

16 LABOR UNIONS FIGHT ZONE FARES

20,000 Camden Workers Add Protests to Proposed Trolley "Gouge"

MASS-MEETING MONDAY

Reversion to Five-Cent Ride Demanded in Resolutions Adopted

Sixteen labor unions, representing 20,000 workers of Camden, have added their protests against the zone system of fares proposed by the Public Service Railway Company.

Delegates from the unions called together by William Hartman, district organizer of the American Federation of Labor, met last night in Mozart Hall, Broadway and Washington street.

Resolutions, unanimously adopted, protested against the proposed zoning system and demanded the restoration of the five-cent fare.

The Public Service Railway Company's request for authorization of the zone system is to be heard at Newark next Wednesday by the Public Utilities Commission.

At the request of David Jester, president of Council, invitations have been sent to all Councilmen of the city urging them to attend the mass-meeting of trolley riders of the county in Camden on Monday night.

It was reported yesterday that a Camden County official intended with Thomas N. McCarter, president of the Public Service Trolley Company, had suggested to members of Camden's councilmanic committee appointed by President David Jester to fix the zoning scheme that they should seek a compromise with the company on the proposition.

The proposed zoning system provides for an initial fare of five cents for the first mile of travel, with a cent for each additional mile. The "suggestion" was that the initial five-cent fare include two miles of travel instead of one.

It will not do, declared Councilman William S. Abbott, chairman of the special committee of Camden Council, when the report was brought to his notice. "It would be most unfair to thousands of families who live in East Camden, Cramer Hill and other outlying sections within the city limits, who would still be affected by the zoning provisions."

Tonight residents of Cramer Hill and East Camden will voice their protest at an indignation meeting at Macmerchor Hall, Twenty-seventh street and River avenue, Camden. Thousands of citizens in his section, Mr. von Nieda said, have already signed petitions of protest to be forwarded to the Public Utilities Commission.

Another indignation meeting is scheduled for tonight in Town Hall, Haddon Heights. Under the zoning system the fare to this suburb would be eleven cents. It was formerly five, and is now seven.

WOULD KEEP MEMORY GREEN

Secretary Houston Suggests Naming Trees for Heroes

Washington, March 21.—Nation-wide observance of Arbor Day through the planting of trees dedicated to soldiers who died during the war was urged yesterday by Secretary Houston in a letter to Governors of the states. He asserted he could not conceive a better way to keep alive the memory of those who had fallen.

"Now that the great war has come to its conclusion," Mr. Houston said in his letter, "we shall need many ways to perpetuate the memory of those who made the great sacrifice. It has been happily suggested that we do this by adorning with young trees, each named for a fallen soldier, our waysides, our yards and our pleasure places. This can be done on Arbor Day, which is now at hand in most of our states. Such an observance of the day will give it a meaning more profound, a purpose more exalted, than it ever had before."

\$70,000,000 FOR RAILROADS

Hines Announces Certificates of Indebtedness Will Be Issued

Washington, March 21.—Walker D. Hines, director general of railroads, announced last night the roads certificates of indebtedness to the amount of \$70,000,000, which will enable them to take care of their requirements, such as interest and dividends due April 1. The certificates of indebtedness or warrants will be issued to roads on account of rents due on other government indebtedness.

It is the government's plan to make these certificates collateral for loans to be advanced to the roads by the War Finance Corporation, and the War Finance Corporation announced that it is prepared to receive applications from the railroad for advances for its April 1 requirements on the certificates authorized by the railroad administration.

Woman Heads Penn Law Class

Miss Ethel Donahue last night was elected president of the sophomore class of the University of Pennsylvania Law School. This is the first time in the history of the Pennsylvania Law School that a woman has been elected president of any of its classes.

MOURNERS ARE GLEEFUL OVER LAST "OBSEQUIES"

Enjoyment So Great at Funeral Services of "John Barleycorn" That Services Will Have to Be Held All Over Again to Afford More Hilarity

BARLEYCORN.—Suddenly, JOHN, son of Iniquity, Relatives and Friends Invited to Burial Service to be held in the Central Branch, Y. M. C. A., on Sunday afternoon, March 23.

Funeral services were held in the Tabernacle Methodist Episcopal Church, Eleventh street above Jefferson, last night, but the "mourners" made such a popular affair of the ceremonies that a repetition is necessary to accommodate everybody.

The obsequies last night was a joyous occasion. The sermon was preached by Clinton N. Howard, who took as his subject a "Joy Ride to the Grave" and as his text one thirty-fifth verse of the thirty-seventh Psalm.

"Can any good be said of John Barleycorn?" asked Mr. Howard, who is known as the "Little Giant" because of the greatness of his oratory and smallness of his stature. "Yes," he answered his own question. "He was a good liar, a good murderer, a good robber, and if Herod knew of his slaughter of the innocents the old king would turn in his grave."

"It is the custom," said Mr. Howard, "to give an eulogium and a popular sinner a decent funeral, and we are here for that purpose. Will the funeral please come to order!"

