

CALL CARS DEPLORABLE RECEIVERS ADMIT FACTS.

Reply to P. S. Engineer's Arraignment of Surface Equipment.

Details of the defects and worn-out equipment of cars in use by the surface system in this city were brought out yesterday when the report of A. W. McLimont, electrical engineer for the Public Service Commission, on his recent examination of the rolling stock was made public. This report constituted the sole argument of the commission for its order made ten days ago that every surface car must be put into good repair. The receivers for the railway company did not attempt to controvert the report at the hearing yesterday. They sent a letter to the commission admitting that the condition of the rolling stock was "deplorable."

DETAILS OF REPORT.

The hearing on the commission's order was before Commissioner McCarrill. Mr. McLimont was the only witness. He said he had inspected two main power houses, eight sub-stations and fourteen car barns. In the report he said, in part: "In all directions I find the original design, material and apparatus have been proper and the best available and the good results have been obtained both from the material purchased and the manner of installation."

The responsibility for the present objectionable operating conditions, also for the present deteriorated state of the installation, must be traced to the higher responsible heads rather than to the inferior employees. I find that in almost every case the chief of stations, carhouses and shops entrusted with the maintenance of the equipment are men who have been in the service, and in many cases not only in New York but elsewhere, and if the proper results from them are not forthcoming it is necessary to look to those higher officials responsible for the rolling stock policy and lack of proper method that seems to prevail in the practical operation of this company's car equipment.

My investigation leads to the conclusion that the equipment of the surface system is in a state of disrepair and that the rolling stock is in a state of disrepair. The rolling stock is in a state of disrepair and the equipment is in a state of disrepair. The rolling stock is in a state of disrepair and the equipment is in a state of disrepair.

REPLY OF RECEIVERS.

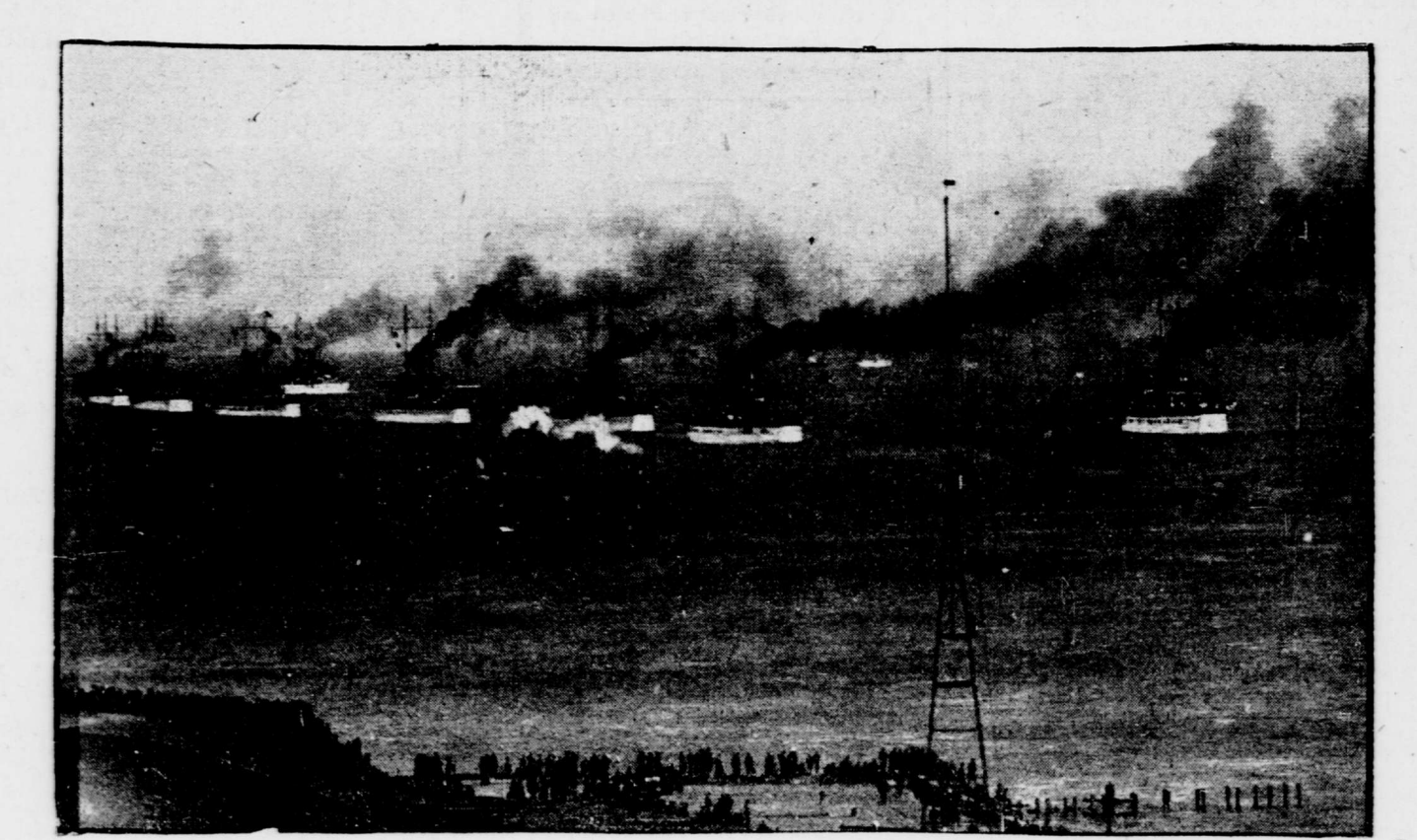
In the letter to the commission regarding the preliminary order the receivers say in part: "It is, of course, most desirable that every car should receive a thorough inspection, followed by such repairs as will put it in a condition of rolling stock when we took possession was deplorable. The main cause of this was apparently the neglect of the company in previous years."

