

STEEL MEN SIT ON RAILROAD BOARDS

Powerful Influence Is Used to Give U. S. Corporation Business of Various Roads

INTERLOCKING DIRECTORATES

Pools and Gay Dinner Meetings Responsible for Artificial Maintenance of Prices by Giant Steel Combinations, Says Government Counsel

Philadelphia, Oct. 21.—Argument on behalf of the government in its dissolution suit against the United States Steel Corporation and its subsidiaries was continued today by Jacob M. Dickinson, in the United States District court here. Mr. Dickinson spoke for more than five hours yesterday. He reviewed the history of the steel wire pool of 1905 and then took up the matter of interlocking directorates. Mr. Dickinson said the steel corporation through its directors was in direct touch with the large railroads and steamship companies of the United States and "with the overwhelming majority in money and power of the banks and trust companies of the United States."

Counsel stated that the record of the case shows that since its organization directors of the corporation have variously been directors in more than 540 different companies and corporations exclusive of the steel corporation and its subsidiaries. In 1911, when the suit was brought, Mr. Dickinson continued, some of the steel directors were directors in 62 railroad companies operating nearly fifty per cent. of the entire railroad mileage of the country.

Price of Rails Remained Uniform The interlocking of directors, Mr. Dickinson added, in respect to leading rail manufacturers is significant in connection with the fact that the price of rails has remained uniform since shortly after the formation of the corporation.

Taking up the matter of steel directors sitting on railroad boards and using their influence to give the steel corporation business, he gave alleged instances through testimony taken in the present case where such influence had apparently been used.

"It would be impossible to prove fully the quiet but constantly effective force thus operating all the time," Mr. Dickinson said. "Such men do not proclaim what they are doing from the housetop. But it does not require proof to show how self-interest will operate under such conditions, but conclusive proof as to particular instances is not lacking."

Power to Destroy Competitors Mr. Dickinson dwelt upon the alleged power of the steel corporation to destroy competitors. In support of his contention that it had great power in restraining trade, he relied largely on testimony given by E. H. Gary, chairman of the steel board, and other steel corporation men at various governmental and congressional investigations.

In summing up counsel for the government declared that the steel corporation ever since its formation has controlled and still controls the majority of the steel business of the United States.

"The corporation's vast power has been directed primarily to the exaction of non-competitive prices from the general public," he said, "rather than to the destruction of its competitors. It has made its competitors co-conspirators with it in the artificial maintenance of prices of steel products."

Gary Dinner Meetings Significant As practically all of the so-called competitors of the corporation have shared in the fruits of its monopolistic power and have been co-conspirators with it in the artificial maintenance of prices by pools and Gary dinner meetings, it is not surprising that they generally appear friendly to it."

Opening the argument on behalf of the United States Steel Corporation, Richard V. Lindabury, of Newark, N. J., reminded the court that the petition of the government charged that the steel corporation and 13 of its 15 subsidiaries were organized in violation of the anti-trust law. "We do not consider the legality of the organization of these subsidiaries open to inquiry in this case," he said, "or their status as practices prior to the organization of the steel corporation directly in issue."

Ice Cream Makers Want Damages Lebanon, Oct. 21.—In a communication to City Council yesterday, Burdian Bros. ice cream makers, ask for \$9,000 damages suffered by them during the terrific storm that visited this section of the State on July 19, 1914. It is claimed in the communication that this was damage done to stock and for the cost of cleaning up about the plant from the effects of its flooding as the result the complainant claims of obstructions allowed to remain in the creek by the city.

Leg Amputated at Hospital Ray P. Gluck, 147 North Front street, Steelton, a brakeman for the Pennsylvania Steel Company, was admitted to the Harrisburg hospital this morning suffering with a compound fracture of the right leg. The leg was amputated. He was injured at the steel works.

Memorial Services of Elks The annual memorial services of the Elks will be held on December 6, more than likely in the Majestic theatre. The following were named on the committee on arrangements: A. W. Hartman, chairman; E. J. Deceve, H. A. Segelbaum, H. W. Cooper and R. L. Schmidt.

