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P. R. T. CUTS TIME ON CAR ROUTES

Company Takes Advantage of Skip-Stop to Shorten Schedules

MONEY- SAVING PLAN

Faster Time Schedules Are Ordered by P. R. T. on Certain Routes

A bill designed to end the trolley skip-stop system will be introduced in Common Council this afternoon by William Colburn...

Meanwhile, the Rapid Transit Company has started to introduce new speed-up schedules on its various lines...

Among the first lines to be speeded up is the Chestnut Hill route, No. 23.

Save Twenty-four Hours a Day... As there are eighty-five runs on this line, the time saved each day would exceed twenty-four hours.

Platform men receive 42 cents an hour during their first year and are gradually increased to a maximum of 48 cents, paid to five-year men.

Depends on Skip-Stop... The new schedules cannot be maintained unless the skip-stop system is continued.

TO REDEDICATE ST. STEPHEN'S Services to Be Held Tonight in Renovated Edifice

Rededicatory services will be conducted tonight in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Tenth street above Chestnut...

GIRARD ALUMNUS DIES HERO

Lieutenant Frank A. Howe Succumbs to Wounds... A Girard College graduate, who for several years made his home in Detroit...

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LACK OF DRYDOCK SENDS SHIP AWAY

Liner Gloucester Forced to Go to Newport News for Repairs

COONLEY TOURS BANKS

Begins Lone-Handed Port Boom Today—Cramp's Replies to Criticism

Philadelphia's lack of drydocks, for which H. W. Coonley, vice president of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, blames the apathy of local capital...

A number of other steamships in port are badly in need of repairs, but the only dock available is engaged for months ahead.

Mr. Coonley, meanwhile, has announced his intention of personally making the rounds of the city's banking houses today to ask why they do not take more interest in port development.

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Mr. Taylor's reply to Mr. Coonley's criticisms asks, "Is Philadelphia enterprise lacking, or is there something lacking in the Emergency Fleet Corporation policy?"

Whether the shipping board has some ulterior motive, which has not been made evident, cannot be definitely determined, but it has seemed to many that some intangible obstacle prevents the Emergency Fleet Corporation from adequately assisting private concerns in this port.

Whether the money invested in drydocks here is controlled here and whether the docks are located on this side of the river are secondary matters, Mr. Taylor asserts.

TENTH SHIP READY

Chester's Steel Tanker Silverbrook to Be Launched This Afternoon

The steel tanker Silverbrook, a 3000-ton steamer, will be launched this afternoon at the Chester Shipbuilding Company.

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ASKS FAIR PLAY BE SHOWN RETURNING NEGRO SOLDIERS

Wilmer Atkinson Appeals Through Armstrong Association for Proper Recognition of Services Rendered by 300,000 Colored Troops When They Resume Civilian Life

IN AN appeal made in connection with the issuance of the tenth annual report of the Armstrong Association of Philadelphia, Wilmer Atkinson, member of the board of managers, asks recognition of the services to the country of its 300,000 negro soldiers overseas when they return home looking for jobs in civilian life again.

"They should be given fair play by their white fellow citizens, in recognition of their loyal service on the battlefields of France," says Mr. Atkinson, who praises the valor of the colored troops in action. "They fought magnificently," he continues, and quotes from the letter of an officer describing a colored regiment going into battle for the first time: "Bare-headed, shirts unbuttoned or with no shirts at all, with a most unearthy yell, they went at the enemy like caged lions released. They liked to fight with the bayonet, which Fritz enjoys least of all. The stanchest Hun quails and runs before these dusky giants."

Incidentally, Mr. Atkinson calls attention to the work of the Armstrong Association, which endeavors to encourage the negro to adopt a high standard of home and civic life.

During the last year it was active in providing good housing conditions for great numbers of colored families, who came here from the South looking for work. Hundreds were thus able to find employment at Hog Island, as well as in domestic service.

The association secured jobs and placements for colored workers during the year to the number of more than 2000 in twenty-four different occupations, in a supplying house and school visitors to five city public schools, and one in a rural community. These pilgrims aim to make the school real centers of family and community improvement, and try to help bind the schools and homes together with bonds of loyalty and interest.

The association conducted one Red Cross Club last year, and organized three Girl Scout troops, and was responsible for the entertainment of numerous colored soldiers on leave in Philadelphia.

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That father, Thomas McGee, of Drum-draugh, Trillick, County Tyrone, Ireland, has not heard from his son, Corporal James McGee since November, last year. In a letter written at that time Corporal McGee said that he expected to leave soon with his regiment for France.

The letter begging news of the son was received today by Bernard J. Flynn, general camp secretary of the Knights of Columbus. The letter was addressed to the head of the K. of C. at Meade and was dated November 1.

Corporal McGee's regiment was an all-Irish organization and so far as is known, the corporal is from the Quaker city. Mr. Flynn is in hopes that friends of McGee in Philadelphia will give him some information. He will take the matter up with the War Department and try to find out something about the young soldier.

The demobilization process has swept through the city one of the most important institutions in the cantonment, the division intelligence school, in which officers and non-coms who fought face to face with the Hun on many battlefields were the instructors. The head of this school was Captain John J. Morrison, who was formerly with the Ohio National Guard and who got into a number of narrow hair-raising situations. The captain used to lead raids on Hun trenches and ferret out machine-gun nests and artillery positions. He explored dugouts, too, and was always ready with a hand grenade to clean up things. The school was continued along until yesterday when the captain closed the course.

