

and, amounting to \$750,000. That total is increasing by \$187,500 a month, he said.

Payments Due December 31 "When are your next rental payments due?" asked Mr. Gordon. "The critical moment for us is on December 31," was the reply. "Have your men forgive their wages in the expectation that the company would get relief soon and be able to pay them?" asked Mr. Gordon. "They have," Mr. Mitten replied. "Will the company be able to go on if it doesn't get present relief?" "It will not," Mr. Mitten said. At this point Commissioner Clement asked: "If the P. R. T. is granted relief now can it get along on the increased revenue or will it be necessary to return again to the commission?" Mr. Mitten replied: "If the abolition of transfers and exchanges had been granted when we made the original plan we would have had the company \$3,000,000 annually and put the company on 'Easy Street'.

"There was no deficit then. Now we not only have a \$3,000,000 a year deficit, but we must meet the deficit of \$1,600,000." Mr. Clement persisted in his original question, asking if Mr. Mitten believed the new fare plan would carry the company through. The P. R. T. head replied the only reason the company was sticking to the five-cent fare was because of the position of a higher fare would be impracticable.

Made Play for "Short Riders" Mr. Mitten explained that during the nine years he has been connected with the P. R. T., the company built up its property and earnings above that of any other city. The number of riders doubled, he said, providing an income of \$5,000,000 from that source. The company conducted its service especially to the benefit of the great number of patrons at the lowest possible rate of fare. Mr. Mitten pointed out that much of the short riding would be extremely difficult to run if a departure was made from the basic five-cent fare. The P. R. T. president said he believed the company was giving the greatest amount of service to the greatest number of patrons at the lowest possible rate of fare.

Commissioner Clement interjected: "It is said, Mr. Mitten, that the proposed straight fare plan would carry a woman employed at the navy yard, she said she would have to pay fifteen cents to reach that place from her home, while others would be charged five cents. Chestnut Hill could go there for five cents."

"That may be true and we may eventually have to establish some system," Mr. Mitten said, "but this would require a general community understanding to make a zone fare practicable. What we ask now is emergency relief. This relief would be taken away from the lines used by the short riders. In every plan for increased revenue some one must pay more money than formerly. We cannot increase it."

Commissioner Benn asked: "If you get this relief in a short time it would carry the company over until the valuation was completed, then you would have figured on that basis a permanent fare, would you not?" "Exactly so," replied Mr. Mitten. "I could not have expressed the situation better myself."

Other Cities Are Cited Replying to questions of Mr. Gordon, Mr. Mitten showed that in Buffalo and in other cities in which the basic fare was raised from five to seven cents the companies in those cities lost large amounts. "If we go to a higher basic fare," he said, "we will lose more than any other city because we created the five-cent short ride demand to a larger extent by better merchandising in other cities."

Asked by Mr. Gordon how much the company would lose if the short rides were eliminated, he replied: "About \$5,000,000 a year." At this point, Commissioner Benn remarked: "At the end of December, Mr. Mitten, I understand you will have \$2,000,000 less than in the month of September, and the wages of the men and the underlying rentals. Will you have to default in either the pay of the men or the rentals?" Mr. Mitten answered that unless the company obtained relief it would have to default in one or the other.

"What would you do?" queried Commissioner Clement. "I have chosen," he replied. "This brought me more applause from nearly fifty more conductors and motormen at the hearing. O. Oscar Beasley, counsel for the United Business Men's Association, began an examination of the P. R. T. plan which continued for more than an hour. Mr. Beasley tried to show that the company was not its own master and that it was dominated by the Union Traction Company."

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up with questions concerning the underlying rentals, possible changes in trolley routes and other questions bearing on fixed charges and capitalization, asked by representatives of the business men's associations. In every such instance, Commissioner Clement ruled that the rental and routing questions were not involved in the proceeding. "We can't deal with the underlying rental question until the Superior Court decides whether we have jurisdiction," said Mr. Clement. At one point in Mr. Mitten's testimony, when he was fretting under questions concerning the company's capitalization, Commissioner Benn interrupted. The commissioner told Mr. Lewis it was not necessary to complete a valuation of the company's property before the present request could be granted.

