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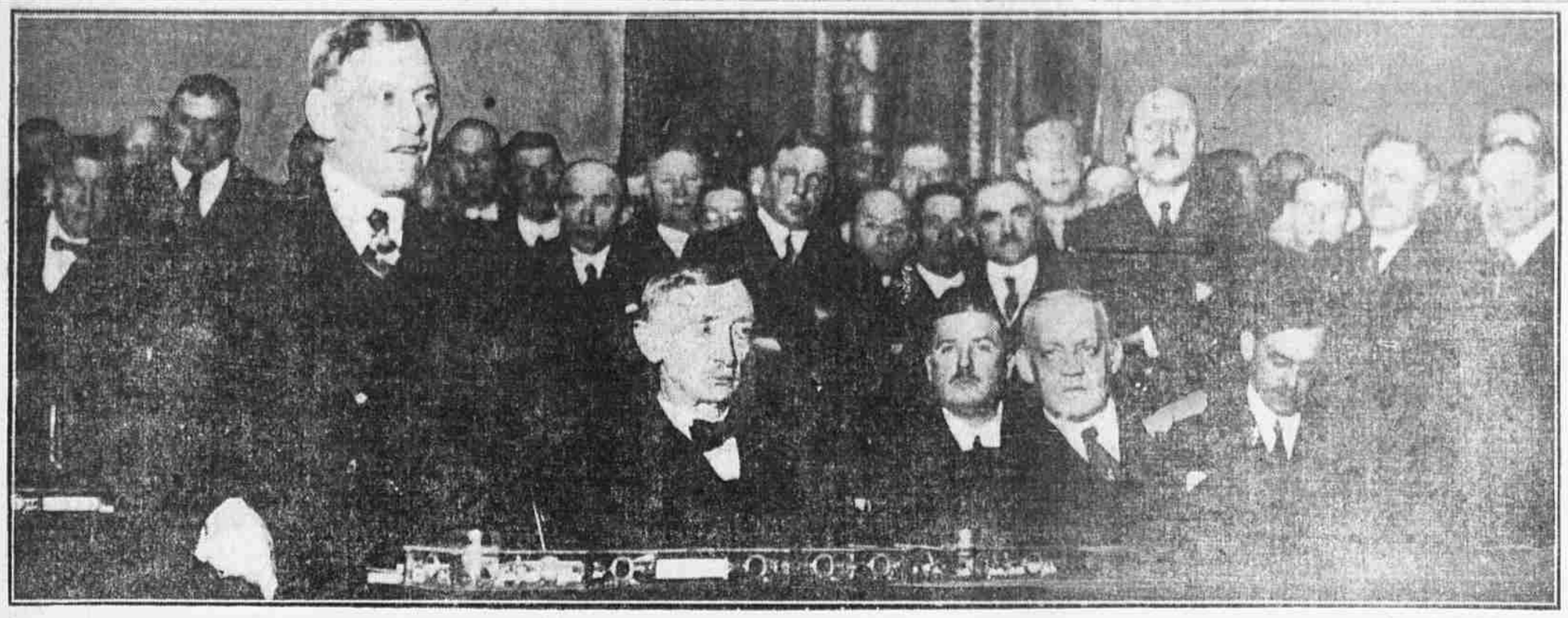
TAYLOR TRANSIT PLAN WINS IN FINANCE COMMITTEE FIGHT



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SELECT COUNCILMAN SEGER INTRODUCES AMENDMENT TO CARRY OUT TAYLOR TRANSIT PLAN

Scene at the meeting of Councils' Finance Committee this afternoon when Charles Seger, chairman of the subcommittee, proposed his amendment giving $50,000,000 to carry out Taylor plan in full. Left to right in foreground are Councilmen Seger (standing), Crawford, Conn, Dr. W. B. Gleason, and former Director Cooke.

