## PRR CHRONOLOGY 1907

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Jan. 1, 1907	Eagle Creek Connection of PCC&StL opens between "SF" Tower, Indianapolis and Maywood Jct. (3.04 miles); old main line of Indianapolis & Vincennes between Maywood Jct. and Indianapolis converted to side track; old connection at Indianapolis broken for track elevation.
Jan. 1, 1907	Private funeral held for A.J. Cassatt at his town house on West Rittenhouse Square; old-fashioned funeral procession follows for interment in the churchyard of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer at Bryn Mawr; PRR officials attend, but not as an official delegation; no funeral trains run, nor service stopped. (NYT)
Jan. 1, 1907	PRR adopts new rules; discontinues carrying fuel for employees at less than regular rates.
Jan. 1, 1907	PRR ends practice of placing daily schedules in newspapers.
Jan. 1, 1907	A.H. Seth named Assistant to General Manager of BC&A and MD&V W.U. Polk named Superintendent of Railway Division, replacing A.H. Benjamin, deceased. (MB)
Jan. 1, 1907	CCC&StL Railway surrenders lease of portion of Belt Line & Stock Yards Company of Indianapolis between its Peoria and Chicago Divisions. (Church)
Jan. 2, 1907	James McCrea elected PRR President at salary of \$50,000 per year; only President to have spent a substantial part of his career on Lines West; McCrea retains Cassatt's office staff, including Assistants William A. Patton, E.T. Postelthwaite and O.J. De Rousse; McCrea receives congratulations of General Office force and Robert Kelso Cassatt in President's office from 11:00 to noon; where Cassatt was shy and taciturn, McCrea is jocular and verbose. (MB, NYT, RRG)
Jan. 4, 1907	Headings of 33rd Street Tunnel meet under 3rd Avenue, completing excavation from 5th Avenue to East River. (NYT)
Jan. 4, 1907	Robert H. Sayre (-1907) former Pres. of South Pennsylvania Railroad and VP of Lehigh Valley Railroad, dies at South Bethlehem. (RRG)
Jan. 7, 1907	Will of A.J. Cassatt probated at Norristown; bulk of \$5 million estate is left in trust for wife and children. (NYT)

Jan. 7, 1907 First U.S. controlled block signal system installed between Huntley and Cameron on Philadelphia & Erie; invented by C.C. Anthony, Supervisor of Signals at Altoona. Jan. 7, 1907 Florida Limited inaugurated as winter-only train between Chicago and St. **Augustine via Big Four-? route. (Sanders - verify)** Jan. 9, 1907 James McCrea elected Pres. of Lines West; Joseph Wood promoted to First V.P., Lines West and Pres. of Vandalia and Grand Rapids & Indiana Railway, replacing McCrea; James J. Turner to Second V.P.; Edward B. Taylor to Third V.P.; D.T. McCabe to Fourth V.P.; William Hodgdon to Freight Traffic Manager of Lines West, replacing McCabe. (J Wood bio has 1/12!) Jan. 9, 1907 PRR names Henry Clay Frick to Road Committee. (NYT notes Frick resigned from Rdg Boards to serve on PRR) Jan. 9, 1907 Steel single-deck ferry *Hammonton* placed in service between Philadelphia and Camden. (AR) Jan. 10, 1907 PRR announces its intention to ask next stockholders' meeting for new issue of \$100 million in stock and \$100 million in bonds. (NYT) Jan. 11, 1907 Sharp break in PRR stock in response to announcement of new capital increase; drops on opening 3.5 in London and 4 in New York; closes day down 3-1/8 at 136-1/8. (NYT) Jan. 1907 **Decline begins on Wall Street.** Jan. 1907 **New York City Improvement Commission recommends uniform finger** piers along Hudson River. (Vexler) Jan. 15, 1907 Pennsylvania, New Jersey & New York Railroad contracts grading of Meadows Division east of the Boonton Branch of the DL&W to H.S. Kerbaugh, Inc. (ASCE, Couper) Jan. 15, 1907 Douglas Robinson advises not to make mid-block passage between 33rd & 34th Street a public street, as PRR would then lose control of it. (SR) Jan. 15, 1907 Pa. Governor Edwin S. Stuart in inaugural address calls for a variety of Progressive reforms, including maximum 2-cents per mile passenger fare, giving electric railways the power of eminent domain and carrying freight, creation of a state railroad commission, forbidding common carriers to engage in other businesses, and a state investigation of violations of state constitution by railroads and coal companies. (RRG)

Jan. 1907	PRR employs a total of about 15,000 at Altoona. (RRG)
Jan. 17, 1907	Western Maryland Railroad, controlled by George J. Gould, buys stock control of Georges Creek & Cumberland Railroad, which had heretofore delivered coal from Georges Creek Basin to PRR at State Line, from American Coal Company; cost, \$1.8 million. (RRG, RRH)
Jan. 18, 1907	First test train runs over Wilmington track elevation. (WEJ)
Jan. 1907	Henry M. Hamilton (-1907), former promoter of Philadelphia "New Line", dies at Hamilton, N.J. (NYT)
Jan. 20, 1907	PRR establishes Sunday-only Chicago-Valparaiso local Nos. 186-187, scheduled for city dwellers going to country and returning in evening. (tt)
Jan. 22, 1907	Northern Central Railway coal pier in Baltimore destroyed by fire. (RRG)
Jan. 22, 1907	Absolute block system placed in service between "EL" Eldorado and "GQ" Petersburg.
Jan. 23, 1907	PRR elects Charles J. Ingersoll a director replacing James McCrea. (NYT)
Jan. 24, 1907	PRR raises age limit for employment from 35 to 40 years; unable to fill all offices on Lines West under old limit. (NYT)
Jan. 25, 1907	Pennsylvania, New York & Long Island Railroad deeds air rights for portion of block west of 8th Avenue to Post Office Dept. for what eventually becomes the Farley Post Office Building for \$1.66 million. (MB, CorpHist)
Jan. 25, 1907	ICC issues its "Report on Discriminations and Monopolies in Coal and Oil" citing railroad discrimination against small operators linked to direct or indirect ownership of coal mines; railroads also avoid competition through collusion on rates and through the interlocking ownership achieved under the "Community of Interest"; also condemns ownership of hopper cars by coal companies and direct or indirect ownership of coal companies by railroads. (RRG, Lambie)
Jan. 28, 1907	Southbound tracks open for revenue service on Wilmington track elevation, including new station by Furness & Evans. (WEJ)
Jan. 28, 1907	NYC&HR begins electric suburban service between Grand Central and Wakefield on the Harlem Division with MU cars; electrification placed in

service between Mott Haven Jct. and Wakefield; some trains continue to White Plains behind steam. (NYT, RRG)

- Jan. 1907 Rockwood station renamed Rockmere on Chautauqua Division.
- Jan. 31, 1907 United Engineering & Contracting Company applies to Board of Rapid Transit Commissioners for permission to build 33rd Street Tunnel from 5th to 7th Avenue and 32nd Street Tunnel from Madison Avenue to 7th Avenue by cut-and-cover method because of quicksand, necessitating closing streets. (NYT)
- Feb. 1, 1907 PRR increases wages of station agents on Lines East by 12-13.7%. (RRG)
- Feb. 2, 1907 James A. McCrea suggests to his father Pres. McCrea that PRR build a working model of Penn Station track layout with electric trains at a scale of 1" = 5' to study and plan train movements; no indication this idea was ever followed. (JMcC 32/24)
- Feb. 2, 1907 Charles M. Sheaffer, R.N. Duborow and A.E. Buchanan return from two-month tour of European railroads. (WEJ see ATO)
- General Manager W.W. Atterbury refuses wage increases to BRT and BLFE; papers say has summoned entire detective force to Philadelphia; trainmen want wages closer to those of conductors and engineers. (WEJ, NYT)
- Feb. 4, 1907 PRR completes first all-steel 70-foot RPO car at Altoona. (Mutual)
- Feb. 4, 1907 PRR announces gross earnings for 1906; \$14.3 million, largest in history.
- Feb. 4, 1907 Two-day heavy snowfall hits New York area; NYC&HR's under-running third rail functions well. (RRG)
- Feb. 5, 1907 BRT and BLFE react to W.W. Atterbury's refusal of wage increase; note public opinion will be against them if they strike at time of freight congestion; grievance committee holds another meeting with Atterbury. (NYT)
- Feb. 6, 1907 Eastbound *Congressional Limited* is passing at speed between West Philadelphia and North Philadelphia, when fireman Harry Michner discovers engineer Joseph Toms dead at throttle, his head having been crushed by striking some lineside object. (NYT)
- Feb. 10, 1907 PRR Board authorizes replacing Pier D at Jersey City with new pier containing enlarged immigrants' waiting room and express facilities. (NYT- verify in MB)