GOVERNOR HAS THE GRIP.

Condition Not Serious—May Be Indoors Four Days.

Albany, Dec. 21.—Governor Hughes was obliged practically to give up work to-day on account of the grip. His physician, Dr. G. Z. Gorham, urged him to go to bed for a few days; he refused to do that, but cancelled his executive mansion. He has cancelled his engagements in New York on Monday, which included the dinners of the New England Society and the Kentuckians. The Governor began to feel ill yesterday, and went home in the afternoon with the characteristic temperature and general discomfort of the grip. Dr. Gorham described his case this morning as "a well developed case of grip."

UNITED STATES ARMY SIGNAL CORPS OFFICIAL PHOTO OF DEPARTURE OF BATTLESHIP FLEET FROM HAMPTON ROADS.



Taken with telephoto camera from top of Chamberlin Hotel. Nearest ship, the Minnesota, on right of signal pole, is about two and one-half miles from the camera. The Connecticut, shown between third and fourth ship from the right, has turned and is leading the column.

DICTATORSHIPS ENDED.

Central American Treaty Expected to Stop Revolutions.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Central America has at last found and applied a remedy for the chief evil that has disturbed peace in that part of the American continent between Mexico and the canal zone—a cure which may end the worst political disease that saps the prosperity of several South American republics as well. The idea apparently grew out of President Roosevelt's timely reiteration of his "no third term" declaration.

The delegates to the Central American Peace Conference at their last session signed eight treaties instead of the seven which have been announced and which were thought to cover the whole purpose of the gathering. This last treaty was added at the suggestion of Luis Anderson, Chief Secretary of State of Costa Rica and president of the conference. It is designed to insure internal as well as external peace to the five republics. It safeguards, as far as possible, the existing governments in each republic, prevents the much dreaded dictatorships, and sweeps away the chief cause of revolutions. It provides that none of the five signatory powers shall recognize either of the five republics whose ruler shall have gained the ascendancy as the result of a revolution or a forceful overthrow of the existing government, unless the new ruler is the selection of the whole people and is elected according to the constitution after all the required provisions have been carried out. This clause in the eighth treaty is considered by many the most practical result of the whole conference, beneficial as it has been in so many ways. Most of the delegates have been seeing a remedy for the prevention of internal dissension, and they are convinced they have found it in Señor Anderson's proposal.

