

For Street Cars-Fight Will b: a Bot One --- Mayor Weaver Meets First Defeat.

Philadelphia, June 13 .- Ainld the cry of "thieves" and "crooks," and under the protection of a squad of police, the councils committee on street railways today referred to the city solicitor for his opinion as to their legality. four bills repealing ordinances granting streetcar companies the right to use 110 miles of street to lay tracks without the requiring of any compensation for the franchises. The meeting was in all respects as sensational and as stormy as that held by the committee on finance some weeks ago when the gas lease was under consideration.

the instance of Mayor Weaver, and the action of the committee today is the first setback the mayor has received since the inauguration of the reform movement which began with the fight on the gas lease.

Another sensation in the political situation today was the arrest of Frank H. Caven, select councilman from the

between the many ended. It is a context between the mayor and eltizens living in the territory through which the proposed new lines are to be run, on the one hand, and the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company, backed by the Republican organization, on the other, Recently four street car companies, Recently four street car companies, subsidiary concerns of the Philadel-phia Rapid Transit company, which corporation controls practically all the street car lines in the city, caused to be passed by the city councils or-dinances giving them the right to lay tracks on 110 miles of street, without the city receiving anything for the privilege. Citizens protested against the ordinances and Mayor Weaver ve-toed them. toed them.

The same day the gas lease was The same day the gas lease was passed over the mayor's veto, but no further action was taken because of the gas lease fight. Two weeks later, when councils adopted a resolution withdrawing the gas lease bill, four ordinances were introduced repealing the street railway ordinances, and to-day was set for a hearing on the

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lusion act.

the questions at issue.

Coal Team Owners, Will Tell

Chicago, June 13 .- The teamsters' strike proper has almost been lost sight of, the attention of both sides to the controversy being more occupied by the charges of bribery in connection with the labor, unions in Chicago than with the real issue.

tonight a history of the secret transthe past four years will be made publie, and the information will implicate have accepted bribes to call off strikes. The man who is expected to give this information is John C. Driscoil, former secretary of the Coal Team Owners' union, who has been the intermediary between the employers and the Teamsters' union in this city for the past

vill appear before the giand jury with ocumentary evidence showing that several labor leaders have been receiv-ing large sums of money through Dris-coll, which, it is declared by the latter, he employers were forced to pay to pre their employes being called out or

il displayed tonight a blank check ook, the stubs on which he said, cor-

ing to his own statements, was this: An employer, or an organization of employers, who was affected by a strike, or likely to be, would call and ask him to use his influence to bring about an adjustment of the difficulty. The fees, acording to Driscoll, paid the union men ranged from \$100 to thousands of dollars, the aggregate be-ing estimated by him at \$80,000. Dris-coll declares that he coll declares that he never received a dollar of this money for his efforts in averting trouble, except from the or-ganizations of which he was acting as ceretary,

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disturbers.

Four members of the committee who spoke against the repealers were called "thieves" and "crooks," and so disor-derly did the proceedings become that a squad of police was hurriedly sum-moned. Thereafter better order was maintained

After both sides had been heard the committee, by a vote of 15 to 11, re-farred the bills to the city solicitor for an opinion on them by noon,

Director of Public Works Acker to-day temporarily suspended work on the Torresdale boulevard, which is expect-ed to cost several million dollars, be-cause it is alleged that the contractors are not living up to the specifications in the matter of material furnished in the building of the boulevard, Col. Sheldon Potter, director of pub-lic sufety, notified all employes today that becauter no permission will be

His Wound Healing but He Suf-

London, June 14-The Moji, Japan, correspondent of the Daily Telegraph cables an account of his visit to Vice cables an account of his visit to Vice Admiral Rojestvensky in the hospitaf at Sasebo. The admiral, speaking in broken English, expressed his pleasure at the treatment accorded him by the Japanese and praised the quarters as-signed him. He occupies a private room, which is well ventilated, and gives the admiral a view of the beau-tiful landscape. Rojestvensky said to the correspondent: "I have everything I desire. My

AN AERONAUT'S EXPERIENCE

New York, June 14.—At Voghera an neronaut has passed through a terri-ble experience while making an ascen-sion on a trapezo, says a Herald dis-patch from Milan. A gust of wind drove the balloon against the smoke-stack of a factory. It became en-tangled, but the balloonist clung to the bar of his trapezo at a beight of 150 bar of his trapeze, at a height of 150 feet from the ground, and shouted for help. Firemen arrived, but their lad-ders were too short. An army engi-meer at Pavia was summoned by telegraph and arrived three hours later. Meanwhile the aeronaut, still calling for help, was losing strengtth, while the balloon was gradually losing gas Soldiers finally succeeded in hoisting a rope to the top of the chimney, and the aeronaut was lowered to the ground in such a feeble condition that he to be taken to a hospital,