Feb. 10, 1907 PRR resumes operating Tipton Railroad as agent from C.O. Templeton. (Val, C&C) Feb. 11, 1907 Property owners on 32nd & 33rd Streets meet to oppose PRR plans to build part of crosstown tunnels by cut-and-cover method; vaults of Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on 5th Avenue reported settling because of PRR tunneling; attempts to use shield method west of 5th Avenue had been frustrated by quicksand and a buried stream. (NYT, Diehl) Feb. 12, 1907 Alfred Walter (1851-1907), Pres. of Seaboard Air Line, ex-Pres. of LV and former PRR division superintendent, dies at New York. (RRG) Feb. 13, 1907 Final report of Special Committee on Ownership of Coal Stocks to Board; after exhaustive investigation finds only 14 officers who have received coal stocks as gifts; finds no favoritism in allocation of coal cars, in construction contracts, or in coal purchasing. (MB, NYT) Feb. 13, 1907 PRR Board authorizes installation of block signals between Emporium and Olean and between Olean and Oil City. Feb. 13, 1907 NYC&HR begins revenue electric locomotive passenger service out of Grand Central Terminal. (Wilgus - or NEW HAVEN loco?, earlier NYC were MU trains) Feb. 14, 1907 Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners for the City of New York grants revised franchise to New York Connecting Railroad with no provision for local passenger service and permitting use of steam power; VP Samuel Rea says electric power not yet practicable for freight. (NYT, MB) Feb. 15, 1907 New York City Board of Estimate & Apportionment approves changes in city map vacating streets for Sunnyside Yard; Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners for the City of New York approve construction of tunnels west of 6th Avenue by cut and cover method. (CorpHist) Feb. 1907 Gallaher Branch of Cherry Tree & Dixonville Railroad opens (0.64 miles). (Val) Feb. 16, 1907 Brewster Express of NYC&HR, hauled by two S-1 electric locomotives, derails at speed on curve at 205th Street, Bronx; 21 killed, 150 injured; caused by extreme lateral force of electric motors shearing spikes and causing rail to spread; William J. Wilgus later forced to resign as scapegoat; locomotives are rebuilt to 2-D-2 and subject to 45 MPH speed limit, 35 MPH on curves. (RRG, RRH, NYT)

Feb. 17, 1907 NYC&HR extends electric service to Mount Vernon, a half mile north of Wakefield; no trains south of Wakefield on Harlem Division now operated by steam. (RRG) Feb. 19, 1907 PRR formally announces an issue of \$60 million 5%, three-year notes to Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and 99.5. (NYT) Feb. 19, 1907 PRR rejects ORC and BRT demand for shorter hours and a wage increase. (WEJ) Feb. 20, 1907 New York Connecting Railroad approves agreements for removal of buildings along right of way in Queens. (MB) Feb. 1907 Work begins on Sunnyside coach yard in Queens, New York City. Feb. 22, 1907 Westbound *Pennsylvania Special* No. 29 derails at 60 MPH near Mineral Point east of Johnstown just before midnight; three of four cars roll 125 feet down embankment to river; over 50 injured, including Rep. Beeman G. Dawes of Ohio; PRR originally blames on brake hanger on tender; later blamed on "Carnegie steel ties" being brittle from cold. (Snyder. NYT) General Manager W.W. Atterbury orders all 3,000 steel ties replaced with Feb. 26, 1907 wooden ones in wake of Pennsylvania Special wreck; United States Steel Corporation conducts own investigation and says steel ties not responsible. (NYT) VP John B. Thayer testifies in Harrisburg against pending 2-cent per mile Feb. 26, 1907 fare bill; says average cost is 1.749 cents; if bill passes, PRR will have to increase commuter rates or support passenger service through freight earnings. (NYT) Feb. 28, 1907 J.W. Ellsworth, Canadian Pacific Railway and Pennsylvania Company sign 10-year contract for operation of Pennsylvania-Ontario Transportation Company ferry; railroads to provide 200 hopper cars to run between mines of J.W. Ellsworth & Co. and Canada. (Church) Feb. 28, 1907 NYC&HR inaugurates electric service between Wakefield and Mount Vernon on Harlem Division. (Condit - see 2/17) **Early 1907** Four-track system opens between Vandyke and Port Royal on Middle Division. Mar. 1, 1907 BRT announces strike against PRR; includes yardmen at Harrisburg and Enola. (WEJ)

Mar. 3, 1907 Contractor's dynamite magazine at Homestead, near Bergen Hill Portal explodes at 12:12 AM; 30 believed killed; final report say only one man slightly hurt; shock wave rocks Manhattan. (NYT, ASCE) Mar. 3, 1907 PRR begins fencing shops and freight stations in preparation for strike. (WEJ) Mar. 4, 1907 Market Street Elevated Passenger Railway Company opens Market Street elevated and subway between 15th & 69th Streets, running on elevated west of 23rd Street. (SEPTA) Mar. 4, 1907 New scales placed in service at westbound yard at Hollidaysbirg. (Snyder) Mar. 4, 1907 Second track opens between Summit and Bradford on Indianapolis (later Columbus) Division. Mar. 4, 1907 Congress passes hours of service law for certain employees engaged in interstate commerce; sets maximum of 16 hours consecutive work. (verify) Mar. 6, 1907 Threatened strike of trainmen on Lines East settled by compromise after three-hour meeting between BRT and W.W. Atterbury; PRR agrees to extend Pittsburgh rate of 35 cents an hour to area within 45 miles from city; BRT had demanded rate be applied to all Lines East; BRT accepts PRR proposal to raise rate to 33 cents in other areas. (Snyder, NYT) Mar. 8, 1907 PRR raises wages of brakemen by 19 cents per day. (WEJ) Mar. 8, 1907 New York City Board of Estimate & Apportionment approves final form of New York Connecting Railroad franchise. (MB) Mar. 8, 1907 Virginian Railway formed; controlled and financed entirely by Henry H. Rogers of Standard Oil to build a new outlet from the W.Va. coal fields to Norfolk in competition with the N&W and C&O. (Lambie) Mar. 9, 1907 Quaker City Express No. 46 derails at Cresson; no injuries. (NYT) Mar. 10, 1907 First all-steel RPO car No. 6546 makes first trip in Jersey City-Washington service. Mar. 1907 PRR orders that at least one cat be kept in every station to suppress rodents. (CCHS) Mar. 11, 1907 J. Pierpont Morgan travels to Washington in his private car for hurried meeting with Pres. Roosevelt; says administration's action are threatening investor confidence in railroads; when Morgan is unable to answer some

technical questions, suggests a meeting between Roosevelt and James		
McCrea, W.H. Newman of the NYC&HR, Charles S Mellen of the New		
Haven, and Marvin Hughitt of the C&NW Morgan then departs for		
Europe. (NYT)		

Mar. 11, 1907	Boiler explodes on locomotive of southbound freight at Metuchen, N.J.			
	1:00 AM; three crewmen killed. (NYT)			

- Mar. 12, 1907 PRR stockholders' annual meeting approves issuing \$100 million in new bonds and increasing stock from \$400 million to \$500 million. (MB)
- Mar. 13, 1907 PRR Board appropriates additional \$25 million for Penn Station; \$200,000 for Darby Creek Low Grade Line. (MB)
- Mar. 13, 1907 Sharp drop in stock market. (EAH, more info)
- Mar. 13, 1907 "J" Interlocking placed in service at Lemoyne, Pa. (new machine). (CE)
- Mar. 14, 1907 Pres. McCrea, Newman, Mellen and Hughitt meet in New York to discuss situation concerning meeting with Pres. Roosevelt; are dismayed that Morgan put their names forward without their consent; Pres. A.B. Stickney of the Chicago Great Western visits Pres. Roosevelt and urges ICC assume all regulation so that railroads might escape more radical and inconsistent regulation by the states. (NYT)
- Mar. 14, 1907 Mayor \_\_ approves franchise of New York Connecting Railroad; last hurdle for approval. (MB)
- Mar. 14, 1907 Pres. Roosevelt appoints Inland Waterways Commission. (EAH)
- Mar. 15, 1907 In evening, the four railroad presidents issue an official statement that they will not go to Washington as they have no mandate to speak for the entire railroad industry; were split 2-2 on whether it was better to go or not, with Mellen and Hughitt generally friendly to Roosevelt. (NYT)
- Mar. 15, 1907 PRR sells \$60 million in 3-year, 5% collateral notes to Kuhn, Loeb & Co.
- Mar. 1907 WJ&S withdraws large number of Atlantic City trains, both steam and electric. (may be late Feb.). (RRG)
- Mar. 1907 PRR has four electric baggage trucks in service at Broad Street Station; also one at Jersey City as large as a horse-drawn wagon. (RRG)
- Mar. 1907 PRR now has 50 rest houses on Lines East; largest is at Filbert Street with 80 beds and a library. (RRG)

Mar. 1907 Pennsylvania Company acquires all stock and bonds of Chicago, Indiana & Eastern Railway from Clarence Knight under agreement of Apr. 13, 1905. (Church) Mar. 16, 1907 Northbound tracks on Wilmington, Del., track elevation open. (WEJ) Mar. 16, 1907 New Haven Pres. Charles S. Mellen telegraphs Pres. Roosevelt asking for a personal meeting on Mar. 19; other railroad presidents also meet with Roosevelt on their own initiative. (NYT) Mar. 18, 1907 First all steel 12-1 section Pullman sleeper Jamestown placed on display in Broad Street Station for inspection by PRR officials; returns to New York next day; to be exhibited at Jamestown Ter-Centennial, for which it is named. (WEJ) Mar. 19, 1907 Gustav Lindenthal informs Samuel Rea that he is preparing plan for moving North River Bridge to 57th Street. (SR) Mar. 21, 1907 New record day for freight traffic on Pittsburgh Division; 127 trains with 3,578 cars eastbound and 92 trains with 3,711 cars westbound. (RRG) Mar. 22, 1907 Chicago Limited No. 23 derailed near Stewart station 17 miles east of Pittsburgh at 4:00 AM; 10 people, including Tom Loftin Johnson, Mayor of Cleveland, injured; caused by wreckers removing fish plates and bolts; PRR adds hundreds of men to patrol entire Pittsburgh Division. (NYT) Gen. Joseph F. Boyd (-1907), Purchasing Agent and ex-Superintendent of Mar. 23, 1907 Cumberland Valley Railroad, dies at 74. (RRG) Mar. 24, 1907 PRR denies rumors floated in Philadelphia that it will curtail spending on improvements by \$25 million. (NYT) Mar. 27, 1907 PRR Board adopts plan for Shire Oaks Yard and 16th Street Yard on Allegheny Valley; approves agreement with Anne Thomson, Frank Graham Thomson and Clarke Thomson creating a trust fund of \$120,000 to create Frank Thomson Scholarships to support technical education for children of living or deceased employees of the PRR System; are to be eight scholarships of four years each, two to be awarded each year. (MB) Mar. 27, 1907 Wreckers derail the eastbound *Keystone Express* at Wilmerding, Pa.; slow speed saves train from rolling down bank into Turtle Creek; rails also loosened on an adjacent track so westbound Chicago Limited would immediately topple onto first train, but it was late. (NYT)

J.B. Fisher appointed Superintendent of Telegraph of Lines East.

