

CITIZENS UP IN ARMS OVER DELAY IN TRANSIT PLANS

Large West Philadelphia Section Protest Against Council's Failure to Improve Facilities—Want Crosstown Line.

Homeowners and business men in the large section between 34th and 54th streets, in West Philadelphia, are up in arms against Councils as a body for the delay of plans for the better transit facilities in Philadelphia, and against the Councilmen representing the wards in which the territory is included, for neglecting, after six years of constant demand from the residents, to obtain a crosstown surface line on 54th street.

A movement has been started within the last few days to circulate petitions among the residents of the section, covering the comprehensive transit program, and demanding the building of the 34th street line in the near future. An effort will be made to have the petitions signed by every resident of that part of the city before they are presented to Council.

The movement will have the backing of the 57th Street Business Men's Association, the 54th and Spruce Streets Business Men's Improvement Association, the Larocwood Avenue Improvement Association and the Hillmore Avenue Business Men's Improvement Association.

All of these business men's organizations have been making an active campaign to obtain the car line. Monthly meetings have been held the past year, at which the business men have pointed out that the growth of that part of Philadelphia will be halted until transit facilities have been obtained.

COUNCILMEN ARE PENGUINED. Select Councilman Edward W. Patton, of the 57th Ward, has been almost universally denounced, together with every other Councilman from West Philadelphia, for having failed to work wholeheartedly in Council in the interests of West Philadelphia.

The business men of the district have been vainly trying to interest the P. H. T. Company in transit conditions in the neighborhood of 54th street for six years. These conditions have been so bad for the last two years especially, that residents of the neighborhood waste 15 minutes every day to go to work.

The surface lines on Market street, Spruce street, Baltimore avenue and Woodland avenue, and the elevated on Market street can be reached by most of the residents of the 54th street neighborhood only by a walk of several squares. Most of them walk to the 54th, 56th and 58th street stations and take the elevated to work in the morning.

WILL FAVOR ELEVATED PROGRAM. These conditions have been complained against repeatedly by the residents of the section. With an immediate start in the transit program virtually assumed, new life has been injected into their fight for the car line, and they are preparing to come out in support of the comprehensive program, because they believe that they can obtain the 54th street line as part of that plan more quickly than if they ask to have it built independently of the entire system, as Councilman Patton has been reported to have suggested.

While their fight for the car line is sectional, many of the residents said today they realize they are more certain of obtaining their car line by combining their sectional fight with the fight of every other citizen of Philadelphia in the demand for a comprehensive system of rapid transit facilities.

Present conditions of halted development because of lack of adequate transit facilities in the neighborhood of 54th street are among the worst in the city. Large areas are being held vacant by the owners until the car line is a reality. The section above Vine street is almost undeveloped, and for a few blocks west of that neighborhood is not cut through. Between Market and Woodland avenue, every street in the district is dotted with vacant lots, and in some places entire blocks are vacant.

Hundreds of people, including many of the smaller shopkeepers and merchants on 54th, 56th and 58th street, and on the east and west streets in the immediate neighborhood of the proposed car line bought their homes and stores in the belief that the car line would be placed on 54th street within a short time. They have waited six years for it.

FIRE INTO PIGEON FLOCK. Shots Cost Blackbird Hunters Just \$12.50 Each.

Two men were arrested this morning for shooting pigeons at the Smith Pigeon Farm, near City Line and York road. They were William Kelly, Beech avenue and Locust street, and James Johnson, 2425 Sellers street. The men were gunning for blackbirds. When they reached the pigeon farm they came across a flock of pigeons and fired into them, bringing down a great number, according to the police. They were arrested and taken before Magistrate Pennek, in Germantown, who fined each \$12.50. The men were employed on the Elkins estate.

JAIL OR PAY TAXI BILL? Night Passenger Decides to Reimburse Driver After a Hearing.

The alternative of paying a \$50 taxi cab bill or taking a jail sentence was given Edward Turpin, 2022 Bamberg street, this morning by Magistrate Grells at the Marzunk station.

BOYS LEAD THE WAY IN RAISING FUNDS FOR THE RED CROSS

Austin M. Purves, Jr., and His Brother Dale Expect to Raise \$500 and Have Made a Splendid Start.