The boy scout that cheerfully cooks his meals in the woods is the same one that in private life always forgets to split the kindling for the morning fire.

EDISON DAY OBSERVED IN GREAT INVENTOR'S HONOR

Electric Lights on Streets Switched on at Noon—Nearly Five Hundred Essays Submitted by School Children of Grammar Grades

The thirty-fifth anniversary of the perfection of the incandescent electric light by Thomas A. Edison was observed today in this city. "Edison Day," by according honor to the great inventor.

Of nearly 500 essays submitted by the boys and girls of Harrisburg's grammar schools in the Thomas A. Edison contest that closed today, six from each of the seventeen rooms were selected by the teachers and turned over to the special committee of judges who will decide upon the awards of the \$25 in cash prizes for the best compositions.

The committee consists of E. Z. Wallower and Prof. W. H. Fahnestock and William Strawinski, of the Central and Technical High school faculties, and they will begin the examination of the essays tomorrow morning.

"Edison Day" is being observed throughout the country today in tribute to the genius of Thomas A. Edison, electrical scientist and inventor, and Harrisburg is according him honor in several ways.

Not only are the children competing for the \$25 prizes offered by the Harrisburg Light and Power Company, but all the public cars stopped at noon for one minute in tribute to Edison, as the electric lights in the streets of the business district were switched on and kept burning for an hour for the same reason and in music houses and residences in which Edison records are features there were informal "Edison recitals."

PLANS SWEEPING CHANGES IN THE COMMISSION LAW

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The work among the Mayor and the City Commissioners. These are some of the leading subjects to which the committee will, they say, direct their early attention:

Adoption of the city manager plan. Revision or abolition of the referendum features.

Plans Mayor in full and undivided authority over the police department. Government methods for making equal and equitable property assessments.

Change time for collecting city taxes to make it conform with the beginning of the fiscal year.

Probably the most important of all, in the opinion of the committee, is the city manager plan suggestion. It is stated among the committee that the whole purpose of the persons who framed the original measure providing for the government of cities of the third class by "one council or a commission" was to introduce the city manager plan, the Commissioners only to have legislative powers. The idea was abandoned, it is said, only through a compromise, and after the fathers of that measure and those of another bill, which later was defeated, realized the inadvisability of making such sweeping changes in the city government all at one time.

The Referendum Feature Under the amendment now likely to be suggested the City Commissioners would have only legislative powers. They would elect a man to be known as the City Manager, he to take full charge of every department of the city. Such an official, would not necessarily have to be a resident of the city in which he would be employed, although his selection by the measure would provide, should be made by the commissioners, they to keep in mind a non-partisan feature of the Clark act.

The Mayor of a city would have full dismissal and appointive powers over the police force, just as he had before the passage of the Clark act, under the proposed change is being considered. This was said by committee members, because the present system has, in the opinion of some city officials, proved a failure.

It was said further that in addition to Harrisburg there are half a dozen or more other cities in the State in which a large number of the policemen were ripped out wholesale and the power of appointment was wrested from the hands of the Mayor.

The referendum feature of the Clark act is said to be objectionable to some city officials, although committee members asserted they cannot yet say whether they will ask to have it dropped from the measure or amended. This clause provides that when voters desire to abolish the provision in its entirety, a suggestion may be made for a change to which petitions calling for the special election at which the action of the commissioners is to be endorsed or disapproved may be circulated throughout the city.

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The fact that the voters must go before the City Clerk is considered a hardship. If a request is not made to abolish the provision in its entirety, a suggestion may be made for a change to which petitions calling for the special election at which the action of the commissioners is to be endorsed or disapproved may be circulated throughout the city.