Mar. 28, 1907

(Snyder)

Mar. 29, 1907 New York Times reports that Pres. Roosevelt is waffling on railroad policy after continued badgering by railroad presidents; is halfway prepared to give up asking for a law for federal valuation of railroads, which is the principal focus of railroad opposition, but he has only supported such a law in private, so that a public statement would look like surrender to the railroad interest; Secretaries Root and Cortelyou are firm is urging Roosevelt not to make a statement on his railroad policy on grounds that any suggestion that the economy is shaky could precipitate a panic. (NYT)

Mar. 30, 1907 Pennsylvania, New York & Long Island Railroad contracts with United Engineering & Contracting Company for tunnel under 32nd Street. (MB)

Apr. 1, 1907 Philadelphia & Erie Railroad merged into PRR.

Apr. 1, 1907 Grand Divisional reorganization: Pennsylvania Railroad Grand Division divided into Eastern and Western Pennsylvania Grand Divisions; Philadelphia & Erie Grand Division renamed Erie Grand Division; United Railroad of New Jersey Grand Division renamed New Jersey Grand Division; George W. Creighton from General Superintendent of PRR Grand Division to Eastern Pennsylvania Grand Division; Simon Cameron Long from Superintendent of Pittsburgh Division to General Superintendent of Western Pennsylvania Grand Division.

Apr. 1, 1907 Divisional reorganization: Middle Division (P&E) abolished and merged into Western Division (P&E) [see above]; headquarters of Western Division (P&E) moved from Erie to Renovo; Conemaugh Division created from former Western Pennsylvania Division and portion of Allegheny Division south of Kiski Jct. (was this in 1907 or later?? - later); Lewistown Division merged with Sunbury Division to form Sunbury & Lewistown Division (also given common officers with Shamokin Division); posts of General Agents at Pittsburgh and Erie abolished; R.T. Morrow to Superintendent of Pittsburgh Division, replacing S.C. Long.

Apr. 1, 1907 James T. Wallis (1868-1930) named Superintendent of Motive Power for Erie Grand Division and Northern Central Railway. (AR)

Apr. 1, 1907 John B. Fisher named Superintendent of Telegraph, replacing D.C. Stewart, promoted.

Apr. 1, 1907 PRR increases age for first employment from 35 to 45 under revised pension regulations. (MB)

Apr. 1, 1907 Headhouse of LIRR underground terminal at Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, opens.

Apr. 1, 1907 ATO report on use of railcars in Europe made public. (WEJ) Apr. 3, 1907 Pres. McCrea writes to Gov. E.S. Stuart protesting pending Dunsmore 2cent maximum fare law; notes Lines East already fails to earn 6% return on its passenger business. (NYT) Wreckers fail to derail eastbound silk train with ties lashed across track Apr. 4, 1907 at Tyrone; train had been alerted and was running slow. (NYT) Apr. 5, 1907 Pa. Gov. Stuart signs the Dunsmore Law setting maximum railroad fares at 2 cents per mile effective Sep. 30; cut from 3 cents; Pres. McCrea had written statement to Gov. Stuart protesting that such rates are unjust because the railroads cannot earn a fair rate of return. (NYT, RRG) Apr. 6, 1907 Fast Cleveland-Pittsburgh express No. 322 derailed by wreckers at Hudson, Ohio, at 8:00 PM; firemen seriously injured; PRR offers \$5,000 reward; greater vigilance on Pittsburgh Division caused wreckers to move further west. (NYT) Apr. 7, 1907 Dozens of railroad and Pinkerton detectives arrive in Hudson; rewards for wreckers on Lines East now total \$10,500; wreckers attempt to derail Buffalo-Pittsburgh express No. 62 at East Brady, Pa.; three men arrested. (NYT) Apr. 8, 1907 Pres. McCrea holds meeting of Division Superintendents to cope with spate of train-wrecking; another attempt at wrecking made at Alliance, Ohio, making seven attempts in 15 days. (NYT) Apr. 8, 1907 PRR issues order that trainmen are not to assist women passengers wearing white up and down coach steps unless requested after complaints of soiling clothes. (WEJ) Apr. 9, 1907 Realignment of main tracks opens between south end of Long Bridge and Four Mile Run in Arlington, Va. (WS AR) Apr. 9, 1907 PRR orders guards doubled on Pittsburgh Division; about six more suspects arrested. (NYT) Apr. 10, 1907 PRR Board approves increasing stock of New York Connecting Railroad from \$100,000 to \$1 million. (MB) Apr. 10, 1907 Elimra & Williamsport Railroad grants trackage rights to Susquehanna & New York Railroad between Newberry Jct. and Marsh Hill Jct., Pa. (Val) Indiana passes new railroad laws, including full crew law, mandatory Apr. 10, 1907

	block systems by July 1, 1909, 2-cent fares, and \$1,000 liquor license for dining cars. (RRG) $$
Apr. 11, 1907	PRR lets contract for signal work on Penn Station line to Union Switch & Signal Company. (NYT)
Apr. 15, 1907	PRR makes increases rates on lake grain shipments eastbound from Buffalo. (NYT)
Apr. 15, 1907	William Couper appointed Acting Secretary to Penn Station Board of Engineers, replacing Robert H. Groff, resigned; serves until dissolution of Board in 1909 and authors PRR's commemorative book. (ASCE, Couper)
Apr. 1907	New Jersey creates Railroad Commission. (RRG)
Apr. 16, 1907	New York Connecting Railroad Board votes to increase stock from \$100,000 to \$3 million, not \$5 million as approved in 1898. (MB)
Apr. 16, 1907	Dayton, Lebanon & Cincinnati Railroad sold at foreclosure at Lebanon to Edwin G. Tillitson, trustee for bondholders; ends control by Appleyard interests. (Church, RRG)
Apr. 17, 1907	Atlantic City & Shore Railroad opens electric service between Somers Point and 8th Street, Ocean City. (or 7/4/07?? - Gladulich); West Jersey & Seashore steam launch service between Somers Point and Ocean City discontinued (effective with summer sched?? - i.e. last run would have been 9/1906)
Apr. 17, 1907	Traverse City, Leelanau & Manistique Railroad sold at foreclosure to Union Trust Company of Detroit. (, RRG)
Apr. 18, 1907	New Haven begins operating electric test trains on three round trips daily between Grand Central and New Rochelle for testing equipment and training crews.
Apr. 1907	Experimental Class K28 4-6-2 passenger locomotive introduced on Lines West; designed by Lines West General Superintendent of Motive Power David F. Crawford; built by Alco; heaviest passenger locomotive built for any railroad up to this time at 269,200 lbs. without tender; 31,000-lb. tractive effort; radial-stay boiler. (, RRG)
Apr. 1907	LIRR opens 3rd and 4th tracks between Woodside and Jamaica.
Apr. 22, 1907	Pa. Gov. Stuart signs law permitting street railways to carry freight; next day Philadelphia & West Chester Traction Company begins carrying milk to 69th Street. (RRG)

Apr. 24, 1907	PRR Board rescinds appropriations totaling \$6.7 million and defers an additional \$2.95 million in road & equipment spending; cuts Darby Creek Low Grade Line to \$20,000, stopping construction. (recheck this last) (MB)
Apr. 26, 1907	New York Connecting Railroad approves reports of Construction Committee including final plans for Hell Gate Bridge; estimate of total cost \$16.5 million. (MB)
Apr. 26, 1907	Jamestown Ter-Centennial Exposition opens at Norfolk, Va.
Apr. 27, 1907	Virginia passes 2-cent fare law, effective July 1. (RRG)
Apr. 1907	Hite station renamed Glassmere on Conemaugh Division.
Apr. 29, 1907	New England Navigation Company, a subsidiary of the New Haven, contracts to purchase the largest single block of the Boston & Maine from the American Express Company by exchanging New Haven shares; bypasses Massachusetts regulations against control by competing railroad. (Splawn)
Apr. 29, 1907	Washington Southern Railway opens new alignment over Neabsco Creek. $(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{R})$
Spring 1907	LIRR opens second demonstration farm, "Prosperity," east of Medford. (Seyfried)
May 1, 1907	Philadelphia & Erie Railroad merged into PRR under agreement of Feb. 1, 1907. (Val)
May 1, 1907	PCC&StL begins operating Chicago, Indiana & Eastern Railway (Converse-Muncie) under agreement of May 10, 1907; added to Logansport Division. (Church, )
May 1, 1907	PRR raises tidewater bituminous coal rates 5 cents a ton. (NYT)
May 1, 1907	PRR pays 3.5% semiannual dividend. (WEJ)
May 1, 1907	General Manager W.W. Atterbury meets with Division Superintendents at Broad Street Station on importance of reducing expenses. (WEJ)
May 1, 1907	George H. Daniels resigns from NYC&HR in ill health. (RyAge)
May 1, 1907?	PRR appoints E.A. Sterling, formerly with U.S. Bureau of Forestry, to new post of Forester; has about 1,000 acres planted in trees at Mount

