

TRANSIT PLAN APPROVED FOR APPROVAL

Mayor Will Sign Measure Today—Goes Before People May 16

ITS SUCCESS ASSURED

McNichol Offers Terms to Continue Work—Twining Waits Connelly's Advice

The ratification of the Taylor transit plan now rests with the voters of Philadelphia. The transit and port loan bill, providing \$17,100,000 for the construction of a system of high-speed elevated and subway lines, and \$10,000,000 for port improvements as passed by the unanimous vote of Council yesterday, will be signed by Mayor Smith today and will go before the people at the primary election May 16.

Council's action for the complete Taylor plan was received by former Director Taylor with deep gratification. Realizing what rapid transit means to Philadelphia, he has promised the people that he will support the plan to the hilt.

"As a citizen of Philadelphia," Mr. Taylor said, "I am deeply gratified by the action taken by City Council in placing in the hands of the people the destiny of Philadelphia's transit development."

The voters realize the necessity of proper, modern transit facilities to carry people between all important sections of the city quickly, comfortably and for one cent fare, and I have full confidence that they will authorize the necessary increase in the city's indebtedness at the coming election for that purpose, with the full realization of what it means to each and every one of them, and to the members of their families, as well as to a broad sense to this city's future development."

MUST REGISTER TODAY. Supporters of the Taylor plan today called attention to the necessity for all who were not qualified to vote at the general election on November 7, 1915, to register today to be able to vote for rapid transit at the primary. Business associations, trade bodies and improvement organizations in every ward in the city have endorsed the Taylor plan in its entirety and politicians predict that the loan bill will be passed by a large majority. In this connection it was pointed out that \$9,000,000 transit loan providing for preliminary construction of only two of the lines was passed by a ten-to-one vote last April.

With the transit loan the voters will pass upon the loan of \$47,425,000 for general purposes, which was passed by a unanimous vote in Select Council and with one dissenting vote in Common Council yesterday.

Transit Director Twining today asked City Solicitor Connelly how the work under City Hall can be continued to the best advantage of the city under the provisions submitted yesterday by Jerome H. Leuchtem, president of Senator McNichol's Keystone State Construction Company. The company submitted to the Mayor and the Transit Director yesterday the terms under which they will comply with the order of the city to proceed with the work.

In the company's statement it was made plain that the island station and the four-track subway under City Hall can be constructed as planned by former Director Taylor. Before this can be done, however, it will be necessary to make provisions for the rebuilding of the foundations under City Hall.

According to the company, the work may be done under a separate contract, or it may be done under the "force account" item in the original contract, which will give a profit of 30 per cent to the company. The choice rests with Director Twining and to be certain of his position he asked the City Solicitor for an opinion.

Until Mr. Connelly passes upon the matter the work under City Hall will be at a standstill. Mr. Connelly said today that he knew nothing about the contractor's terms, except what he had read in the newspapers. He added that he would not be able to consider the case until tomorrow, at the earliest.

FATHER MEETS DEATH IN FIERCE BATTLE

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hind the counter when Trano walked through the door.

"Where is my daughter?" he demanded. "I have come to take her home, as I said I would."

"At this moment Julia appeared from a rear room. She gasped when she saw her father and her eyes became wide with terror.

"No, no, I will not go home with him," she blazed. "He insulted me. He starved me."

Mrs. Roehl calmed her and asked Trano to talk with the girl in the dining room. Then she quietly called her husband. Immediately loud voices broke out in the room and a shot rang out with a crash of breaking glass. Roehl and his wife rushed into the room. Trano, with a smoking revolver in one hand, was slinking to the rear, which he had had slipped out of his pocket.

CUMMINS AND WILSON WIN EASILY IN IOWA PRIMARY

Republican Aspirant Polls More Votes Than President

DES MOINES, Ia., April 12.—Senator Albert B. Cummins of Iowa, candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, ran far ahead in the number of votes for Woodrow Wilson, who was on the Democratic ticket, in the primary yesterday. In some of the precincts the names of Roosevelt, Hughes and Sherman had been inserted in the ballot in place of Cummins. Hughes appeared to be the favorite, and as far as can be learned Sherman got one vote in the State.

