PROBERS OF WRECK MAY REPORT TODAY

Inquiry Into P. and R. Disaster, Killing at Least Twenty-seven, Nears End

340 WOODEN CARS STILL

A statement is promised by the Reading Railway today as to what has taken place during the secret investigation into the causes of the Bryn Athyn wreck, which took a toll of at least twenty-seven lives. It is expected to be the last day of the probe.

Agnew T. Dice, president of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, made one statement so far. In it he acknowledges that there are 340 wooden passenger coaches in service on the road, only 205 all-steel cars and only steel underframe coaches. The wooden coaches were built between 1901 and 1907.

Several days ago Mr. Dice issued a list of questions which he would like to have answered.

Questions Asked

The questions submitted by Mr. Dice follow:

"First: How long has it been since the Reading Railway owned the particular make of locomotive and passenger cars such as hauled the Bryn Athyn wreck?

"Second: What is the number of wooden coaches in operation on the Reading today?

"Third: Is it true that wooden coaches are 50 years old, expensive to repair, unsafe and otherwise undesirable?

"Fourth: How much would it cost to replace the wooden coaches with all steel equipment?

"Fifth: Whose specifications would be necessary for this change?

"Sixth: Who is there no automatic signal protection on a single-track line of the railroad's New York branch?"

Answers to Questions

Mr. Dice's reply is as follows:

"The last wooden coaches built for the Reading were turned out in 1907 and eight in 1907.

"There are in service on the Reading today 340 wooden cars, 90 steel underframe cars and 205 all-steel cars.

"Wooden coaches are not used exclusively on trains operated between Philadelphia and New York, nor on any other express trains.

"To equip all trains with steel cars would cost approximately $17,000,000, without allowing for necessary collateral requirements, such as providing additional heavy passenger engines. The type of engines used in local service now are many of them too light to haul solid trains of steel cars.

"The authority of the Board of Directors is, of course, necessary to install additional equipment. The difficulty has been recently to finance the requirements for equipment rather than to get the authority to build.

"The signal and safety devices on the Newtown branch, as well as elsewhere on the road, are believed to be proper and adequate.

"Traffic on the Newtown branch is light and trains are infrequent. It seems impossible in railroading, as well as in other activities, to entirely eliminate the human element.

No New Coaches Since 1917

"The last steel coaches were built by the Reading under contract entered into in 1917, just before we entered into the war. We have not completed for any since that time on account of the fact that on January 1, 1918, the railroads were taken over by the Government. They were returned to us on March 1, 1920, with the treasury in a depleted condition and war rates computed for six months during which it became the guaranty period. We have not effected a settlement with the Government for either the Federal control period or the guaranty period, and, in common with the other railroads in the United States, have been unable to do much more than meet the necessary day to-day expenses.

"We have appreciated the necessity for additional steel equipment as well as for many other improvements. Unquestionably but for the war and the resultant confusion and financial depression this company would have constructed the police wires, the specifications for which were prepared and contracted in 1916 and 1917, and the way of building fifty steel coaches per year and other equipment was a step."

Inadequate Answer on Signals

The answer to question No. 6 to Mr. Dice was not fully answered. What the newspapermen endeavored to learn was about automatic signal protection on the Newtown branch and Mr. Dice's reply was that the signal systems from Philadelphia to Newtown and Bryn Athyn were adequate. When the Bryn Athyn wreck occurred on the Philadelphia route the electric engineers there was no way for the second train to get a signal to stop knowing there was a train ahead. Automatic signals would be a check on the engineer. Mr. Dice's reply to Mr. Meyer's question that the engineer belongs to the class of men who have nerves that will stand the strain much easier is considered impossible for the public to digest.

When the questions were handed to him several days ago Mr. Dice said that he expected to make his reply in more than one statement. Last night the appearance in the form of the statement was a surprise to newspapermen.

Investigation Continues

The investigating committee consisting of officials of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, several members of the Public Service Commission and three members of the Interstate Commerce Commission held another executive session yesterday. Railroad officials threw up their hands in horror at the thought of admitting newspapermen to the session. News in the history of railroading, one official said, "have newspapermen been admitted to such meeting."

Despite the secrecy of the session, which is being conducted by railroad officials, Coroner Neville declared yesterday that all of the witnesses will be heard at the inquest into the deaths of the passengers and that as always the inquest will be public.

The funeral of Edgar Borton will be held this afternoon, in Southampton, first of the funerals from that town. The funeral of Adolph Schneewels will be held tomorrow from the home of a brother at 4442 North Fifth street. The funeral of Elmer W. Ransom, one-time ticket agent at Woodmont, will be held tomorrow, from his home in Bethayres.