	Union, Altoona and Hollidaysburg to grow tie timber. (RRG)
May 4, 1907	Chicago, Indiana & Eastern Railway leaves receivership without foreclosure. (Church)
May 6, 1907	Cresson & Indiana RPO established. (Kay)
May 6, 1907	Westbound receiving yard at Hollidaysburg begins dispatching empty trains. (Snyder)
May 8, 1907	PRR Board approves new alignment between Blairsville and Radebaugh and between Radebaugh and Stewart; writes off \$2.7 million debt of American Steamship Company to PRR. (MB)
May 8, 1907	Hollidaysburg Yard begins classifying loaded cars for the Pittsburgh Division. (Synder)
May 10, 1907	PCC&StL Railway agrees to operate Chicago, Indiana & Eastern Railway (Converse-Muncie) retroactive to May 1. (Church)
May 10, 1907	PRR places order for a new standard steel rail with heavier crown and flange; refuses to accept further quick-order rails, assigns 10 new inspectors to monitor rail quality at steel works, and hires experts to superintend construction of new rolling mills at Edgar Thomson Works for experiment; are to discard 25% off top of ingots to improve quality. (NYT)
May 15, 1907	NYC&HR cancels O'Rourke Construction Company's excavation contract at Grand Central Terminal because of continuing delays and assumes work with own forces. (Schlichting)
May 1907	Knickerbocker Row station renamed Roebling on Amboy Division. (Guide)
May 1907	NYC&HR forces take over Grand Central Terminal yard excavations from contractors.
May 1907	New Haven buys about 40% of Boston & Maine through exchange of stock; Lawrence family of B&M retains Louis D. Brandeis to contest control.
May 1907	Three-year economic expansion ends and sharp downturn begins. (NBER)
cMay 18, 1907	Contracts let for Long Island City approaches to East River Tunnels; last part of tunnels to be let. (NYT - not give exact date)

May 19, 1907	Pres. McCrea returns from a one-month trip to Europe. (NYT)
May 19, 1907	New York, Lake Erie & Western terminates trackage rights over PRR between Johnsonburg and Brockwayville, Pa., granted in 1882.
May 21, 1907	Bradley Jct. & Heilwood RPO extended to Bradley Jct. & Dixonville RPO. (Kay)
May 22, 1907	PRR sues in Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas to block implementation of 2-cent fare law. (RRG)
May 22, 1907	Philadelphia & Western Railroad opens electric third-rail line from 69th Street to Strafford; plan is to extend to Western Maryland at York and give Gould System access to Philadelphia. (RRG)
May 25, 1907	Large dynamite explosion at northwest corner of Penn Station site sends shock wave into surrounding blocks and showers neighborhood with rock fragments; 12 injured. (NYT)
May 26, 1907	Pittsburgh Night Express inaugurated between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.
May 27, 1907	First steel column of Penn Station put in place. (ASCE, Couper)
May 27, 1907	Operating Committee recommends central vacuum cleaning system for Penn Station. (JMcC 32/24)
May 28, 1907	Toledo Railway & Terminal Company sold at foreclosure at Toledo for \$\$2 million.
May 28, 1907	Illinois passes 2-cent fare law. (RRG)
May 31, 1907	Railroad Gazette publishes renderings of Hell Gate Bridge, including masonry clad piers by architects Palmer & Hornbostel. (RRG)
May 31, 1907	Dayton, Lebanon & Cincinnati Railroad & Terminal Company incorporated as reorganization of Dayton, Lebanon & Cincinnati Railroad. (Church)
May 31, 1907	Pennsylvania Gov. Stuart signs law creating Pennsylvania Railroad Commission to regulate railroads within the state; goes into effect Jan. 6, 1908. (Act)
May 31, 1907	LIRR carries 128,652 holiday passengers, up 28% from 1906. (RRG)

- June 1, 1907 Washington Southern Railway assumes control of operations between the north end of Potomac Yard and the Long Bridge from the PB&W and B&O. (AR)
- June 1, 1907 Chauncey M. Depew and William H. Newman of NYC&HR and John B. Thayer of PRR leave C&O Board. (AR)
- PRR announces that expenses have increased by \$5.5 million in first four months of 1907 over 1906; greatest jump in history; net earnings decline by \$1.27 million; earnings of Lines West increase \$293,800; blame on wage increase of Dec. 1, 1906; wage increases were less widespread on Lines West. (NYT)
- June 2, 1907 PB&W, Northern Central and Lehigh Valley Railroads sue to block implementation of 2-cent fare law; PRR threatens to abolish all commutation, workmen's and trip tickets in Pennsylvania if law is upheld. (RRG)
- June 3, 1907 Subcommittee on Penn Station Signals & Interlockings reports; calls for color light signals with red, yellow and green aspects; four interlocking cabins: "A" at main throat west of station, "B" at the west end of the LIRR platforms, "C" at the west end of the 33rd Street Tunnel, and "D" at the west end of the 32nd Street Tunnel. (JMcC 32/24)
- June 1907 P70 adopted as standard all-steel coach; PRR orders 200, delivered in 1908.
- June 4, 1907 Work begins on Queens approach to East River tunnels between East Avenue & Thompson Avenue. (Couper)
- June 4, 1907 PRR announces it will sell no commutation tickets good beyond Sep. 30, when Pennsylvania 2-cent maximum fare law takes effect. (NYT)
- June 6, 1907 New York Governor Charles Evans Hughes signs Page-Merritt Bill replacing New York City Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners with Public Service Commission for the First District; a separate PSC regulates railroads outside of New York City; replaces public-private partnership with full governmental regulation and shifts control from city to state where Republicans have majority; also creates PSC for the Second District, covering the rest of the state. (RRG, Hood)
- June 7, 1907 William G. McAdoo refuses Jersey City demand for 1% of gross receipts in return for allowing Hudson & Manhattan Railroad to relocate pipes and sewers under Railroad Avenue; McAdoo threatens to build tunnel deep with no station at Grove Street. (SR)

June 7, 1907	Dayton, Lebanon & Cincinnati Railroad & Terminal Company begins operating portion of Cincinnati, Lebanon & Northern Railway between Lebanon and Dodds. (verify C&C, Church)			
June 11, 1907	Northern Central Railway grants trackage rights to Newark & Marion Railway between Newark & Marion Jct. and Newark station. (Val)			
June 11, 1907	Committee of William J. Wilgus, Samuel Rea, and J.M. Graham of Erie report with recommendation for a new Buffalo Union Station east of Fillmore Avenue on site of East Buffalo Freight Yard. (RRG)			
June 11, 1907	New York Gov. Charles Evans Hughes vetoes 2-cent fare bill on grounds is arbitrary and has been drafted without any investigation. (RRG)			
June 12, 1907	PRR Board appoints committee of five to study organization and salaries.			
June 12, 1907	Government files suit against the anthracite railroads and their coal companies except PRR and New York, Ontario & Western Railway. (RRG)			
June 15, 1907	West Jersey & Seashore Railroad leases operation of Atlantic City- Longport trolley line to Atlantic City & Shore Railroad. (or 7/16?? - includes operation of Longport-Ocean City launches)			
June 1907	Milliken Bros., Inc., contractors for Penn Station structural steel, enters receivership. (ASCE)			
June 17, 1907	"JD" Interlocking placed in service at Conpitt Jct. (new machine)			
June 17, 1907	New book of signal rules in effect on Lines East (Snyder); PRR begins testing braking responses of engine crews by turning signals red in their faces; those who fail are suspended. (WEJ)			
June 19, 1907	Cambria & Clearfield Railway acquires Osceola Coal & Coke Company's interest in Trout Run Branch at Osceola Mills, giving it 100% control.			
June 1907	PRR appoints 10-man committee under Theodore N. Ely to develop new 100-lb. and 85-lb. rail sections. (RRG)			
June 1907	Mount Pleasant station renamed Summerson on Allegheny Division.			
June 1907	PRR completes two-year project of renumbering over 250,000 freight cars to eliminate duplicate numbers; Lines East numbered 10,001 to 500,000; Lines West 500,001 to 999,999. (WEJ has ca. 11/07)			
June 20, 1907	Penn Station Terminal Passenger Yard & Operating Committee decides			

that the first and second floors of Penn Station are to contain company offices, not rental space and third and fourth floors are to be rented; later modified so that all floors of 7th Avenue front are rented, and the rest is for company use.  $(JMcC\ 32/24)$ 

