

COAST-TO-COAST LINE IS BROUGHT AGAIN TO FRONT

Big Project Broached as Result of Revival of South Penn Scheme

Exploitation of the potentialities of the long-gestating South Penn Railroad project and the likelihood of its reactivation by the Pennsylvania Railroad which acquired all rights and titles appertaining to it more than a generation ago, has led to the disclosure of a yet more ambitious and comprehensive one, of which, however, the South Penn line will form an integral part, should it eventuate. Moreover, four lines distinctively local to Pittsburgh—the Union Railroad, a subsidiary of the Carnegie Steel Company; the Montour Railroad, owned by the Pittsburgh Coal Company; the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Railroad and its subsidiary, the West Side Belt Railroad—all figure prominently in the scheme.

Outlined briefly, the greater project contemplates the construction of a coast-to-coast military all-rail route to be permanently under government control, whatever disposition shall be made of the roads now so controlled and operated. This, according to the tentative plans already made and which, it is understood, have been submitted to and approved by the Washington authorities, is to be effected by the inclusion of a number of roads already in operation in the system and the construction of requisite connecting links to form a continuous line.

As projected, the Eastern terminus of the line will be Fort Newark, N. J., whence a road would be built straight across the State of New Jersey to Portland, a station of the Lehigh and New England Railroad in the eastern part of Pennsylvania. The rails of this line are to be utilized from Portland to Slatington on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad west of Schuylkill and Lehigh branch it will use to Reading. The Hamburg and abandoned line of the Reading will be rehabilitated and utilized from this last-mentioned point to Schuylkill and Lehigh branch it will use to Reading. The Susquehanna River will be crossed and the South Penn survey be picked up and followed to a junction with the Union Railroad at Bessemer.

Old Washab Route All of this section of the route will involve new construction, including completion of a tunnel through Tuscarora mountain, started years ago, the line through Fulton county to a point near Bedford, thence to Mann's Choice on the Juniata division of the Pennsylvania Railroad and in its course to Donora and Scottsdale, skirting Mount Pleasant and through Jacobs' Creek Valley to the Youghiogheny river, where it will come upon an old survey which will follow to Bessemer. From Bessemer it is proposed to utilize the rails of the Union Railroad to Mifflin Junction and the existing Western Pacific which will follow to Pacific idelwats at the mouth of the river.

Despite the apparent deviousness of the route as planned, reference to the map will disclose a consistency of direction that is quite remarkable. From the Atlantic seaboard terminus to St. Louis its course is just a little south of west and thence to the Pacific seaboard almost due west as the crow flies. Nor is it the least chimerical, according to its projectors, who have produced figures to show that it may be created at a minimum of time, effort and cost, while the advantage it would be to the government is obvious. In any event, the project appears to possess merit sufficient to have secured for it serious consideration by the authorities at Washington.

79th's Infantry Brigade Headquarters Assigned For Early Convoy Home

Washington, Feb. 4.—The 79th Division's Infantry brigade headquarters has been assigned to early convoy.

The 79th Division is composed of selectee service men from Eastern Pennsylvania and Maryland. The division trained at Camp Meade.

Power of Investigating Committee Is Extended

Washington, Feb. 4.—After extended and vigorous criticism by several senators of alleged lawless propaganda, the Senate today adopted a resolution extending the power of the Senate committee investigating German propaganda to inquire into other activities which it was charged sought the overthrow of the government.

Courthouse Notes

Continue Divorce Court—Because the court divorcees could be secured it was necessary to postpone hearing any of the divorce actions today until Friday.

Judge Henry Hears Argument—Judge C. V. Henry, specially presiding, heard argument today in the equity suit of the Juniata Public Service Company, Millersburg vs. Daniel W. Tomberger, Harry Swab and Frederick A. Zeigler. The action was brought in an effort to prevent the men from dredging the Wisconsin creek for river coal, the company alleging it held title to that part of the creek bed.

Change Organization Name—The court today approved changing the name of the "Christ Home" chartered in this county, to the "Methodist Home For Children."

METHODISTS ATTEND BIG ANNUAL BANQUET

More Than 550 Dine at Second Big Event; Wonderful Strides of Church Told by Speakers

At the second annual banquet of Methodists of Harrisburg and vicinity held at the Masonic Temple last night, plans were outlined which showed the extent to which the people of this denomination have determined to carry their work in this city. Just as the state is proposing to make the State Capital a center from which to radiate progress to the state, ideas and plans for civic and material improvements, just so are the Methodists of Harrisburg planning that their work may be an inspiring and encouraging one, religious and spiritual development throughout the entire Commonwealth. It was shown that wonderful strides had been made by the Methodist churches in this district during the past year and that the outlook for the near future embrace the most important operations that any denomination has ever attempted in this city.