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Hiding Four Days With Broken Hip Antonia Nemis, who says his home is in Philadelphia, was admitted to the Harrisburg hospital last night for treatment for a fractured hip. He crawled into a barn near Dauphin last Friday, he said, and fell through a hay hole. Since that time he had been hiding in the barn. He was in a serious condition because of the lack of food.

Sluiceth Learn to 'Mug' Prisoners City Detective Joseph W. Ibach yesterday afternoon "mugged" a prisoner while two city detectives from Reading looked on. The Reading department is establishing a measurement system modeled after the local one and Detective Ibach was instructing the visiting sluiceth.

SAW MRS. CARMAN WITH REVOLVER AFTER SHOOTING

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to me, 'I shot him.' Then she showed me a revolver, a black revolver that was about nine inches long. I grabbed her by the arm and told her not to go into the office. She said she was not going to do anything else. Then I went into the office.

Saw Dead Woman on Floor "The body of a dead white woman was lying on the floor near the operating chair. Mrs. Carman followed me into the office. She stayed there about half a minute and then went out to the waiting room. Dr. Carman was there and so was another man. I went into the kitchen and returned to the office in about a minute. Mrs. Powell (Mrs. Carman's sister) was in there then. Then I went back into the kitchen, finished washing the dishes, and went to my room to sleep.

"The next morning about daylight Mrs. Carman came to my room. She was dressed in a night gown. She said 'oh, Celia, what did I kill that woman for? I hope God will forgive me. You stick to me and if anything happens to you I'll take care of your little boy.'

"Mrs. Carman Cautioned Servant "I saw Mrs. Carman later that morning at the breakfast table and she burst into tears. After breakfast she came into the kitchen and told me to forget that I had seen her the night before. Later that day Mrs. Carman came in with her lawyer, Mr. Levy. Mrs. Carman asked me when he asked me what I knew. I told Mr. Levy that I did not know anything.

"Mr. Levy came again the next day. Before he came Mrs. Carman told me to tell him I was not down stairs after dinner. She wrote out some statement and I signed it without reading it. The statement was not true.

Spiriting Away the Revolver "The day after the murder Mrs. Carman came into the kitchen and asked me to make a wood fire in the stove which I did. Later she came down stairs with a bundle of letters and burned them up in the fire. That same day she told me to call her father from the barn because she wanted him to get the revolver out of the house. Mr. Conklin, her father, came in and went to her room and then came down stairs again. He had a hammer with him. He returned to the barn. The next day, Wednesday, Mrs. Carman came into the kitchen and asked me to step into the office. I went in and the detectives began to question me."

Didn't Tell Truth at Inquest "Did you tell the truth at the Coroner's inquest?" the District Attorney asked.

"I did not," the witness answered. The District Attorney then turned the witness over to John J. Graham, Mrs. Carman's counsel for cross-examination.

A crowd that eclipsed the previous day's throng sought to enter the tiny court room today in anticipation of hearing Celia tell the story. Less than 200 were able to do so and these were nearly all women.

Mrs. Carman's Eyes Fixed on Witness As Celia testified Mrs. Carman sat well back in her chair and never once took her eyes from the witness.

On cross-examination Celia said she never had seen Mrs. Carman when her kimono down stairs before the night of the murder. She said Mrs. Carman stood in the kitchen for ten or fifteen minutes before she passed out of the back door and that the crash of glass and the shot occurred immediately afterward.

"Did you know who she meant when she said 'I shot him?'" asked Mr. Graham.

"No, I did not."

Revolver Hidden in Kimono Mrs. Carman carried the revolver, the witness said, hidden in the folds of her kimono when she went into the office. Mrs. Carman said nothing to any one, she added. She looked in and went out in about thirty seconds. Mrs. Carman did not express surprise when she discovered she had killed a woman and not a man.

Celia said she told Mrs. Carman that morning after the murder that "God will forgive anything but murder."

"Do you," asked Mr. Graham, "believe that God will forgive your perjury?"

"I know it is wrong to lie," said the negress, "but I did what Mrs. Carman asked me to do."

