



MIGHTY WAVE OF PROTEST AGAINST TRANSIT TRICKERY IS SWEEPING THROUGH CITY

Finance Committee's Knifing of Taylor Plan Condemned in Every Section.

Substitute Holds Out No Hope for Abolition of 8-Cent Exchange and Gives Club Into Hands of P. R. T.—Big Merchants Vehement.

Director Taylor Calls Move Scheme of Land Speculators and Declares "Jokers" Were Inserted to Incite Legal Doubts—Warns People of Dire Effects.

An awakened city today began a mighty wave of protest against the trickery of Councils' Finance Committee yesterday, when the Taylor plan for real rapid transit was killed in committee and a substitute filled with "jokers" reported on the floor of Councils by John P. Connelly.

Filled with vitriolic condemnation for the deception reported from the Finance Committee, the united voice of business associations and trade bodies in every corner of Philadelphia today demanded a public demonstration against the Republican Organization trick sprung on the people.

GIVES P. R. T. A "CLUB." Friends of the Taylor plan today declared that the ordinance reported from the Finance Committee yesterday gave the people of Philadelphia no hope for the abolition of the 8-cent exchange ticket and the establishment of a universal 5-cent fare for all parts of the city.

The ordinance as reported from the Finance Committee, on the contrary, would construct the Franford "L" first, prepare it for operation and, after connections are made with the Market street subway, then undertake negotiations with the Rapid Transit Company for a straight 5-cent fare. The possibility of operation by an independent company would have been made impossible through the connections with the Market Street Subway, and Philadelphia would be at the mercy of the Rapid Transit Company in seeking any arrangements for the abolition of the 8-cent exchange tickets.

A public hearing before Councils before any action on the ordinance reported is taken was demanded by the Market Street Merchants' Association, which met shortly after Councils adjourned. The association simultaneously issued a call to all "civic, business, trade and patriotic organizations" in Philadelphia to join in the revolt against the betrayal.

Among those most vehement in their protests against the Organization today of the Taylor plans are the leading merchants.

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THE WEATHER



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It is hard, indeed, sometimes not to succumb to a desire for general effects because of particular reasons. Thus, as we have intimated somewhat on previous occasions, were there no other consideration at stake than merely inspiration for this little weather talk, we could wish for nothing better than a blizzard or a hurricane on alternate days. It would be so easy to discuss such matters in an interesting manner with a minimum of effort. The same being the reason why our news breaks the columns on the front page, while a survey of peace conditions in times when they obtained would be to write two inches. Pleasant things to get or read about are these invariably prosaic. The weather these days is just about as nice as it could be. In fact, too nice to talk about!

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair today and tonight, slow rise in temperature throughout the day. For details, see page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia

Table with weather observations: Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature, Wind, etc.



STATE SENATOR EDWARD W. PATTON

Until his election to the Senate he was for many years Select Councilman from the 27th ward. At a meeting of the United Business Men's Association, held on September 15, he protested his loyalty to the interests of the people and pledged his vote as a member of Councils' Finance Committee and on the floor of Councils to support the transit plans of Director Taylor. In a private conversation yesterday, however, he said: "I worked against the Woodland avenue elevated road project." The Woodland avenue elevated road, a part of the Taylor plan, would serve the people of Patton's senatorial district and afford them speedy, efficient and cheap transportation to and from the heart of the city.

chant princes of the city. The following are opinions given today by these men: Ellis A. Gimbel, of Gimbel Brothers—I think it is a great mistake. It furnishes absolutely no service to the district east of Broad street. I don't think the citizens of Philadelphia will stand for any plan that does not provide for that district. It will be tremendous inconvenience for thousands of people who start for home from, say, 11th or 12th street and Market. Some arrangement will have to be made whereby a distributing loop, such as the Taylor plan has, will be provided for. It is a great mistake. Jacob D. Litt, of Litt Brothers—I'm in

JUDGE WILLSON'S RESIGNATION LIKELY

Reported Ready to Quit the Bench Because of Impaired Health.

Rumors were circulated in political circles today that the resignation of Judge Robert N. Willson, president Judge of the Court of Common Pleas No. 4, would be forwarded to Governor Brumbaugh before the expiration of his term. This, it was reported, did not mean that he would wait until a few days before the expiration of his term, but that the formal resignation would be forwarded tonight or Monday.