Funeral services for the nine unidentified victims will be held in Churchville early next week. The stone will be buried in a lot purchased by the Philadelphia and Reading Railway. A monument will be erected over the grave.

The Rev. J. Stockton Roddy, of the First Presbyterian Church, Gloucester, N. J., formerly a pastor in Churchville, with the Rev. Dr. W. Rouley, of the Lansdale Baptist Church and former pastor of the Davisville Baptist Church, in Southampton, will officiate at the services.

A committee of four residents of Southampton and Churchville has been appointed to arrange for the services, which will be held as soon as the bodies are released by the Coroner.

Bryn Athyn Funerals Conducted

Funerals of few of the victims of the Woodmont wreck, near Bryn Athyn, were conducted yesterday, and others will be held today and Saturday.

The body of Dr. J. Irvin Hatch, of Newtown, was taken to Reading, and services were conducted at the home of his brother-in-law, Dr. Melvin H. Allen, president of the International Masonic Clubs. The services were private, and interment followed in the Charles Evans Cemetery, in Reading.

The body of Edward C. Vogel, fireman of Train 151, rests in Hillside Cemetery, Abington, the interment being late yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted at his late home, 7203 Rising Sun avenue, Rvers, in Montgomery County. Members of several fraternal orders, as well as railroad associates, attended.

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PARKS LURE UNDESIRABLES, TESTIFIES CHIEF SCANLON

Haverford Police Head Witness at Hearing in P. R. T. Case

"Undesirable" men and women are always present at amusement parks, declares the Philadelphia Rapid Transit seeks to build at 52d and Market streets, it was testified today by the Media chief. Hearings are being held by Public Service Commissioner Scott, of Philadelphia, regarding efforts of the transit company to obtain a franchise for the park. Chief Scanlon testified that his duties when detailed to amusement parks had been to apprehend pickpockets and petty thieves, and not to police the parks.

Julius S. Adams, vice president and general manager of the Philadelphia and Western Electric Railways Company, who has managed several amusement parks in various parts of the country, testified that parks are not considered "undesirable" by the communities that have them, and that the crowds would have a bad moral effect on the children.

Children would probably suffer no ill effects from being indoctrinated in an atmosphere of constant amusement and music, he said.

INVITE BRIAND TO LONDON

Asked to Confer With Lloyd George on Reparations

London, Dec. 9.—(By A. P.)—Premier Briand, of France, is to be invited to London for a conference with Prime Minister Lloyd George on the Wiesbaden agreement and on the general subject of reparations in kind from Germany. This move is a result of discussions between Sir Robert Horne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Louis Loucheur, French Minister of Devastated Regions, who negotiated the Wiesbaden agreement with Walter Rathenau, former German Minister of Reconstruction.

The conferences have led to a general survey of the economic situation of the world. M. Loucheur, who is returning to Paris today, is conveying the invitation to Premier Briand.

While the question of a moratorium for Germany is understood to have been considered by the Financial Committee of the British Cabinet, it was unofficially stated that the Cabinet had not yet expressed any definite views on that subject. The growing feeling that the discussions now going on in London might prove favorable toward a moratorium has caused a further recovery of the German mark, which today was quoted at 700 to the pound sterling, compared to 800 to the pound previously.

FORMER HOTELMEN HELD

Jerseyites Say Liquor Found Was for Themselves, Not Customers

C. R. Chester, proprietor of the Hay Way Hotel, on the Winchester Pike at Brooklawn, N. J., was held in $1000 bail for the Federal Jury charged by United States Commissioner Jacobs on Camden. He is charged with violation of the Volstead act. About $100 worth of liquor was found in the hotel by George Baxter, Federal agent, who testified that he was in the employ of the hotel as a waiter for a week before he made the raid.

Another proprietor, [illegible] of Lawnside, N. J., was held in $1000 bail on a similar charge.

Mrs. Caroline Wilson, of Stratford, Camden County, testified for the government that she entertained at the hotels that were conducted by the men. She said she paid $5 a plate for dinner and that there was plenty of liquor served. She said she had been invited to attend parties at the hotels by the proprietors.

MURDER TRIAL NEAR END

Fate of Young Bandit to Be in Jury's Hands Today

CO-EDS MUSTN'T SMOKE

Fags Outlawed in Women's Dormitories of Chicago University

CREDITORS SUE PATHE CO.

