

FOES OF TRANSIT BILL CHANGE FRONT

Public Hearing to Be Held on Millar Measure Next Tuesday

PROTESTS FLOOD ASSEMBLY

Protests sent to Harrisburg on account of the recent attempt to kill the Millar transit bill in the Senate have caused a change of front among opponents of the measure, and word was received here today that a public hearing would be held on the bill next Tuesday.

The bill provides that the Public Service Commission shall have authority to investigate rates paid by holding transit companies to their subsidiaries and where excessive, reduce them.

The measure was introduced two weeks ago in the House by Representative A. S. C. Millar, of this city, with the intention of bringing about investigation of the rates paid by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co. to the operating companies.

The bill passed the House, receiving a unanimous vote on its final passage. Senator Aron, a lieutenant of David B. Lane, has been the most active member of the Senate in trying to kill the bill in committee.

Members of this committee declined to state what action they would take on the measure when questioned concerning it last week.

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Romance Shattered



MRS. GEORGE MILLER GEORGE MILLER

Fifteen-year-old bride of former policeman who is suspected of ownership of auto "slaughter house" where stolen cars were destroyed.

Miller met the girl when he was on a beat outside her classroom. The romance followed.

The girl's father, a former policeman, was arrested Thursday charged with destroying automobiles to obtain insurance for their owners.

Miller's farm, at Point Pleasant, Pa., fifteen miles above Doylestown, is characterized by the police as a "slaughter house" for automobiles.

On it were found the burned bodies of many machines. Miller also had a home in this city at 2207 Amber street.

Mrs. Miller said at the hearing in Central Station yesterday, at which Miller was held under \$1500 bail, that she had fallen in love with her husband when he was a patrolman. She was then Marion Van Gilder.

Miller covered a beat which included her home and he gave her candy and helped her across the street.

They were married in Elkton, Md., after Miller had been divorced from his first wife. When they returned, the girl's mother forbade the two to live together, due to the girl's youth.

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WHARTON BARKER DIES AT AGE OF 74

Noted Financier and Trustee of University of Pennsylvania

Once Led Populists

BUILT CZAR'S SHIPS HERE

Wharton Barker, banker, economist, editor and once Populist candidate for the presidency, died at his home, Wall Garden, Port Royal avenue, Roxborough, shortly before 1 o'clock this morning.

The funeral will take place Tuesday at 12 o'clock from his home in Roxborough. Interment will be private.

Mr. Barker was seventy-four years old, and his illness and death were not unexpected. He had been seriously ill for two weeks and had been in poor health for several months. His family was at his bedside when death came.

Presidential Candidate

Forty years ago Wharton Barker was an international figure in the financial world and his influence and activity continued on a broad scale for many years thereafter.

In 1898 he was nominated for President by the Populist party at a convention held two years before the election. In the campaign of 1900 he opposed McKinley and Bryan, the Republican and Democratic candidates.

Mr. Barker polled about 50,000 votes throughout the country, the majority coming from states in the South. Texas alone gave him 20,000 votes.

On November 29, 1911, testifying at Washington before the Senate committee on interstate commerce Mr. Barker quoted a conversation he had had three or four weeks before the Presidential election of 1904 with a banker of world prominence, who, he broadly intimated, was the late E. H. Harriman.

The banker, Mr. Barker testified, had told him the "money powers" had been planning the election of Alton B. Parker as President, but had arranged "a deal" with Theodore Roosevelt which the railroads would gain enormous advantages if Mr. Roosevelt were elected.

Mr. Barker said he did not believe his informant at the time, but later months after Roosevelt had been inaugurated, he wrote to the President and said that events had shown the banker spoke the truth.

This sensational testimony was characterized as "a pipe dream" by Mr. Roosevelt shortly afterward.

Long a Penn Trustee

One of Mr. Barker's distinctions was that he was the second oldest member of the board of trustees of the University of Pennsylvania. His time of service was exceeded only by that of Charles C. Curtis Harrison. Mr. Barker had been a trustee since 1880.