Elmer J. Burkett, of Lincoln, Neb., is believed to have polled nearly twice as many votes for the Republican Vice Presidency as did his opponent, William Grant Webster, of Chicago. John T. Auer, Democrat, won a 4-to-1 victory over John Oyron, of Forest City, for Republican National Committeeman.

W. W. Marsh, of Waterloo, defeated E. J. Hamel, of Des Moines, by a wide margin for Democratic National Committeeman.

MAYOR ORDERS QUICK ACTION ON LOAN BILL "ADS"

Machinery Set A-moving to Place Finance Measures Before Public

WALTON TO GIVE FACTS

Mayor Smith, expressing pleasure at the prompt and almost unanimous passage of preliminary legislation looking toward increasing the city's bonded debt by \$14,525,000 today instructed the clerks of his department to lose no time in preparing the necessary advertising to be paid by the County Commissioners, who have to provide for the presidential primaries to be held on the same date.

In the event of both loans passing, it will then be necessary to redivert Council's intention to act on loan bills. This second advertisement will require another month before, at regular sessions of both branches of Council, the loan bills themselves can finally be passed.

This somewhat cumbersome method of obtaining funds for the operation of the city government is fully provided for by acts of the Legislature, and those making the loans in the city have no chance on "short cuts" or time-saving devices that might later be questioned by enemies of the loan in the courts.

Following this second advertisement, Councils will be directed upon to ratify the action of the voters. This probably will not finally be done until the middle of summer, a time when Councils usually has adjourned for the annual vacation. The next step after the final ratification of the loan will be plans for the floating of those portions of the loans that it is intended to provide for during the latter part of present year and the early part of 1917.

All questions put to Controller Walton on loan subjects contemplate the floating of but \$9,000,000 of the loan during the first year. These figures result from the fact that the city seldom floats bonds in excess of that amount in any one year, for permanent improvements. Whether or not this figure will be exceeded will be decided upon later.

DU PONT FAMILY FEUD THREATENS TO REACH CHICAGO

Alfred I., Chosen Delegate From Delaware, Says He Does Not Regard Instructions for His Cousin Binding

T. COLEMAN'S PLATFORM

WILMINGTON, Del., April 12.—That there will be a fight in the Republican National Convention at Chicago between the contending du Pont factions should General T. Coleman du Pont press his candidacy for the Presidency, was clearly indicated here today. Alfred I. du Pont, who yesterday won a signal victory in the State convention at Dover, when he was chosen delegate, said today he did not consider the endorsement of Coleman du Pont for President by the convention as binding upon him. His declaration is the more significant as there is no unit rule in Delaware.

After saying he would certainly attend the convention, Alfred I. du Pont added: "I will merely state that the delegates from Delaware to the Chicago convention should primarily subservise the dignity and interests of the State they represent and do all they possibly can to secure the nomination of a presidential candidate who will insure Republican victory."

General T. Coleman du Pont today announced his platform as candidate for presidential nomination at Chicago as follows: "I am confident of two things; one, that there will be party harmony at Chicago; the other, that the nominee will be elected."

The man named for the Presidency must be American to the core, and must be for the United States and its citizens first, last and all the time. He must stand for the peaceful settlement of all international questions involving the United States, but only on the basis of national self-respect.

The candidate must be committed to preparedness without extravagance, and while he works with his right hand to insure the protection of American lives, United States territory and American interests, he should work with his left hand to develop means of settling international questions without resort to arms.

6000 STREET CARMEN URGED TO JOIN UNION; SURPRISE FOR P. R. T.

Railway Association Representatives Try to Reopen Question of Wages and Conditions of Employes

MITTEN OUT OF THE CITY

Representatives of Division 477 of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employes of America, the organization which engineered the big strike of motormen and conductors in 1910, attempted today to reopen the entire question of wages and working conditions of the Philadelphia carmen.