Judge Willson denied this afternoon that he had already sent the resignation, but admitted that resigning was a move he contemplated. Ill-health, he said, would be the reason he would leave the bench. Since November 25 he has been ill at his home, 222 Spruce street. The resignation has been rumored for months, but Associate Judges said today they had not heard he expected to leave the bench imminently.

Brumbaugh will be called upon to fill two vacancies in the Court of Common Pleas should Judge Willson resign. The creation of a second vacancy would relieve the Governor of the necessity of choosing between candidates urged for appointment as successor to Judge Kinsey, who died a month ago.

FRANKFORD MEN CONFER

Spend Three Hours With Transit Director Taylor.

A delegation representing the Frankford Board of Trade and the Frankford Business Men's Association spent nearly three hours with Director Taylor this morning reviewing the details of the transit program. Rumors that the meeting lacked harmony were strengthened by a statement issued after the meeting that Frankford, as usual, would be called upon to sacrifice immediate benefits for the sake of the city at large and future benefits.

This, of course, was not particularly pleasing to the members of the committee, although they expressed the opinion that Frankford would probably be unaided in the matter and continue to uphold the plans of Director Taylor. They expressed themselves as having a keen appreciation of the courtesy and fairness of the Director though not absolutely convinced of the future favorable outcome of his plans.

GRUNDY AND GOVERNOR DISCUSS CHILD LABOR

Head of Manufacturers and Mr. Brumbaugh Confer on Measure.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 19.—Governor Brumbaugh had an interview this afternoon with Joseph H. Grundy, of Bristol, president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association, who presented to the Governor the manufacturers' ideas as to the kind of a child labor law the Legislature should pass. Governor Brumbaugh has had frequent meetings with members of child labor organizations, but up to this time has had no discussion with the manufacturers.

The manufacturers, it is said, are not satisfied with the Phipps' bill, which, when it was introduced, was said to have the approval of the Administration and the Governor himself said it might be improved.

George W. Norris, Director of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, of Philadelphia, will arrive in Harrisburg today for a meeting with the Governor, who will leave for his weekend visit to Philadelphia until tomorrow.

ENGLISH CHANNEL TRAFFIC ORDER STIRS WASHINGTON

Suspension Decree Affects American Shipping.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Administration officials are greatly concerned over the British Admiralty order suspending all traffic in the English channel. The extent to which the movements of American and other neutral ships will be restricted was not made entirely clear in a cablegram from Ambassador Page. On this point officials desired to be more fully enlightened.

SENATE INQUIRY PROBABLE INTO PENROSE ELECTION

Move for Probe of "Slush Funds" Likely to Be Resuscitated.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The campaign expenses of Roger C. Sullivan, in Illinois, and Boies Penrose, in Pennsylvania, will probably be investigated by a Senate committee as the result of action today. Senators Reed and Shafer, absent last week, today started a bill to reconsider the plea-holding of the Norris resolution. If Senator Brewster votes as he did last week the committee will stand three to two for the resolution.

NIEHOFF AT LAST FOUND

Phillies' New Infielder Located in Louisville, Col.

Since the trade was completed by the Phillies with Cincinnati, Bert Niehoff, who comes here in exchange for Charley Doolin, the local National League management has been scouring the country for its new man. It appears that Niehoff's address was unknown to even the Reds' manager, Charley Herzog. The mystery of Niehoff was cleared today when a letter was received at the Phillies' offices from him, stating that he was well and happy, dwelling in Louisville, Col. Bert stated in his letter that he was glad to be a member of the Phillies' club and would report at the club offices in St. Petersburg, Fla., on March 1. Niehoff will go to the south directly by rail and not by boat with Business Manager Shettline and his band of intrepid sailors.

KOLB BOOM FOR MAYOR

Has Support of Many Independent Republicans.

Louis J. Kolb, a close friend of Governor Brumbaugh and for years an independent Republican in politics, is being conspicuously mentioned among the Mayorality candidates for next fall. Mr. Kolb, who is president of the Kolb bakeries, was treasurer of the Martin G. Brumbaugh Citizens' Committee, which organized for the election of Doctor Brumbaugh last fall, although actively interested in politics, has never held public office. Thomas Martindale, in discussing the various Mayorality candidates, said that Mr. Kolb should be considered to run, would be assured of the support of a large number of the leading business men in Philadelphia. It was Mr. Martindale who first suggested the name of Doctor Brumbaugh as a gubernatorial possibility at a dinner in the Poor Richard Club, where the present Governor was speaking more than a year before his nomination.