In order that a President may not become a dictator and use his power to insure re-election year after year, it was agreed by the conference that all those countries whose constitutions do not already prohibit the unlimited re-election of a President should forthwith incorporate such articles as are necessary to put it beyond the possibility of a President to obtain perpetual tenure of office. The length of time which a President shall be allowed to serve, and the number of terms which he may have will be left to the discretion of each country, but it is agreed that there shall be some reasonable limit, in conformity with the American idea of a republican government. It is thought that the length of a term will be left as it is now in all the republics, four years in Costa Rica and five in each of the other countries. A third clause was incorporated in the treaty, stipulating that none of the signatory powers shall take part in any revolutionary movement against the other powers. This clause was included mainly to safeguard the seven other treaties and to insure concerted endeavor on the part of every republic to stop a revolution in any of the others. The intention of the whole treaty is to conform as nearly as possible to the constitution of Costa Rica, that country for nearly fifty years having been singularly free from turmoil of any kind.

RETURN BY WAY OF SUEZ.

Admiral Evans' Belief Regarding Plans for Fleet.

On Board U. S. S. Connecticut at Sea, Dec. 21 (via government wireless telegraph station at Key West).—Rear Admiral Evans to-day authorized the statement for publication that he personally believes that the Navy Department's present intentions are that the fleet shall return via the Suez route late next summer or fall.

QUITS ASHEVILLE WHEN IT GOES DRY.

John A. Roebing Deeds \$500,000 Estate to Presbyterian Mission Board.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 21.—John A. Roebing, son of Colonel Washington Roebing, of Brooklyn Bridge fame, owner of Beauchenes, a \$500,000 country estate on the St. Dunstan Road, between Asheville and Biltmore, has decided over the entire property to the Home Mission Board of the Northern Presbyterian Church, and will return soon to his home in Trenton, N. J. Mr. Roebing says he is leaving Asheville because Asheville has gone for prohibition.

PROVIDENCE HOME FOR SCIENCE CHURCH

Providence, Dec. 21.—The Providence branch of the Christian Science Church is to have one of the finest houses of worship in the city. It is to be in the fashionable East Side residential district, and will cost \$250,000. The Roman style of architecture will predominate.

CRIES CLIQUE IN NAVY.

Rear Admiral Melville Attacks Department's Bureau System.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—"Ton for ton and gun for gun, we have the best warships in the world." Answered by an article that is to be published in the next issue of "McClure's Magazine," which charges improper construction of the crack fighting ships of the United States navy. Rear Admiral George W. Melville gave voice to this opinion.

"Don't read the article to me," he said this evening. "Just tell me what he says. You hardly need to do that, for I know about what it is anyhow. I have been listening to tales of the same sort for the last twenty-five years, modified only as time brings its changes in the construction of naval vessels." The various statements, together with the opinions of Admiral Luce and other admirals quoted anonymously, were recounted to him, and then he said: "Luce is right. The whole trouble is, as he says, the bureau system of naval control. That is always the trouble and no good can ever come out of the navy so long as it is controlled by those bureaus for the twenty-five year clique down there at Washington that wants to get the control of the navy into its own hands. It is that infernal clique that wants to rule or ruin the navy that has been making all the trouble, and those men will continue to make it until they take control of the navy out of the hands of the President and his own advisers and have the placing of all the contracts for its civilians and the promotion of its officers by the military or fighting naval contingent of the clique."