Two boys, members of a prominent Chestnut Hill family, one 12, the other 13 years old, have collected \$75 for the Red Cross Society and will swell the sum to \$100 when promised checks come in. Both have been following the struggle in Europe daily. They read of the carnage, the misery and the suffering of soldiers and their families. They saw pictures of poor women with little boys clutching to their skirts and carrying babes. Then they decided to "work on their own hook" as one of them expressed it, to help the soldiers, the mothers and the boys in Europe.

The persevering boys who got such results are Austin M. Purves, Jr., and his brother, Dale Benson Purves. They are sons of Austin M. Purves, vice president of the Pennsylvania Salt Company.

They are businesslike in their manner, and one is convinced of their sincerity when they tell in boyish way how much the money is needed. The mother of the boys has been prominently connected with the Pennsylvania Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage. It is in the name of this organization that the youngsters are making their collections. But it is not because of the prominence of their parents that they have succeeded.

The boys got the money on their merits. One man who subscribed said: "Why, they gave me an argument in plain language that I couldn't refuse. One of the youngsters started to write my name down while I was talking to him. I simply couldn't have asked him to erase it even if I didn't want to contribute. The little collectors have only been collecting since Tuesday, and they say that they won't stop until they get at least \$500."

BOY DESCRIBES METHOD. When asked to outline the method they follow in the collection of funds, Austin, who seems to be the spokesman of the two, replied:

"We usually go to a house, and, after finding the bell, ask for the lady of the house. When she comes we ask her to contribute to the Women's Relief Committee of the Pennsylvania Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, and then we tell her that the money is for the Red Cross and that it is to go to Europe to help take care of all the men who have been hurt in the war."

"And do they usually give you something?" "Oh, yes! We have been pretty lucky so far, they almost always give something, even if it's only a quarter."

"And you get large sums?" "Yes, we get as much as \$100 sometimes."

"Did you ever have a contribution from one house you go on to the next and—?" "Oh, no we don't—not until we have given them a receipt for the money," and the younger boy produced a receipt book in which all the contributions were neatly registered.

When asked if they had any regular hours for making collections the older boy replied:

"We usually go out in the mornings and get all we can, and then wait until late in the afternoon when the people are coming out from the city before trying to get a result."

"Yes, that's the trouble," Dale explained, "so many people are not at home during the day, you know."

That the boys are very busy is shown by a remark which he made a moment later:

"The people who are very rich don't give us so much," he volunteered; "it's the people who haven't got very much themselves that want to help most of all."



These boys, Austin M. Purves, Jr., and Dale Benson Purves, have collected \$75 for the Red Cross war fund since Tuesday. They expect to have twice that amount by tonight.

CHILD BITTEN BY PET RAT

New Hospital Physicians Are Guarding Against Danger of Infection. Two-year-old Louise Reno, of 1109 South Eighth street, is at the Pennsylvania Hospital today unaware of the fact that her pet white rat has paid for itself with its life for biting her. Physicians are watching the child closely to guard against infection and lockjaw.

SHIPS MAY USE WIRELESS WHEN CLEAR OF U. S. PORTS

Government Censoring Within Three-Mile Limit is Only Restriction. Captain Benson, commandant of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, acting under orders from Washington, has informed masters of vessels now in port that the United States Government's muzzling of all wireless outfits on board ceases when the vessels leave port, whether bound for another American port or a foreign port. Shipping masters traveling from one American port to another declined to break the seal on the wireless rooms placed there by representatives of Uncle Sam.

The sealing of the wireless rooms is absolutely enforced during the vessel's stay in port, but she is permitted the use of the apparatus while at sea, although supervision as to the propriety of messages sent while the vessel is within the three-mile limit will be conducted by operators of the various Government stations.

CITRIC ACID PRICE DROPS

Philadelphia Company Credited With Smashing Combination. By obtaining a large supply of citric acid ingredients from Sicily, a large Philadelphia chemical company has smashed a combination and driven the price down from \$1.50 a pound to 90 cents.

GIRL RUNAWAY HOME AGAIN

Mamie McColskey, Found in Chester, Sorely She Went Away. Mamie McColskey, 19 years old, who left her home, 129 New street, because she was tired of being poor and went to the home of her godfather at Chester, is back home today. She was found by Detectives Doyle and Benz and a friend of her mother. She has changed her views of what makes life worth while.