Cites Past Decisions "The commission repeatedly has given emergent and necessary temporary relief pending the determination of a just and reasonable rate based on valuation proceedings. This was done only recently in Pittsburgh." When Mr. Beasley questioned Mr. Mitten concerning routing, mentioning the Bridgetown line, on which car riders come to the center of the city now pay ten cents instead of five as formerly, Mr. Gordon interrupted. "This is interesting but entirely irrelevant," he said. Mr. Mitten explained that no routing will be made by the P. R. T. except upon application to the Public Service Commission.

"You must recognize," he said, "that the people of Frankford, Tacony, Fox Chase and other suburban sections get more than their share of the streetcar straight five-cent fare plan would produce inequalities in various parts of the city. Any system except the zone fare system will produce inequalities, but the straight five-cent fare plan is the simplest, least burdensome and most productive of public good at this time. Only the zone fare plan is a better solution than the one now being introduced," he declared, "on short notice."

Mr. Mitten added that to attempt the zone fare plan now would cause endless confusion. "What if you were to charge a six-cent fare and continue giving transfers?" asked Mr. Beasley. "It would only hasten bankruptcy," Mr. Mitten replied. "It would drive a great many persons of the cars." Referring to a recent statement by Mr. Mitten that the zone fare plan would be required if the company was not granted a straight five-cent fare, Mr. Lewis asked for an explanation. "If we lose the five-cent fare we will lose the streetcar business. Admittedly we have added \$5,000,000 annually to the P. R. T.'s income," Mr. Mitten said. "If we abolish the basic five-cent fare we would destroy much of the work of the P. R. T. men and management have accomplished."

LYNCHERS KILL 4 NEGROES MacClenny, Fla., Posses on Trail of Farmer's Slayer MacClenny, Fla., Oct. 6.—(By A. P.)—MacClenny was quiet today following the shooting yesterday of four negroes and the shooting to death of a fourth, but further trouble was feared in event of the capture of Jim Givens, negro who shot and killed John Harvey, farmer, Saturday night. Posses late last night were on trial of Givens and it was believed his apprehension was only a matter of hours. Harvey was shot and killed at a turpentine camp about ten miles northeast of here. The three negroes lynched, Fulton Smith, Rayfield and Ben Givens, mother of the negro who was lynched, it was said. The quartet escaped, but Smith and the Givens brothers were captured and placed in jail. A mob surrounded the jail, forced its way in and shot the prisoners. The three prisoners to the outskirts of the town and tying them to trees, shot them to death. The body of Sam Duncan, a fourth negro, was found with his arms and legs. He had been shot to death.

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PENNA. MAN TELLS OF CHINESE MURDER

Horace Lequear Says the Rev. W. A. Reimert Was Offering Food to Bandits When Shot U. S. FLAG DISREGARDED The story of the killing of the Rev. W. A. Reimert, the American missionary shot by soldier-robbers at Eupung Collo, Yochow, Hunan, China, is told in a letter from Philadelphia to Atlantic City, Oct. 6, by Mr. Lequear, of New Britain, about twenty miles north of Philadelphia. Mr. Lequear was an eye-witness to the shooting, which was done while the clergyman was promising food to the murderers and pleading with them to spare women and children. In order to fully understand the tragedy," wrote Mr. Lequear, "the political phase must be told. The Chinese Government at Peking appointed Chang-Yao governor of Hunan province. His rule has been cruel and greedy, and both among his rabble of northern soldier-rabble have been but little better than murderers and robbers. The outraged Hunanese, supported by the United States Government, have driven Chang and his troops out of Hunan, but unfortunately, we at Yochow City were, in June, in the Chungking street, and suffered because of that fact.