More than 550 were gathered at the banquet and for the second time it was found that the spacious banquet hall at the Masonic Temple was entirely inadequate to accommodate the splendid turnout of enthusiastic church workers. The addresses of the evening were very eloquent and forceful, the principal speaker being Bishop William F. McDowell, of Washington; Dr. W. Doughty, of New York; the Rev. Morris E. Swartz, H. L. Price and H. S. Dunaway, of Baltimore, and District Superintendent Edgar R. Heckman, of this city, also had prominent parts in the program.

The centenary missionary movement which is just being begun by the Methodists of the world, was eloquently dwelt upon by several of the speakers.

ELECTION BILLS TURN UP IN HOUSE

One Would Provide For Compulsory Personal Registration and Voting

A bill providing for compulsory personal registration and voting and three other bills affecting elections were presented to the House today by Mr. Walker, Philadelphia. One bill requires formation of parties before nomination of name are filed, another makes qualifications for election the same as for a general election, and the fourth establishing qualifications for signers of nomination papers.

Other bills presented were Mr. Robertson, Northumberland, requiring assessors to keep records of days actually employed.

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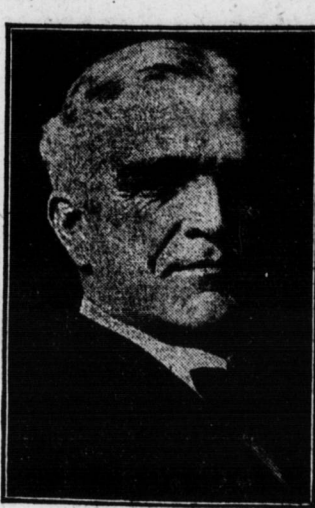
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ocean. He has a wonderful story to tell about his battles a mile or more above the clouds.

His story of the early days of the war when lives were doubly risked by fighting in regular formations for travel under the best of conditions, of the later days when the machines were perfected and in them they ventured far over the German lines, of his scouting tours, of his almost hopeless days in a dingy Hun prison, these and many other points blend to make a story replete with thrills.

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Shaffer presents a picture that makes one glad to gaze upon his striking French blue uniform dotted many times by medals won for bravery while flying "over the heads of the Huns." He is tall, erect and manly, and he will tell his thrilling tale of adventure with an emphasis that will leave no doubt about the nature of the press.



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ROME MOTHER OF MEMORIALS

Arch of Titus, Still One of the Eternal City's Marvels, Was Erected in First Century

The Romans developed a form of war memorial which was peculiarly their own and which all their children among the nations have followed and imitated. That form is the decorative triumphal arch, which grew up out of the fact that a special distance at the return of the conquerors from campaigns abroad.

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BUT ONE JUROR IN BOX FOR TRIAL OF BUSHMAN SLAYER

Defense May Endeavor to Show Collins, Not Reinacker Planned Murder

Gettysburg, Pa., Feb. 4.—With the entire panel of jurors already exhausted and with two additional men in the courtroom examined for duty, but a single man had been selected this morning to serve on the jury that is to try Charles Reinacker, charged with being an accomplice of Clarence Collins in the murder of George Bushman. Collins was found guilty of murder in the first degree last week.

Forty additional jurors have been summoned by Sheriff Hartman for examination for duty. Their examination will be started without delay.

Standing of the Crews

Philadelphia Division—The 101 crew first to go after 1 p. m. o'clock: 133, 122, 116, 115, 114, 113, 124, 127, 350, 118, 28, 112, 109, 126, 113, 117.

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RAILROAD NEWS

Promptness Is Urged on the Conductors of the Middle Division

Notices Issued by Passenger Trainmaster L. C. Banks, of the Middle Division, instruct passenger conductors to employ all their efforts in having trains discharge and receive passengers, mail and express promptly.

Each conductor is urged to leave the train on its arrival at each station-stop and look after the loading of express, mail or baggage, so that as little retention as possible may develop. Methods were undertaken last month to speed up the passenger service over the division, as much time had been lost.

Complaints have also been made to officials that some conductors fail to see that sufficient coaches are opened at stations to receive or discharge patrons. If crowds on the trains warrant it, both ends of coaches are to be opened.

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Supervisor of Altoona Yards Gets Promotion

J. M. Kinkead, supervisor of the Altoona yard, of the Pennsylvania railroad, middle division, has been promoted by the company to division engineer, Trenton division. He succeeded here by C. W. Montgomery, who held a similar berth on the Pittsburgh division.

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Car Cutter Badly Cut by His Lever Today

Amos Fry, brakeman, 537 Curtin street, car cutter on the westbound hump of the Harrisburg classification yards of the Pennsylvania railroad, suffered a severe cut above the left eye this morning when struck by his cutting lever while cutting cars in the yards.

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