Doctor Would Protect Her "You are afraid of going to jail for committing perjury, too, aren't you?" she, sir; Mr. Smith (the District Attorney) told me I could go to jail for lying."

Celia testified that when she was being brought from Preppert to Mineola to go before the Grand Jury, Dr. Carman told her not to change her testimony and that he "would take care of her."

Mrs. Carman, she continued, gave her an extra \$5 a few days after the murder.

"That is for keeping your mouth shut," the witness said Mrs. Carman told her.

Celia admitted that she was living in New York City at the expense of Nassau county, also that she had testified falsely in many respects at the Coroner's inquest; but she explained that she had done so to shield Mrs. Carman.

When recess was taken she was still on the stand.

Y. W. C. A. OPEN TO-MORROW Gift Piano Placed in Building To-day. Will Furnish Music To-morrow is inspection day at the new Y. W. C. A. building, Fourth and Walnut streets. The building will be open to visitors from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. The citizens of Harrisburg and vicinity have made the building a possibility and now they are invited to come and see what has been done with their money contributed during the campaign over two years ago.

TEN DAYS CLEAN-UP SALE

Thursday, Oct. 22, to Saturday, Oct. 31 AN ACCUMULATION OF ODD PIECES OF Furniture, Carpet Remnants, Discontinued Patterns, Etc., At Cost and Less

Some remnants large enough for small rooms. Odd Pieces of Furniture that may match those you already have. We also offer a general price reduction on our entire stock of Fall goods. Our location out of the high-rent district makes it possible to guarantee splendid money-saving values.

SEE THESE BARGAINS

- 25 pieces of carpet, 1 yard to 17 yards, 25¢ to \$1.00 per yard. 50 carpet samples, 1 yard to 1 1/2 yards, 50¢ to \$1.25. Neatly bound. Make fine rugs. 25 pieces linoleum; all sizes; printed and inlaid. 15 parlor tables in quartered oak. Your choice, \$2.75. 10 solid oak beds; full size. Each, \$3.00. Odd kitchen, bed room and dining chairs, 50¢ to \$2.00.

Odd Dressers, Chiffoniers, Dressing Tables, Oak Mahogany, Bird's Eye Maple

- 8 odd serving tables; oak and mahogany, \$6.00 to \$15.00. 12 odd china closets at factory cost, \$14.00 to \$24.00. 3 8-3x10-6 Axminster Rugs, discontinued patterns. Flower patterns. Value \$21.00. Each, \$17.00. 1 9x12 French Wujon; value \$40.00. Sale price, \$33.00.



This combination Brush and Vacuum Sweeper. Regular price \$5.49. With every sale amounting to \$10.00 or more. Only one to a customer.

GENERAL PRICE REDUCTIONS On Our New Fall Line of Goods

- \$40.00 Davenport at ..... \$30.00 \$35.00 Davenport at ..... \$27.50 \$30.00 Davenport at ..... \$22.50 Silk Floss Mattresses, ..... \$12.50 Pure Felt Mattresses, 55 pounds, \$7.00 Combination Mattresses, ..... \$3.75

"The House That Saves You Money" CHAS. F. HOOVER FURNITURE CO. 1413, 1415, 1417, 1419 North Second Street OPEN EVENINGS

VIOLENT ATTACKS ON ALLIES' LINES

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come rumors of similar buildings under way at Tondern, in Schleswig and at Rostock.

Two submarines and some aeroplanes are being shipped to Constantinople through Bulgaria. A few days ago a large quantity of munitions of war consigned to Turkey by rail were held up in Bulgaria.

No damage was done in the cities of Ghent and Bruges when they were occupied without resistance by the Germans according to a dispatch from Berlin. The German government has informed Washington it has no objection to the plan to send food stuffs to Belgian non-combatants. Thousands of Belgians who fled into Holland are returning to their homes. There are, however, 100,000 Belgians in England and more on their way there. Preparations to give employment to these latter are being made.