Some Taken to Safety "Retreating Chang soldiers appeared, and fearing trouble we asked the Custom House people to take our women and children to a point of safety ten miles from Eupung, where they were taken on a steamship transportation to Kuling. The commissioner himself responded in person and took Mrs. Lequear and our family with him, others waiting for a later trip. "Two hours later a band of the soldier-robbers landed on a boat and sailed to the village below our compound. The people appealed to us for protection. Mr. Reimert, Mr. Bacheman and myself went among the refugees trying to quiet them, and we saw the American flag at the top of the staff. "Just as this was done, a captain and eight of his brigands demanded entrance at the main gate. They declared to the Rev. Mr. Reimert that they were hungry, and his reply was that food would be prepared for them if they would wait a brief time. Some laughed at him, others showed their anger—and as the missionary stood there, pleading they were merciful to women and children, they shot him down. "Then they forced their way in and started to loot. Mr. Bacheman was dragging the dead body of Mr. Reimert away, and I guided the women—Mrs. Hoy, Mrs. Reimert and her two young old daughters—into the thickets and long grass. Mr. Bacheman, with the aid of students, removed the minister's body to the Reimert home, a third of a mile away. The soldier-robbers were still looting, we slipped from the thicket to the house. "Fled in Disguise "More of the bandits were coming from the shore, so we changed our white clothes for gray garments, and we went to the thicket. At midnight a night Doctor Adams, who had been reached by one of our messengers, arrived with horses and took the women away to a place of safety. "After a sleepless night, because of heavy rains and terror, we crawled out after daylight and mingled with the throng of teachers, students and farmers. The soldiers, who were looting, did not notice us. In addition to Mr. Reimert, a farmer was killed and several wounded. "A funeral a guard of fifty soldiers from a Yochow division was on duty and we were not molested. And during the funeral services the U. S. flag was hoisted on the bay. From that day to this we have been guarded by either American sailors or Chinese soldiers."

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Makno Quits Wrangle and Joins Bolsheviks London, Oct. 6.—(By A. P.)—General Makno, the Ukrainian commander who has been operating under the name of Wrangle, the anti-Bolshevik leader in South Russia, has joined the Bolsheviks and has been given a command under the Soviet administration against Wrangle, it is asserted in a wireless dispatch from Moscow today.

MAYOR LOST IN JERSEY; WATERWAYS MEET DELAYED

Convention Managers at Shore Telephone Frantically as Moore and Chauffeur Pick Way Through Backwoods Lanes Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 6.—Mayor Moore left it to be known today that the secret of his delay in arriving at the convention yesterday afternoon was that he got lost in the wilds of New Jersey. "Happy" Johnson, his chauffeur, and mobile picked out the wrong trail and the first thing the Mayor knew he was heading up a backwoods lane. His eyes were wide open as he looked at "Happy" Johnson's boydgrays, that he was going to put another program on the waterways program—a canal project from Philadelphia to Atlantic City. "Then," said the Mayor with a smile, "we would no get lost; there's nothing like water to get you straight." The convention was to open at 2:30 in the afternoon, and as that hour quickly passed and there was no sign of the Mayor, officials of the convention were becoming concerned. They finally telephoned to Philadelphia and learned that he had left City Hall at half-past 11. Then calls were put in for various points along the way. After a wild ride of nearly four hours the Mayor showed up. Incidentally the Mayor, as indicated, brought "Happy" Johnson with him. "Happy" has not figured on going to the shore. Hence these words from Happy: "Here I am. The Mayor says to me, 'To the ferry?' No," said the Mayor, "all the way." "Not me," says I. "Yes," said the Mayor, "we could not get along without you," so here am, without a collar. Imagine the Mayor at the shore with the Mayor without a clean collar." "Where are you stopping?" Happy was asked. "Lord, knows," replied collarless Happy. Mayor Moore is the guest of J. S. W. Holton, president of the Maritime Exchange, Philadelphia, in the latter's Chelsea cottage.

Such Is Fame! Even Name of Pepper Is Forgotten

When George Wharton Pepper, eminent attorney and senator at the Union League Republican campaign luncheon, came into the dining room today before his speech, an enthusiastic cheer leader arose and shouted: "All together—three cheers for George Horace Wharton." Then the 620 diners laughed him down.

Penrose Suffers Health Relapse

Setback in Recovery Makes It Necessary to Cancel Many Engagements SMYTH WILL SEE MAYOR Durrell Shuster, secretary to Mayor Moore, today announced that he was getting ready to file a protest against the arrangements for the convention of the Deeper Waterways Convention Association. Shuster said many of the delegates had trouble getting admission badges to the pier and some had been obliged to pay a tax of \$1.00 before getting into the convention yesterday would not go near the pier today. Shuster said that at former conventions the Deeper Waterways Convention Association had full charge of the registration of delegates. Here this registration was taken over by the Hotelmen's Association, which he pointed out, certificates from the hotels at which they were registered. Lacking such a certificate, which would be the case if the delegate was stopping with friends here, a badge of admission could only be had on the payment of the admission charge.

