BLAME POLITICIANS FOR BRIDGE DELAY

Camden Real Estate Men Say People Will Have to Build Span

5 PROSPEROUS YEARS SEEN

Atlantic City, March 3.—"Politicians are going to hold back this Philadelphia-Camden bridge just as long as they possibly can. Real estate men and the people at large will have to get together and build that little bridge, because the politicians are not interested in anything which does not benefit them directly," Robert D. Clow, Jr., president of the Camden Real Estate Board, declared at an intercity meeting of the Atlantic City Real Estate Board at the Hotel Traymore last night. William H. Wilson, president of the Real Estate Board, of Philadelphia, was a speaker also.

Mr. Clow took exception to the declaration of William H. Wilson, president of the Philadelphia Real Estate Board, that a state board for the licensing of real estate operators is the final solution of one of the most troublesome problems of the profession. The grave danger, he said, is that "curbstone" brokers may be placed at the head of such licensing boards through political influence.

The Philadelphian said prospects point to five, at least, and possibly ten years of unprecedented prosperity for real estate operators, and asserted that legitimate brokers cannot afford to be anything but honest and honorable with the public. Atlantic City, he asserted, is destined to be an all-the-year-round city, with tremendous advancement in the immediate future.

Shore brokers voted to co-operate with the Philadelphia realty men in a real estate and builders' exposition, to be held in that city in April. Mayor Moore is to stand upon a miniature representation of the projected interstate bridge connecting the Philadelphia and Camden exhibits in the opening of the exposition.

SEES PLOT IN SECOND HARKNESS ROMANCE

First Wife Says Rival Stole Husband's Love to Get Fortune

New York, March 3.—The second move in the fight for the $20,000,411 estate of the late Harry S. Harkness was begun yesterday by Marie M. Cowan, the first wife of Mr. Harkness, against Mrs. Florence Strauber Gaines Harkness, the second wife. Papers in a suit for the value of the estate were filed in the county clerk's office on behalf of Mrs. Cowan, now the wife of Kennett Cowan, a broker.

Mr. Harkness died January 23, 1919, and a will executed on that day was admitted to probate subsequently. The will left the entire Harkness estate to Mrs. Florence S. Harkness. Two weeks ago Mrs. Cowan sued to set aside this will and produced a "mutual contract" made between her and Harkness by which each made the other beneficiary of all the testator's property in the event of death.

In the papers filed yesterday Mrs. Cowan alleges "on information and belief" that while she was the wife of Harkness, Mrs. Florence S. Gaines became intimately acquainted with him, knowing that he was her husband, and that eventually he would inherit large means from his father, the defendant began and continued a course of conduct with Harkness "which was intended and calculated to estrange him from the plaintiff and this result was eventually accomplished."

In 1915, 1916 and 1917, according to Mrs. Cowan, Harkness was in the company of Mrs. Gaines "almost daily and took her for long trips with him, going alone with her by automobile to various road houses and resorts in unfrequented sections in and near New York, and that they would remain in these resorts several hours at a time, and at times would not return to New York city until daylight."

The defendant, while still the wife of Gaines, it was asserted, frequently kissed and embraced Mr. Harkness and "otherwise lured and enticed him away" from his wife.

Grocers to Discuss Prices

The Philadelphia fair-price committee has invited a number of the heads of grocery chain stores to a conference in the Finance Building this afternoon, in order to discuss a schedule of fair profits on groceries and canned goods.

BUSINESS NOTES

According to reports from those in close touch with conditions in England, that government is encouraging in every way the sale of English goods to this country. Not only is it hoped to improve the exchange situation in this way, but the opportunity is being grasped by English manufacturers to sell to this market while their prices on the present exchange basis are so favorable toward getting them business.

Fashion continues to favor ribbons, and as a result such goods are not suffering from the temporary slump that has occurred in broad silks. The period following the holiday trade was one of uncertainty to manufacturers, who were not sure whether goods bought to replenish stocks would be moved as quickly as usual. This uncertainty has about passed and, from investigations made by the wholesalers, retail sales are keeping up briskly.

