

JITNEY DECLARED ONLY "SALVATION"

Way to Resist 6-Cent Fare Issue Told Mass Meeting by Judge McGinn.

RAILWAY COMPANY SCORED

Speaker Avers Corporation Practiced Deception on Public in Obtaining Increase in Streetcar Charge.

Judge Henry E. McGinn last night told an audience of 400 persons at the Vernon School that their only redress from the 6-cent streetcar fare was in the restoration of the jitney.

This action was recommended by the speaker, who declared that relief from the increased fare was not to be expected from the courts, which already had held that the Public Service Commission for service to be charged by public service corporations, regardless of the charges for such service that might have been stipulated in the franchise under which those corporations are operating.

Jitney Held Way Out.

"Your only salvation is the jitney," declared Judge McGinn. "Remove the restrictions against the jitney and restore it to service and you will not need any court to hear your grievance. But the jitney is in business and tell your chief of police to keep his hands off of these machines and it will not be 20 days until the 6-cent fare question will be decided. Within that length of time, the 6-cent fare will be abandoned and the usual and sufficient charge of 5 cents restored."

Judge McGinn alleged that the street railway company had practiced fraud and deception on the public in obtaining the increased fare. He reviewed the history of the jitneys and their elimination as common carriers by the enactment of ordinances by vote of the people and accused the railway company officials of having not acted fairly and honestly, since the injunction was given that a 6-cent fare would be voted until after the jitneys had been voted out of business.

Public Service Body Censured.

The Public Service Commission was censured for its order granting the 6-cent fare, an action that was pronounced an outrage by Judge McGinn. He ridiculed the contention of the railway company that unless the increased fare was granted the corporation faced bankruptcy and made the statement that the earnings of the company last July and August exceeded those of the corresponding months of the year before by about \$50,000 and \$40,000 each month.

"All this talk of taking the case into the courts can be set down as mere bunk," added Judge McGinn, "for this very question already has been decided by the courts. So I say when the City Commission proposes taking this matter into the courts or seeking an injunction, they are indulging in reforming and are only choosing to waste the money of the city. In another six months we will have forgotten our grievance. The Mayor and the Commissioners wanted me to appear with the corporation and assist in conducting the case for the city, but I did not accept the offer. If I did, it would be a case of taking money under a false promise for the case cannot be won by the city."

Woodburn Case Cited.

In support of his argument that the city could not successfully resist enforcement of the order of the Public Service Commission granting the 6-cent fare, Judge McGinn quoted from a former decision of the Oregon Supreme Court in which in the case of the city of Woodburn against the Public Service Commission, a tribunal had held that the Public Service Commission was clothed with police power and had the right to increase the rates charged for utility services by public corporations notwithstanding rates specifically fixed by the terms of the franchise under which such corporations operated.

At the close of the meeting voluntary contributions were received from the audience as a fund to assist Mrs. George McCord, driver of a jitney, who was arrested recently for unlawfully operating her machine for hire. Mrs. McCord was convicted on the charge in the Municipal Court, and her appeal is pending on appeal in the Circuit Court.

Prelate Hopes to Strengthen Ties.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Archbishop of York, announcing to his diocese his intention of visiting America, in response to the invitation of the Episcopal Church, says he was urged to make this visit by the Foreign Office and the American Ambassador. He hopes that it will strengthen ties between the two countries.

A Doctor's Prescription for Indigestion

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6-CENT FARE RULES

Company Officials Gratified at Spirit of Fairness.

TICKET SALE IS LARGE

Less Than Fifty Per Cent of Patrons of Streetcar Lines Insist on Obtaining Six-Cent Receipt, Which Makes Work Easier.

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In which a fare-taker was obliged to make a raid on a "penny" sub-station. The consignments given out from headquarters in bags of 500 each were adequate for the run.

Supply Is Inexhaustible.

It was reported that passengers on one early car from the suburbs sought to exhaust their conductor's "copper" supply by tendering dimes or larger single coins requiring the return of four pennies. The game was not a success.

