



M'NICHOL MEN HOLD COMMITTEE FORT IN CITY TRANSIT WAR

Vare Represented by Only Six Men in Body Which Will Decide Fate of Ordinances in Councils.

One Obstructionist Frankly Admits He Is Waiting for Orders From "Fellows at the Front." Mayorality Campaign Factor.

A poll of the members of Councils Finance Committee today revealed the fact that the Vare members of the committee would be in line solidly for Director Taylor's rapid transit program when Chairman Connelly calls a meeting of the committee. This he announced, would be within a few days. The McNichol Councilmen, it is shown, will be lined up against the Taylor program for real rapid transit. In political circles it is generally understood that both sides have received their orders and that the fight from now on will be along clear-cut, definite lines. Backing Director Taylor will stand Senator Vare with the downtown members of the Finance Committee. On the other side Senator McNichol, who came out in the open against the plan yesterday, will order his men to defy public opinion and thwart the plan.



HE WANTS HIS ORDERS

John J. McKinley, Select Councilman from the 33d Ward, who will not know how he stands on the transit bills until he "sees those fellows at the front about the matter." He is a McNichol Councilman. McNichol openly opposes the Taylor rapid transit project.

TRANSIT HEARING TOMORROW

Every citizen who wants rapid transit should attend the hearing of the State Senate Committee on Municipal Affairs, which will be held tomorrow in Councils Finance Committee room, No. 496, City Hall.

The committee will hear the recommendations of Senator McNichol and John P. Connelly, chairman of Councils Finance Committee on Finance and Legislation. They desire to change the Constitutional amendment adopted by the Legislature of 1913 to increase the city's borrowing capacity for transit and port improvements.

They want to amend the amendment so that the money obtained from the increased borrowing capacity could be used for other projects beside those now named—transit and port improvements.

Amendment of the amendment would prevent the city from increasing its borrowing capacity from 7 to 10 per cent. this year.

Should the slightest change be made—even to the extent of a single word—the amendment approved by the last Legislature would fall. The new amendment then would have to be passed again by the Legislature of 1915.

Representatives of every business organization will be on hand to oppose Senator McNichol's plan to thwart the will of the people for political purposes.

The meeting is open to all citizens. The hour of the meeting is 2 o'clock.

If you are for the Taylor transit plan attend the meeting.

Unless a compromise can be reached or

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C. H. S. TRACK STARS BEAT WEST PHILA. HIGH TEAM

Crimson and Gold Athletes Easily Win Dual Meet.

Central High School's star track team had little trouble defeating West Philadelphia High School's athletes in the latter's gymnasium this afternoon. A big crowd of followers from both schools was in attendance.

The final score was 5 1/2 to 10 1/2. Henry, the Crimson and Gold crack track man, surprised the spectators by beating out his team-mate, E. Smalley, in the 15-yard dash, and also showing his heels to McHale, the star Central runner, in the 300-yard run.

The summaries follow:

Fifteen-yard dash—Won by Henry, Central High School, second, E. Smalley, Central High School, time, 2-2/10 seconds. Philadelphia High School, time, 2-3/10 seconds. Eight hundred and eighty-yard dash—Won by Henry, Central High School, second, McHale, Philadelphia High School, time, 2 minutes 11 1/2 seconds.

One-mile dash—Won by A. Smalley, Central High School, second, E. Smalley, Central High School, time, 5-1/2 seconds. West Philadelphia High School, time, 5-3/4 seconds.

Standing broad jump—Won by Robertson, Central High School, second, Stoeckel, West Philadelphia High School. Distance—9 feet 8 inches.

Shot put—Won by Butler, Central High School, second, Riley, Central High School. Distance—39 feet 1 inch.

440-yard dash—Won by E. Smalley, Central High School, second, Henry, Central High School, third, Berlin, West Philadelphia High School. Time, 1 minute 5-8 seconds.

MISS HOFFMAN-M'FARLAND WIN GIMBEL GOLF MATCH

Sixteen Couples Compete in Mixed Foursome on Indoor Links.

The two-ball mixed foursome event at the Gimbel indoor links today brought out a field of 16 couples. Miss Maud Hoffman and J. B. McFarland, Jr., were the winners with a score of 51, seven strokes better than George C. Klausner and Miss Yorkie and Sidney E. Sharwood and Mrs. W. J. Peck, who were tied for second.