In the brisk retail trade being done in silks, manufacturers see prospects of a more active business in the wholesale line, which has been quiet lately. The leading houses are in a frame of mind where they are willing to offer some price concessions, but at the same time they cannot see where buyers can expect to purchase goods at the prices prevailing six months ago. The slump in raw material values will, of course, be reflected in the goods end, but increased labor charges will prevent, it is said, full advantage being taken of the slack.

Prices for spot stocks in the market for crude rubber continue easy at the recent decline, under the influence of only a fair demand, principally from dealers. Rubbers available for immediate shipment are quoted from 1 cent to 1½ cents a pound under those to arrive, and the further away the arrival the higher the price.

In company with the demand expected for caps and cloth hats, furnishing goods dealers also predict an exceptionally good season for wash ties for the same reason they expect the other articles to do so well, namely, the price consideration. Wash ties, it is pointed out, can be made to sell for 50 cents, at which price a good grade can be furnished, whereas in the cut silk lines only the poorest qualities can be sold at that figure.

No great volume of business was done in gray goods yesterday. Buyers paid 23 cents for March-April deliveries of 39-inch 68-72s, with March 38½-inch 64-60s again selling at 22 cents. In the sheetings there were sales of 4.70-yard goods at 20½ cents for delivery in the next thirty to sixty days. Fine-yarn cloth sales included nearby shipments of 40-inch 88-80, 8.50-yard combed lawns at 27½ cents. Forty cents was paid for similar deliveries of 39-inch 64-104, 4.20-yard sateens.

Reports from importers of ostrich feathers here indicate a marked revival in demand in the last two weeks, following a period in which things might have been more active.

So active has been the demand for women's novelty sweaters of fiber silks and wool since the beginning of the year that very large advances in the business taken during the period over that book in a similar time last year are reported by the trade.

WILSON AIDS SUFFRAGE

Urges West Virginia Senators to Ratify the Federal Amendment

Charlestown, W. Va., March 3.—President Wilson has entered the lists in West Virginia favoring woman suffrage and ratification of the federal amendment, according to a statement made last night. Senator Burr, Jefferson county, and Senator Frazier Putnam county, received messages from the President requesting them to exert their influence toward ratifying the amendment. Both senators in the vote Monday were among the fourteen voting against suffrage. Mr. Burr is not expected to change his vote, but Mr. Frazier's stand is uncertain. If he changes his vote it will mean reconsideration of the amendment and ratification today when the Senate takes up the resolution again.

The Senate, after being in session only a few minutes yesterday afternoon, adjourned without attempting to reconsider the vote of Monday, when the suffrage ratification resolution was lost by one vote.

Seattle, March 3.—Governor Louis Hart has called the Washington Legislature to meet in special session on March 22, to consider the federal suffrage amendment and to provide funds for state schools.

PROBE POISON-GAS CHARGE

U. S. to Investigate German Inventor at Request of War Victims

Hartford, Conn., March 3.—(By A. P.)—Eleven former soldiers, permanently crippled by German poison gas and now inmates of Wildwood Sanitarium here, yesterday received word from the Labor Department in Washington that an investigation would be made into the status of Robert Bexer, a German chemist and inventor, who recently came to this country.

The ex-soldiers recently sent a protest to Washington against Bexer's admission to this country. Appended to the petition was a newspaper dispatch from Boston, in which Bexer was quoted as saying that he was the inventor of a poison gas used by Germany in the war, and that he had come to the United States to take a position with the International Harvester Co.

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The above issue of new stock will be made on the basis of share for share of the Preference and Common Capital Stock, issued and fully paid up as at the close of business on the 5th day of March, 1920, and each Shareholder is entitled to subscribe and pay for one new Common Share in respect of each share held by him.

Holders of Bearer Share Warrants who present their warrants at the office of the Company at 56 Church st., Toronto, Canada, or at The Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, 16-22 William st., New York City, U. S. A., on or before the 15th day of March, 1920, are entitled to subscribe and pay for new shares on the terms mentioned above.

