said Mayer told him that on the night of the killing Grau came home from his work at 7 o'clock. After supper he had given John some beer and between 8 and 9 o'clock trouble started.

According to Mayer's statement to the Assistant District Attorney, Grau said during the argument that he did not have enough money to pay his board, to which Mayer replied he did not want his board, but wanted Grau to leave the place. His reason for this was that Grau was accustomed to coming home drunk. Grau told him he would not get out.

Mayer took Grau to task, he said, for not paying taxes in this country and becoming an American citizen. At this stage of the proceedings both men began calling each other names and Mayer went into the street and called for help. Then, Mayer told Mr. Weeks, he returned to the house and got a knife and ordered Grau to get out or he would kill him. Grau did not go out and he then stabbed him. Mayer admitted that Grau did not hit him. After he had killed Grau, the accused man, according to his statement, seized him by the throat and dragged him from the house into the yard and left him lie on the snow.

"Grau said to me," Mayer testified, "I heard something good today. Germany is doing pretty good in the war; Germany is winning."

"I said to him I was sorry; that it was not good for this country; but he replied that it would be good for him because he had money invested in German bonds which would mean much for him if Germany won the war. 'You ought to have your money invested over here,' I said to Grau, and Grau replied: 'You are always standing up for the United States,' and I said to him that this was my country and he ought to be an American citizen the same as me. I told Grau he and others like him ought to be made to pay taxes because they come over here, make money and then go back to the old country. Grau said to me, 'I won't stay here when the war is over, I will go home.'"

"He grabbed me by the throat," Mayer said. "We wrestled and Grau knocked me down. I got on my feet, went out and called for help. When I returned I told him to get out as I had enough of his noise. Grau told me before he would get out he would kill me and he reached over and got me by the throat again. I got the knife. I can't tell you now how I got the knife. I felt he was going to kill me and I stabbed him and he let go and fell to the floor. I looked at him for a few seconds. I was very sorry for him. I was dazed and excited. I saw he was dead and I then dragged him from the house out into the yard."

TWO-PLATOON PLAN BY MAY 1 IS HOPE

City Officials Believe Early Reorganization of Fire Bureau in Sight

City officials hope to make the two-platoon system in the Bureau of Fire fully effective May 1, just four months after the time fixed by law.

By the appointment of 112 men, as of April 1, the bureau will need only 115 more to complete the 450 men needed to make the change in service. A total of sixty-three men took the necessary tests for hosemen today, and it is estimated that at least fifty will qualify and be eligible to appointment.

Another examination for hosemen will be held April 11, and it is hoped that from the candidates then presenting themselves the remaining sixty-five needed will qualify as a result of this test.

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ACCUSER EXONERATES LIEUTENANT OF POLICE

Witness Repudiates Testimony That Savage Took Money in Theft Case

Lieutenant Benjamin F. Savage, of the Thirty-ninth street and Lancaster avenue police station, was exonerated before Judge Martin, in Quarter Sessions Court, this afternoon of complicity in "fixing" the case of a pickpocket, charged with stealing $14 from John Spriggs, a negro. Spriggs said yesterday that the police official received money for making a settlement in the case. This resulted in a bench warrant being issued for Savage.

Spriggs denied his story today. The defendant in the case, Ernest Fox, also denied that Savage took any part in the transaction. The money was stolen last December in a West Philadelphia saloon. The jury convicted Fox.

Two policemen, both negroes, will be sent along to court today, accused of running amuck in plain clothes and blackjacking a storekeeper and his wife. They wound up at the Nineteenth and Oxford streets police station.

Nathan Snydman, proprietor of a meat market at 2161 Ridge avenue, and his wife are the persons whom the policemen, John Cheatham and Luther Cottman, are said to have assaulted. Snydman told Lieutenant Little that he was attacked after he remonstrated with the men for insulting a woman customer.

Two other policemen ran up against the law yesterday. In Quarter Sessions Court they were convicted of larceny of $200 from Miss Nellie Byrne, 1720 North Warnock street. The officers, John Gaynor and Walker Loffler, formerly attached to the Eleventh and Winter streets station, were said to be in full uniform when they snatched a pocketbook from Miss Byrne on January 23.

SHAD FISHING ABANDONED

Not More Than Dozen Men Expected to Put Out Nets This Year

Woodbury, N. J., March 26.—Shad fishing off Washington Park is a thing of the past since the Government has taken over the old resort as an ordnance station. Shad fishing was one of the spring attractions at that place and Howell's fishery was one of the big fishing points on the Delaware River.

It is believed there will not be more than a dozen men from Paulsboro, Billingsport and Bridgeport, where a few years ago there were hundreds, who will fish even in the bay, and virtually none in the river. At Pennsgrove a few men will give the fishing a trial.

Spark Fires Gasoline Truck

A spark from the engine set fire to a motor truck belonging to Louis P. Ahearn, of Seventy-fifth street and Botanic avenue, today as he was obtaining a supply of gasoline at the service station of the Gulf Refining Company, Thirty-third and Chestnut streets.

$2693 THIEVES' LOOT REPORTED IN ONE DAY

Ten Thefts, Including $1500 Motortruck, Heavy Toll

Ten thefts were reported to the police today, valuable to the extent of $2693.22 being stolen. Included in the list is a $1500 auto truck, taken from the garage of Wenkenbach & Sons, 1310 Germantown avenue, which was recovered in Camden.

Other robberies reported were: Thirty-nine cases of shoes and team belonging to A. W. Keaton, 28 North Third street, stolen from the Dock street wharf; Louis Brayer, errand boy for the Lindenbauer Company, 119 North Fourth street, robbed of $72 worth of dresses by man who sent him on a false errand; grocery store of Israel Banks, 154 East Sharpnack street, robbed of canned goods valued at $15; Henry McMullin, Eighteenth street and Thorp's lane, robbed of surveyor's instruments valued at $101; Walter J. Van Lossen, 7048 Van Dyke street, pocket picked of $56.26; Mrs. Ella Randolph, 2129 Montrose street, $20 worth of clothes stolen by sneak thief; Mrs. J. McAlear, 2423 Jasper street, $19.75 worth of clothes stolen by sneak thief; American Stores Company, 2221 Emerald street, groceries valued at $16.21 taken, and Harry Kattmiller, 1115 Fairmount avenue, held up and robbed of $90.

Brothers Die Within 24 Hours

Lancaster, Pa., March 26.—John and Isaac Beam, brothers, of Bowmansville, seventy-eight and eighty-one years old, died from paralysis within twenty-four hours of each other.

SCOUT CHIEF DECLARES SPITE CAUSED CHARGES

Boys' Organization Executive Recently Accused Complainant of Crime, Statement Recites

New York, March 26.—Charges entered against him with the United States Attorney General by John D. Gluck today were characterized as spite charges by James E. West, chief scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America. Gluck is an official in the United States Boy Scouts, West said.

West, in a statement issued today, said he had recently charged Gluck with raising funds for the Boy Scouts by means of false pretense.

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