Liabilities of $3,000,000 Alleged in Petition in Bankruptcy Proceedings

New York, Dec. 9.—(By A. P.)—Involuntary bankruptcy proceedings against the Pathe Freres Phonograph Company were instituted in Brooklyn today by three creditors who allege the concern had $3,000,000 liabilities with assets of $2,000,000. The petition said the company admitted inability to meet its obligations in a resolution recorded yesterday on the minutes of the executive committee.

The complaining creditors are Lenox Press, Inc., printing; Samuel Allen Weeks, insurance premiums, and the H. G. Nye Company, with claims exceeding $17,000.

SELLS TOYS MADE BY WOUNDED SOLDIERS

In the Blue Room of the Bellevue-Stratford yesterday these girls, occupational therapy aides, sold toys made by wounded service men now in Public Health Service Hospital No. 49. Left to right—Miss Alice Headley, Miss Mary Gallagher, Miss Helen Taylor and Miss Elizabeth Frutchey

BANDITS AND U. S. AGENTS RIVALS FOR BIGGEST RAID

Robbery of Kentucky Distillery Parallels Drive on Moonshiners

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 9.—(By A. P.)—Federal prohibition agents in Kentucky just concluded one of the largest raids in the history of prohibition enforcement in the State. While bandits there have just committed one of the most successful distillery raids ever made in Kentucky.

Such is the result to date this week in the war between Federal agents and moonshiners. Instead of a breathing spell today, following a busy week in the Kentucky counties, Federal agents are off in search for the upward of a score of whiskey bandits who last night, in a spectacular raid, got away with 195 cases of bottled-in-bond and ten barrels of whisky from the T. B. Ripy Distillery at Tyrone, Ky.

Early in the week many prohibition enforcement agents, with Robert Blackburn, chief agent, at the head, invaded Nelson, Washington and Marion Counties. When the agents came out late yesterday the raid had yielded seven prisoners, ten stills and thirty eight foundations were broken up, and 10,000 gallons of beer and sixty-eight gallons of moonshine destroyed.

The bandits, in raiding the Ripy distillery, captured four guards and three passers-by and, after immobilizing them, put them in a vault in the distillery office while they loaded the whisky into motortrucks and automobiles and drove off.

SEEKS TO SET ASIDE SALE OF COAL CO. TO SYNDICATE

Stockholder Avers Interests Were Not Sold to Highest Bidder

A petition, it is expected, will be filed today in the United States District Court here, asking that the sale of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, by the Central Railroad of New Jersey to the Reynolds syndicate, of New York, be set aside. It will be asserted that the company's coal stock was not awarded the highest bidder, declared to have been the Franklin Securities Company, of this city.

It is alleged the loss was $12 a share on the 160,788 shares of the coal company stock owned by the railroad by reason of the sale. The sale was at $32,500,000. Thomas Reburn Wilcox, the attorney representing the petitioner, holding 3200 shares of Lehigh Central stock. Two petitioners, Henry Evans, president of the Continental Fire Insurance Company, and [illegible] Phoenix Insurance Company.

DR. HADLEY ELECTROCUTED

Army Surgeon Who Killed Wife Pays Penalty

Richmond, Va., Dec. 9.—(By A. P.)—Dr. Wilmer Amos Hadley, former army surgeon and [illegible] was executed at the State penitentiary here today for the murder of his wife. Dr. Hadley was convicted of murdering his wife by poisoning her with bichloride of mercury tablets. He was executed in the electric chair.

Dr. Hadley made a statement before he was executed in which he declared that he was innocent of the charge for which he was executed. He said he had never given his wife any poison and that he had never had any bichloride of mercury tablets in his possession.

BRYN MAWR GRADS MEET

Association to Take Up Plans for New Scholarship

Bandits Steal $8000: Are Caught

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 9.—(By A. P.)—[illegible] the office of the Sand Mountain Coal Company here, [illegible] the paymaster and the bill collector, and the payroll of $8000 and fled. They were captured after an exchange of shots with pursuers. The bandits gave their names as Sam Rumbly, twenty-four, of Augusta, and Jack Herrington, twenty-two, of Oregon. The money was recovered.

WALES AT LUCKNOW

Prince Enthusiastically Welcomed by Natives

Lucknow, British India, Dec. 9.—(By A. P.)—The Prince of Wales, who is on a tour of India, arrived here today and was enthusiastically welcomed by the municipal authorities.

Governor Sir Harcourt Butler, in the legislative council yesterday, defended the action of the authorities in arresting a number of prominent "non-co-operators" who, he said, seized the occasion of the Prince's visit by intimidating loyalists and starting a movement of civil disobedience. The Governor said the Government's policy was liberal, but declared it would check such actions and at the same time afford full protection to the ordinary, the majority of whom he believed to be ready to welcome the Prince with pride and joy.