Accusing Wife Herself When

Because her husband, from whom she was separated, was delinquent in paying her \$1 a week, in accordance with a court order, Mrs. Mary Lane went to his boarding place, 230 Marston street, last night to make him give her the money. As a result Magistrate Morris held her in \$500 bail to keep the peace after a hearing at the 24th and York streets police station this morning. The woman lives at 243 Clementine street.

Three Beggars Sent to Prison

Three men accused of begging were sentenced to serve ten days each in the County Prison today by Magistrate Grells. They are Harry Alexander, of 3025 Indiana avenue; Patrick O'Brien, of 2514 Howard street; and Vincent Ford, of 1913 Erie avenue.

STATE TREASURY RECEIPTS BOUND \$899,228 79 IN YEAR

Comparison With 1913 Confusing Since Property Tax is Excluded. HARRISBURG, Sept. 18.—Comparison of this year's receipts at the State Treasury with those of former years are misleading, unless it is remembered that on June 17, 1913, the Governor approved an act depriving the State of its former revenue from the tax on personal property.

Previous to January 1, 1914, the whole amount of this tax collected in each county was remitted to the State Treasurer, who later returned three-fourths of it to the County Treasurer. Since January 1, 1914, the amount of this tax paid in last year was \$3,121,174.71. This year the receipts from personal property tax are only \$192,171, representing odds-and-ends balances paid in this year on 1913 account.

Receipts to September 15 last year were \$3,121,174.71. This year the receipts from personal property tax amounting to \$3,468,924.06. This brought the receipts, exclusive of personal property tax, to \$17,703,704.81.

KLEIN & BROS. GET CONTRACT

Klein & Brothers, 37 Arch street, has been awarded the contract to supply the winter uniforms for the force of the Philadelphia Custom House.

POLICEMAN SHOT BY NEGRO SUNDAY, DIES IN HOSPITAL

Bullet Could Not Be Located—Assailant Held for Grand Jury. Policeman Frank A. Sankey died this morning at the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital as the result of a bullet wound received last Sunday morning, when Nevada Henry, a Negro, fired upon him at the corner of 57th and Vine streets. The surgeons at the hospital were unable to remove the bullet as it could not be located. Peritonitis set in and the policeman's condition grew steadily worse. It was not expected that he could live through the day yesterday, but by the administration of oxygen he was kept alive until this morning. He was 47 years old and had a wife and seven-year-old daughter, Dorothy, were at the bedside at the time of death.

Sankey, who was 32 years old, and lived at 519 North Volney street, was attached to the 61st and Thompson streets station. Early last Sunday morning he ordered a Negro woman at 57th and Vine streets to "move on." Henry at the same time came along and got into an argument with Sankey. The latter told him to leave, but the Negro drew a revolver and fired into the policeman's abdomen. The policeman fell, but not until he had fired several shots at the Negro. Henry fled to his home several blocks distant, and was captured on the roof only after a desperate hand to hand struggle with the policeman, and not until he had succeeded in throwing one policeman from the roof to a shed below.

The Negro is held for the Grand Jury. Funeral services of the policeman will be held Tuesday morning at 4:30 o'clock.



POLICEMAN KILLED BY NEGRO. Frank A. Sankey, of the 61st and Thompson streets station, who died this morning as the result of a bullet wound received last Sunday.

HOSPITAL GETS \$50 BEQUEST

Germantown Institution Left Sum by Bridget McCullough—Will Filed. The Germantown Hospital will receive a bequest of \$50 from the \$200 estate of Bridget McCullough, who died at 5411 114th street. Nieces, nephews and other relatives will receive the residue of the estate under the terms of the will filed today.

Other wills probated are: Frederick Gaedeker, 296 North Sixth street, whose estate amounts to \$4,600; Anna M. White, 202 Newhall street, \$10,500; William J. Smith, 175 Maple avenue, \$500; William P. King, 629 North 34th street, \$400; Virginia T. Sumner, who died at Sea Isle City, N. J., \$200.

KEEN COMPETITION MARKS BIDDING FOR CITY CONTRACTS

Improvement to Streets and County Roads Will Aggregate \$200,000. Contracts aggregating \$200,000 for improvements to country roads and city streets, to be let by Director Cooke of the Department of Public Works, brought proposals from a large number of contractors today.

The keen competition that has marked every letting under the Blankenburg administration developed in all items which include grading, asphalt paving, vitrified block paving, asphalt repaving, wood block repaving, repairing and patching, bituminous paving and surfacing and resurfacing country roads.