Warships are the creation of human minds and hands and there is nothing of human construction that has not some defects. And then you must remember that the types of vessels built ten years ago are obsolete now. But I will make this general statement—and you cannot quote me too strongly in the making of it—that when the vessels of the last ten years have been turned over to the government they have embodied all the best ideas in naval construction that have been evolved anywhere in the world at the time they were turned over. Now, what do the fighting officers of the navy know about the construction of a warship? Not a bit more than the driver of a carriage knows about the making of the carriage he can drive so well. You can't quote me too strongly in saying that the naval officers in that clique that inspires such articles as these could no more build a battleship than they could fly. Let us consider the statement that the officers of the navy are too old. I maintain they are not; that the system of promoting officers by seniority that still obtains in the navy remains the best. Do you want to see our admirals, nine senior rear admirals, ranking with a major general in the army, forget their duty to their ships and their country and devote all their time about the making of the carriage he can drive so well. Do you want to see our naval captains, who rank with the colonels in the army, doing the same thing? That is what a general staff and the change in the control of the navy the clique is so anxiously striving for would bring about.

WILLIAM H. RICE, MINSTREL, DEAD.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—William Henry Rice, one of the best known minstrels in the United States, died of pneumonia in a hospital here to-day, after an illness of two days. He was sixty-five years old. He was born in Philadelphia, and when a lad secured an engagement as a singer with Charlotte Cushman's company. A few years later he went on the stage as a blackface female impersonator, and travelled throughout this country and Europe. He was connected with "Sam" Sanford's minstrels and Bryant's minstrels. His last appearance was at Dumont's Opera House in this city last season, when he appeared for fourteen weeks in impersonations of Sara Bernhardt and other actresses. He is survived by three sons, engaged in mercantile business in New York.

PRAYS BRYAN WILL BE PRESIDENT.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 21.—The presence of W. J. Bryan in Guthrie to-day inspired the Chaplain of the House to pray that he might be the next President. Immediately after the prayer the House broke into a storm of applause that lasted several minutes. Speaker William H. Murray added emphasis to the prayer by putting it as a question to the body. Every Democrat present answered with a rousing cry.

FLORIDA'S FAMOUS TRAINS.

9:25 A. M. and 9:25 P. M. Unexcelled service via Penn. & Atlantic Coast Line R. R. Florida Information Bureau, E. way, cor. 30th St.—Advt.

VOTE TO TIE UP CARS.

Philadelphia Street Railroad Employees Declare for Strike.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—The local union of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees decided at a meeting to-night that a strike of the motormen and conductors of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company would be called within forty-eight hours, unless the company grants the demands of the men. The employees ask for higher wages and a readjustment of hours. Leaders of the union say it has a membership of thirty-five hundred among the six thousand employees of the company.

CARNEGIE GIVES \$50,000.

To Endow Reed Professorship at Bowdoin College.

Brunswick, Me., Dec. 21.—President William De Witt Hyde of Bowdoin College announced to-night that Andrew Carnegie had promised the college the sum of \$50,000 toward the \$200,000 which the institution must raise in order to secure the gift of \$50,000 from the General Education Board. The money from Mr. Carnegie will be given in the form of an endowment of a professorship of history and political science "in memory of his friend, that great and good man, Thomas B. Reed."

A PHASE OF SEPARATION.

Deputies Pass Bill for Devolution of Church Property.

Paris, Dec. 21.—After a debate covering several weeks, the Chamber of Deputies to-day by a vote of 354 to 177 passed the bill providing for the devolution of Church property, excheating to state departments and communes under the separation law.

RAINES LAW MEN SHOT.

Seriously Wounded by Italian, Caught After Chase.

Wellsville, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Michael Dardano and Albert J. Manticco, Raines law inspectors, were shot at Belfast to-day by an Italian. Dardano has a bullet in his spine and probably will die. Manticco was shot in the neck. Although badly wounded he will recover. An Italian known as "Little Pete," employed as a baker in Decilio's boarding house and bakery, is under arrest on an open charge pending the result of the inspectors' wounds.

CHRISTMAS GIFT \$350,000.

Crane Elevator Company's Employees Again Share in Profits.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The Crane Elevator Company, following its custom, will give its 5,000 employees 10 per cent of their salaries as a Christmas present. To do this the company will give its men \$350,000. Each employee of one year's standing is entitled to share in this distribution of the profits.