VILLA'S TRAIL LOST, PERSHING ADVISES CHIEF

Outlaw Leader Escapes Net of Combined Pursuers

SECOND CLASH RUMORED

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 3.—A dispatch this afternoon from General Pershing confirms the report that Villa had succeeded in escaping. General Pershing's dispatch to General Funston also stated that the whereabouts of the bandit was unknown.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 3.—Unofficial dispatches received today stated that Brigadier General Pershing's cavalry had again been in contact with the fleeing Villista bandits in Mexico. The reports were not confirmed. The advices did not give the location of the fight.

Fresh American troops have been rushed to the south in Mexico to aid in the hunt for Pancho Villa. Infantry reinforcements have left the base at Colonia Dublan.

General Funston believes that the bandit leader has slipped the noose and is fleeing among the hills of Guerrero. To facilitate the search,

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THE WEATHER

The EVENING LEDGER prints today, as part of its weather news, the forecast for the whole of the current week based on new discoveries in solar physics made by Willis L. Moore, professor of meteorology at the George Washington University, and former chief of the United States Weather Bureau, who, working in conjunction with W. F. Carothers, director of the Carothers Observatory at Houston, Tex., issues regularly a bulletin giving the results of their observations with regard to weather conditions. Professor Moore and his associate have accomplished some notable results, and have been able to forecast the weather for two weeks in advance with remarkable accuracy in most instances, and the EVENING LEDGER, as a matter of scientific interest, and without assuming responsibility for the accuracy of these forecasts, prints them for public information.

WEATHER FORECAST

Based on a new discovery in Solar Physics by WILLIS L. MOORE and W. F. CAROTHERS

Monday—The week will open fair, with moderately cool temperatures.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday—Warmer temperatures Tuesday, with rain Wednesday and Thursday in advance of a cool wave, which is due Thursday with clearing weather.

Friday and Saturday—There will be general frosts daily to the end of the week, extending to the coasts for one or two days.

GOVERNMENT FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Cloudy and unsettled with occasional rain tonight and Tuesday; continued cool; fresh easterly winds.

LOST AND FOUND

DOG—Reward for Boston bull; 13th and Montgomery; four white feet, white breast, white streak between eyes, large collar; name Peter. L. L. Darling, Textile National Bank.

[illegible] one fat earring, between [illegible] on Market, with [illegible] liberal re[illegible]

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"But We Should Worry," Song of the Villa Hunters

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN MEXICO, April 3.—The "dough boys" have created their own "war" song. It is a parody on "Tipperary," based on the long hikes between temporary camps, and goes like this:

It's a long hike to Temporary,
It's a long way to go;
It's a long hike to Temporary,
On the way to catch Pancho.

Good-by old Columbus,
Farewell Gibson's ranch,
It's a long, long way to Temporary,
But (shouted) we would worry!

HIGH TAX RATE BUGABOO GETS DEATH BLOWS

"Obstacle" to Financing of Taylor Plan Found Without Basis.

MORE REVENUES CERTAIN

City financiers of all the varying shades of opinion on transit looked to another week of discussion beginning today to bring forward nothing that would disprove the inferences to be made from Chairman Gaffney's statement that "the tax rate has nothing to do with the loan bill" and that an important increase in the tax rate is improbable.

Those who are for the Taylor plan expressed themselves today as confident that "the increased tax rate bugaboo" would not only be of no avail to Director Twining and the Mayor in their fight against the comprehensive transit construction program, but that it would prove more of a boomerang to their arguments with every new revelation of certain or virtually assured increases in city revenue that is made.

In this connection they quoted as the most significant passage in ex-Director Taylor's statement the following:

"I want to remind every one that no part of the interest or sinking fund payments accruing on city bonds issued for transit development will be payable out of current revenues by the city until one year after the facilities are actually in operation and earning revenue. Therefore, the transit loan could have no effect whatever on the tax rate for four or five years in any event, no matter what any one says."