As a trustee he was outspoken for freedom of speech among the faculty of the University.

The noted financier and economist was born in this city May 1, 1846, the son of Abraham Barker, a millionaire banker and shipowner. After a preliminary education at Charles Short's school he entered the University of Pennsylvania and was graduated in 1865. He entered his father's banking house, Barker Bros. & Co., Sixth and Chestnut streets, the following year.

In Confidence of Czar

In 1878 he was made confidential agent for what was then the imperial Russian Government.

In the late nineties, Mr. Barker was largely responsible for the building of a part of the Russian "new navy" as it was then called, at Philadelphia. He acted as host and guide to a technical committee of Russian naval officers and so convinced them of the ability and workmanship of Philadelphia shipyards that the contracts for a number of their ships were placed here.

Later Czar Alexander made him a knight of the Order of St. Stanislaus.

In recent years, in his private office on South Fourth street, Mr. Barker, when in reminiscence mood, would recount some of his experiences in Russia in connection with mining and railroad development there.

After Harrison's election it was an open secret that Mr. Barker expected to be named secretary of the treasury.

But in giving a cabinet place to Bryan in the last sixteen years has entertained John Wannamaker, appointing him postmaster general.

Some years later Mr. Barker threw



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his influence and his mental grasp into the formation of a third party, asserting that neither the Republican nor the Democratic party properly represented the people, and that the time was ripe to break away from the old-line parties and plant a new political banner on the heights of defeated power.

SCHOOLBOY OF 16 MISSING

Max Kerson, sixteen years old, has been missing for two weeks from his home, 2378 Frankford avenue. He left the house early in the morning and went to Second and Noble streets, where he conducted a small hosiery stand.

When last seen, he had left his school books in a nearby store. According to his mother, Mrs. Rachel Kerson, the boy had quarreled with his father prior to his disappearance.

He wore a suit of mixed goods with a dark cap. He carried a small sum of money with him. His mother has suffered a nervous breakdown as the result of his absence.

TELMOSSE IS SPOON MAN

Senior Class President Wins First Honors at U. of P.

John Charles Telmosse has been awarded first honors as spoon man of the senior class at the University of Pennsylvania.

Daniel J. McNicol was elected bowl man, which carries with it second honors; Elisha John Bingham was chosen cane man, or third honor man, and Walter E. L. Irwin, spade man, or fourth honor man.

Telmosse is from Springfield, Mass. He was freshman class president and last June was elected senior class president for this year. He is the first Penn man ever to have held two class presidencies.

Bingham's home is at 2427 East Chestnut street, this city.

McNicol lives at 4635 Hazel avenue. He is a son of the late Senator James P. McNicol. He is captain of the varsity basketball team.

Irwin lives at 229 West Ritten street, Norwood.

Opium Users Fined

Magistrate Mullets Chinese Found in Race Street Room

Long John and Yung Wah, of New York, were found in a stuper with an opium outfit nearby, in a fourth-floor room of a house on Race street above Ninth last night.

At a hearing before Magistrate Mullets the men were fined \$10 and costs.

FRANCE DECORATES REGIMENTS AT DIX

Three Foot Units and Signal Company Are Awarded Fourragere

FIRST DIVISION HAS CORD

Three regiments and the signal company of the First Division received the fourragere at a brilliant ceremony this morning upon the parade ground at Camp Dix, N. J.

The regiments honored by the French Government are the Sixth Field Artillery, the Seventh Field Artillery, the First Engineers and the First Signal Company. The fourragere is the green and red shoulder cord that is worn by members of a regiment, after that regiment has been cited twice or praised twice in French army orders.

Each of the regiments has been so honored during the great war, and were awarded the shoulder cord today. The fourragere is green and red, corresponding to the red ribbon of the Legion of Honor.

Major General Charles P. Sumner, commanding the division, read the French army orders conferring the right to the fourragere upon the units, and the entire division marched past in review.