GERMAN REPORT ON SINKING OF JAP CRUISER TAKACHIRO

Pekin, Oct. 21, 7.15 P. M.—An official German report on the blowing up of the Japanese cruiser Takachiro in Kiao-Chow harbor the night of October 17 sets forth that the German torpedo boat S-90 went to sea with the intention of attacking a larger cruiser. Failing in this she had to content herself with the Takachiro.

As soon as this vessel had been disposed of the S-90 attempted to escape. It was found, however, that this movement could not be carried out successfully and the crew of the torpedo boat ran her up on the beach and then got safely ashore.

The Japanese legation here says the work of mounting the siege guns before Tsing-Tau has not been completed and that the bombardment of Tsing-Tau probably will be delayed for several weeks.

War Craft En Route to Constantinople London, Oct. 21, 9.50 A. M.—A dispatch from Athens to the Exchange Telegraph Company says it is learned there that two submarines and some aeroplanes are en route for Constantinople and will probably pass through Roshank on the northern frontier of Bulgaria.

Potsdam Didn't Strike a Mine The Hague, Via London, Oct. 21, 9.21 A. M.—Rumors that the Holland America liner Potsdam had struck a mine in the North sea are unfounded. The Potsdam is at her dock in Rotterdam, which she reached last week, and is expected to leave to-night for America.

Deny Hostile Albanian Occupation Rome, Oct. 21, Via Paris, 9.50 A. M.—Reports of a hostile occupation of Avlona, Albania, were today officially denied by the Italian authorities.

BERLIN PROTESTS AGAINST MUTILATION OF WOUNDED

Berlin, Oct. 21, by Wireless.—The imperial government has sent a formal protest to France and to neutral nations concerning alleged violations of the rules of the Geneva convention by French franc-tireurs (sharpshooters) and regular troops.

It is declared in this protest that they have killed or mutilated wounded German soldiers; that they have fired on ambulances filled with wounded and bearing the Red Cross flag; that they have invaded German hospitals, robbed the hospital staff and stolen the hospital equipment; that they have fired on German doctors who were gathering or attending to the wounded, killing some of these medical men and taking others captives, and that they have captured a German field clergyman, whom they treated as a common criminal.

This protest is accompanied by 15 affidavits from various German soldiers, physicians and Catholic field priests, which support the allegations made therein.

ACCEPT MORTON TRUCK

Commissioner Taylor Tested New Machine This Morning The motor-driven combination wagon manufactured by the Morton Motor Truck and Motor Tractor Company, of Harrisburg, for the Friendship Fire Company, was accepted this morning by Commissioner Taylor, head of the fire department. The machine was tested this morning by Commissioner Taylor and Fire Chief Kinder.

A similar test of the American La France truck for the Good Will company was held late this afternoon by Commissioner Taylor with a view of accepting it.

LADIES' AID SERVES SUPPER Will Be Served in Social Room of Immanuel Presbyterian Church A supper a la carte will be served by the Ladies' Aid Society of Immanuel Presbyterian church, Sixteenth and Juniper streets, in the social room of the church to-morrow evening from 6 till 8 o'clock.

AN EXCELLENT RECITAL

Wednesday Club's Program at Fahnstock Hall To-morrow Evening The Wednesday Club presents in recital Miss Ruth McLean, pianist; Miss Florence Geanor, violinist, with Mrs. Bent L. Weaver, accompanist, to-morrow evening at 8.15 o'clock in Fahnstock hall. The following program will be rendered:

Allegro from Faschingsschwank, Schumann, Viennese Carnival opus 26, Miss McLean; Second Concerto in D minor, Wieniawski, 2d and 3d movements, Miss Connor; Scherzo from Sonata in B flat minor, Chopin; Intermezzo, opus 119, C. Brahms; Sicilienne, Bach-Gallstone; Gnomon Reigen, Liszt; Miss McLean; Romance (Albumblatt), Wagner-Wilhelm; Ave Maria, Schubert-Wilhelm; Miss Connor; preludes, La Pille aux Cheveux de Len, Les Colines d'Anacapri, Debussy; Light and Silvery Cloudlets, MacDowell; Gavotte Fantastique, Mrs. Beach; Miss McLean; Ronco Capriccioso, Saint-Saens; Miss Connor; Staccato Study, Rubinstein; Miss McLean.