Aside from the extraordinary sale of tickets from the very first the precautions the corporation has taken to supply itself with "about all the pennies in the country" is held to be a complete safeguard against a possible "penny" famine. The company will before tonight have received to solve this emergency \$21,000 in pennies, or 2,100,000 of the little coins. Further than this, it has standing orders with the mints at Denver and San Francisco for supplies in lots from 500,000 to 1,000,000 just as long as they may be needed.

Several company workers were kept busy yesterday assembling the pennies held in the vaults in the 500-size bags and conveying them to the various car barns, from which they were supplied to the conductors. Two and three of the novel counting machines by which the coins were ground into the bags were in continuous operation. The smaller bags were assembled in larger ones, conveyed on a hand truck to a waiting automobile, and quickly transported to any car barn where a demand existed. The usual loads of coins thus distributed were of \$500 and \$700 value, and weighed approximately 420 and 580 pounds.

Conductors Carry Handbags.

Conductors took the precaution to carry at their sides the official handbags, with which all are provided. Into these receptacles they delved, as occasion arose, for the needed change, or again, relieved bulging pockets by tendering their own for the excess of larger coins.

Slight delays in traffic at times were attributed by patrons to the penny-change nuisance. Officials and employees argued to the contrary. Many scores of citizens, who have heretofore thought it too far to walk to places of occupation, gaily tripped off to the city yesterday, and wasted a lot of their own or their employers' time during the day in telling of their achievement. The amount these "willful non-contributors" value in the "beat" the company out of is held to be a simple matter of psychology, with little mathematics involved.

Concerted efforts by shipyard workers to make conductors on the North and South Portland, Albina and St. Johns lines all positive trouble by tendering dimes or other coins necessitating the return of four cents and by universally demanding rebate receipts were reported by the company officials. These attempts brought only a delay in traffic, which landed the perpetrators at their homes that much later, it was stated.

CITY'S CASE BEING PREPARED

City Attorney LaRoche States Papers Will Be Ready Soon.

City Attorney LaRoche announced yesterday that his office will have the city's case in the 6-cent fare appeal in shape for filing in the courts within a short time. Declaration of the city's case is expected to be filed in the Circuit Court, and the appointment of assistant to Mr. LaRoche for the purpose of helping handle the suit will cause no delay, it was said. Mr. McGinn is understood to have looked up the law in the case, and is said to hold that the law is with the company and that no relief lies therein. City Attorney LaRoche has frankly told the members of the City Council on occasion that he feels the law is weak as to the city's contention that a franchise is a contract and cannot be broken, but he said last night that there is a chance to win and that he is going to do his very best to win it. The appeal of some one to assist him will be decided later. It is necessary to have additional help, as there is a vast amount of work to be performed in handling such a case, aside from the clerical end. A force of clerks and stenographers was put at work on the case yesterday afternoon and the papers for filing will be ready soon.

Buffet Service Curtailed.

Traffic headquarters of the North Bank Railroad yesterday issued notice that, beginning tonight, buffet service on trains 22 and 23, between Portland and Astoria, will be curtailed. The observation car on this run, which carried a kitchen crew and maintained buffet service, has been sent to the shop for repairs. Because of this fact and not as a war economy measure, buffet service on these trains will be cut in possibilities to a light lunch.



Above—Employee in the Cashier's Office Grid Through Counting Machines the 500 Quotas That Go to Each Conductor. Below—Consignments of 500,000 Pennies Being Conveyed to Ankeny-Street Car Barns.

LABOR'S APPEAL OUT

British Adjure Russian and Teuton Peoples to Unite.

CRISIS REACHED IN WAR

Central Empire Subjects Urged to Force Their Governments to Renounce Idea of Annexations in Europe.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—A message issued to the Russian people by the British labor party announces that the British people are one with the Russians on the principle of self-determination of peoples, and no annexations for the British Empire, particularly in the Middle East, in Africa and in India.

It also calls upon the peoples of the Central Empire to force their governments to renounce annexations in Europe with the same good faith in which we are renouncing them in Asia and not let them drive the British people as they are driving the Russians, into the "terrible choice between continuing the war and abandoning the only principle that can save the world."