- June 20, 1907 Former Pittsburgh Division Superintendent Robert Pitcairn run down by a bicyclist while walking home. (NYT)
- June 21, 1907 Pennsylvania, New York & Long Island and LIRR signs agreement with New York City covering construction of Sunnyside Yard in Queens to service trains using Penn Station; covers 208 acres with 53 miles of track; requires closing 50 paper streets. (CorpHist)
- June 21, 1907 Monongahela Railroad opens Parshall Branch from Parshall Branch Jct. to Parshall Coke Works (Old Home Works). (Church, AR)
- June 26, 1907 Pennsylvania, New Jersey & New York Railroad and Pennsylvania, New York & Long Island Railroad merged to form Pennsylvania Tunnel & Terminal Railroad (PT&T) under agreement of June 5. (MB)
- June 26, 1907 PRR Board authorizes new station and track elevation at Swissvale, Pa. (MB)
- June 27, 1907 Pennsylvania Tunnel & Terminal Railroad Company (PT&T) organized; James McCrea, Pres.; Samuel Rea elected VP. (MB)
- June 27, 1907 Mayor McClellan of New York approves street closings for Sunnyside Yard. (MB)
- June 28, 1907 Jacob H. Schiff of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. meets with Pres. McCrea at Broad Street Station, rumor has it over possible sale of C&O, B&O or N&W shares to third parties. (NYT)
- June 28, 1907 New York & Long Beach Railroad (Lynnbrook-Long Beach) merged into LIRR under agreement of June 25, 1907. (Val, C&C)
- June 28, 1907 Samuel Rea rejects plan of carrying Hudson & Manhattan Railroad trains via South Street and over PRR's West Newark Branch to Clinton Avenue. (SR)
- June 28, 1907 West Jersey & Seashore Railroad grants trackage rights to Atlantic City & Shore Railroad over Atlantic City-Longport Branch and use of boat line between Longport and Ocean City, effective July 15. (Val)
- June 28, 1907 Massachusetts Legislature passes "Cole Bill" ordering New Haven to desist from voting its Boston & Maine shares until July 1, 1908 and to

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	refrain from buying any more B&M stock. (Splawn)
June 1907	Avon station renamed Nova on Buffalo Division.
June 30, 1907	RF&P begins contributing \$26,000 a year for two years to Washington Southern Railway as compensation for its high terminal costs. (Mordecai)
Summer 1907	BC&A purchases steamer <i>Old Point Comfort</i> from NYP&N for potato business. (MB)
July 1, 1907	PRR begins conforming to new ICC rules for classification of operating expenses, road & equipment expenditures, and classification of locomotive-miles, car-miles and ton-miles.
July 1, 1907	NYC&HR service into Grand Central Terminal completely electrified except for some Mott Haven shop trains; New Haven service remains mostly under steam. (Wilgus, RRG - RRH says NH began running electric locos over NYC 5/11/1907)
July 1, 1907	New station and train shed open at Cape Charles, Va.
July 1, 1907	Illinois law cutting maximum passenger fare from 3 to 2 cents per mile goes into effect.
July 1, 1907	Three major railroads cut Chicago-Cincinnati fare to $\$6.00$ to meet 2-cent fare laws. (RRG)
July 1, 1907	T.A. Joynes, Superintendent of Steamers for BC&A and MD&V, resigns, and his duties given to VP & General Manager Willard Thomson. (MB)
July 1, 1907	MD&V grants wage increase to railroad workers.
July 1, 1907	PRR begins operating Pine Run Railroad as agent. (check C&C)
July 1, 1907	PRR begins operating between Irvona and Irvona Coal & Coke Company's Mine No. 10 (2.39 miles).
July 1, 1907	PRR reorganizes Police Dept.
July 1, 1907	Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway signs agreement with Chicago & Alton Railroad for joint through passenger service between Chicago and Peoria via Chenoa. (Church)
July 2, 1907	Rockfall in New York Tunnels kills two. (Diehl)
July 2, 1907	Pine Run Railroad opens from Irvona to mines on P&NW Division.

July 7, 1907 PRR informs steel mills that it will make no further experiments with steel ties. (NYT) July 7, 1907 Through Chicago-Peoria cars over Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway shifted from Wabash route via Forest to Chicago & Alton Rail via Chenoa. (Stringham) July 8, 1907 NYC&HR signs fourth agreement with New York City covering Grand Central Terminal. July 10, 1907 PT&T Board declares contract with Milliken Bros., Inc., for Penn Station steel work in default because of bankruptcy. (MB) July 11, 1907 PRR begins hearing of suit against constitutionality of Pennsylvania's Dunsmore 2-cent fare law in Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia with testimony of VP John P. Green. (NYT) July 11, 1907 NYP&N places steamer Maryland, built by Maryland Steel Company, in service for Jamestown Exposition traffic. (MB) July 12, 1907 Pres. McCrea and VP John B. Thayer testify in suit brought by PRR on Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas to overturn Dunsmore 2-cent fare law; state PRR will lose more than \$3 million a year on Lines East gross passenger earnings; PRR will be forced to raise commuter rates (now 1.46 cents per mile) to compensate for cut in basic one-way fare from 2.406 cents to 2 cents; lower fares will not automatically stimulate more travel to raise overall earnings; PRR's introduction of interchangeable mileage books and reduced one-way fares in fall of 1906 increased ridership only slightly and produced decline of \$460,000 in earnings in first third of 1907. (NYT) July 12, 1907 Westinghouse tests an experimental 4,000 HP electric locomotive at its test track at (Swissvale?) (for PRR?) (NYT) July 15, 1907 PT&T contracts with Degnon Realty & Terminal Improvement Company for grading Sunnyside Yard; Michael J. Degnon is builder of Steinway Tunnel; Degnon Realty & Terminal Improvement Company is organized by Belmont, LIRR and PRR interests to use spoil from Sunnyside Yard to fill and develop 700 lots along Dutch Kills Creek. (MB, Seyfried) July 15, 1907 PRR terminates operation of Brookeville Railway. July 15, 1907 New Class K28 4-6-2 arrives at Pittsburgh from Altoona for trials on Lines West; 1.5 times tractive effort of 4-4-2; to be used to haul 10 to 12-

car trains on heavy grades where 4-4-2's limited to 8 cars. (WEJ)

July 1907	PRR issues new rules for handling explosive or flammable freight, including use of large "Caution" signs. (RRG)
July 1907	PRR announces it will equip homes of engineers and firemen at Altoona with telephones at company expense and eliminate call-boys. (RRG)
July 1907	William G. McAdoo gets injunction permitting Hudson & Manhattan Railroad to build under Jersey City without obstruction.
July 1907	Branch of PB&W opens at Perryville, connecting with Columbia & Port Deposit Railway at Frenchtown, Md. (Val)
July 17, 1907	PT&T Board relets contract for Penn Station steel work to American Bridge Company; adopts route from Harrison, N.J., to Bergen Hill tunnel portal. (MB)
July 24, 1907	New Haven inaugurates 11,000-volt a.c. single-phase electrification for some five round trips between Woodlawn Jct. and New Rochelle, N.Y.; first such electrification of a heavy steam railroad in U.S. and prototype for later PRR electrification. (RRG, NYT)
Aug. 1, 1907	PC&V opens between West Brownsville and point south of Denbo; Pennsylvania, Monongahela & Southern Railroad opens between point south of Denbo and Fredericktown. (Val, C&C has 12/3/07 as open PM&S, mistake; verify PV&C)
Aug. 1, 1907	Alexander H. Rudd replaces George D. Fowle as Signal Engineer on Lines East; Fowle made Consulting Signal Engineer til death on Oct. 14, 1909.
Aug. 1, 1907	Double track on new alignment opens across Neabsco Creek on Washington Southern Railway, completing double track between Washington and Quantico. (AR)
Aug. 5, 1907	New Haven extends electrification from New Rochelle to Port Chester with ten round trips.
Aug. 9, 1907	Federal grand jury in Jamestown, N.Y., hands down indictments against Standard Oil Company of New York, Vacuum Oil Company, PRR and NYC&HR for charging less than published rates on oil between Olean and points in Vermont. (NYT)
Aug. 10, 1907	Westinghouse foreman electrocuted while making improvements to New Haven catenary at New Rochelle.
Aug. 1907	PRR announces it will establish its own telegraph school at Bedford, Pa.,

	cuts hours from 12 to 9 effective Mar. 1, 1908. (WEJ)
Aug. 1907	Elevation of four track Vandalia main line at Indianapolis completed. (RRAG)
Aug. 1907	Anchor Line places 5,000-ton package freighter <i>Wissahickon</i> in service. (RRAG)
Aug. 16, 1907	NYP&N sells passenger steamer <i>Old Point Comfort</i> to Baltimore, Chesapeake & Atlantic Railway; <i>Maryland</i> and <i>Pennsylvania</i> hold down ferry with <i>New York</i> as relief boat (Mason); BC&A buys light-draft steamer <i>Old Point Comfort</i> for potato trade. (AR)
Aug. 21, 1907	LIRR ferry crews strike at 12:00 N; service cut to one boat to 34th Street. (WEJ)
Aug. 25, 1907	NYC&HR restores right-hand running and completes electric signals between Grand Central Station and Croton Falls on Harlem Division. (RRG)
Aug. 27, 1907	Clearing of Penn Station site completed. (Couper)
Aug. 31, 1907	Fairmont & Southern Railroad incorporated to build from Belington, W.Va., to Pittsburgh. (Church)
Sep. 2, 1907	Pennsylvania, Monongahela & Southern opens between Fredericktown and Millsboro on Monongahela Division.
Sep. 2, 1907	Pennsylvania Company, Cleveland & Marietta Railway and Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad sign agreement for joint station at Valley Jct., Ohio. (Church)
Sep. 4, 1907	In a classic case of bad timing, VP John B. Thayer announces that PRR's business has never been better and will continue strong in future. (NYT)
Sep. 4, 1907	Fairmont & Southern Railroad adopts location between Belington and Rivesville, W.Va., but no work done by this company. (Church)
Sep. 6, 1907	PRR trackwalker Francesco Levita fatally injured by oncoming <i>Chicago Limited</i> at Ardara on Pittsburgh Division, just as he finishes replacing spikes and fish plates which he had discovered removed by train wreckers. (NYT)
Sep. 8, 1907	NYC&HR begins using south slip of PRR station at Debrosses Street for its ferries from Weehawken.