ACUTE INDIGESTION FATAL

William Householder Died Suddenly at Mount Gettys Yesterday William Householder, a well-known resident of Mount Gettys, died at his home on Mackwood avenue, United Brethren campmeeting grounds, yesterday afternoon, of acute indigestion. He was only sick for a few hours before he died.

Mr. Householder was formerly a resident of Lebanon and for many years he held a government position at the Capitol in Washington. For several years he had lived at Mount Gettys in all seasons. He is survived by his wife. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Miss Lena M. Weiss Miss Lena M. Weiss, aged 39 years, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Francis Weiss, died last evening at the home of her brother, Rudolf F. Weiss, 1725 Market street, with whom she made her home. Funeral services Friday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Lawrence Catholic church. The Rev. Father P. S. Haegel will officiate. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary cemetery. She is survived by two brothers, Edward W. and Rudolf F., and one sister, Nettie.

George J. Wise George J. Wise, aged 56 years, 1022 Herr street, died this morning at 5 o'clock. He is survived by one son, John, who lives at home, and one daughter, Mrs. J. L. Meehan, of Williams-town. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Robert Humes The funeral of Robert Humes, 322 Reilly street, who died in Indianapolis, will take place to-morrow from his late home on Reilly street.

State Losses in Tax Case Judge McCarrell this afternoon handed down an opinion in the matter of the appeal of the Standard Underground Cable Company from a tax levy by the State on \$951,528 of its capital stock. The claim made by the company was that its increase of stock was used as working capital and not for dividends in the usual sense of the word. The case is similar to that decided in favor of the Stetson-Hat Company a few days ago, and Judge McCarrell's decision absolves the Underground company from payment of the tax, the State losing.

URGES PUBLIC WORK FOR IDLE

Commissioner Jackson Recommends That Municipalities Put the Unemployed on Improvement Jobs

Commissioner Jackson, of the Department of Labor and industry, after an inquiry into the number of unemployed persons in the State, suggested today that cities should not only establish employment agencies but undertake the building of public works as a means of affording relief. The Department issued the following statement:

"The Department has ascertained through inquiry that in a number of places new construction work, such as pavements, sewers, buildings, etc., is being undertaken, with the hope of relieving this condition. John Price Jackson, Commissioner of Labor and industry, who recently returned from Europe, where he made a study of industrial conditions, states that in Germany and England they are endeavoring to use public works as an outlet for unemployed labor, and are, he understands, successfully carrying out this method. He strongly urges the cities in Pennsylvania to adopt this course.

"Where new pavements, sewers, or water pipes are to be laid, it is probably as economical for the city to promote the project at once, thus making available positions for the unemployed. Indeed, by reason of the fact that a man does not produce when idle, the unemployed are a direct economic loss, and it is altogether probable that prompt action of the character suggested would not only be a means of alleviating suffering, but would also be a natural economy.

WINDOW DISPLAY WEEK

Hundreds Take Advantage of Opportunity Offered by Local Merchants Hundreds of persons over the city are taking advantage of the special window display week in which local merchants are co-operating in a national movement to display especially this week, goods that have established reputations through general newspaper advertising.

WHITE HORSES FOR PARADE

Policemen Will Ride at Head of Mummies' Demonstration The policemen in the detail at the head of the mummies' parade on New Year's Day will ride on white horses. Police Captain Thompson, who will head the detail, will ride on a cream-colored horse.

To locate the animals in plenty of time, the Harrisburg Mummies' Association today placed advertisements in the local newspapers. Nine horses will be required in all. In addition to filling the color requirement, the horses must be broken to the saddle.

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