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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, of the Forty-sixth Ward. It requires that cars shall stop at all streets marking a new hundred in the house numbers and any other important street at which a rider may wish to alight.

Meanwhile, the Rapid Transit Company has started to introduce new speed-up schedules on its various lines, despite protests of many citizens' organizations that reckless operation of the trolleys has been responsible for many recent fatal accidents.

Among the first lines to be speeded up is the Chestnut Hill route, No. 23. The running time was shortened yesterday by what is said to be a schedule introduced as a feeder and preliminary to still more drastic cuts.

Five minutes are cut from the time allowed for each round trip. Some cars make three trips a day and some make four. This would make an average of 17.5 minutes saved on each run each day.

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. In a full week of seven days the saving would amount to more than 173 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. Placing the average wage at 45 cents an hour, the saving to the company under the new running time, on Route 23 alone, will be something over \$83 a week. If the speed-up methods are extended to all the eighty-four routes in the city, as predicted, the financial benefit to the company will be considerable.

Depends on Skip-Stop
The new schedules cannot be maintained unless the skip-stop system is continued. The skip-stop also permits economies in many other matters. Fewer stops mean less consumption of electric current, as indicated by the fuel authorities when the system was inaugurated. In addition there is less wear on brake shoes and airbrake pumps, and these items, small in themselves, mount up quickly when all the cars operated by the company are taken into consideration.

Finally fewer cars will be needed to make the same number of runs as are now maintained. The company has decided that the skip-stop system involves the withdrawal of any cars, but it is understood that a number were taken off when the system was first placed in operation.

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, the interior of which has been reconstructed and rededicated by the generosity of Miss Anna J. Magee, daughter of James Magee, for many years a vestryman of the parish.
A large pulpit and lectern of Champville marble were installed last year by Miss Magee in memory of her sister, Fanny S. Magee. The inner vestibule was built of Champville marble and the balcony removed on the right side to correspond with the vestibule. The woodwork has been finished in dark walnut with a gothic pattern. The flooring has been raised in Casco stone, the baptistry rebuilt in Champville marble and ingenious and artistic lighting arrangements introduced.
The Rev. Dr. Carl E. Grammer will officiate at the services.

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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, has been sharply emphasized by the departure of the steamship Gloucester from this port for Newport News to dock for repairs.

A number of other steamships in port are badly in need of repairs, but the only dock available is engaged for months ahead. One ship has been waiting since October 5 and another since November 15.

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.

His criticism of the failure of local interests to acquire any of the three drydocks authorized by the shipping board drew a reply from H. B. Taylor, vice president of Cramp's, in which it is indicated that the shipping board withheld definite assurance as to allocation of shipping which might have justified such an investment.

Loss of \$5,000,000 in Repairs
The Gloucester, which left port yesterday, was used in the Merchants and Miners' Line service between here and Jacksonville. Its place on the line was taken by the steamship Nantuxet, brought here from Baltimore.

"During twenty-five years as representatives of foreign underwriters, we have seen more than \$5,000,000 of repairs have been turned away from Philadelphia to other ports where drydocking facilities were available," said Captain William S. Samuel, local agent for Lloyd's of London, and other underwriters.

"We have but one drydock capable of taking a ship of 400 feet keel, the navy yard dock at League Island not being available for merchant ships. As the tendency is now to build ships of a greater length than 400 feet, the bulk of overseas shipping will in a short time be entirely without drydocking facilities in Philadelphia. There should be no hesitation on the part of capital in forming a ship repair company with an equipment of one basin drydock of 700 feet, and one sectional dock of at least 500 feet."

Taylor Haps E. F. C.
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?"

"The Emergency Fleet Corporation's failure to secure any private proposition for the construction of a drydock and repair yard which they consider acceptable to themselves, is one of the facts mentioned by Mr. Coonley which cannot fail to strike the general reader. Is this failure to secure these facilities due to a lack of local interest, or is it due, as might naturally be inferred, to their insistence on terms which nobody would accept? If the fleet corporation insists on impossible requirements, the result is to accept them is no evidence of lack of interest."

Any concern that would commit itself to acquiring one of the drydocks, without assurance from the shipping board that sufficient shipping would be assigned to the port to justify the investment, or without guarantee of writing off the excessive war costs, would cause disaster, Mr. Taylor indicated.

"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," his statement reads.

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.

GIRARD ALUMNUS DIES HERO

Lieutenant Frank A. Howe Succumbs to Wounds

A Girard College graduate, who for several years made his home in Detroit, where he worked for a tire concern, met a hero's death when Lieutenant Frank A. Howe died of wounds, September 13. Lieutenant Howe went to the Fort Sheridan officers' training school in May, 1917, where he was the youngest man enrolled. Due to that fact, he was kept over for the next training school and did not receive his commission as second lieutenant until November. He was one of five officers selected immediately for foreign service as a reserve officer in the regular army.
When he was transferred several times, but when he met his death he was with the First Division, Company A, twenty-eighth infantry. It was this division that sailed with General Pershing last February. His friends believe that he was killed in the St. Mihiel battle. No telegram was received by his grandmother, Mrs. O. J. Howe, with whom he lived in Detroit, until the first of November. The last letter received from him was dated a week before his death and in it he told his expectation of an early battle.
Lieutenant Howe was twenty-two years old and was graduated from Girard College in 1914.

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 pilots 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.

Private Jacob Harris, of the 35th Central Postal Directory, was wounded in the casualty list.

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Small Attendance Causes Superintendent Garber to Act

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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. On September 22 fourteen evening elementary schools were opened, but it was necessary to close them shortly afterward on account of the epidemic of influenza. When they opened three weeks later there was an unusually small registration and the attendance has continued to be small.

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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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