PELL TO REPLAY MATCH

Injured Baquetts Player Will Get Into Action February 20.

C. C. Pell, the New York requests player who was injured at the Baquetts Club two weeks ago while he and his partner, Stanley G. Masterton, were playing Dwight E. Davis and J. W. Wear for the national doubles title, has recovered from his accident, and although he will carry a scar over his right eye for life, the injury has not affected his eyesight.

As announced, the match will be replayed on Saturday, February 21, in the date set.

"HUMAN FLY" CRAWLS UP WALLS OF CAMDEN COURTHOUSE



Several thousand persons crowded the space around the county courthouse in Camden today to see H. H. Gardiner, a vaudeville performer, climb up the sides of the big building unaided, save by his hands, feet and muscles. He did it. He not only went up the side of the structure, wearing his shoes, too, but ascended the roof of the sloping dome to the top. The picture, taken today by an Evening Ledger photographer, shows how he ascended.

PROFESSIONAL DOG SLAYER REQUESTED IN FAIRMOUNT PARK

A professional dog slayer is wanted for Fairmount Park.

A request for such a rifleman was entered today by Theodore Justice at the meeting of the Park Commission in City Hall. He said the deer which they city recently placed in Fairmount Park near Wissahickon were being attacked by stray dogs.

Exception to Mr. Justice's proposal was made by E. T. Stotesbury, whereupon it was decided to place the entire matter before George Wharton Pepper, counsel for the commission. He will determine whether or not the city has a right to employ a rifleman at the park to shoot stray dogs.

JURY HAD STOMACHACHE

Appeal to Judge for Brandy Was Denied and Case Continued.

Twelve men got busy taking 12000 cases of blackberry brandy and other home remedies for stomachache today. Monday evening they partook of appeasement before retiring to the jury room in City Hall, where they were to spend the night dreaming over a case before them. But they didn't dream. They had nightmares. Sudden and violent pains assailed them. They called Levi Hart, court crier, and brought him to fetch some blackberry brandy. Instead he called Dr. John Wanamaker, 3d, police surgeon, who prescribed for them.

The next morning the jury filed into Judge Little's courtroom. The foreman appealed to the court, but Judge Little ruled they should have medical attention and no brandy and the case continued.

The prisoner Harry Young, a Negro, was sentenced to not less than 17 and not more than 20 years for murder.

The men who composed the jury were Edward H. Hyer, 498 Merion avenue; James Howard, 598 Annin street; John Kelett, 601 South 6th street; Edward McGarvey, 328 North 4th street; Herriam Archer, 3284 Vine street; William Wyde, 236 Howard street; George Reese, 305 North 13th street; S. L. Gabel, 543 North 8th street; Frank Hillegas, 134 7th avenue; Victor Paul, 677 Germantown avenue; Leon Gillen, 341 Opel street; and David Phelan, 511 Hamilton street.

Aged Woman Overcome by Gas

Mrs. Nellie McKelroy, 72 years old, 125 Catherine street, was overcome in her bed by escaping gas from a radiator. She was removed to the Howard Hospital. Physicians say she will die.

10,000 SEE DARING FEAT

Man Sits Astride Ball on Dome of Camden Courthouse.

More than 10,000 persons in Camden today were treated to an exhibition of skill and nerve at the Courthouse, Broadway and Federal streets, when H. H. Gardiner, a vaudeville performer, climbed to the pinnacle of the Courthouse dome.

Sitting on the ball crowning the dome, with his feet outspread, Gardiner imitated the vaudeville performer photographed by the EVENING LEDGER last week, who juked balls on the top of the Widener Building, now in course of construction.

Before mounting the dome, Gardiner climbed up the wall of the Courthouse. As far as the top of the first floor the wall is of rough granite blocks and he had no trouble, but above that the blocks are smooth and he had to make his way by taking a slight hold between the blocks. Several times he nearly slipped.

The demonstration was for the benefit of the Salvation Army. Several hundred dollars was realized in a collection taken by the army workers in the crowd.