Study of the Twining report only made the more impressive the criticism of Mr. Taylor that "Mr. Twining has overlooked entirely in his report the fact that by establishing these (transit) facilities as provided the city should consider other offsets which it will get against the fixed charge" of getting these facilities. It has become manifest that Twining's idea of the Taylor plan only being possible on a basis of a higher tax rate almost entirely ignores the sources of income that the new lines themselves will provide.

It was pointed out that the establishment of the Market street subway and elevated produced higher property values in

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RAIN HALTS MACKS AT CHARLESTON, S. C.

Today's Game Postponed—Another Is Scheduled for Tomorrow Afternoon

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

CHARLESTON, S. C., April 3.—Rain prevented the first game of the series between the Athletics and Charleston, of the South Atlantic League, but Manager Mack refused to allow the weather to interfere entirely with his training plans and ordered the pitchers and catchers to the ball park for a work-out despite the driving rain.

The loss of a day's practice is a great handicap to the Mackmen at this time, as the team was just striking its stride when [illegible] Jacksonville. Mack had been hoping [illegible] good break in weather en route

SIX ZEPPELINS RAID SCOTLAND AND SLAY TEN

69 Killed, 177 Injured in Three Attacks on British Coasts

CHILDREN AMONG DEAD

LONDON, April 3.

Ten persons were killed and 11 injured in last night's Zeppelin raid on the Scottish coast, the War Office announced this afternoon. Though a Zeppelin threw down 101 bombs on the eastern counties of England there were no casualties.

Six airships took part in the raid. Fifty-eight bombs were dropped in Scotland. Several hotels and dwellings were damaged, but no military damage was done.

Three of the ten persons killed were children. Of the 11 injured, two were women and four children. The total casualties in the Friday, Saturday and Sunday night raids on England and Scotland, according to official reports, are 69 killed and 177 injured.

The Zeppelins approached the coast in two squadrons. Three airships directed their course over Scotland. One raided the northeast part of England, dropping 37 bombs. Two others turned southward and flew over eastern counties.

In point of territory visited, last night's raid was the most extensive ever made on England.

In addition, an official report from Paris states that a Zeppelin, said to be one of those which executed the Saturday night raid on England, has bombarded Dunkirk. The bombs hurled by the aerial raider upon the French channel port killed two civilians, but from a military standpoint the attack was a failure, only insignificant damage having been caused.

Amsterdam dispatches, the Paris report said, stated that Count Zeppelin was

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BEN OTIS LEADS FIELD IN FIRST RACE AT BOWIE

Chemung Second and Rhymer Third in Two-Year-Old Event

BOWIE, Md., April 3.—Ben Otis led the 2-year-olds in the four furlongs this afternoon. The machines paid $7.30, $3.80 and $3. Chemung followed in second and Rhymer third.

Summaries:

First race, 2-year-olds, selling, 4 furlongs—Ben Otis, 112, Hanover, $7.30, $3.80, $3, won; Chemung, 115, Schuttinger, $4.90, $3.20, second; Rhymer, 116, Ambrose, $2.50, third. Time, :49 seconds. Hasty Cora, So Ess and Cherry Belle also ran.

Second race, maiden 3-year-olds, 5½ furlongs—Garnet, 109, J. McTaggart, $6.90, $3.70 and $3, won; Trend, 114, Keogh, $7.60 and $4.30, second; Piquette, 104, Foreland, $3.50, third. Time, 1:09 1-5. Doctor Zab, McClelland, Life, Retanaro, Cat o' Nine Tails, The Lel and Ava Trovato also ran.

Third race, selling, 3-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs—Videt, 108, Cruise, $15.60, $11.50, $6.90, won; Gentlewoman, 100, McAtee, $18.90, $10.50, second; Finalee, 103, Hayes, $7.50, third. Time, 1:15 1-5. Little England, Gold Cap, Mr. Mack, Rob R, Gainsborough, Chesterton, Lady Spirituelle, Ida Claire, Scottish Knight also ran.