The trial of a number of prominent Nationalist leaders at Allahabad today, arrested in connection with their attempt to form a congress of the provincial volunteer corps, which the Government had declared illegal, resulted in imposition of a sentence of six months' imprisonment upon Pandit Motilal Nehru, the alleged ringleader. He was also fined 500 rupees. Chairman of the Municipal Board Tandon was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment, with a fine of 250 rupees, and six months' imprisonment, with a fine of 100 rupees was imposed upon several others.

OUTBOUND SHIP AGROUND OFF PENNSVILLE, N. J.

Tugs Fail to Pull Olympe from Mud Opposite New Castle, Del.

The Earn Line steamship Olympe, bound from Philadelphia to French and Italian ports via New York, ran aground off Pennsville, N. J., about 7 o'clock last night.

Efforts of five tugs at flood tide to pull the ship from the mud were unsuccessful.

Pennsville is about thirty miles down the Delaware River, opposite New Castle, Del. Its population of 400 is principally employed by a cannery.

Finally officers of the ship decided only one thing would release the ship from its mud bondage and that was to take some of the cargo from the hold and then have the tugs make another attempt.

A lighter and a large were towed alongside and the work began. Communication with the Philadelphia office brought fifty men to aid in the work.

NEW RAILWAY WORKERS' RULES EFFECTIVE DEC. 16

Labor Board Revises Maintenance of Way Regulations

Chicago, Dec. 9.—(By A. P.)—Revised rules governing working conditions of railway maintenance of way workmen will be promulgated December 14, to become effective December 16, it was announced by the United States Railroad Labor Board today.

On a number of roads where only a few rules were in controversy, the board referred them back to the road, telling the position that if a majority could agree, others ought to be able to agree also.

The board's rules cover 400 separate items of the maintenance of way men, both agreement made under Federal control, except in the cases of those agreed to between the carriers and their own. Such rules, which are in the majority, will be effective on roads where agreed upon.

Completion of the maintenance of way rules will clear the board's docket of all the cases pending, leaving it free to take up wage adjustments as soon as they are filed.

EDGE FOR FLEXIBLE TARIFF

Says Days of Hard and Fast Regulation Have Ended

Atlantic City, Dec. 9.—[illegible] a flexible tariff to succeed, [illegible] of today's unsatisfactory conditions, confronted United States Senator Edge at a banquet tonight at which he [illegible] to Europe by Mayor Allen A. [illegible] Hoodrow.

"Some of us have not given the [illegible] that the time has arrived when Congress must write a new tariff law," [illegible] said Senator Edge. "With foreign exchange so [illegible] that [illegible] it is essential that we [illegible] ditions so elastic and [illegible] that [illegible] may possess [illegible] to meet such [illegible] changes the moon [illegible] next the next person that [illegible] to the President.

"The Senator [illegible] a flexible tariff which [illegible] are making [illegible] in the Senate.

"What is good for our farmers in Nebraska is good for the farmers in Wall Street," he said.

$10,000 Hold-up in Buffalo, N. Y.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 9.—(By A. P.)—Three Negroes today held up Leonard Raych, of Raych & Hoffman, jewelers, seized jewelry said to be worth $10,000, and escaped. Raych was forced into a rear room and bound to a chair, but managed to work loose and give the alarm. The hold-up occurred in daylight while many persons were passing the store.

NAB WRESTLER IN OMAHA AS N. Y. BOMB SUSPECT

Detective Head Believes Mike Stine Can Prove Alibi

Omaha, Dec. 9.—(By A. P.)—Police last night arrested a man whose name was given as Mike Stine, as a suspect in connection with the Wall street explosion September 16, 1920, when a large number of persons were killed.

An unsigned communication to the police led to the arrest.

The communication directed the police to go to a certain point and find a man "with long black hair" and to ask him if "he drove the one-horse wagon of dynamite in Wall street." The note was delivered to police headquarters by a messenger boy.

Police went to a hotel in the vicinity described in the note and arrested Stine and later notified New York police of the arrest. Stine's wife appeared later and said he had not been in New York since their marriage six years ago.

Chief of Detectives Van Deusen, of the Omaha Police Department, said he was satisfied Stine was in Omaha on September 16, 1920, and that he was the same man who engaged in a wrestling match during a carnival here on that date. Stine is a professional wrestler.