Refuse to Enroll Women on Lists

Woman Wants Money Back. Minna J. Vile, a housekeeper of 140 Sigel street, which is in the Twenty-ninth division of the First ward, demanded that the Pennsylvania State Commissioner give back her fifty cents for a tax receipt, when she appeared before the tax collector this morning. Mrs. Vile explained that, though she had been assessed a tax receipt, she had been sold her at her polling place, and she had not been registered. Then the registrars discovered their error and told her she could get her money back. "So I came to get my money back," she explained. "You can use the tax receipt for voting next year," the Commissioners told her. "I don't want to use it next year," she protested. "I might be dead next year." It was explained that the commissioner was powerless under the law to help her, and that she would be obliged to ask the courts to remove her name from the list, so that the record might be straightened.

SPROUL PUTS PENNA. FIRST

Would Rather Be Old Fence Here Than Palace in California Harrisburg, Oct. 6.—"I'd rather be an old white-haired fence in Pennsylvania than a palace in California," said Governor Sproul, principal speaker yesterday at the Pennsylvania District Kiwanis Club convention. He spoke on the necessity of pride in the state and said that such organizations as the Kiwanis Club are needed to develop a sense of civic pride and community betterment.

CAN'T RESIST MACARONI

Italian Hunger Strikers Vied to Famine National Dish Ancona, Italy, Oct. 6.—The Ancona hunger strike is over. A platter of delicious macaroni was set before the strikers, and they were unable to resist it, quickly abandoning their fast. The hunger strike was started by persons charged with being involved in the anarchist riots last June as a protest against the delay in their trial.

SHRINE INITIATES TONIGHT

Class of 1500 to Be Admitted at Opera House Ceremony Lu Lu Temple of Mystic Shrine, tonight will hold their first meeting in the Metropolitan Opera House since the order bought its new million-dollar home. One of the largest classes ever to be received will be taken into the shrine tonight when 1500 candidates will be initiated.

THREE FLEE FROM HOSPITAL

Two Psychopathic Patients Still at Large in Pajamas and Bathrobes Three convalescent patients used a spoon to pick a lock and escaped from the psychopathic ward of the Philadelphia Hospital, Thirty-fourth and Pine streets at 2 o'clock this morning. The patients are John Jamison, William Ferguson and Harry White. Reaching the yard of the hospital, they scaled the high stone wall and escaped in their pajamas and bathrobes. Jamison later returned to the hospital, but Ferguson and White are still missing. They were last seen crossing the South street bridge.

SPROUL ADVOCATES INLAND "FEEDERS"

Governor Tells Waterways Congress Canals Would Aid Merchant Marine Atlantic City, Oct. 6.—Governor Sproul addressed the deeper waterways convention at noon today and urged development of inland waterways as "feeders" to the new \$1,500,000,000 merchant marine. The key to the linking of the inland waterways from Boston to Miami is the building of the proposed canal across New Jersey from Bordentown to the Raritan Bay, for which the state has pledged \$1,000,000 to buy the right of way and dedicate it to the federal government. This was the argument of all speakers at the morning session of the convention.

George F. Washburn, president of the Massachusetts Real Estate Exchange, presided. J. Spencer Smith, chairman of the New Jersey Board of Commerce and Navigation, the first speaker, told the delegates, who applauded, that New Jersey was ready to deliver title to the land for the new canal when Uncle Sam indicated a disposition to accept it and did the important connecting link that would enable the shipment of freight from New England to the southern way of the inland channel. Commerce and industry advantages that would be created by the building of the canal and that these benefits would not be local, but national.

MISS FLORENCE BARTON

Chicago society girl who was slain by hold-up men on a lonely road near Kansas City while motorizing with Howard Yester, of Kansas City division of the Fifteenth ward, which is not the division of either of the two men. Yester, said Rosenberger and the other had bought the receipt, and that it had been issued at City Hall. The commissioners were gasping for air by this time and refused to rule on comment on the case until they had had a consultation.

