

READING ORDERS 50 STEEL COACHES

Will Replace the Wooden Cars
Now Used on Suburban
Branch Lines

WRECK VICTIMS' FUNERAL

The Reading Railway has signed contracts for building of forty-five all-steel coaches and five all-steel combination cars. These cars will automatically retire wooden coaches from service on many of the suburban branch lines where they are still used.

Announcement of award of the contracts for the coaches was made just one day after the wreck at Bryn Athyn, on the Newtown branch, which cost at least twenty-five lives. That train was made up entirely of wooden coaches, to which is attributed the heavy loss of life.

According to the Reading's own statement, made by Agnew T. Dice, president, there are 340 wooden coaches in use, 200 all-steel and ninety steel underframe. The last wooden coaches were built in 1907.

The statement was made four days after the accident as an answer to a list of questions given Mr. Dice. It said the railroad had developed a policy of building fifty steel coaches every year until all wooden cars are automatically retired from service.

The Reading's statement of the new contract for all-steel cars says:

The Reading has awarded a contract to the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation for thirty all-steel passenger coaches and five all-steel combination cars, which it is understood will be built at its plant at Wilmington, Del., and has also awarded a contract to the Standard Steel Car Company for fifteen all-steel passenger coaches.

Funeral Saturday

What is believed to be nine unidentified dead will be buried Saturday afternoon from the Dutch Reformed Church at Churchville. Interment will be made in a plot of ground purchased by relatives of missing people, relatives who were unable to identify what remained of some bodies.

The names of the nine will be engraved on silver plates on the two coffins containing the remains. Six of the victims were residents of Churchville.

Clergymen of four Protestant denominations will officiate, the Rev. J.

\$85 Is Added to Fund for Wreck Victims' Family

Passengers and agents of the Newtown and Chestnut Hill branches of the Reading Railway have contributed \$85 to a fund for the wife and children of Elmer Ransom, station agent killed in the Newtown wreck. C. A. Wernitz, Sedgewick station agent, in charge of the fund, expects it to double itself by the end of this week.

Stockton Roddy, former pastor of the Churchville Reformed Church, being assisted by the Rev. W. J. Bone, of the Newtown Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Dr. W. Rowley, of Lansdale, former pastor of the Davisville Baptist Church; and the Rev. Thomas McK. Folk, of Richboro, a poem eulogizing the dead will be read by the Rev. J. Rich, a friend of Earl Slack, who perished in the wreck.

According to J. I. Chamberlain, who heads the Citizens' Committee in charge of arrangements, the Reading Railway made an offer to provide the burial plot, but this was refused.

POWYS TALKS AT FORUM

"Value of an Aristocracy" Is Theme of Second of Series

John Cowper Powys, English poet and publicist, discussed "The Value of an Aristocracy" before the Philadelphia Forum in the auditorium of the Academy of Music last night. That was the second in his series of talks on "As I See America."

Powys defined an aristocrat as a person who knew what to do with his leisure time. He drew a striking comparison between Byron and Shelley, who, he said, were both poetic geniuses, but while one was a lord and the other a commoner, the latter was the gentleman and the former the snob.

Two Hurt by Street Car

Alfred Laufer and his mother, Mrs. Hester Laufer, were bruised and cut yesterday afternoon when they were pushed from a trolley car at Thirtieth and Market streets by a closing door.

They were taken to Jefferson Hospital.

LEGION HEAD HERE URGES BONUS BILL

Colonel MacNider Praises 'Buck' Private in Address Before Marine Post

WELCOMED BY MAYOR

The American Legion is putting every ounce of its strength behind the Adjusted Compensation Bill, according to Colonel Hanford MacNider, national commander, who addressed members of the Thomas Roberts Reath Marine Post, No. 180, at Kugler's restaurant last night.

He said that it was the service man, the "buck" private, who freely offered his life to his country and who had proved in action to be the inspiration of the army, that is now the citizen most interested in the future welfare of the country and who has the right to speak.

In an interview Commander MacNider called on all Philadelphia members of the Legion to line up their posts for the Adjusted Compensation Bill. He added that the national Legion was putting "all that it had" into the campaign to see that the bill becomes a law.

Commander MacNider's talk was not all serious. In fact, the whole occasion was one of rejoicing, and old army songs and "Gyrene" calls resounded again and again. After a few stories, most of which were jokes on himself, the commander broached the question of the standing of the Legion.

"The Nation must learn to have faith in the every-day American, who made success in the war possible, and who now has not lost any of those high principles for which he stood," said he.

"The men of the Legion are going to see that this country has adequate defense, but they are going to be stronger than any Conference on the Limitation of Armament to bring about future peace.

"If the ex-service men in other coun-

BOULEVARD IS URGED AS SITE FOR WORLD'S FAIR

North Kensington Business Men to Ask Better Police Protection

The proper location for the Sequel Centennial Exposition is the Northeast boulevard, according to members of the North Kensington Business Men's Association.

The association celebrated its fifteenth anniversary last night in the McPherson Library Building, Kensington and Indiana avenues. Besides expressing the hope that the fair site be picked in the northeast, the business men recalled the glories of Kensington and noted its strides in recent development.

Police protection for McPherson Square is another aim of the business men.

A committee of three was appointed to meet with the Public Service Commission to fight for the abolishment of the skip-stop at G street and Allegheny

CITY'S FARM IS PRAISED

Research Bureau Holds It Up as Model Operation

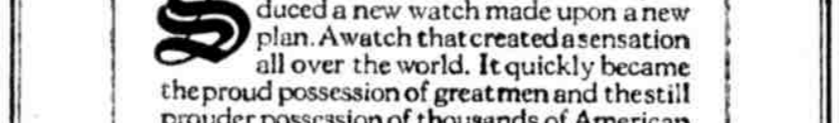
The model farm, operated by the city in the extreme southwestern section, was praised today by the Bureau of Municipal Research, which held it up as an example of what a municipality can plan and execute outside the ordinary run of city business.

The farm, covering 1000 acres, was acquired by the city in 1910 and intended to be used for sewage treatment. As the sewage plants had not reached a point to make the land necessary, about a year ago the Department of Public Works took over operation of 350 acres of the tract. Part was used for pasturing city horses and part was planted with oats and corn.

French Post Dead

Mentone, France, Dec. 15.—(By A. P.)—Count Robert de Montesquiou-Fézensac, well-known poet, died here yesterday. He was born in Paris in 1856. Success came to him following the publication of his first book of verse, "Les Chauves-Souris," in 1892.

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Name Dropped From Slacker List

The War Department has announced the name of Walter A. Rawnsley has been removed from the "slacker list," by the draft board for Division No. 7, of Philadelphia, but a recent check on the War Department records shows he

Hit by Auto, Hip Fractured

Mrs. Richard Nagle, 6815 Overbrook avenue, was struck by an automobile as she stepped from a trolley car at Fifty-fifth street and Wynnefield avenue last night. The injured woman was taken to the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital with a fractured hip, cuts and bruises. The driver of the machine, H. P. Wilhelm, was held for a hearing today before Magistrate Price.

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