PHILA. ELECTRIC CO. LEASES KEYSTONE TELEPHONE DUCTS

Contract Gives Right to Use All Unoccupied Space. Graded Rental Based Upon \$100,000.

The long-rumored deal between the Philadelphia Electric Company and the Keystone Telephone Company for the lease of the latter's ducts was concluded this afternoon. President McCall, of the Philadelphia Electric Company, made the announcement as follows:

"We have agreed upon the terms of a contract with the Keystone Telephone Company of Philadelphia, which gives us the right to use all the duct space in the Telephone Company's conduits which they are not using, and to occupy the same as required by us from time to time in the extension or operation of our business. The Telephone Company retains the right to use the ducts for its own purposes when needed to carry out its obligations and purposes. The arrangement is one which should be beneficial to the general public as well as to both utility companies, as it produces an immediate revenue to the Telephone Company for duct space which has been unused for a number of years, and it also makes the same available to the Philadelphia Electric Company for the general purpose of its business whenever and wherever such ducts can be used in conjunction with the present distributing system of the company.

"Under the terms of the agreement we are to have the right to the exclusive use of all the unused ducts for the purpose of our business. Provision is made for a graded schedule of minimum rental payments, the maximum of which is one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the first period of 2 years, and at our option at an annual minimum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for an additional period of 15 years. We also have the right to purchase the conduit space in use at the end of the agreement at a price to be fixed by arbitration. If for any reason we cannot purchase these ducts, we also have the option to extend the agreement for a further period of 15 years, at an annual minimum rental for this latter period of one hundred or twenty-five thousand dollars (\$100,000 or \$250,000).

TODAY'S BASKETBALL RESULTS

Germantown High School.....	12	5	—	17
Philadelphia Trade, 2d.....	8	4	—	12
Swarthmore High School.....	9	10	—	19
Norristown High School.....	19	15	—	34
Temple University Girls.....	23	10	—	33
Beachwood School Girls.....	4	3	—	7

DUAL INDOOR TRACK MEET

West Philadelphia High School...	51 1/2
Central High School.....	10 1/2

SUNDAY SCORES

EMPLOYERS OF CHILD LABOR

Religious Posers and Their "Philanthropy" Flayed in Spirited Attack on Monopolists in Business.

"Monopolists who rob the masses, men who contribute thousands to hospitals and charities and each year crush out thousands of lives of children through a system of child labor, all of whom pose as respectable Christian men," got their "bumps" from "Billy" Sunday in the tabernacle this afternoon.

In stinging words the evangelist demanded that men stop living good on Sabbath and then "go to the devil the rest of the week" while engaged in their business. He was preaching on "Positive Versus Negative Religion."

"We have produced men whose private lives are good, but whose public lives are very bad," said Sunday. "For instance, we have produced men who, while they would not shoot a man with a pistol, will sit in New York City and, by a vote in the board of directors meeting, set in motion forces which ultimately may take a man's life out on the Pacific coast months afterward. This condition has been produced by the idea that it is necessary for a man to run away from the world in order to be good. If a man runs away from the world in order to be good, by his very act he says that religion is simply and only a private affair with him—a something labeled for external use and home consumption only."

"PICKPOCKETS" IN MONOPOLIES.

"Men who would not pick the pockets of one man with the fingers of their hands will, without hesitation, pick the pockets of 50,000 people with the fingers of their monopoly or commercial advantage."

"Men in whose hands the virtue of your wife or daughter would be as safe as in your own, but who will every year drive hundreds of cases of virtue over the line into vice by the pressure of starvation wages which they pay."

"Men who will gladly draw their check for \$10,000 and give it to a child's hospital, and see nothing ridiculous in the fact."

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CZAR HURLS FOE BACK TO SECOND LINE IN HUNGARY

German Losses Enormous in 22 Assaults on Galician Heights—Austrians Are Beaten Back at Lupkow.

Unprecedented slaughter is reported by Petrograd in the Carpathians, where at Kozlowa, in Galicia, 65 miles southwest of Lemberg, the Austro-Germans were beaten back 22 times in an attempt to control the heights, and at Bartfeld and Savidnik, in Hungary south of the Lupkow Pass, where the Austrian defenders suffered heavily under a fierce Russian offensive, and were forced back to their second line of defenses. Austria maintains that the Russian offensive in at least one section of the Carpathians has been broken down and that the Czar is retreating from Bukovina.

