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COMMISSION GAINS SIGNAL VICTORY IN INTERCHANGE CASE

Judge Vincent Carter of Superior Court Upholds Demurrers Filed by Shiveley and Shiveley for Commission.

TWO AVENUES OPEN TO PENNSYLVANIA NOW.

Will Accede to Decision or Appeal It to a Higher Court—Has Not Yet Determined Course to Be Followed.

Local shippers will be pleased to learn that in the third division of the superior court of Marion county, Judge Vinson Carter today sustained the demurrers filed by Shiveley and Shiveley, attorneys for the Indiana Railroad commission, to the complaint of the Pennsylvania railroad against an interchange of freight between the C. C. & L. and the Pennsylvania lines. The decision is a decided advantage to the state commission in their position and there are but two avenues now open to the Pennsylvania railroad, either to accede to the decision or else appeal the case to the higher courts.

In ruling upon the complaint, the court sustained all of the contentions presented by the attorneys for the railroad commission, and held, first, that the Railroad Commission Act as applied to the facts in this case, is constitutional and that the order of the commission is not an unlawful taking of the property of the railroad company without just compensation, and that the commission was fully empowered under the Railroad Commission act to make the order which was made in this case.

The railroad commission was represented by Mr. Ray K. Shiveley of counsel for the railroad commission and the railroad company was represented by its attorney, Mr. S. O. Pickens. Mr. Pickens stated that he had not decided whether they would appeal the case upon this ruling of the court or whether the railroad company would file further paragraphs of complaint, but would determine their course of action by next Wednesday.

PURPOSE OF MEN'S FEDERATION HAS BEEN OUTLINED

Committee Appointed to Consider Objects of Men's Organization Makes Its Report Which Is of Interest.

WOULD HAVE MEN BETTER EQUIPPED FOR SERVICE.

One of the Purposes Is to Increase the Effectiveness of Each Organization and to Aid Civic Righteousness.

The movement which has been agitated by the pastors and leading church workers of Richmond, for a federation of all the men's organizations of the city has taken definite shape. The committee appointed to draft resolutions which should be a working basis upon which to found the new organization has reported the following:

At a called meeting on January 10th of the representatives of the men's organizations of our churches it was decided that a federation of these organizations was advisable.

A committee was elected to draft propositions as a purpose basis to be submitted to the organizations for action.

This committee desires to present the following for consideration:

1—"The federation should include members of all the men's church organizations and also representatives named by the pastors from churches which have no such organization.

2—"It is the purpose of such a union to increase the effectiveness of each organization in the churches as well as to lead in and support efforts along the lines of civic righteousness in our city and state. The details or object of such efforts being left to the union to decide at the time of or after the organization is perfected.

3—"In order that the members of the union may become better equipped for Christian service we recommend that a course of daily bible reading and devotion be adopted at least for those who do not at present comply with this idea."

JOHN H. JOHNSON,
GEO. L. GOODWIN,
E. M. HAAS,
Committee.

Driven Like Sheep Were Italian Laborers Who Did Not Want to Dig Graves for the Dead



RESCUEES TAKING BODY OF WOMAN FROM THE RUINS.

SISTER'S CLAIM TO ALL PROPERTY IS NOW DISPUTED

Nieces of Maria E. Shute, Deceased, Want Part of Property which Would Have Fallen to Another Sister.

SUIT HAS BEEN FILED BY DICKINSON TRUST CO.

This Is Done That Will of Deceased May Be Construed, And a Final Administrator's Settlement Made.

A suit to construe the will of the late Maria E. Shute has been filed in the circuit court. This suit is entitled the Dickinson Trust Company, administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Maria E. Shute against Gertrude Shute, Ida R. Hutton, Ida Hodgin, Elizabeth W. Dabney and Harriet E. Shute. The estate is valued at \$5,000. Harriet E. Shute is a sister of the deceased and she claims the entire estate. The other defendants, who are nieces of the deceased, contest this claim.

Maria E. Shute, died in January of last year. In her will she bequeathed her entire estate to her sisters Elizabeth Shute and Harriet Shute. Before the death of the testatrix her sister Elizabeth died. Harriet Shute, as the surviving residuary legatee, then asserted her title to the entire estate.

The other defendants to the suit filed today entered a counter-claim, asserting that on the death of Elizabeth Shute the share of the residuary estate bequeathed to her lapsed and so far as Elizabeth Shute's share of the estate was concerned Maria Shute died intestate and that this share passed to the heirs of the testatrix as follows: Harriet Shute, Ida Hodgin, and Elizabeth Dabney each one-fourth, Gertrude Shute and Ida Hutton each one-eighth.

Next month a year will have lapsed since the will of the late Maria Shute was filed for probate and it will be necessary for the Dickinson Trust company to file its final report. This cannot be done owing to the fact that the heirs are in controversy. So that the estate can be legally settled the Dickinson Trust company asks the court to construe the will and rule as to how the estate shall be divided among the heirs.

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LOVER DRANK ACID BEFORE SWEETHEART

Evansville Youth's Quarrel Ends Fatally.

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 18.—Tony Fisher, aged 18, drank carbolic acid while walking on the street with his sweetheart, Miss Mabel Rubright. The girl did not see him empty the bottle and they walked ahead for three blocks until in front of her home, where he sank to his knees and died. The boy and girl quarreled on their way.

Foreigners Decline to Do Service for Stricken City and Are Forced to Aid in the Work.

Boystown, Pa., Jan. 18.—Two additional bodies were removed from the debris of the opera house fire today, one of them being identified as Mr. Shober. This identification was made through a stocking garter. The other was horribly charred and mangled and cannot be identified. Fragments of bodies were found by the searchers. There were funerals every hour today. On every street there were hearses wending their way to Fairview Cemetery, where most of the bodies will be buried.

Forty Italian laborers sent here by a firm of contractors, threw down their shovels and rushed to their shanties, claiming that the contractors had told them they were to do railroad work. With superstitions fear and teeth chattering they defied their foreman, Milton Brobst, who seized a torch and threatened to set fire to the building, when they emerged and were driven to the burial ground like a flock of frightened sheep.

Additional members of the state's constabulary arrived last evening, as the local police force is unable to cope with the situation. There has been considerable ghoul work, and several have been arrested, charged with robbing the dead.

Thus far all the dead except 33 have been identified.

All the churches have announced that there will be no services on Sunday, as the entire day will be given over to funerals.

The mystery surrounding the finding of the woman's body dressed in men's clothes at the merge on Thursday grew when the following telegram was received from Philadelphia:

"Man in woman's clothes arrested at Broad Street station. Says he was at Boyertown Monday."

The police are holding the man. It is possible that he is a partner of the woman and that the two had exchanged clothes.

The crowd became so curious over the body of the woman dressed in men's clothes that officials ordered the body locked in a separate room at the school house and a guard of two officers placed over it.

BOWMAN, CLERK 10 YEARS, RESIGNS

On Assuming County Chairmanship, Hagerstown Man Quits City Council.

JAS. M. KNAPP SELECTED.

Hagerstown, Ind., Jan. 18.—The city council met in special session Friday evening for the purpose of accepting the resignation of the city clerk, L. S. Bowman. Mr. Bowman was recently elected chairman of the Wayne County Central Committee and felt that he would be unable to care for the office of city clerk together with his many other duties, hence his resignation. Mr. Bowman has been city clerk for the past ten years and has given the position the best of his ability. James M. Knapp was elected to succeed Bowman and assumed the duties once more. Mr. Knapp is well qualified to fill the position having had much experience in dealing with the public.

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