In accordance with this plan, these representatives this afternoon mailed to every one of the 6000 or more conductors and motormen employed by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company a circular letter calling upon them to organize, according to Thomas E. Mitten, president of the company, with not keeping faith with the employes and declaring that the street carmen of Philadelphia were among the poorest paid in the country.

LETTER TO THE MEN. The circular letter was sent to the carmen at their homes. It follows: To motormen and conductors of the P. R. T. Company: Statement made July 1, 1913, Bulletin No. 18, by Thomas Mitten, ex-Congressman in Congress, Congressman in the P. R. T. Company: "That the motormen and conductors working for the P. R. T. Company would be the best-paid motormen and conductors in America by the end of the year 1915." Did he keep that promise? No.

Witness wage scales per hour in other cities as follows: Hubbard, Ohio, 21 1/2 cents; Worcester, Mass., 21 cents; Ypsilanti, Mich., 25 cents; Sharon, Pa., 31 1/2 cents; Cleveland, Ohio, 32 cents; Framingham, Mass., 32 cents; Seattle, Wash., 32 cents; New Castle, Pa., 32 cents; Mt. Clemens, Mich., 32 cents; Vancouver, B. C., 32 cents; Sacramento, Cal., 32 cents; Boston, Mass., 32 cents; Salt Lake City, 32 cents; Edmonton, Alta., 34 cents; Winnipeg, Man., 34 cents; Sheridan, Wyo., 35 cents; Chicago, Ill., 35 cents; Missoula, Mont., 35 cents; Wheaton, Ill., 36 cents; Regina, Wash., 37 cents; Saskatoon, Sask., 37 1/2 cents; San Francisco, Cal., 37 1/2 cents; Helena, Mont., 40 cents; Oakland, Cal., 40 cents; Great Falls, Mont., 42 cents; El Paso, Mont., 45 cents; Gary, Ind., 45 cents; Schenectady, N. Y., 45 cents; Utica, N. Y., 45 cents; Detroit, Mich., 45 cents; Calgary, 45 cents. There are 40 other cities getting as much as you and their working conditions are much different. You are the poorest paid motormen and conductors working in any large city in the United States or Canada.

We ask a comparison of the present schedules with the ones in existence in 1911 when we had a large organization and were working under an agreement with the company.

The men then had a say in making the schedules, while Mr. Mitten now alone decides the rates, which means much to every worker.

We ask you to compare the way grievances were adjusted by your Grievance Committee of Division 477 in 1911 and the way the Co-ordinator Committee are adjusting grievances at the present time.

MITTEN'S SALARY. Speaking of wages, Mr. Mitten receives only \$100,000 per year, \$8300 per month, nearly \$2000 per week, \$22 weeks in a year, \$29.50 per day, \$40 per hour. And remember, Mr. Mitten has no lost days.

Just now there is a wave of sentiment favorable to organization in every trade and calling in Philadelphia. It is a deliberate and just move for the workers to get better working conditions and more wages to meet the enormous increase in the cost of living.

You, carmen, can be assured that organized labor will give you every assistance possible in support of any just demand you may make.

This appeal for you to join organized labor forces is authorized by the Central Labor Union, whose representatives herewith subscribe their names: Joseph M. Ritchie, organizer for the A. F. of L.; Edward Keenan, president of the Central Labor Union; John Thomas, president of the Teamsters' Council; Andrew Maguire, business agent taxicabs; Harry C. Parker, manager of United Trades Association; Joseph Allison, business agent plumbers; John A. Phillips, recording secretary Central Labor Union; Edward Green, president brewery engineers; John J. McDevitt, business agent bartenders; Michael McDermott, business agent carpenters; Harry E. Weinstock, business agent waiters.

HARRY P. FLYNN, President Division 477. P. S.—If you want to preserve even what you now have and receive the conditions that locals in other large organized cities of the A. A. of S. & E. R. R. are enjoying fill out this application with the committeeman at your depot or at the office of Division 477, 282 North 9th street.