There is no need to fear a resurrection of this corpse, Mr. Howard believes. The signs of life remaining, the occasional motion on the part of old J. B., are, the prohibitionists say, the motions of a cock that has been beheaded or the squirms of an eel in the frying pan.

Mr. Howard told how he had named his son after Neil Dow, and how that son, when he was nine years old, was present at the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Father of Prohibition.

"When the lad was asked if he would grow up and make prohibition speeches like his father," said Mr. Howard, "he replied, 'No,' and when everybody laughed, he added, 'because it won't be necessary.' The boy will be twenty-one next year, and it won't be necessary for him to make such speeches."

James Arnold, chairman of the Prohibition party, president at the meeting, and short speeches were made by Mrs. Mary V. Stringer, president of the Philadelphia County W. C. T. U., and H. F. Dittman, representative of the Prohibition party. The Rev. Michael Fanning offered a prayer.

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BUREAU BULLETIN RAPS DUAL COUNCILS

Advantages of Charter Revision Outlined in Weekly Talk on Municipal Research

Advantages which the city would derive through the operation of the proposed new city charter are set forth in the weekly bulletin issued by the Municipal Research Bureau. It is the second of a series of explanations on the proposed charter.

The bulletin explains at length the seven main points in the new charter bill. Particular emphasis is laid on the reasons why the present dual system of Councils should be supplanted by a single chamber.

"Progress in Philadelphia for many years has been retarded by the city's unwieldy two-chambered system of Councils," says the bulletin.

"Philadelphia today shares with Baltimore the doubtful distinction of being the only large American city still clinging to that system, and even in Baltimore, where the system is prescribed by state constitution, the total number of councilmen in both branches is only thirty-seven, as compared with Philadelphia's 145."

"Acting often as a check and obstruction to meritorious measures, but never preventing the passage of inequities such as the gas steal of 1905, the two-chambered system has long since demonstrated its absolute uselessness as far as municipal affairs are concerned."

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BIDS ON 52 MILES OF ROADS OPENED

200 Firms Compete for State Work—Average Cost \$40,000 a Mile

HARRISBURG, March 21.—Bids were opened yesterday for more than fifty-two miles of road construction work, the lowest figures submitted showing the roads will cost \$2,121,000, or a little over \$40,000 a mile. This average is considerably lower than any that has prevailed since the war started.

Representatives of 200 contracting firms were present. The crowd was so dense that when the bids, the first to be opened under the reorganized department, were submitted, many of the bidders had to stand out in the corridors. It was proposed that the crowd move to the Senate chamber, but the law provides that all bids must be opened in the State Highway Department.

The bids today were on jobs in Adams, Berks, Carbon, Clinton, Columbia, Delaware, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Greene, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lehigh, Monroe, Tioga and Warren Counties. The various jobs their location and the lowest prices submitted in eastern counties follow:

Delaware County, Clifton Heights borough, 545 feet bituminous surface and vitrified block on a concrete foundation. Eastern Paving Company, Philadelphia, \$69,537.68.

Monroe County, Coolbaugh township, Route No. 108, 23,510 feet of re-enforced concrete pavement. Foundation Company, New York, \$141,627.40.

Lehigh County, upper and lower Macungie townships, Route No. 157, 35,935 feet of re-enforced concrete pavement. Blaisdell Contracting and Engineering Corporation, Brooklyn, N. Y., \$24,101.08.

Lancaster County, Colerain township, 5600 feet of re-enforced concrete pavement. Souder Construction Company, Lancaster, \$40,482.50.

Berks County, Spring township, Route No. 149, 8284 feet of bituminous surface on a concrete foundation. Eastern Paving Company, Philadelphia, \$53,808.84.

Adams County, Strabana township, Route No. 123, 27,520 feet of re-enforced concrete pavement. M. Bennett & Sons, Indiana, \$182,229.50.

PENN LAW SCHOOL DEAN FOR LEAGUE

Declares Stand Simultaneously With Announcement of Poll of University Students

Simultaneously with the announcement that a straw vote on the League of Nations is to be taken at the University of Pennsylvania, William E. Mikell, dean of the Law School, announced himself in favor of the League.

"It is absolutely essential that we have some sort of a league, in substance that which President Wilson presented on his return from Paris," Dean Mikell said.

"If the League of Nations as it now stands had existed in 1914 this war never could have occurred, and unless some league is adopted embodying the points of President Wilson a similar conflict is in prospect at no distant time."

The poll of the University students will be held from Monday to Friday under the auspices of the Pennsylvania student organ. The voting will take place from 9:30 a. m. to 10 o'clock p. m. on the second floor of the offices at 3351 Woodland avenue. Ballot boxes will be used.

This is the second straw vote to be taken at the University in the last two years. The last vote was on the presidential election and at the time allegations of ballot box stuffing were made. Every effort to prevent a repetition of these charges will be made.

In announcing the poll of the students, the Pennsylvanian explains today that the decision was made because of the interest and discussion on the subject among the students.

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