All Bearer Share Warrants presented as aforesaid must be accompanied by certified check (that is, check duly certified or accepted by a bank) or bank draft made out to the order of The Farmers' Loan and Trust Company for account of International Petroleum Company, Limited, and payable at par at a bank in New York City, U. S. A., for the full amount due of $5.00 per share on each new share subscribed for. The Bearer Share Warrants presented as aforesaid will be stamped "Ex Rights 1920" and returned to the parties presenting them together with the share warrants for the new shares subscribed and unpaid for.

Failure to exercise the rights to subscribe for new shares within the time and in the manner aforesaid will subject those rights to forfeiture.

The books of the Company will be closed from the 6th day of March, 1920, to the 20th day of March, 1920, inclusive, and no Bearer Share Warrants will be "split" during that period.

No warrants for "rights" will be issued and shareholders who desire to split warrants in order to sell part of their holding to enable them to pay for the new shares must do so on or before the 5th day of March, 1920.

Holders of Bearer Share Warrants are recommended to send warrants, together with their remittance, by registered mail, insured, as the Company is not responsible for share warrants lost in transit and duplicate share warrants cannot be issued.

By Order of the Board,

J. R. CLARKE, Secretary.

56 Church st., Toronto, Canada, 23d February, 1920.

Dividends

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.

A dividend of Two Dollars per share will be paid on Thursday, April 15, 1920, to stockholders of record at 3 o'clock of business on Friday, March 19, 1920.

On account of the annual meeting, the transfer books will be closed from Saturday, March 20, to Tuesday, March 30, 1920, both days included.

G. D. MILNE, Treasurer.

THE PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC CO., 1000 Chestnut st., Phila., Pa., February 10, 1920.—The Board of Directors has this day declared a quarterly dividend of one and three-quarters (1¾) per cent (being 43.75 cents a share) upon capital stock of this company, payable March 15, 1920, to stockholders of record February 19, 1920.

H. C. LUCAS, Treasurer.

Annual Meetings

OFFICE OF

The United Gas Improvement Company

N. W. cor. Broad and Arch sts., Philadelphia, March 1, 1920.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of The United Gas Improvement Company will be held at the office of the Company, Northwest Corner of Broad and Arch streets, Philadelphia, on Monday, May 3, 1920, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing a President and six Directors for the ensuing year, of considering and acting upon the subject of a proposed increase in the authorized capital stock of the Company from 1,221,450 shares of the par value of $50 each to 1,521,450 shares of the par value of $50 each, all of such increase shall be Seven Per Cent Cumulative Preferred Stock, also entitled to preference on liquidation to the par value thereof and accrued unpaid dividends, to be issuable in whole or in part at $55 per share and accrued unpaid dividends, to have same voting rights as the common stock and to have such other rights, privileges, preferences and limitations as may be defined at said meeting of authorizing issue of 122,000 shares of said Preferred Stock to be issued and disposed of by the Board of Directors at such time or times and upon such terms and conditions as the Board shall approve, provided, however, that said shares shall be offered to the stockholders pro rata for subscription, if the balance of the authorized shares of said Preferred Stock to be issued from time to time, but only when and as authorized at a subsequent stockholders' meeting, of transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The stock transfer books will be closed from 3 p. m., April 21, until 9 a. m., May 4, 1920.

By order of the Board of Directors.

G. W. CURRAN, Secretary.

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY
General Office
Broad Street Station, Philadelphia
5th February, 1920.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company will be held on Tuesday, the 9th day of March, 1920, at 11 o'clock a. m., in Witherspoon Hall, 1321 Walnut street, Philadelphia, at which meeting the annual report of the Board of Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1919, and such other subjects as may be properly presented, will be submitted for consideration and action by the stockholders.

Stockholders may obtain copies of the annual report and the necessary tickets of admission to the meeting on and after the 2nd day of March, 1920, by personal application at, or by letter to, the secretary's office, room 269, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

LEWIS NEILSON, Secretary.

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