

PEOPLE CAN HAVE TAYLOR TRANSIT PROGRAM IF THEY WANT IT, MAYOR ASSERTS

Executive Says He Never Approved Twining Suggestions and That Will of Citizens in Matter Must Prevail

DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS IN BATTLE FOR TAYLOR RAPID TRANSIT PLAN

Mayor Smith announced that he has not officially or otherwise endorsed the Twining plan and stated that the completion of the Taylor plan in detail, as originally proposed, rests entirely with the people.

Following a city-wide revolt against the emasculatation of the Taylor transit plan, Mayor Smith today announced that he had never officially or otherwise approved the revised transit plans of Director Twining.

The Mayor declared that it was his duty as Mayor of Philadelphia to serve the people, and that if they wanted the Taylor plan they should have it.

The heavy financial burden of maintenance and carrying charges for a loan sufficient to build all the lines desired is the one great consideration, the Mayor said, which the people should not lose sight of in the planning.

The Mayor frankly stated that he was not committed to any one plan nor to any section of any plan, and that it was his desire to serve the people of the city at large by seeing that they got what they needed and what they wanted.

Even before the statement by the Mayor had been made public, Senator Vare in an interview declared that the people should have full confidence in the Mayor and that no injustice would be done them in the matter of rapid transit.

Simultaneously, City Solicitor Connelly gave an informal opinion to the Mayor, holding that the city now stands committed to the construction of the Broad street subway from League Island to Olney avenue and the Frankford line from Front and Arch streets to Rhawn street, owing to the wording of the \$6,000,000 loan ordinance passed at the special election last April.

The complete statement of Mayor Smith follows: I will wait until I receive from Director Twining a report of just what changes he contemplates. Then I will make known my views of them.

When a meeting was called last Friday to discuss the proposed rapid transit phase was not more in mind than any of the other improvements planned.

Two things I am familiar with in connection with the transit plans and am free to speak upon. These concern the stopping of the subway work under City Hall and the construction of the Frankford elevated at Bridge street.

As you know, the latter street is generally built to a width of 40 feet and to build the road a mile and a half further into the country would cost a great amount of money.

I do not think that such an extension is called for at this time. Of course, if I endorse the extension as far as private certain interests that are more private than public. Plans of this kind are not to be undertaken until they are approved by the people.

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TEUTONS TAKE FRESNES; GAIN ALONG MEUSE

Crown Prince Smashes French Line Seven Miles Southeast of Verdun

REGNEVILLE ALSO WON

Germans Hurl 20,000 Men at Position Northeast of Forest and Take It

LONDON, March 7.—A dispatch from Melbourne states that Australian artillery forces have been sent to Verdun and are fighting there with the French to stem the German attacks.

Assaults northwest and southeast of Verdun have won two important positions for the Germans. The capture of Fresnes, in the Woivre plain, seven miles southeast of the French fortress, is officially reported this afternoon by Berlin.

The Crown Prince hurled 20,000 men, at the French lines along the Meuse, and despite fearful losses carried the positions by storm. In the Champagne the Germans recaptured a position at Maisons de Champagne which was lost on February 11.

Berlin, March 7. German troops have captured the village of Fresnes in the Woivre district, it was announced today by the War Office.

The Germans are capturing two officers and 150 men. The explosion of mines was pushed our positions forward northeast of Chalade, in the Champagne.

The danger is that by this policy of always backing down instead of backing up we shall encourage an increased confidence in our rights until we shall finally be driven into a crisis from which nothing but war can extricate us.

Continuing their smash against Verdun from the northwest the Germans have captured Hill 265, near Regneville, on the west bank of the Meuse, the War Office admitted this afternoon.

The Teutons advanced under cover of an intense bombardment, the War Office stated.

The bill was stormed and taken by the right wing of the German force that yesterday occupied the village of Forges, just west of the Meuse, eight miles northwest of Verdun.

The Germans are bombarding French positions on Goose Hill, a mile south of the newly won ground, preparatory to renewed infantry assaults.

The Germans are attacking with the greatest violence, but the French still hold the summit of Goose Hill, the village of Bethincourt and the wooded regions in the west.

Both tales are lies, plain lies," vehemently declared Speaker Clark today, discussing charges emanating from New York that the National German-American Alliance has conspired to force passage of warning resolutions through Congress.