Fourth race, Queen Anne purse, 3-year-olds and up, 7 furlongs, out of the chute—Fenmouse, 105, Ambrose, $9.80, $6.70, $3, won; King Worth, 107, Buxton, $5.60, $3, second; Fair Helen, 103, J. McTaggart, $2.30, third. Time, 1:28 1-5. Judge Wright, Republican Illuminator also ran.

Fifth race, selling, 4-year-olds and up, 7 furlongs out of the chute—Louise Travers, 103, Mountain, $13.80, $6.20, $3, won; Energetic, 101, Foreland, $8.90, $6.80, second; Quick, 115, Ambrose, $7.40, third. Time, 1:30 1-5. Luther, Sordello, Counterport, Huda's Brother, Nigadoo and Castara also ran.

Hot Springs Results

First race, 2-year-olds, selling, 4 furlongs—Feint, 109, Obert, 11 to 5, even, 1 to 2, won; Wall Street, 109, Warrington, 7 to 2, 6 to 5, 1 to 2, second; Jeanette, 109, Lapaille, 8 to 1, 3 to 1, 3 to 2, third. Time, :49 4-5. Colza, War Bride, Eden Park, Rushforth, Fair Mary and Doctor Swerda also ran.

Second race, selling, maidens, 3-year-olds and up, 5 furlongs—Moa Irine, 113, Kelsay, even, 2 to 9, 1 to 5, won; Bill Wiley, 104, Murphy, 8 to 1, 2 to 1, even, second; Miss Philbin, 104, Dodd, 12 to 1, 5 to 1, 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:03 3-5. Lena Jackson, Lame Dear, Ramona and Increase also ran.

Third race, selling, 3-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs—York Lad, 117, Carroll, 6 to 5, 7 to 5, 1 to 5, won; Short Ballot, 93, Hopkins, 7 to 1, 3 to 1, even, second; Undaunted, 115, Murphy, 7 to 2, 4 to 5, 1 to 3, third. Time, 1:15 2-5. Taper Tip, Wild Bear, Eva Padwick, Smoky Dan and Originator also ran.

18 Persons Hurt by Explosions

BUFFALO, April 3.—Eighteen men were injured, at least three of them perhaps fatally, today, when a large acetylene gas tank exploded in the foundry shop of the Otis Elevator Company.

Vares Beat $60,000,000 Amendment by Seger, McNichol Man, to Provide for Original Program; $57,1000,000 Vote Passed

SENSATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN BIG TRANSIT MEETING

Director of Transit Twining admits he and Mayor Smith held conferences with Thomas E. Mitten, president of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, relating to Transit situation.

Mayor Smith's private office in the City Hall was the scene of one of these meetings.

Another similar meeting was in Mr. Mitten's apartments in the Bellevue-Stratford. Present at one of these conferences was Mr. Drum, chief engineer of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.

The questions and answers:

Select Councilman Trainer—I have information that the transit questions were taken up with folks beyond the official life of the city. Is this true?

Director Twining—Yes, one. I met with the Mayor, Mr. Mitten, president of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, and Mr. Drum. (Mr. Drum is an engineer of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.)

Select Councilman Trainer—Mr. Director, where was that meeting held?

Director Twining—I don't remember; it may have been in the Mayor's office.

Select Councilman Trainer—As a matter of fact, wasn't that meeting held in Mr. Mitten's room in the Bellevue-Stratford?

Director Twining—Yes, I believe it was, but one of the meetings was held in the Mayor's office.

Select Councilman Trainer—Oh, then there were two meetings. Was it at those meetings that the question of changing the stations under the City Hall was discussed?

Director Twining—I believe we talked over whether or not the Market street subway should run under City Hall.

Admission made by Mayor Smith that bond for McNichol's Keystone State Construction Company, which was awarded contract for City Hall work, was handled by the Thomas B. Smith Company, which would have been responsible if the contractor had failed to do his work according to specifications.

President James E. Lennon's amendment for an appropriation of $57,100,000 for lines as outlined in the Taylor Comprehensive Plans adopted.

Seger amendment defeated by vote of 15 to 10.