to train 700 additional operators needed under new U.S. labor law which

Sep. 9, 1907 Chartiers Railway absorbs Meadow Lands & Zediker Railroad and Western Washington Railroad, owning mine branches in Washington County, under agreements of Sep. 4. (Church) Sep. 11, 1907 New York Times reports that PRR is designing new steel rail with heavier crown and flange because of increased weight and speed of locomotives; to reduce breakage will also require a new rolling process to remove impurities and discarding 25% of each ingot. (NYT) Sep. 11, 1907 Special committee on salaries recommends average 13% raises for officers in Transportation Dept., retroactive to July 1. Sep. 11, 1907 Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas rules that new Pennsylvania law setting maximum 2-cent per mile passenger fare is confiscatory and unconstitutional; accepts PRR figures of capital invested in its intrastate passenger business and its contention that "confiscation" occurs where company is unable to earn legal interest (6%), which an investor could make by placing funds elsewhere, whereas Granger states have ruled that confiscation occurs only when there is an actual loss; PRR formerly earned 5.1% on its passenger business, which would be cut to 1.94% under new law. (NYT, Lee) Sep. 1907 E.H. Harriman's Union Pacific pays off balance of Oregon Short Line notes given in payment to PRR for its B&O stock with cash raised by **Union Pacific underwriting syndicate. (NYT)** Sep. 15, 1907 Columbia & Port Deposit reopens after being closed to permit construction of McCalls Ferry (Holtwood) Dam; track raised for 13 miles. (,RRG)Sep. 1907 George D. Dixon promoted from Freight Traffic Manager to General Traffic Manager. (RRG) Sep. 1907 New interlocking machine placed in service at "A" Tower at Broad Street Station. (ICC rept says b. or reb. 3/15/09!) Sep. 1907 Four-track system opens between Beatty and South West Jct. on Pittsburgh Division, including new alignment between Beatty and George. (AR, RRG - late Sep. or Oct. 1?) Sep. 16, 1907 PRR establishes own school of telegraphy at Bedford, Pa., under J.F. Cessna; needs 700 more operators to comply with Federal Eight Hour **Law in Mar. 1908. (RRG)** 

Genesee Valley Canal Railroad opens Scottville Branch between

Sep. 16, 1907

	Scottsville and Garbutt, N.Y., (2.9 mi.) off Rochester Branch. (Val)
Sep. 1907	PRR places first train of four electrically-lighted coaches on Paoli Local; first electrically-lighted cars other than Pullman cars. (CCHS, WEJ)
Sep. 23, 1907	PRR signs new contract with Western Union Telegraph Company covering all of Lines West, effective Oct. 1. (Church)
Sep. 24, 1907	First streetcar makes test trip through north tube of Belmont Tunnel (New York & Long Island Rail) from 3rd Avenue & 42nd Street to 4th Street in Long Island City; not used regularly and converted to rapid transit subway in 1915. (RRG, Hood)
Sep. 25, 1907	PRR Board approves location of Newberry Yard near Williamsport. (MB)
Sep. 30, 1907	PT&T contracts with Davies & Thomas Company of Catasauqua, Pa., for land on which to store cast iron tunnel linings. (MB)
Sep. 30, 1907	Second train of electrically lighted cars placed on Paoli Local. (WEJ)
Sep. 30, 1907	William J. Wilgus resigns from NYC&HR under pressure resulting from Woodlawn wreck. (RRG, Schlichting)
Oct. 1, 1907	Pennsylvania's Dunsmore 2-cent maximum fare law takes effect; PRR cuts fare pending outcome of litigation. (NYT, RRG)
Oct. 1, 1907	Virginia State Corporation Commission imposes 2 cents-per-mile maximum fare, down from 3 cents, on all but seven roads that have received injunctions against it; goes into effect on Washington Southern Railway and NYP&N. (RRG, Mordecai)
Oct. 1, 1907	LIRR abandons ferry service between Long Island City and James Slip.
Oct. 1, 1907	New Haven withdraws from American Railway Association per diem agreement to protest rise in charge from 25 to 50 cents a day, despite meditation of W.W. Atterbury and other ARA officials. (NYT - did this actually go into effect?)
Oct. 1, 1907	Chicago & Alton Railroad obtains trackage rights for freight trains over PCC&StL between Brighton Park and junction with Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul at Western Avenue. (Church)
Oct. 2, 1907	PT&T contracts with New York Contracting Company-Pennsylvania Terminal for two tunnels under 9th Avenue at 33rd Street (?); announces has arranged with Milliken Bros., Inc., to furnish steel for sections 1, 2, &

7 of Penn Station under old contract. (MB)

Oct. 2, 1907	PRR announces that it has renewed contract with Western Union Telegraph Company on Lines West, which had expired on Oct. 1; has also transferred telegraph lines along GR&I and Sandusky Branch from Postal Telegraph Company to Western Union; all suits between PRR and Western Union to be settled. (NYT)
Oct. 3, 1907	Future PRR VP David Emery Smucker (1907-1996) born at West Liberty, Ohio. (WWA)
Oct. 5, 1907	Pres. McCrea denies rumors that PRR is about to arrange with Westinghouse to electrify lines from New York to 25 miles west of Philadelphia; says PRR has not even considered electrification. (NYT)
Oct. 6, 1907	New Haven extends suburban electrification from Port Chester, N.Y., to Stamford, Conn. for local service with four round trips, scope of service gradually increased over next nine months.
Oct. 7, 1907	PT&T leases land at Stony Creek Quarry, Branford, Conn., for storing cut granite for Penn Station. (MB)
Oct. 9, 1907	PRR Board approves plan for new yard between Pavonia and Fish House (Pavonia Yard) on Amboy Division. (MB)
Oct. 9, 1907	Delegates of BLF&E on Lines East and Lines West meet at Pittsburgh to plan push for 8-hour day and wage increase. (NYT)
Oct. 1907	PRR's senior director Alexander M. Fox dies at age 83. (NYT)
Oct. 14, 1907	As PRR's directors' tour leaves Pittsburgh for Lines West, Pres. McCrea announces that will postpone \$3 million worth of improvements on Lines West because of stringency in the money market. (NYT)
Oct. 14, 1907	New York Times reports PRR is soliciting bids for next year's steel rails from other companies as well as United States Steel Corporation. (NYT)
Oct. 1907	PRR has adopted yellow light instead of white for "caution" aspect of signals; first installed at Washington, D.C. (WEJ)
Oct. 15, 1907	Pneumatic switching machine placed in service in westbound freight yard at Hollidaysburg.
Oct. 15, 1907	Grindstone Branch opens from Grindstone to Royal Coke Works (2.59 miles) on Monongahela Division. (AR, Val)

Oct. 16, 1907 Attempt by Augustus Heinze to corner stock of United Copper Company collapses causing runs on three associated banks controlled by Heinze, C.F. Morse and the Thomas brothers. (Wicker) Oct. 16, 1907 Collapse of a stock market corner in United Copper causes failure of Knickerbocker Trust Company and precipitates Panic of 1907; industrial growth since 1900 had outstripped growth in money supply; causes retrenchment and abandonment of some PRR/LIRR improvement projects, including Darby Creek low-grade line, Pennsylvania & Newark (?) (run and failure of Knickerbocker on Oct. 21!?); (check all Panic dates - elsewhere corner collapse 10/16?) Oct. 1907 Third electric locomotive, Class DD-odd No. 10003, delivered by Westinghouse; 2-B wheel arrangement, 11,000 volts a.c.; first PRR a.c. electric locomotive. (Keyser says 4/1907) Oct. 17, 1907 Hollidaysburg Yard begins classifying empty cars from the Pittsburgh Division. (Snyder) Oct. 18, 1907 New York Clearing House votes to support banks involved in United Copper corner on determining all are solvent, ending first phase of Panic of 1907. (Wicker) Oct. 19, 1907 New eastbound hump yard opens at Pitcairn. (AR has early 1908) Oct. 1907 PRR Forester E.A. Sterling returns from inspection of wood-preserving plants on western railroads, noting tendency in favor of creosote over zinc chloride. (NYT) Oct. 20, 1907 J.P. Morgan holds meeting of leading bankers in the Morgan Library; they arrange to support those banks and trust companies that are solvent. (Wicker) Oct. 21, 1907 New York Clearing House refuses to vote support of trust companies that are not members; Morgan group also declines to support Knickerbocker Trust Company, although with hindsight it might have stopped Panic has it done so. (Wicker) Oct. 22, 1907 Runs begin against Knickerbocker Trust Company, the Trust Company of America and the National Bank of North America; in evening, Morgan group agrees to begin supporting Trust Company of America. (Wicker) Knickerbocker Trust Company fails to open; focus of run switches to Oct. 23, 1907 Trust Company of America after a disparaging remark against it by