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HOUSE, 256 TO 160, SUSTAINS PRESIDENT IN FIRST SKIRMISH OF TEST VOTE ON ARMED SHIPS

Progress of House Fight on the Armed Ship Issue

One hour and a half was agreed on by the House today as the time limit under which the special rule recommended by the Rules Committee which would permit the tabling of the McLemore resolution warning Americans to keep off a armed belligerent merchantmen, could be debated.

Acting Chairman Pea, of the Rules Committee, opened the argument, declaring that the tabling of the resolution would "conclusively show" that the House was standing squarely behind the President in his handling of the submarine controversy with Germany.

Representative Campbell, of Kansas, opened the debate for the opponents of the rule, explaining that he would, if the previous question was voted down, immediately offer a substitute.

BACK UP WILSON OR LOSE HONOR, SENATE URGED

Sutherland, Republican, Declares Crisis for Nation Is Here

"NO MATTER THE COST" Intimates Further Dallying Will Be Indication of Cowardice

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Senator Sutherland, Republican, of Utah, declared on the Senate floor today that the United States must back up the President's position in his relation to foreign nations at whatever cost or consequence.

"Under the circumstances my own view is that the weapon must yield to the law and not that the law must yield to the weapon."

"The submarine issue plainly stated from the German viewpoint, Senator Sutherland said, was simply that 'when a new engine of destruction is invented that cannot be used without violating the law, the law automatically modified.'"

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"A nation that will not resent a flagrant and illegal attack upon the lives of its own citizens is only less detestable than a man who will not fight for his wife and children."

GERMAN FLEET DASHES FROM KIEL FOR BATTLE

London Credits Rumor Kaiser's Brother Commands—25 Warships Sighted

LONDON, March 7. Prince Henry of Prussia, the Kaiser's brother, has been placed in command of the German fleet for a dash into the North Sea, according to rumors revived today and received with the greatest credence.

A Viand Holland dispatch reported that 25 German warships were sighted cruising in the North Sea yesterday. They were moving westward when first observed, but later changed course and steamed northward, it was stated.

One Amsterdam report said that a number of German warships had slipped from the Kiel canal and taken refuge in the German naval base at Zeebrugge, Belgium, where they are continuously held with steam up.

At present there is lively maritime trade between Germany and Sweden.

Adoption of Motion to Limit Debate on McLemore Resolution Clinches Strength

Demand That the Country Stand Firm Behind the Executive Brings Long Cheers and Applause From the Crowded Galleries

Warnings "That No Nation Divided Against Itself Shall Stand" Are Received With Solemn Silence. Pou Opens Debate and Several Pennsylvania Members Join In

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The motion to adopt the rule which limited the debate in the House on the McLemore resolution was carried by a vote of 271 ayes to 138 noes.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The House of Representatives today capitulated to President Wilson.

The first test vote on proposals to warn Americans off belligerent armed ships showed that the forces of the Administration were in complete control. By a vote of 256 to 160 the House carried a motion to limit debate on the special rule for the consideration of the McLemore warning resolution.

"The vote came in the midst of a day of sensational debate such as the House has seldom seen. Pleas for support from the President who has 'carried the greatest burden' were all united in a chorus of support for the rights of American citizens on the sea.

"The President is for peace. He would not sacrifice a single life to make himself President for his lifetime" Pou declared.

"He has support on both sides of this chamber and distinguished support outside."

Another small flurry of applause from both sides greeted a remark that former President Taft is standing with Wilson.

"The present President and two living ex-Presidents are all standing together upholding the honor and glory of this country," Pou concluded.

Representative Campbell, of Kansas, Republican on the Rules Committee, followed.

"If not, the House will not be able to express its views on the main issue, by tabling the McLemore resolution," said Campbell.

"The President is asking Congress to assume diplomatic functions and declare to the world that citizens not only have the right, but may with impunity exercise it to travel on armed ships—these ships armed for offense, not defense alone."

"The nations of Europe are fighting for their very existence. The one thing for us to do to avoid war is to warn American citizens to keep off armed merchantmen."

