

BUSINESS MEN RALLY FOR PORT

Protest at Hearing Against Plan to Abolish Present Freight Differential

BOSTON BACK OF THREAT

An effort to offset natural advantages of location of the port of Philadelphia by establishment of the same freight rates from interior points to Boston is being made today by interests from that city at a hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission in City Hall.

Commercial organizations of this city, representing manufacturers and shippers, are endeavoring to show the commission that such a ruling would prove inequitable alike to this port and to the railroads, and in this they will be backed up by the Camden Chamber of Commerce and other commercial organizations in towns along the Delaware River.

Representatives of the city are attending the hearing, which began at 10 o'clock, to argue against abolition of the present differential.

Representatives of the Philadelphia Port Differential Committee, comprising the leading business and trade bodies, Mayor Moore and a host of other witnesses, seconded by William A. Glasgow, Jr., and Alan A. O'Connell, legal counsel, are to testify in Philadelphia's favor.

Alva B. Johnson, president of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, one of the members of the joint committee, yesterday issued an appeal to all members of that body and all business men of the city to come to the defense of Philadelphia's right, and pointed out that aside from the evidence in the matter the case would be affected greatly by "the interest that Philadelphia shows in its own port and its own cause."

DROUGHT CUTS COAL MINING

Tank Cars Carry Spring Water to Highland Collieries

Hazleton, Nov. 22.—(By A. P.)—Tank cars were placed in service today by the Jeddo-Highland Coal Company to carry water to its collieries where there is a shortage owing to the severe drought. The water is obtained at springs. Highland No. 2 was forced to suspend yesterday for lack of water, cutting down the production of coal from Hazleton district to 784 cars as against an average 800.

The water situation in the entire field is serious and companies have urged consumers to be very sparing.

Tight Again Heads Ironworkers Pittsburgh, Nov. 22.—M. F. Tighe, of Pittsburgh, was re-elected international president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, in the October referendum, it was announced at headquarters of the organization here today. All other international officers were re-elected.

"RIGOLETTO" FINELY SUNG BY SAN CARLO COMPANY

Josephine Lucchese and Richard Bonelli Carry Off the Honors in Admirable Performance

THE CASE: Gennaro Barra, Richard Bonelli, Josephine Lucchese, Pietro di Biasi, Madalena, Stelvio Cervi, Montecarlo, Conductor, Carlo Peroni

The performance of "Rigoletto" by the San Carlo Opera Company last evening was a decided advance over the opening on Monday evening in the smoothness with which the work ran, and the principal roles of the great opera were taken by some of the best voices in Mr. Gallo's company.

Josephine Lucchese, a young American coloratura, and Richard Bonelli, who made his first appearance before a Philadelphia audience, carried off the honors of the evening by the splendid singing which they did in the roles of Gilda and Rigoletto, respectively. Miss Lucchese certainly appears to be one of the coming great stars of the operatic stage. Her voice is very beautiful and she handles it with great skill, having a tremendous range and, what is more rare in a coloratura singer, plenty of color throughout the whole register. Moreover, she sings in perfect tune, something not always found in coloratura singers. From the opening to the close of the opera everything she did was splendidly done, both in the singing and the acting, her work in the last respect in the closing scene being exceptionally fine. Both in voice and in art she has advanced greatly since her appearance

here last season. She received many recalls after her big aria, especially the "Caro Nome."

Mr. Bonelli is a real find for the San Carlo, and in voice and acting is an ideal Rigoletto. There are few roles which make more demands upon the ability of a baritone than this one, as it runs the whole gamut of the emotions. His performance of the "Cortigiani vil razza dannata" in the third act was a superb piece of work and he has the unusual ability of making the singing voice express the various emotions

clearly, entirely aside from the dramatic action.

Mr. Barra was adequate as the Duke, another exceptionally difficult role to give, although he scarcely reached the heights of Miss Lucchese and Mr. Bonelli. Mr. di Biasi's fine voice was heard to good effect as Sparafucile and Miss de Mette emphasized the splendid impression she made on the opening evening. Mr. Cervi, too, was excellent as Monterone, a small but important part. Mr. Peroni conducted with great ability and a thorough knowledge of the demands of the work.

BANDITS SEIZE MAIL TRUCK

Armed Men Kidnap Driver and Escape With Loot

Chicago, Nov. 22.—(By A. P.)—Armed bandits early today held up and robbed a postoffice motortruck carrying mail matter at Checkerboard Flying Field for transfer to a mail plane.

The robbery occurred more than three miles west of the central post office. William Hogan, driver of the mail truck, was kidnapped by the robbers. Hogan turned up later and re-

ported the bandits had dumped him out and escaped with the truck containing 400 pounds of mail, mostly registered.

Wets Plan to Enlist Women

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 22.—(By A. P.)—Organization of a women's militant auxiliary was included in plans adopted by the Association Opposed to the Prohibition Amendment for repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment at a two-day conference here of State secretaries of the organization, which was concluded yesterday.

WOMEN MEET HARDING

Delegates to National Catholic Council Shake President's Hand

Washington, Nov. 22.—(By A. P.)—Delegates to the second annual convention of the National Council of Catholic Women, now in session here, occupied today with a visit to the White House to shake hands with President Harding, and the reading of the reports of committees and diocesan representatives. This evening the convention program

will be devoted to the affairs of the national Catholic service school.

ASKS \$100,000 FOR SLANDER

Corning, N. Y., Nov. 22.—Papers asking \$100,000 damages and charging William H. Anderson, superintendent of the New York State Anti-Slavery League, with making slanderous statements, were filed yesterday by attorneys for Francis E. Cortright, of this city, dejected candidate for Assembly on the Farmer-Labor, Prohibition and Socialist tickets.

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