Among the streets to be paved with asphalt are: Elmwood, from 6th to 22d; Etting, from Tasker to Morris; Front, from Ritten to Porter; Moore, from 10th to 11th; Warrington, from 37th to 38th; Second, from Ritten to Porter; Ninth, from Cayuga to the North-east boulevard.

Work on resurfacing country roads included: Pitts-eight street, from Elmwood to Woodland; Adams street, from Rising Sun to New Street; Ashton street, from Welsh to Grant; Hinson street, from Hunting Park to Philadelphia & Reading Railways; Danke Ferry road, from Byberry to Poggiess; Big Creek road, from Seventh to 600 east of New Green street; from Princeton to Urunk; Bull street, from Longshore to Dighton; Pine road, from Oxford to Montgomery County; Shawmont street, from Ridge to Philadelphia & Reading Railways; Weist road, from Bustleton avenue to Frankford avenue.

LOCAL GRAIN EXPORTERS ASK INCORPORATION

Shippers Expect Better Business Because of Foreign Demand. Shippers who have long lamented the inactivity of local grain exporters are now anticipating better business due principally to the strong demand for the product from foreign quarters and the application at Harrisburg for the incorporation of a new firm of exporters. This and the betterment of the international credit system are expected to increase the exportation of grain from this port.

While several cargoes of grain have left this port recently, Baltimore and Montreal continue to do the bulk of the Atlantic coast business to the regret of the shippers here, who claim the port is discriminated against in various ways. The French Government has chartered a fleet of vessels for the transportation of grain to its shores, most of which are scheduled to leave Baltimore. It was not possible to obtain any definite explanation for this on the floor of the Commercial Exchange today.

The new exporting firm will be known as the Philadelphia Export Company. Its incorporators are William M. Richardson, Samuel E. Scattergood, William E. Scattergood, John K. Scattergood and Walter K. Woodman, all prominent members of the Commercial Exchange.

WAR'S DEMANDS CAUSE BUSINESS TO IMPROVE

Local Men Optimistic—Exchange of Professors With South America Proposed. There is every indication of an improvement in business generally, especially in manufacturing lines, and it is due largely to the present struggle in Europe. The waste caused by the big conflict and the scarcity of workmen have already started American wheels to turn.

The Welsbach Company, whose plant is located in Gloucester, N. J., announced today that it had employed more than 500 additional hands to keep pace with the big domestic trade resulting from the war. A representative of the company said for the first time in the history of the company orders were received from all parts of the world.

Both Europe and South America are making big demands for clothing, and, as a result, many textile mills which have been running a little more than half time are now running full handed. The local manufacturers are receiving requests daily from Europe to do their best to meet the demand.

Every effort also is being made to open a steady market with South America. As representatives of several South American firms are now making inquiries in this city the business men feel optimistic.

As a means of improving South American trade relations, Dr. Roswell C. McCrea, dean of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, has suggested an exchange of professors between South American institutions and the University. He points out that Yale has successfully exchanged with German universities and contends that a similar plan with South America would be equally as successful.

GUYER HAT COMPANY EXPANDS

Takes Over the Concern of Henry H. Roofels & Co. The Guyer Hat Company, Columbia avenue and Howard street, has absorbed the hat manufacturing concern of Henry H. Roofels & Co., Twelfth and Brown streets, according to an announcement made by John H. Mader, secretary-treasurer of the Guyer company.

The new corporation will be known as the Guyer-Roofels Company, with Frank T. Barnes, president; Charles S. Feisbyth, for several years chairman of the house committee of the United League Club, will be vice president; John H. Mader will act as secretary-treasurer.

The new corporation will conduct business at the Roofels Company's location, doing away with the uptown Guyer plant. All former Guyer employees will be retained, and as far as possible those employed by the Roofels concern.

TOOK 36 SWEATERS, POLICE SAY

Three young men, accused of stealing 36 sweaters, valued at \$125, from the Chioleton Manufacturing Company, 428 Main street, Manayunk, were held in \$500 bail each for court today by Magistrate Grells at the Manayunk station. They are Alexander Lapinski, 17 years old, 489 Pennsylvania street, Special Policeman Pansyl and Sergeant Morton say they found some of the stolen sweaters at both addresses.