Van Deusen said his belief that Stine was here on the date of the explosion could be verified through the head of the Patterson Circus Carnival, which was providing entertainment in Omaha at the time, and that efforts to do so would be made. Until verification is obtained, Stine will be held.

ACCIDENT TO SUBMARINE BLAMED UPON COMPANY

Rescued Sailor Asserts Manhole Was Not Shut

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 9.—One of the men rescued from the submarine S-48, which is yet caught in the waters of Long Island Sound about five miles from here, charged last night that some person or persons at the plant of the Lake Torpedo Boat Company blundered in not properly clamping the lid of a manhole and that the submerging of the boat was followed by a rush of water.

The submarine described as being the last word in the first line type, was to have been delivered at noon Wednesday to the Government at its Navy Yard in New London. It was passed upon as being mechanically perfect when it left the plant Wednesday morning.

Simon Lake, inventor of the submarine and consulting engineer of the Lake Company, said last night the accident might have resulted from some mechanical defect or a blunder by some human agency.

P. B. Brill, general manager of the Lake Company, says that carelessness by some one at the plant might have caused the accident.

Workman Hurt in Fall From Boat

Jesse Clark, twenty-one years old, of 209 Sycamore street, Camden, a carpenter, was seriously injured this morning when he fell from a boat into the Delaware river. He was working aboard a scow when he fell overboard. He was dragged out by fellow workmen and taken to Cooper Hospital, where it was learned he was suffering from a broken [illegible]

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Daniel Garber Gets Highest Prize From Corcoran Art Gallery

NEW HOPE MAN IS THIRD

By the Associated Press

Washington, Dec. 9.—Awards of the William A. Clark prizes were announced today by the trustees of the Corcoran Gallery of Art as follows:

First prize, $2000, accompanied by the Corcoran gold medal, to Daniel Garber, of Philadelphia, on his picture entitled "South Room, Green Street."

Second prize, $1500, accompanied by the Corcoran silver medal, to Burtie Baker, of Washington, on his picture entitled "Interior With Figure."

Third prize, $1000, accompanied by the Corcoran bronze medal, to John F. Folinsbee, of New Hope, Pa., on his picture entitled "Jersey Water Front."

Fourth prize, $500, accompanied by the Corcoran honorable mention certificate, to W. Lester Stevens, of Rockport, Mass., on his picture entitled "Quarry Dock."

These awards, which are said to be the largest given at any art exhibition in the world, were established in 1907 by former Senator William A. Clark, of Montana, who, within the last year, has perpetuated them by a gift to the Corcoran Gallery of $100,000.

The jury invited by the Corcoran Gallery to determine the awards was composed of Frank W. Benson, Boston, chairman; Charles H. Davis, Mystic, Conn.; W. Elmer Schofield, New York; E. W. Redfield, Center Bridge, Pa., and Victor Higgins, Taos, N. M.

The prize-winning works will be shown at the eighth exhibition of contemporary American oil paintings, which will be opened in the Corcoran Gallery December 17.

Daniel Garber, one of the Philadelphia winners at the Corcoran Arts Gallery, is an instructor at the Academy of the Fine Arts, Broad and Cherry streets. His home is at 1819 Green street.

ALAS! BROADWAY MAY DRINK IN 1922 WITH PLAIN WATER

O Tempora! O Mores! How Hath the Mighty Fallen!

New York, Dec. 9.—(By A. P.)—Water, the most despised liquid refreshment in Broadway's restaurants and cabarets, will be the only available stimulant for high jinks along the gay thoroughfare on New Year's Eve, if prohibition enforcement agents have their way.

The frequency with which Federal officials have recently been patronizing several of the most popular resorts has been interpreted as a forerunner of a tight lid on the city's biggest night.

The gloomy news spread rapidly last night after a half dozen Federal agents entered a hotel restaurant in West Thirty-second street, and made three arrests. It was charged whisky had been sold to them for ninety cents a drink.

"These raids mean that Broadway, perhaps for the first time in its career, will see a dry New Year's Eve," one of the agents declared. "We are serving notice on the proprietors of cabarets and restaurants."

Prohibition Agent Convicted

Harrisburg, Dec. 9.—(By A. P.)—Alan E. Maurer, former prohibition agent, was convicted in Federal Court here on charges of extortion preferred by Arthur Black, York saloonkeeper and sentenced to pay a fine of $200. The light sentence was imposed, Judge Charles B. Witmer said, owing to the fact that Maurer had a good record in the enforcement service and had served in the army air corps.

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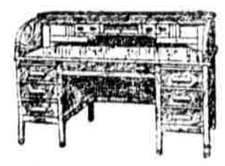
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