APPLICATION BLANKS. Attached to the circular letter was an application blank for membership in the association. A small card also accompanied each letter on which was printed: The organization committee of the Central Labor Union is making an effort to organize the carmen of Philadelphia. You received a circular. Have you filled out the same as requested. If not, why not? You owe it to yourself to do so.

Mr. Mitten was out of the city today, but the circular letter was read by F. S. Fairchild, his secretary. Mr. Fairchild expressed surprise and said that it was the first he had heard of any activity on the part of the officials of the association.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

DEATHS. THOMAS—On April 9, 1916, REBECCA L. widow of Daniel L. Thomas, 65 years old, died at 1115 Locust street, at 1 o'clock. Burial at Mt. Airy cemetery at 2 o'clock.

PICKERING—On April 11, 1916, JAMES B. husband of Clara Pickering (nee Wright), of Loop Ferry, County Down, Ireland, died at his home, 1015 Locust street, at 10 o'clock. Burial at Mt. Airy cemetery at 2 o'clock.

LANE—On April 12, 1916, LAMON C. husband of Lillian M. Lane, 35 years old, died at his home, 1015 Locust street, at 10 o'clock. Burial at Mt. Airy cemetery at 2 o'clock.

CHERRY—On April 11, 1916, GEORGE T. CHERRY, 35 years old, died at his home, 1015 Locust street, at 10 o'clock. Burial at Mt. Airy cemetery at 2 o'clock.

HARTMAN, THE BRUMBAUGH CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER

Ex-Congressman, From Blair County, Enters Race

HARRISBURG, April 12.—Ex-Congressman Jesse L. Hartman, of Hollidaysburg, Blair County, today was announced as the Brumbaugh candidate for State Treasurer. Nomination petitions were started throughout the State in his behalf.

Hartman M. Kephart, chief clerk of the Senate, has the unqualified indorsement of the House forces, and J. V. Clark, of Washington, Pa., is the choice of the Bull Moose leader. Whether the Hartman candidacy is meant as a bid for the support of the friends of either of these or forecasts a withdrawal of one or either is not known here.

The announcement of the Hartman boom was accompanied by the statement that "it is believed the circulation of Mr. Hartman's petitions is the result of recent conferences, and that Mr. Hartman's selection as a candidate for State Treasurer is sponsored by his former associates in Congress, Congressman Green, of Lancaster; Congressman Lafen, of York; Congressman Crago, of Greene; Congressman Vane, of Philadelphia, and ex-Congressmen Ainey, Patton, Reynolds and many others."

Hartman served in Congress from 1910 to 1912 and is a banker and business man.

SEEKS HUSBAND IN DEATH

Aged Woman Attempts Suicide by Inhaling Gas

Grief over her husband's death last October caused Mrs. Emma Lyons, 60 years old, of 1411 Parrish street, to end her life last night by inhaling gas, the police say. The aged woman's body was found lying on the floor of her kitchen by a neighbor. Gas was escaping from a nearby jet.

Pinned to a tablecloth was a note which stated that the woman could not sleep or eat and that she wished to meet her husband in heaven. Physicians at Hahnemann Hospital, where the body was taken, pronounced life extinct.

COPS THINK BELGIAN WAS MURDER VICTIM

No Weapon Found on 46th Street Near the Body of Supposed Suicide

Detectives investigating the supposed suicide of Julian Plot, a Belgian, whose body was found yesterday morning at 46th street and Haverford avenue, are now working on the theory that the man was murdered and his body brought to the spot in an automobile.

Cross-examination of residents in the neighborhood and a man who passed by the body early yesterday brought forth the fact that at no time had a revolver been seen near the body. City Hall Detectives Coogan and Lentrage and District Detective Farmer and Roseboro, of the 29th street and Lancaster avenue station, were unable to find any weapon within a radius of a square.