Morgan partner George W. Perkins (Wicker); Knickerbocker Trust was

a PRR depository. (Wicker has Knickerbocker close 10/22)

Oct. 23, 1907 Call money rates hit record of 125%. (Wyckoff) Oct. 23, 1907 PRR Board appoints committee of four to arrange for memorial to A.J. **Cassatt in Penn Station. (MB)** Oct. 24, 1907 At urging of Morgan group, Secretary of the Treasury agrees to deposit \$25 million to support New York banks and stem Panic. (Wicker) Oct. 24, 1907 PB&W and B&O grant Washington Southern, Southern Railway and C&O operating rights into Washington Union Station; PB&W receives trackage rights between New York Avenue and south portal of First Street Tunnel. Oct. 1907 Four-track system opens between Ryde and Vineyard on Middle Division. Oct. 1907 Four-track system opens between Sang Hollow and Bolivar on Pittsburgh Division. Oct. 1907 Dawson station renamed Dawson Run on Chautauqua Division; Elben station renamed Elrama on Monongahela Division; Claremont station renamed Warner and Montrose renamed Clenover on Conemaugh Division. Oct. 1907 Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company enters receivership. (Wyckoff) Oct. 26, 1907 New York Clearing House finally votes to issues clearing house certificates and suspend cash payments. (Wicker) Princeton University Pres. Woodrow Wilson speaks at a luncheon given Oct. 26, 1907 by the Board of the United New Jersey at the Princeton Inn; expresses satisfaction that Princeton is off the PRR Main Line and refers to the little return that the PRR gives Princeton in return for the traffic from its big football games; goes on to demand punishment of individual corporate officers in antitrust cases; an irritated Pres. McCrea replies with a humorous speech depicting the railroads as between two bonfires, the Sherman Act and the ICC. (NYT) Oct. 27, 1907 Union Station, Washington, opens for Baltimore & Ohio trains; covers 25 acres; headhouse is 625' x 210'; main concourse is 760' x 130' x 45' high, or about equal to those of Penn Station and Grand Central combined; billed as "World's largest room"; its great size is necessary only to accommodate crowds for presidential inaugurations every four years; main waiting room is 219' x 120' x 96' high; little-used separate entrance and suite of rooms for president and visiting dignitaries; 20 tracks on

- upper level and 9 tracks on lower level leading to Capitol Hill Tunnel; statuary is not completed until 1912. (C&C, )
- Oct. 30, 1907 Superintendent of Insurance Hugh B. Ely (1838-1907) dies at Beverly, N.J., after 52 years of service. (MB, RRG)
- Oct. 30, 1907 Game warden discovers ties piled on track on Allegheny Valley line about 16 miles north of Pittsburgh; flags down Pittsburgh-Buffalo express, which stops four feet short of obstruction. (NYT)
- Nov. 1, 1907

  PRR issues statement that because of general financial conditions it will not begin any new projects and slow down work on those already underway; will mean a projected six-month to one year delay in completing Penn Station, but greater delay on New York Connecting Railroad and Greenville-Bay Ridge freight line; work on tunnels will proceed. (NYT)
- Nov. 1, 1907 Pres. McCrea, officers and directors tour Penn Station project and LIRR; McCrea notes may slow down pace of work because of stringency in money market. (NYT)
- Nov. 1, 1907 PRR Police Dept. established.
- Nov. 1, 1907 Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad assumes Michigan Central Railroad's and Chicago Junction Railway's interest in operation of Calumet Western Railway.
- Nov. 1, 1907 Rumors that brokerage house of Moore & Schley is about to fail as had borrowed heavily using borrowed shares of Tennessee Coal & Iron Company as collateral. (Wicker)
- Nov. 2, 1907 PRR officials tour Sunnyside Yard and Penn Station area; pass through Hudson River tunnel (by car?) and board train for Philadelphia in Harrison. (NYT)
- Nov. 2, 1907 New Haven's *Mayflower Limited* makes last run for lack of patronage; leaves three five-hour limiteds between New York and Boston. (RRG)
- Nov. 4, 1907 Pres. Roosevelt permits United States Steel Corporation to acquire coal and iron properties of Tennessee Coal & Iron Company without antitrust action; demanded by J.P. Morgan as price of saving banking firm of Moore & Schley. (EAH, )
- Nov. 6, 1907 Bankers finally agree on plan to salvage Trust Company of America and Lincoln Trust Company, ending Panic. (Wicker)

Nov. 7, 1907 Charles M. Jacobs, Alfred Noble and George Gibbs vote in favor of retaining screw piles to support Hudson and East River tunnel tubes on bedrock; Gen. Raymond believes they are not necessary. (MB) Nov. 11, 1907 Committee of ATO leaves Pittsburgh for Chicago on first leg of tour of western railroads; all are impressed by track and signals on PFW&C: find condition of buildings better than on Lines East. (ATO) Nov. 11, 1907 Pennsylvania Supreme Court begins hearing Philadelphia County's appeal of verdict in Court of Common Pleas blocking implementation of **Dunsmore 2-cent fare law. (NYT)** Nov. 12, 1907 Tests of PRR experimental electric locomotives and New Haven Class EP-1 electric locomotive to ascertain lateral stress on rails begin on a sevenmile tangent between Clayton and Franklinville, N.J., on WJ&S; test track is fitted with evenly spaced hard Brinnell balls which are driven into soft steel plates by lateral forces transmitted from locomotive to track; PRR No. 10003 considered most successful and becomes prototype for Class DD1 of 1909; No. 10001 and No. 10002, without pilot truck, have too much lateral impact; also test Class D16b and E2 steam locomotives for comparison. (, NYT, Condit) PT&T contracts with Davies & Thomas Company of Catasauqua, Pa., for Nov. 12, 1907 1,800 tons of cast iron tunnel linings, originally contracted for with Wheeling Mold & Foundry Company. (MB) Nov. 12, 1907 **ATO Committee tours Chicago Terminal Division. (ATO)** Nov. 13, 1907 R.H. Newbern appointed Superintendent of Insurance, replacing Hugh B. Ely, deceased. (MB) Nov. 13, 1907 ATO Committee travels from Chicago to Omaha via the CB&Q. (ATO) Nov. 14, 1907 ATO Committee tours the Omaha area in a Union Pacific McKeen car, with which they are suitably impressed. (ATO) Nov. 15, 1907 ATO Committee travels from Omaha to St. Paul via the Chicago & North Western. (ATO) Nov. 1907 PRR orders that freight must be kept moving on Sundays to avoid congestion; previously most low-grade freight was idle on Sundays. (RRG) Nov. 1907 Monongahela Railroad discontinues all new work because of depression,

including Republic Yard. (AR)

Nov. 16, 1907 PRR cuts time of shopmen at Alttona to eight hours and forces reduced because of depression. (Snyder) BLW-Westinghouse electric locomotive No. 10003 makes five test runs at Nov. 16, 1907 Franklinville up to 80 MPH. (NYT) Nov. 17, 1907 Union Station, Washington, opens for PRR trains; jointly owned by PRR and B&O through Washington Terminal Company; old 6th Street Station closed; vandals steal star set in floor to mark where Pres. Garfield was shot; Magruder Branch opens between Landover, Md. and Florida Avenue, D.C., as passenger line to Union Station. (NYT, CE) Nov. 17, 1907 PB&W obtains trackage rights over Washington Terminal Company under agreement of Oct. 24, 1907; C&O, Washington Southern Railway and Southern Railway obtain trackage rights over PB&W between south portal of Virginia Avenue Tunnel and north end of Long Bridge, under agreements of Oct. 24. (Val) "RV" Tower placed in service at Altoona. Nov. 17, 1907 ATO Committee travels from St. Paul to Chicago via the Milwaukee Nov. 17, 1907 Road; also tours Tunnel Railroad of Chicago's narrow gauge freight subways. (ATO) Nov. 18, 1907 PT&T Board authorizes ordering 1,000 additional tons of cast iron tunnel linings from Davies & Thomas Company and decreasing order with J.B. & J.M. McCornell Company by that amount. (MB) Nov. 18, 1907 ATO Committee travels from Chicago to St. Louis via the Chicago & Alton Railroad. (ATO) Nov. 18, 1907 Real estate circles in Chicago report that PRR is planning to build a new Union Station and has purchased more than 1,200 parcels in last six weeks. (NYT) Nov. 20, 1907 ATO Committee travels from St. Louis to Indianapolis over the Vandalia Line; claims it is the best line seen on the trip. (ATO) **ATO Committee returns to Pittsburgh. (ATO)** Nov. 21, 1907 Nov. 21, 1907 Chartiers Railway merged into PCC&StL Railway under agreement of Nov. 20. (Church) Nov. 30, 1907 Army-Navy Game held at Franklin Field of University of Pennsylvania; PRR runs six 6-car specials on Maryland Division; 3 from Annapolis and

3 from Washington. (WEJ)