Sergeant Harry V. Jacob of Frankford, Pa.; Sergeant J. M. Greenman, of Allentown, and Sergeants Joseph H. Vath and John O'Shea, of New York, are among other of the heroes who did wonderful work under the most death-defying conditions.

After the soldiers of the Thirty-first Field Artillery are mustered out Colonel Henry L. Stimson, its commander, who was Secretary of War under President Taft, will return to his law offices in New York.

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PRIVATE JACOB HARRIS Residing at northeast corner of Sixth and Wolf streets, wrongly reported as wounded in the casualty list

ESCAPED UNHURT IN WAR

South Philadelphia Boy Unwounded, He Writes Friends

Private Jacob Harris, of Battery D, 512th Field Artillery, writes that he is in the best of health and spirits, although he was supposed to have been in the midst of the fighting for three months, but escaped without a scratch.

He tells of the fun he was having between engagements, when the boys gathered at rest camps in the rear of the trenches and amused themselves with singing and games.

Private Harris is twenty-one years old, and his home is at the northeast corner of Sixth and Wolf streets.

HUMANE SOCIETY MEETING

Animal Rescue League Will Elect Officers Today

The annual meeting of the Animal Rescue League of Philadelphia will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at 34 South Eighteenth street. Election of officers will also be held from 1 to 4 o'clock.

The following are nominees: President, Miss Katherine Craig Biddle; vice president, Mrs. Bradbury Hedell; secretary, Mrs. T. F. Halvey; treasurer, Samuel Hindis Thomas.

Honorary vice presidents—Miss Jane Craig Biddle, Mrs. William B. Chamberlain, Mrs. John H. Easby, Mrs. James Halvey, Mrs. Frederick Hemmley, Mrs. Albert Lincoln Hoffman, Mrs. A. J. Kelly, Miss Annie C. Knight, Mrs. A. Sidney Logan, Mrs. Frederick T. Mason, Mrs. George McClellan, Miss Henrietta P. Ogden, Mrs. Albert Pancoast, Mrs. Clement B. Wainwright and Mrs. Aubrey Williams.

SIX NIGHT SCHOOLS TO CLOSE

Small Attendance Causes Superintendent Garber to Act

Six elementary night schools will be closed this month by the Board of Education because of small attendance. The schools are the Longfellow, Martin, Hannah, Mount Vernon, Hockell and Stetson.

Figures show 6000 pupils are now enrolled in the evening schools in the high schools and 12,000 in the elementary schools. Since 1914 the number of evening elementary schools has dropped from thirty to eight.

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COUNCILS TO ACT ON PAY RISE BILL

Measure Increasing Salaries Under \$2000 Up for Passage Today

METER ORDINANCE, TOO

Finance Committee to Report \$100,000 Peace Fund and Other Appropriations

Councils are expected today to pass the 10 per cent salary increase bill that will benefit 12,541 city employees who receive \$2000 or less a year.

The increase will be effective as of July 1, and Mayor Smith will sign the measure within the next day or two, making it possible for the beneficiaries to get their back pay this month.

It was the administration's backing to this increase measure that led hundreds of delinquent city and county officeholders to pay up their political assessments to the Republican city committee long after the November election was over.

Not until the administration approved the increase did many employees of most bureaus dig down to swell the "war chest," a part of which it was said, went to cover expenses incident to the Fifth Ward murder cases.

So many hundreds of city and county workers failed to pay up before election that it was evident that without a bonus of some kind the collections would fall many thousands of dollars below the amount demanded by the political leaders.

Administration Made Good... It was after this situation became dangerous that a third and last appeal was sent out and at the same time the administration made good its 10 per cent increase promises of long standing.

As the political assessments range from two days pay to 4 or 5 per cent of the salary received by place holders, the increase handsomely covers the fund demanded by the politicians.

The most important bill, from the viewpoint of the average citizen, that will be reported to Councils today is the one providing for universal water metering of the city during the next five years.

This measure will be approved by Councils' special committee on water meters prior to the meeting of Councils. As framed it provides that the property owners will have to pay the cost of installation of meters after that cost has been ascertained through the city's securing proposals from the different meter companies.

It divides the city into five districts, each district to be metered in each of the next five years. It provides further that the owners of property shall pay the minimum charge for the water supply, while all in excess of the minimum shall be collectible from the tenants. To secure prompt payment of excess water charges no tenant falling to pay water charges can secure water in any section of the city until the old bill is settled.

Bills that will be reported from the Finance Committee include a salary bonus measure for 1919 and appropriation bills for most of the large city departments. In these latter measures provision will be made for \$100,000 peace fund for Mayor Smith, out of which will come \$60,000 for overcoats for the home defense reserves. The remaining \$40,000 will probably be used for "incidentals." Provision will also be made allowing \$50,000 extra for plumbing at the city's home for the insane at Byberry. This was made necessary because William McCoach, Jr., drew up his contract with the city for the plumbing, this allowing the buildings to remain useless over another winter. Suit against McCoach and the National Surety Company will be started as soon as a new contract can be let.

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