

PLAN TO BUILD VAST STADIUM IN THIS CITY

Athletic Field in This City, With Accommodations for 80,000, Urged by Noted Men.

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Big men of the city, State and nation united today in suggesting that Philadelphia build a huge stadium, probably the largest the world has ever seen, for big athletic or civic events, which thousands are now prevented from witnessing because of lack of proper accommodations.

PHILADELPHIA BEST POINT. Philadelphia, they say, is the ideal city of the United States in which to build it.

The city with the largest stadium in the world would attract big events from all parts of the country. It would be the centre of athletics, including football and baseball, and of great exhibitions. It would attract great spectacles from which, in various parts of the country, thousands are now turned away, and there would be seats for all.

As a field for the greatest athletic events of the nation and an inspiration to increased activity in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania, it is believed that Philadelphia, always a favorite playing ground with Navy men, would be the ideal place for the game.

PLAN STRONGLY FAVORED. That the stadium would please Philadelphia, Philadelphia business men, athletes, Navy and particularly Army football men, was learned today in interviews. Navy football directors were openly delighted with the plan.

Lack of seats at Franklin Field caused the trouble, according to Army men. Every one, from Captain D. I. Sultan, of the Army Football Council and senior officer, down to cadets, who walked around the University grounds hoping to see the final practice at Franklin Field, agreed he would be glad to come to Philadelphia if all their followers could have seats for the game.

With such eyes being held in Philadelphia it was declared there would be no difficulty in filling the immense stadium. And, it was observed, the stadium, even if it cost \$200,000, would soon pay for itself.

It was suggested that bonds be issued to cover the cost of construction. The money obtained from the sale of the 40,000 extra seats would pay interest and sinking fund charges and retire the bonds within 10 years.

It was said that Army football directors objected to Philadelphia only because the standard accommodations were limited. They were delighted at hearing that the Army would study play in Philadelphia if a stadium were built.

ARMY APPROVES PROJECT. Captain D. I. Sultan, who was in charge of the Army team, answered at once that a stadium would put an end to Army men's objection to Philadelphia, and he was as usual.

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for the proposed lines could be bought at a low rate, while the construction work would give employment to thousands of idle men.

"I wish to remind you," he added, "that the transit problem as arranged by the Department of City Transit and the officials of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company provides that the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company shall equip and operate the city-owned lines in conjunction with its existing system in a manner which will enable the people to travel conveniently, quickly and comfortably for one-cent fare."

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COMMUTERS ASK U. S. TO SUSPEND INCREASED RATES

Appeal to Commerce Commission to Prevent Railroads From Boosting Fares Until Protest Is Heard.

A direct appeal to the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington to take up the fight of the commuters against the proposed increase in railroad passenger rates was made this morning by Edwin M. Abbott, attorney for the Commuters' Association, organized at the Garrick Theatre last Tuesday.

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