Greet Confirmed Globe Trotter

Commissioners and attendants greeted an old friend Edward J. Bell, of 1428 Spruce street, in the Eleventh division of the Seventh ward. Mr. Bell, a wealthy retired business man, is very much of a "globe trotter," and for years has been forced to apply to the commissioners for his place on the voting lists because he is always somewhere else than in Philadelphia on the registration days. A safe deposit box, inaccessible on his way home from Canada. Before the war it usually was somewhere en route from Europe. He was granted the right to be registered here on Saturday afternoon, figured in the application of Dr. Barton J. Brown, of 1828 West Toga street, in the sixth division of the Thirty-eighth ward. Doctor Brown was one of the city on the first two registration days, and on the last could not get his tax receipt because it was locked up in his safe deposit box. He was placed on the rolls. Miss Josephine Bright, of 1300 Spruce street, in the ninth division of the Seventh ward, was without a tax receipt on the morning of September 27, and on the third had to be out of the city. She, too, was registered. For the first day of the hearings there was a fairly large crowd at the office of the commissioners. Both men and women were in evidence, the men, however, predominating in numbers. The commissioners will sit until October 23.

COLDEST DAY SO FAR

Mercury Drops to 45, Then Starts Climb for Day This is the coldest day so far this fall. According to the official figures of Forecaster Bliss, the temperature at 6 o'clock this morning was 45 degrees. The low record for this day was in 1892, when the mercury fell to 36 degrees. Three years ago it was 43 degrees. Last year on September 27 the temperature was 45 degrees, as cold as it was today. The blanket and overcoat manufacturer and the householder with coal in his cellar greeted today's weather with a smile of content, even joy. The autumn tang in the air had no terrors for them. Its cool, invigorating effect brought to them a realization of their happy lot, but others less fortunate realized with a start that autumn was here and winter but a short distance in the offing. Frost made appearance in the outskirts of the city, and its effects could be felt in all sections. Residents of open sections saw the first real white coating of frost on the lots early in the morning, but the sun soon did away with it after it appeared.

Leather Factory Burned

Birmingham, N. Y., Oct. 6.—The Norman H. Parke Leather Co.'s plant at Great Bend, Pa., was destroyed by fire last night. Damage is estimated at \$500,000. The company was one of the largest manufacturers of chamois leather in the country.

Board Gasps at Puzzle

Nathan Rosenberger, 2923 North Thirty-first street, made two appearances in the registration court today, the first time with a tax receipt dated September 4, the second time with a receipt dated September 2. The commissioner was unable to get an explanation of the differing dates and held the case under advisement until they could consult counsel. When Rosenberger presented his September tax receipt he was refused, as it was two days beyond the legal time. An hour later he returned with Frank Rabinov, of 524 Washington avenue. Rabinov asked to take the case, and having been permitted to do so, said the tax receipt held by Rosenberger, who is an old man and cannot read or write, was in order. Examinations of the paper showed the date was September 2. "Who changed the date?" asked the commissioner. Rabinov did not know, and Rosenberger, put on the stand, said he did not know either; that he was unable either to read or write, and that the receipt had been bought for him by Rabinov. The receipt was issued for the Second

550 PUPILS MARCH FROM SCHOOL FIRE

St. Donato's Mother Superior Marsha's Children in Line and Prevents Panic PARENTS RUSH TO SAVE

Five hundred and fifty students in St. Donato's parochial school, Sixty-third and Callowhill streets, marched safely from the building to safety at 10:10 o'clock this morning when fire threatened it. The only confusion was caused when one little girl fainted in the excitement caused by anxious parents rushing into the building to save their children as the students marched out. Sister Emelio, the mother superior, coolly directed the exit of the children after Sister Josephine discovered the fire and called the fire apparatus. The blaze, probably due to crossed electric wires, was confined to the floor between the first and second stories. There was much smoke but little fire. Patrolman McAnally and Sergeant Smith, of the Sixty-first and Thompson streets station, arrived in time to aid the instructors escort the last party from the school. The Rev. Pedro McChatt, pastor of St. Donato's Church, also aided. Of the 550 students in the building about 150 attended the kindergarten. The damage is estimated at \$600.

NAB ALLEGED CAR ROBBER

Fleeing Youth Surrenders After Detective Fires at Him William Weber, seventeen years old, of Daley street, Second ward, arrested at 10 o'clock this morning on Water street and Snyder avenue after a detective had fired several shots at him. The Pennsylvania Railroad Co. reported to the police of the Fourth street and Snyder avenue station that a man was attempting to rob box cars on the siding at Front and Ritter streets. District Detective Aern and a patrolman went to Front and Ritter streets. At their approach Weber fled.

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