Director Twining denies saying it would be dangerous to build a station under the City Hall.

Transit Director William S. Twining confessed to the Finance Committee of Councils at its special transit meeting this afternoon that he and Mayor Smith had two conferences with Thomas E. Mitten, president of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, and others before the emasculated, bobtail transit plan was made public.

At first Director Twining could not remember where the meetings were held, but when it became evident that Select Councilman Harry J. Trainer, who was conducting the cross-examination, had full information, he admitted that one was in the rooms of Mr. Mitten in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel and another in the office of Mayor Smith in City Hall.

When pressed for explicit information as to why he had recommended the change from a four-track subway and a station under City Hall, the Transit Director's only explanation was that he would not advise putting the tube under City Hall.

"I guess I took orders," he added.

Immediately after the confession from Director Twining, Mr. Trainer turned his questions to the Mayor, who admitted that the bond for McNichol's Keystone State Construction Company, to which company the contract was awarded for the work under City Hall, had been provided through the Thomas B. Smith Company.

The Mayor agreed that his company would be responsible if the contractor should "fall down" on the job.

Just before these startling climaxes in the meeting James E. Lennon, president of Select Councils and Vare downtown leader, introduced an amendment, fixing the item for transit in the loan bill at $57,100,000, instead of $35,000,000. Although his action was a complete surprise and was taken to forestall Select Councilman Charles Seger's amendment, Mr. Seger immediately offered his own amendment, fixing the amount at $60,000,000, however, instead of at $50,000,000 as planned originally.

SEGER RESOLUTION FAILS.

The Seger resolution was voted upon first and was defeated, 15 to 10. The Lennon resolution was then put before the committee and adopted unanimously, Mr. Seger voting for it.

The Lennon amendment calls for the construction of every line proposed by Director Taylor, including the four-track subway from McFerran street to Spruce street and the subway delivery loop along the route named in the original Taylor plan. No mention was made of the City Hall island station under City Hall.

The unanimous adoption of this amendment was hailed as a complete victory for the Taylor program of real rapid transit and the repudiation of the Twining emasculated plan. The amount fixed in the loan bill will permit the construction of every line at the figures estimated by Former Transit Director Taylor and will carry a substantial excess for interest and sinking fund charges on the loan to prevent an increase in the tax rate and for a

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TODAY'S BASEBALL SCORES

ATHLETICS YANS	0	0	2	0	3	3	0	0	0	8	12	1
MARYVILLE COL.	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	2

Richardson and Murphy; Larue and Carver.

ATHLETICS-CHARLESTON—Postponed—rain.

COLLINGSWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2
EPISCOPAL	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	x	1	4	2

McCall and Hamilton; Miller and Campbell.

CAMDEN H. JRS.	7	2	1	0	1	0	0	11	12	0
CAMDEN H. Fresh.	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	9
PENN A	2	0	3	0	0	4		9	11	4
PENN B	2	0	0	0	0	0		2	6	3
AMHERST	1	0	3	0	2					
LAFAYETTE	0	2	0	0	0					

[illegible] and [illegible]; Mumma and Bonstner.

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

Fourth race, Hot Springs, selling, 3-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs—Billy Joe, 112, Stirling, 11 to 5, 7 to 5, out, won; Kootenay, 114, Carroll, 7 to 2, even, out, second; Stoutheart, 115, Warrington, 2 to 1, 3 to 5, out, third. Time, 1.14 1-5. Pontefract also ran.

Fifth race, Hot Springs, 3-year-olds and up, selling, mile and 70 yards—Mabel Dulwebber, 109, Murphy, 5 to 2, 3 to 5, 1 to 3, won; Fairly, 109, Kelsey, 7 to 1, 5 to 2, 6 to 5, second; Scallywag, 110, Stirling, even, 2 to 5, 1 to 3, third. Time, 1.46 4-5. Harwood, Virgie Dot, Transport, Pierre Dumas and Muriel's Pet also ran.