Russian reckoning sets the German losses at 50,000 in the six days' battle of Borjimov, where the foe made a headlong onslaught against Warsaw. This total is based on an inspection of the battlefield along the Baura and Rawka Rivers, according to a Petrograd dispatch to London. The Russian official report states the losses at "tens of thousands."

A slight gain for the French troops in Lorraine is claimed in an official communique issued in Paris today. It says that northeast of Manonville a French detachment rolled back the German posts.

Fighting on the western front was confined generally to artillery combats, which were of particular violence on the Aisne front and Champagne.

Turkish advance guards have crossed the Suez Canal, according to Constantinople official reports, but are awaiting the main army before giving battle to the British. A British warship was damaged on the canal, says the report.

AUSTRIANS BACK TO SECOND TRENCH LINE IN HUNGARY

Russians Inflict Heavy Losses in Lupkow Pass Action.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 10.—The battles for the slopes of the Carpathians and the passes which command the fertile Hungarian plains are being waged with a desperation that is unprecedented. The mountaineers are strewn with dead and dying. If the Russians win they will be able to retain their holdings in Bukovina and also to attempt an invasion in force of Hungary. If they are forced to retire they will simply fall back on their strongly entrenched positions in Galicia and northern and eastern Bukovina.

At Bartfeld and Savidnik, in Hungary, the attacks of the Germans have been repulsed with heavy losses, and in the region of Lupkow Pass they have been driven back on their second line, the Russians capturing 60 officers, 5300 men, 15 machine guns and a large quantity of supplies.

50,000 GERMANS REPORTED SLAIN IN WARSAW BATTLE

Casualties Enormous in Headlong Onslaught, According to Report.

LONDON, Feb. 10. German losses before Warsaw and Austro-German losses in southern Galicia beyond the Tucholka Pass and in Hungary south of Lupkow Pass have been of a magnitude without precedent in the war, according to advisers received here. The correspondent of the Star says:

"The Russians have now inspected the battlefield on the Baura and Rawka rivers between Goumine and Bolkow, where a six-day battle ended on Sunday in a German rout. They estimate, from the bodies thus found, that the Germans lost 50,000 dead. The German attack was the last headlong onslaught that was made on the Russian defense line in central Poland."

The Petrograd official report covering the battle of Borjimov states that the Germans lost by "the tens of thousands" and elsewhere that the fact's casualties in the Carpathians were "unprecedented."

CHILD RESCUED FROM FIRE

Little Girl Carried From Burning Home by Her Cousin.

Five-year-old Katharine Norton, of 1708 Alder street, was rescued from her burning home early today by her cousin, Herbert McClain, a boarder in the house, after she had been overcome by smoke. The child was revived in the home of a neighbor.

McClain was in a room adjoining that of the child, when he noticed smoke coming under the door. He found the little girl unconscious in her bed, and staggered with her to the street, at the same time shouting for help. The fire was quickly extinguished by Seemen. It was confined to the front of the second floor. About \$200 damage was done.

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LOST AND FOUND

LOST—On Saturday evening, February 6, 1915, a small black and white dog, weighing about 10 lbs., was lost on the street between 10th and 12th streets, near the intersection of 10th and 11th streets. Reward \$10.00. Inquire at 10th and 11th streets.

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THE WEATHER



FAIR

We have to retreat. After assaulting for weeks past the weather gods, for their lack of consideration for us poor mortals—and quite rightly, too, we take it—the weather of the last few days has been so reasonable and agreeable and altogether just as it should be that even the heat and most obstinate of our critics and detractors have been effectively silenced. There was yesterday in the first place. That very nearly put our faith finding to complete rest. But we believed that it was more a feat than anything else, and stuck to our guns of dissatisfaction. Today is too much for us, however. We propose to argue no further. Just look out the window.

Yes, we have to retreat!

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair tonight and Thursday; warmer Thursday; light to moderate variable winds.

For details, see page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia

Barometer.....	30.55
Temperature.....	51
Wind.....	Light
Humidity.....	80
Direction.....	Light
Time.....	3:22 P. M.

Lamps to Be Lighted

Along and where indicated..... 6:45 P. M.