The First Division has been signally honored, and has won its laurels in many a hard fought battle. Already the units of the division wearing the shoulder cord of honor are the Sixteenth Infantry, Eighteenth Infantry, Twenty-sixth Infantry and Twenty-eighth Infantry. The whole division, therefore, now wears the fourragere.

TRY TO RUN DOWN POLICE

Speeders. Halted, Drive Car at Patrolmen on Girard Avenue

Following a collision of two motor cars going west on Girard avenue at high speed early today, one was driven directly at two patrolmen who ran into the street commanding the drivers to halt.

Patrolmen Lynch and Taggart, of the East Girard avenue station, jumped to one side as the car plunged at them. The driver twisted his wheel and sent the machine west, again. Lynch fired one shot in the air, but the car was not halted. Its running board was damaged in the crash.

The other automobile, which had stopped for less than half a minute after the bump, was driven rapidly up Marlborough street. It was not damaged by the collision.

Unemployed Man Attempts Suicide

Unable to find employment, Daniel Carter, seventy-seven years old, of 2522 Hedge street, attempted suicide last night, according to the French police, by shooting himself. The aged man used a small caliber revolver, and only inflicted a flesh wound on the left side. He is being treated at the Frankford Hospital.

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PATIENTS IN FEAR IN HOSPITAL FIRE

Nurses at Cooper Institution, Camden, Avert Panic When Laundry Burns

Bevory and presence of wind of the nurses averted a panic among patients when fire was discovered last night in the laundry and power house of the Cooper Hospital, Camden. The building, at the rear of the institution, was destroyed. The loss was about \$20,000.

The engineer of the hospital was in the laundry and quietly turned in an alarm.

When the patients thought that the place was in danger many made efforts to leave their beds. Nurses visited the various wards, and calmly reassured the sufferers they were in no danger.

Realizing the danger of panic, the firemen worked with a little commotion as possible.

Captain Charles Fitzsimmons, of Engine Co. No. 2, was buried under a pile of debris when a portion of the laundry roof fell. He was rescued quickly by fellow workers and escaped with a few bruises.

The afternoon program was made up of a reading by Miss Katherine Elnor, a solo by Mrs. Helen Glenn, and a play. The leading parts were taken by the Misses Ruth Tanguy, Ann Harford, Lorna Christie, Edith Cogley, Hildegard Hexamer, Evelyn Arnold, Mary Baumgartner and Emma Bailey.

MAY DISMISS HALLISSEY

Haverford Police Chief to Lose Job if Charges Are Proven

Edward T. Hallissey, chief of police of Haverford township, arrested on charges of driving an automobile while intoxicated and threatening to kill a patrolman, will be dismissed if the charges are proved before the board of commissioners.

Richard S. Dewees, a member of the board, said that such action would be taken. He conferred yesterday with Horatio G. Lloyd, chairman of the board. Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Dewees, who constitute the board's police committee, suspended Hallissey.

Other members of the board are Samuel H. Moore, George W. Dewees, Horace T. Johnson and William R. Cooke. The board will take action on the case at a meeting next week.

BOY KILLED BY TRUCK

West Philadelphia Lad Victim of Skidding Machine—Seven Hurt

William Abrams, fourteen years old, of 2422 Stiles street, was killed at 1:35 p. m. and Walter Young, seven years old, was injured by a truck which skidded on the wet paving. The driver of the truck, Charles Voghtman, 2272 Taggart street, was arrested.

Mrs. Mary Nell, forty-six years old, 2005 Walton avenue, received two broken ribs when struck by a motor-truck while crossing Market street at Forty-fourth. Edward Horn, of Highland Park, driver of the machine, took the woman to the Presbyterian Hospital and then surrendered to the police.

Report 495 Deaths Here in Week

The division of vital statistics reported 495 deaths this week in Philadelphia, compared with 506 last week. Next cases of diphtheria fever reported totaled 150. Last week's total was 125. The disease caused four deaths this week.

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