Nor was there a pool of blood surrounding the body when it was found—a fact which strengthens the murder theory. What new evidence developed today broke the suicide theory the police had held since a note was found in the man's room at 129 North 13th street, saying he intended to commit suicide because of the long absence of news from his parents in Belgium.

The body of Plot was identified by his roommate, Marcus Gason, and his brother-in-law, Henry Pomieux, of South Bethlehem. His sister, with whom he formerly lived at 516 Thomas street, South Bethlehem, arrived in this city this morning to claim the body.

Three-Mile Run to Toot Wagon Fire Engine companies in Fox Chase and Frankford had a run of three miles early today to a 3500 fire at Robbin street and Rising Sun avenue. A wagon owned by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, containing valuable tools, was burned. It caught fire from a spark from a melting wagon, also belonging to the Transit Company.

TELEPHONE GIRLS AND CUPID; ELOPEMENT HELPED BY WIRE

License Clerk and Preacher Jingled From Doylestown Beds

Telephones rang the wedding bells for a speed-record marriage when telephone girls were aides to Cupid, according to news that leaked out today, in the marriage of a couple that eloped from this city for fear their friends would play practical jokes on them.

Robert B. Bond, of 2325 North 12th street, and Miss Emma Virginia McClure, of Media, were married in Doylestown seven minutes after they arrived there Saturday night. The way to matrimony was paved for them by telephone girls, who located the marriage license clerk, who went to Trenton they found there was a residence marriage law in New York. Bond then telephoned the county seat of Bucks County. The operators were interested in the dilemma of the couple and immediately began "to pull the wires" to fix things up. They told Bond to come ahead to Doylestown and that they would have the minister and everything waiting for them. The couple hopped into their machine and headed for Doylestown. Meantime one of the telephone girls located Marriage Clerk Harry A. Clayton at a church social. Another "Central" got the Rev. A. J. Kimer out of bed. The receiver on the telephone in the latter's house, where the marriage was performed, was left off the hook and the "Telephone Cupids" listened to the service over the phone. At the end they rang the bells merrily.

"It was great," said Mrs. Bond today in Media. "We eloped because we were afraid my brother, who is marriage license clerk in Media, would play some kind of a joke on us."

"Bird Day" in Public Schools. Many school children in the city are joining together today in the celebration of "Bird Day." Talks on the proper way to take care of the birds were delivered by teachers during the classes.

REBELS OF SOUTHERN CHINA PLAN REPUBLIC

New Government Comprising 100,000,000 Population Is Contemplated

SHANGHAI, April 12.—Formation of a new republic of Southern China, with a population of about 100,000,000, may be announced within a few weeks.

Following the lead of the provinces of Kwang-tung, the important maritime provinces of Che-kiang, on the Eastern Sea, today seceded from the republic. Embassadors of the revolutionists have arrived in Canton, which probably will be the capital of the new republic, with word that three other large provinces are about to declare their independence. The movement is spreading to all the provinces south of the Yangtze-kiang.

In an effort to save the republic from dissolution President Yuan Shi-kai has summoned revolutionary leaders to meet him in conference at Peking. The southern rebels have not yet accepted this invitation.

WASHINGTON 3-DAY TOURS April 17 & 25, May 4 & 18 \$10.50 \$12 \$13 According to 1915 Budget Proportionate Rates from Other Points Itineraries and details from F. B. Barnitz, Division Passenger Agent, 1428 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, or Street Ticket Agent. Pennsylvania R. R.

A Girls' Club Did you know that the largest girls' club in the world was attached to THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL? That this Club has a membership of 12,000 girls? That through it thousands of these girls support themselves and that it makes it possible for other thousands of girls to have the little luxuries they want and could not otherwise get? The girls in this Club made over a quarter of a million dollars last year—real money. Some girls make as high as fifty dollars per week. Here is where THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL is different! It isn't only a magazine that is interesting for what is in it, but it is vital because of what is back of it. Find out about it yourself by trying a copy of The Ladies' HOME JOURNAL It's only 15 cents