Nov. 30, 1907 **Jamestown Ter-Centennial Exposition closes.** Dec. 1, 1907 Chicago (&) Florida Limited inaugurated as winter-only train between Chicago and Jacksonville via Big Four-? route; replaces Florida Limited of 1907 season. (Sanders - verify) Dec. 3, 1907 Pennsylvania, Monongahela & Southern Railroad opens Ten Mile Run Branch between Millsboro and Bessemer Coke Works (Besco) on Monongahela Division (1.26 miles). (Val, AR) Dec. 4, 1907 Toledo Terminal Railroad incorporated in Ohio as reorganization of Toledo Railway & Terminal Company; under agreement of same date, stock is divided among Pere Marquette Railroad, Pennsylvania Company, **B&O**, Grand Trunk, Michigan Central, NYC, and Nickel Plate. Dec. 5, 1907 **Steam locomotive hits 99 MPH in Franklinville Trials. (NYT)** Dec. 7, 1907 Pittsburgh annexes City of Allegheny and becomes sixth largest American city. (HistPitts) Dec. 11, 1907 New Haven electric locomotive lately on display at Jamestown Exposition sets U.S. speed record for an electric locomotive of 92 MPH at Franklinville Trials. (NYT) Stuyvesant Real Estate Company leases 232 acres in Buffalo to Western Dec. 11, 1907 New York & Pennsylvania Railway for year-to-year from Jan. 1, 1907; tract is one on which PRR has built ore docks. (MB) Dec. 12, 1907 PRR issues statement noting that under Dunsmore law, net passenger earnings in Pennsylvania during Oct. 1907 have decreased by \$64,000, while lines outside of state show increase of 8%. (NYT) Dec. 12, 1907 S. Pearson & Son, Inc., finishes tunnels between East Avenue Shaft and Front Street in Long Island City. (SR) Dec. 15, 1907 NYC&HR extends running time of Twentieth Century Limited from 18:00 to 19:30 for winter because of threat from snowstorms. (RRG) Dec. 1907 PRR operates 41 passenger trains between New York and Philadelphia between 6:00 AM and 12:10 AM or average of one every 26 minutes. (RRG) Dec. 1907 First P70 steel coach built at Altoona. Dec. 1907 Four-track system opens between Newton Hamilton and Mount Union on

Middle Division; track relocated around Mount Union. (AR, EBT)	
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Dec. 1907	Walton station renamed Floreffe on Monongahela Division; Canoe Creek renamed Cloe on Pennsylvania & Northwestern Division; Beaverdale abandoned as freight station on South Fork Branch.
c. Dec, 1907	New York PSC produces Triborough Plan for New York City subways to thwart IRT monopoly; calls for line up Broadway and Lexington Avenue with two branches into Bronx, a loop to Brooklyn over the Manhattan and Williamsburg Bridges and a subway under 4th Avenue in Brooklyn to Bay Ridge, but neglects west side and Penn Station. (Hood - verify)
Dec. 16, 1907	PT&T leases land at Milford, Mass., from Ralph A. Stewart, receiver of Milford Pink Granite Quarries, for storing cut granite for Penn Station. (MB)
Dec. 17, 1907	BC&A Board approves purchase of steamer <i>Neuse</i> from Norfolk Southern Railway. (MB)
Dec. 20, 1907	New Haven places two 10-compartment sleeping cars in New York-Boston service. (RRG)
Dec. 23, 1907	PT&T asks Samuel Rea to prepare estimates for tunnels with and without screw piles. (MB)
Dec. 23, 1907	PB&W conveys old PRR station site on the Mall in Washington to federal government.
Dec. 25, 1907	MD&V steamer St. Marys burns off Holland Point in the Patuxent River; 1 killed. (AR)
Dec. 26, 1907	WNY&P acquires trackage rights over LV between Ridge Road and South Buffalo Ore Docks; grants trackage rights to LV between Ridge Road in West Seneca and LV connection north of Buffalo city line. (Val)
Dec. 27, 1907	Pemberton local rear-ends Atlantic City express waiting to enter Camden Terminal in dense fog at 8:30 AM; local telescoped and boiler burst, flooding wreckage with steam; 4 killed, 21 injured. (NYT)
Dec. 28, 1907	Hudson & Manhattan Railroad (?) sends first test train through Uptown Tunnel between Hoboken and Morton Street. (PA)
Dec. 28, 1907	West Seneca Branch opens between Winchester and South Buffalo ore docks. (AR, Val)
1907	Between 1902 and 1907, freight tonnage on the four Grand Divisions of

Lines East (excluding PB&W, NC, WJ&S and LIRR) increases from 134
million to 172 million (check); gross earnings increase from \$112 million
to \$148 million; net earnings from \$25 million to \$35 million.

1907	Broad Street Station handles 21,318,589 passengers. (RRG)
1907	Even before Panic, PRR has to meet expenses through issue of \$60 million 3-year, 5% Collateral Trust notes; interest rates now high because of increasing demand for capital, rising wages and material costs; PRR decides to halt new projects.
1907	PRR stock bottoms at 51-3/4 after Panic.
1907	General Office Baseball League established at Philadelphia, representing all 16 departments; replaces YMCA games. (presumably est. in spring)
1907	PRR adopts new 85# and 100# standard rail sections. (see 1908)
1907	PRR establishes first manual block system with continuous track circuits between Huntz (?) and Cameron, Pa.
1907	Emigrant waiting room at Jersey City relocated from end of Pier D to bulkhead west of Pier D with overhead footbridge to train floor of station. (FerryDept)
1907	Greenville storage and classification yards and float bridges completed.
1907	Class H8 2-8-0 freight locomotive introduced.
1907	West Jersey & Seashore Railroad opens Van Hook Street Cutoff in Camden connecting with ex-Camden & Atlantic main line and bypassing street running in 7th Street. (Val)
1907	West Jersey & Seashore Railroad opens extension from Holly Beach to Wildwood Crest (1.12 miles). (Val - RRG says 0.56 mi.)
1907	Block signal system installed on West Chester Branch.
1907	Block signal system installed between Phoenixville and Mount Carbon on Schuylkill Division.
1907	Canton Railroad opens for 3.5 miles at Canton, Baltimore.
1907	Automatic block signal system completed between Wilmington and Delmar on Delaware Railroad.

1907	New Wilmington station completed? (AR - paper says 3/08)
1907	West Nanticoke Branch extended on Sunbury Division. (Val)
1907	Morea Branch extended on Sunbury Division. (Val)
1907	Lancaster Colliery Branch extended 0.29 mile near Shamokin, Pa.
1907	Tangascootac Branch extended 0.33 mile to junction with Scootac Railway on Williamsport Division. (Val)
1907	On Cambria & Clearfield Railway, Coal Pit Run Branch extended 1.15 miles and Patton No. 2 Branch extended 0.17 miles; 0.04 miles of Coal Pit Run Branch, all 0.43 mile of St. Lu Branch, 0.5 mile of Porter Run Branch, and Hoovers Mill Branch (0.34 mile) all abandoned.
1907	Bens Creek Branch extended 0.56 miles on Pittsburgh Division. (Val)
1907	Whitehall Branch extended 0.20 miles on Monongahela Division. (Val)
1907	Western Allegheny Railroad extended from Kaylor to Bradys Bend, Pa. (C&C)
1907	New McMyler 70-ton coal dumper placed in service on Dock No. 1, Sandusky, Ohio.
1907	Property of Lykens Valley Coal Company sold to Summit Branch Mining Company.
1907	Block signal system installed Lock Haven-Vail and Milesburg-Bellefonteon Tyrone Division.
1907	Four-track system and new alignment opens between Tuscarora and Mexico on Middle Division.
1907	Westbound classification yard opens at Hollidaysburg.
1907	Double track opens on Sang Hollow Extension between Dornock Point and Bolivar Jct.
1907	Windber Branch extended to Eureka No. 41 (0.84 mile) on Scalp Level Railroad. (Val)
1907	2.67 miles of Sang Hollow Extension abandoned. (Val)

1907	Texas Branch becomes part of Scottdale Branch on Pittsburgh Division. (Val)
1907	June Bug Branch becomes part of Morewood Branch on Pittsburgh Division. (Val)
1907	Block signal system installed on Buffalo Division: Emporium JctOlean, Hinsdale-Nunda Jct., and Olean-Allegany, N.Y.
1907	Cleveland, Akron & Columbus Railway establishes telegraph block system between Hudson and Millersburg, Ohio.
1907	Cleveland, Akron & Columbus Railway establishes yard and engine terminal at Orrville; new 16-hour law requires that runs now be split into Cleveland-Orrville and Orrville-Columbus.
1907	GR&I opens Veneer Spur of Missaukee Branch, Veneer Jct. to Falmouth (2.97 miles).
1907	GR&I abandons 0.46 mile of Osceola Branch.
1907	Track elevation and four-tracking of PFW&C at Chicago completed between South Branch Chicago River and 43rd Street. (see also 1899 - check!)
1907	Track elevation in Indianapolis completed.
1907	Wellsville, Ohio, Yard enlarged.
1907	Lake Cargo coal rates revised, making Ohio, rather than Pittsburgh the lowest rate; \$0.85 from Ohio, \$0.88 from Pittsburgh, \$0.97 from Inner Crescent and \$1.12 from Outer Crescent; remains in force until first Lake Cargo Case begun in 1912. (Lambie)
1907	New Haven electrifies passenger service on branch between East Hartford and Melrose, Conn. (Condit - verify)