WILLIAM BOSTWICK THOUGHT TO HAVE TURNED ON GAS BY ACCIDENT.

William Bostwick, one of the oldest and wealthiest residents of Staten Island, was found dead from gas asphyxiation in his home, Grymes Hill, yesterday morning. His family and the authorities are convinced that Mr. Bostwick came to his death through accident and did not intend to commit suicide. The door of his room was wide open and the lower connection of a double gas fixture was opened half way. Members of his family think that he got up in the night to shut off the gas from a small stove in the room and struck the lower jet by accident. Mr. Bostwick was born at Livingston, N. Y., seventy-three years ago. He studied civil engineering at Manhattan College and soon built up a large business in Staten Island. He was considered an expert and was frequently engaged by the Corporation Counsel's office. He was a member of the Masonic order. He leaves two sons and a daughter. One of his sons is C. Livingston Bostwick, the present County Clerk of Richmond.

ALDERMAN HATTON OUSTED BY 14TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT REPUBLICAN CLUB.

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W. H. GARLAND COMMITS SUICIDE.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 21.—W. H. Garland, youngest son of A. H. Garland, Attorney General under President Cleveland and United States Senator under President McKinley, committed suicide in the Hotel Marlborough in this city to-day. He wrote a book entitled "The Broken Locket," which had an extensive sale. His wife obtained a divorce from him in Chicago. He proved an unsuccessful burglar and served a year in the workhouse. Miss Garland, his only sister, committed suicide twelve years ago.

MR. TAFT HAS BUSY DAY.

RECEIVES MANY CALLERS.

Not Talking Politics, but May Make a Statement Later.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Secretary Taft's first day at his desk since he returned to the United States was a busy one from beginning to end. He had a great number of callers, most of them officials of the War Department, but there were also many persons whose business could not reasonably be connected with that department. Such, for instance, was Joseph L. Bristow, of Kansas, at one time Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, but now active in Kansas politics. Then there were Representative Pearre, of Maryland; ex-Senator Marion Butler, of North Carolina, and Justices Harlan and Day, of the Supreme Court of the United States. Senators Fulton, of Oregon; McCreary, of Kentucky, and Long, of Kansas, and Representatives Scott, of Kansas, and Douglas, of Ohio, also saw the Secretary. If they talked politics, however, and some of them said that they did, notably Mr. Bristow, the Secretary himself was not to be led into any discussion of that subject with the newspaper men who wished to talk to him about it later. In fact, he said to them plainly that the theme was a forbidden one at this moment, but that if a proper occasion arose in the future he would be glad to make a full statement on the subject. That answer covered all questions as to his plans for the immediate future, such as the probability of his going to Ohio to take part in the contest over the early primaries. He said, however, that he had authorized his private secretary to accept an invitation to attend the dinner of the Home Market Club, of Boston, and address that body on the night of December 30. The topic is to be the Philippine tariff, and might in one sense be regarded as political in its relation to the American tariff, though Secretary Taft will endeavor to have the projected removal of duties on Philippine products imported into America considered as non-partisan ground.

TAFT AND CANNON MEET.

But There Was No Clash of Presidential Booms.

Washington, Dec. 21.—When Secretary Taft and Speaker Cannon met at the White House to-day the crowd of callers waiting in the anteroom of the President's office held their breath with excitement. The coming together of two such prominent Presidential booms must be productive of something sensational on the spot, they argued, and they craned their necks and strained their ears for indications of the expected shock of impact. But if there was a shock it was such a gentle one that no windows were shattered and no doors were jarred from their hinges. Once in a while a shout of laughter came from the direction of the President's office, and now and then some Senator or Representative would arrive and join the crowd in that corner of the building where the Executive and his visitors were apparently having such a merry half hour. When the owners of the Presidential booms emerged from the President's office, arm in arm, both were laughing heartily.

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LOW'S ATAR OF MYOSOTIS VIOLET.

The new old perfume. Riker's Drug Store.—Advt.