Sixth race, Bowie, selling, 3-year-olds and up, mile and 20 yards—Flown, 111, S. Brown, $4.10, $2.60, $2.50, won; Miss Waters, 111, Hanover, $2.50, $2.70, second; Tenor, 111, Mountain, $3.30, third. Time, 1.36 2-5. Ford Mai, Water Lad, Ben Unas also ran.

Seventh race, Bowie, selling, 4-year-olds, handicap, mile and 70 yards—Charles Francis, 110, Butwell, $17.30, $6.60, $3.50, won; Yodeles, 110, Ambrose, $4.30, $2.50, second; Menlo Park, 105, J. McTaggart, $3.80, third. Time, 1.47 1-5. Autumn, Dr. Kendall also ran.

Sixth race, Hot Springs, 3-year-olds and up, mile and a sixteenth, selling—Budweiser, 108, Murphy, 5 to 2, 4 to 5, 2 to 5, won; Duke of Shelby, 108, Hammer, 6 to 1, 2 to 1, even, second; King Kim Raffert, 108, Kelsay, 12 to 1, 5 to 1, 2 to 1, third. Time, 1.52 1-5. Warman, Atabey, Brazos and El Pato also ran.

GERMANS ANNOUNCE BIG GAINS

BERLIN, April 3.—All French positions on the left bank of the Meuse, north of Forges, between Haucourt and Bethincourt, are in the possession of German troops, the War Office officially announced this afternoon.

NEUTRAL NATION PLANS BIG ARMY ORDER

GLASGOW, April 3.—Clothing manufacturers in this city have been requested to tender bids for 250,000 yards of khaki army cloth for a neutral Government. It is required that delivery shall begin without delay. It is assumed here that Holland may be the neutral Government which is seeking this cloth.

NO HIT, NO RUN GAME

McCall, pitching for Episcopal Academy, this afternoon, shut out Collingswood High without a hit or a run. The churchmen won from their Jersey rivals by the score of 1 to 0.

FREIGHTER PICKS UP WRECKED SCHOONER'S CREW

NEW YORK, April 3. — A wireless message from the British freighter Pine More today stated that the Pine More had picked up the crew of the British schooner Annie E. Larder, which was bound from Newfoundland to Gibraltar, but the nature of the accident to the freighter was not disclosed.

HOLLAND MOBILIZES; BRITAIN DENIES INVASION

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Secretary of State Lansing late today announced that he had obtained information through official channels that Holland is mobilizing her army, and that additional classes of troops have been called to the colors. The Secretary said that his information did not give in any way an indication as to the cause of the calling out of the troops.

LONDON, April 3.

The British Foreign Office announced this afternoon that there was no foundation for the rumor that Holland's warlike preparations are due to any threat by the Allies to violate Dutch neutrality.

SLAV TRANSPORT OF 12,000 TONS SUNK

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 3.—A Russian transport carrying troops has been sunk in the Black Sea by a Turkish submarine, it was announced by the Admiralty. The transport, which was sunk on March 30, was a vessel of about 12,000 tons.

FOE CRUISER SUNK, GERMANS SAY; BRITISH DENY

BERLIN, April 3.—A British armored cruiser of the County class, supposed to have been the Donegal, struck a mine and sank about the middle of February, the Cologne Gazette stated today, declaring it had its information from reliable sources.

CLYDE MUNITIONS STRIKE ENDED

LONDON, April 3.—Official announcement was made this afternoon that Clyde munition workers' strike has been settled and that the men will resume tomorrow.

SERB LEGATION AT SOFIA PILLAGED

PARIS, April 3.—A dispatch from Athens, dated Saturday, received [illegible] Havas News Agency says: "The populace has pillaged the building of [illegible] Legation at Sofia, says information obtained from a reliable source [illegible] garian authorities arrested the men left in charge of the building [illegible] Serbian Minister at Sofia protested to Premier Radoslavoff, who just [illegible] of the people on the ground that Serbia, having ceased to exist [illegible] legation building belonged to Bulgaria."