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EXTRA REPORTED MAYOR WILL ASK DIRECTOR TWINING TO RESIGN

A report gained wide circulation in City Hall and in political circles this afternoon that Mayor Smith would quietly request Transit Director Twining to present his resignation because he was dissatisfied with the manner in which the transit problem has been handled since Twining assumed office.

J. V. W. REYNDERS, STEEL MANAGER, RESIGNS HARRISBURG, March 7.—J. V. W. Reynders, who for many years has been prominently identified with the management of the big steel plants at Steelton, announced today that he had presented his resignation as vice president and director of the Pennsylvania Steel Company.

BALFOUR REASSERTS BRITAIN'S SEA SUPREMACY LONDON, March 7.—"No German cruiser is in a position to menace British commerce on any ocean of the world at this moment."

This emphatic announcement of British domination of the sea was made in the House of Commons this afternoon by Arthur J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty. He announced that since the war began the personnel of the navy has been doubled and its actual strength had been increased by more than 1,000,000 tons.

"Under the guardianship of the British fleet," continued Balfour, "4,000,000 combatants, 1,000,000 horses and mules and 2,500,000 tons of stores and 22,000,000 gallons of oil have been carried during the war."

CHAUFFEUR, PETROMORTIS VICTIM, CURED Petromortis, a newly discovered ailment caused by gasoline fumes, was successfully treated today at the Germantown Hospital in what is said to be the first case of its kind in the city.

ADMIRAL WALKER, OF MANILA BATTLE FAME, DEAD BALTIMORE, Md., March 7.—Admiral Asa Walker, who commanded the Concord with Dewey in the Battle of Manila Bay, died at 1 o'clock this afternoon at his home at Annapolis. He was the last surviving captain of the memorable battle.

BERLIN RESENTS PORTUGUESE POLICY COPENHAGEN, March 7.—Berlin advises state that if Portugal retains the Tonkin ships that have been seized, Germany will immediately be induced to begin warlike operations.

WAR RISK INSURANCE RATES INCREASED Increase in war risk insurance rates by marine underwriters was announced today as a result of the increased activity in the German submarine warfare.

INCREASED RATES ON ERIE HELD UP UNTIL JULY WASHINGTON, March 7.—Tariffs of the Erie Railroad which would have increased lake and rail rates from all lake points to New England and Eastern terminals were suspended today by the Interstate Commerce Commission until July 18.

EVANGELIST ARRESTED ON NON-SUPPORT CHARGE The Rev. William J. Shipway, an evangelist, was brought to the city today by Municipal Court Officer Griffith on a bench warrant which accuses him of contempt of court for failing to pay his wife, Mrs. Emma Shipway, of 6113 Girard avenue, a weekly sum as ordered by the court.

WOMAN, 107 YEARS OLD, SAVED FROM FIRE; MAY DIE A woman 107 years old, rescued from a fire, is in critical condition today at the Hahnemann Hospital as a result of the burns she received. She is Mrs. Rachel Duckett, of 1607 Carlton street.

MAYOR SIGNS AERO SCHOOL BILL Mayor Smith today signed the bill leasing the Lazaretto at Essexington to the Philadelphia School of Aviation for a period of ten years at a rental of \$1 a year.

13 KILLED IN ZEPPELIN RAID, BRITISH NOW REPORT LONDON, March 7.—Thirteen persons were killed in the Sunday night Zeppelin raid on England, according to revised figures given out today.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY EMPLOYEES GET WAGE INCREASE ALTOONA, Pa., March 7.—Employees of the Altoona and Logan Valley Electric Railway Company are to receive a voluntary 8 per cent. increase in wages April 1.

P. R. R. LIFTS EMBARGO AT 8 MORE STATIONS The Pennsylvania railroad today removed the embargo on all domestic freight consigned to the following stations in the city: Fifty-second street, 39th and Market streets, 31st and Chestnut streets, 30th and Arch streets, Gray's Ferry, Woodland avenue, 58th street, Millbourne Mills and to all private sidings under the jurisdiction of these agencies.

GASOLINE BOOSTED ONE CENT IN INDIANA CHICAGO, March 7.—The Standard Oil Company of Indiana today advanced the price of all grades of gasoline 1 cent a gallon to 18 1/2 cents.

THE WEATHER FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Generally cloudy tonight with temporary clouds above freezing; Wednesday fair; moderate variable.

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