The message, which was issued by the labor union in conjunction with the preliminary committee of the trades union congress, says: "We have reached a crisis in the war. The negotiations at Brest-Litovsk have been interrupted as the Germans have refused to admit the principle of self-determination of peoples and the doctrine of no annexations."

In this acting, the central powers are speaking clearly in the name of a militarist state. "In this crisis the British people must speak because the Russians can succeed in their great and perilous task only if supported by the people everywhere. The British people must proclaim to Russia and the central powers that their aim is identical with Russia's, that we, too, see no solution for the evils of militarism except self-determination and no annexations."

Colonies Cost of Lesson. "We wish to remind the Russian people that Great Britain, taught by the loss of American colonies in the 18th century, has learned the lesson that to grant complete self-determination to any group of its inhabitants, for example, the Dominions of Canada, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand.

"We accept the principle also for India and other dependencies of the British Empire, though we believe that the record of the British government here gives little occasion for reproach. We intend to meet this by more rapid development of self-government. We respect the sovereign independence of the Turkish people in their home, but we believe that the domination of their government over other people is a hindrance to their own national development."

Ottoman Rule Must Cease. "Our government is pledged to some of those peoples—Arabs, Palestinians, Armenians—that the Ottoman rule shall not again be imposed of them. This responsibility can be undertaken by the peace conference and a permanent international organization that we hope will be there constituted."

In tropical Africa we repeat our renunciation of annexations. Nobody contends that the black races can govern themselves. They can only make it known that the particular government under which they have been living is bad in some or all respects and indicate the specific avils from which they desire liberation.

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EGG PROFITEERS FOILED

MAXIMUM PRICES FIXED BY FOOD ADMINISTRATION. Forty-Four Cents to Be Price for Storage in Carload Lots; Chicago Has Record High Quotations.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—The food administration today fixed a maximum wholesale price of 44 cents on cold-storage eggs in carload lots as a means of averting profiteering which threatened to result from the tie-up in railroad transportation. The price was set after a conference between State Food Administrator Harry A. Wheeler and dealers.

The formal agreement on the price of eggs, made three weeks ago, expired today, Mr. Wheeler said, and as a result dealers in various cities began bidding against each other, making the price-fixing necessary. "The price set today will rule in all cities with an allowance for the freight differential. Egg prices today were quoted the highest in the history of Chicago. Cold-storage eggs were 57 cents a dozen, while fresh eggs were 75 cents a dozen.

Dr. Emil Enna's Piano Recital Pleasant Success.

Twentieth Anniversary Programme Wins Liberal Applause From Large and Appreciative Audience.

The programmes distributed last night in the Lincoln High School auditorium had the significant number: "1898-1918." The occasion was the 20th anniversary programme of a piano recital given by Dr. Emil Enna, of this city, and the event was a pleasant, musical success. A large audience was present, and applauded liberally the various numbers rendered.

In fact it was a recital of music composed exclusively by Dr. Enna, and is highly creditable to his splendid musicianship. The music heard was original, lively, and thoroughly expressive of the words to which they are wedded.

The principal work rendered was "Legends of Seaside," words by Miss Virginia Drake, and music composed by Dr. Enna. The composition is so interesting and really worth while that it is easy to account for its popularity since it was first presented in public some little time ago.

Fancy dances interpreting portions of these legends were presented gracefully and beautifully by Miss Axa Genevieve Page, accompanying violin soloist, filled the Multnomah Hotel auditorium last night with an audience representing both society and musical circles.

With a programme representing high-class violin music of both classical and romantic schools of composition, Mr. Chernavsky interpreted it with cultivated, fine musicianship and in a manner that drew the hearty plaudits of his audience.

The two most interesting and difficult to render numbers were the first movement of a concerto and the "Serenade Melancolique," both by Tchaikowsky, and they were played by Mr. Chernavsky with quite unusual technique. The "Souvenir de Moscow"

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