MILL EMPLOYEE LOSES LEG. Bruce Henderson, 42 years old, of Doylestown, is at the Jewish Hospital today with his right foot amputated as the result of attempting to push lumber into a circular saw in a mill at New Britain, Pa., where he was employed. The man was brought into the hospital last night with his foot injured to such an extent that the physicians were forced to amputate it. His condition is serious.

BANKERS' BUILDING PLANNED

Samuel L. Brumbaugh, who recently purchased the properties at 129-31-33 Walnut street, contemplates the erection of a modern six-story office building on these sites, which will be devoted exclusively to bankers and brokers. Work on the construction of this building will begin in the near future.

Painter Falls From Scaffold

While painting the hall ceiling at 1764 Sydenham street yesterday, William Will was tripped on the scaffold and plunged down the stairs. He was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in an unconscious condition. It was found there his nose was fractured. A cut in his head required 20 stitches. He still is in a serious condition.

EXPLOSION BLOWS WALL OF BUILDING INTO THE STREET

Grocery Store Is Destroyed and Proprietor and Wife Are Injured by Jump From Second Story.

Morris Simons, of 2512 Christian street, and his wife, Jessie Simons, were injured early this morning by jumping out of a second-story window, when a gasoline tank explosion shook the entire building and destroyed their grocery store on the first floor. The tank, in the front part of the store, exploded with such power that the entire front wall of the building was blown into the street.

Simons and his wife occupied apartments above the store, and in their attempt to escape from the smoke and flames they jumped out of the window to a shed in the backyard and thence into the yard itself. They suffered internal injuries, and were taken to the Polyclinic Hospital. Their condition is not serious.

Occupants of the third floor of the building escaped by a back exit. The report of the explosion was so loud that nearly all the residents of the immediate neighborhood rushed out of their homes into the street.

The loss is estimated at \$500.

COULD NOT PRESENT ACT TO DIRGE ACCOMPANIMENT

Three Dancing Mays Have Grievance, Likewise the Invisible Band. Maurice Levy and his Invisible Band and the Three Dancing Mays are going back to New York disgruntled. They are cherishing hard feelings against the Globe and the Keystone Theatres.

The Invisible Band may stay a week longer here. It has a contract to that effect, but last night 20 of the members asserted they were on their way back to New York to sign new contracts.

The Three Dancing Mays broke a trouble first. They are an artistic troupe, and took exception to the orchestra at the Globe Theatre Monday night. The mother to the daughter, the daughter to the mother, and the management and the orchestra was apportioning their duties. Conditions went to the breaking point. Conditions went to the breaking point. It was impossible for the Mays to do it, they assert. They stumbled about a syncope time and "jiggered" to the general manager. They cast reproaches at the management, and the management gave him signs of distress, but they ignored them. They thought they were being ignored.

The artists of the Invisible Band are a disgruntled little group. They are disgruntled because they are not paid as much as they think they should be. They claim their act was viewed when the manager of the Keystone was viewing them. They say the Globe wanted them to show only at that theatre while in town.

THE WEATHER Official Forecast

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18. For Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey, fair tonight and Saturday, with much change in temperature; light to moderate variable winds.

The Southern disturbance has moved slowly westward to a position central to the Ohio and Kentucky region. Its intensity has changed but little, and the resultant rain has extended northward to Southern Virginia and westward to Missouri, Texas and Kansas, with general but moderate rains along the north Pacific coast. High pressure continues throughout the Lake region, but temperatures have risen slightly in that section, while there has been a decided change to warmer in Minnesota and the Dakotas, readings throughout the plain States being generally above normal this morning.

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin

Table with columns for location, time, and weather conditions. Includes entries for Philadelphia, New York, and other cities.

LOCAL FIRE RECORD

6:27—Tenth st. and Snyder are. Loss \$100. 8:00—45th st. and Gray's Ferry road. Loss \$42-210-217 Snyder are. 9:08—1110 Boding st. dwelling of W. J. Joyce. 11:08—122 Queen st. dwelling of A. M. Regulokowski.

13:45—2532 Christian street dwelling of Morris Simons. 1:58—Trenton ave. and Orin st. Pennsylvania Railroad. 3:32—East of 31st order St. double track of W. J. Joyce. 7:08—84th st. and Vinson ave. 7:08—84th st. and Vinson ave.