FLOUR \$9 A BARREL

Price Steadily Advancing and Bread Keeping Pace.

Flour has gone up to \$9 a barrel retail and to \$8.50 a barrel wholesale. In the last four days there has been an increase of 150 a barrel in the retail price. Wheat today went up as high as \$1.05 with prospects of going higher. Where the end will be the grain and flour merchants do not say. In many small bakeries bread has gone up to seven cents. In some shops it is only six cents. The big bakeries, it is said, are doing their utmost to keep it at five cents and for the time being are succeeding. This will last, they say, only so long as they are still baking the flour that they contracted for at a low price months ago. When that is exhausted, they say, they will have to boost the price of the loaf because they cannot afford to carry on their shoulders the poverty of the whole city.

WHEAT SOARS OVER NIGHT

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Reports that Russia intended to raise her entire grain crop, although unconfirmed, today sent wheat up to \$1.05 for May and \$1.30 per bushel for July futures.

These represented overnight advances of 2 1/2 and 2 1/2 cents per bushel, respectively.

BRIDEGROOM-ELECT IS 75

A marriage license was issued today to John H. Chesetham, age 75, of Reading, Pa., to wed Laura M. Hudson, age 55, 4622 Cedar avenue. Mr. Chesetham has been a widower for 2 1/2 years, while his intended wife has been married twice before, her first husband dying in 1888 and the second about eight years ago.

Check Forger Sent to Jail

Herbert S. Wilson, who was extradited from Trenton two weeks ago, was today sentenced by Judge Little, in Quarter Sessions Court, to a term of 18 months in the county prison on charges of passing fraudulent checks at several of the prominent hotels in the center of the city.

PENN FRESHMAN WEIGHT STAR



Dougherty, of Penn, won the shot put in the dual meet between the combined High School athletes and the Penn Freshmen this afternoon.

PRIZE FIGHTER QUILTS RING FOR RELIGION AS SUNDAY'S CONVERT

Stirring scenes accompanied the "trail hitting" at the "Billy" Sunday tabernacle, this afternoon. A prize-fighter came forward and gave his heart to God, declaring he was "through with the ring." One man grasped the evangelist's hand and said: "I've been on third base for 20 years. 'Well, come on home,' laughed 'Billy,' after which the man's face lighted up and he shouted: "You bet your life I will, Bill!" Another man bearing all the marks of sin plodded his way toward the glory rows, sobbing, and fell upon his knees in the sawdust, weeping as he prayed. On one side of him a good looking woman tried to pacify him. She put her arm around his shoulder and a prosperous looking man on the other side smoothed an aged man with iron gray hair who wore a Prince Albert coat and had much of the appearance of a manufacturer or financier.

The man wore bandages over a broken hand, and there were cuts on his face. He told the usher he had received the injuries in a barroom brawl yesterday.

The prize-fighter was Charles B. Lodge, of Williamsport, N. J., who is known in the ring as "Jimmy Rodgers." The total number of converts was 165. The Reverend Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins, Rector of Holy Trinity Church, spoke briefly to the "trail hitters" and offered the closing prayer.

Sunday's sermon was an earnest appeal to men and women to believe in the divinity of Christ. People who deny that Christ was the Son of God, the evangelist declared, would fall into the pits of hell like dead men, he believed in the Redeemer and His death on the Cross.

"They call me blasphemous," Bill shouted, "I preach God's word. Those dirty scoundrels who attack me are the blasphemers." The various "isms" all received thrusts from the evangelist. Sunday also attacked the Unitarians. Among other things, Sunday said: "It was the Unitarians of His day that stoned Him and they are stoning Him today."

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CONAN DOYLE REGRETS BOOK "TIP" TO GERMANY

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the English author, is reported to be much grieved at the suggestion that the German idea of a submarine blockade of Great Britain was borrowed from his story, "Danger," which was published last spring.

The Doyle story told how the mythical country of Norland, employing just such means as Germany is now using, reduced England to starvation.

Sir Arthur declares that it is extremely painful to think that anything he had written should be turned against his country. His story was written with the purpose of warning the nation of a danger that he saw hanging over it, and in the book he pointed out methods by which that danger could be averted.

At the time of writing, however, he had concluded, after careful study of the situation, that the submarine blockade would be a desperate measure, feasible only in the event of a dire emergency.

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The clearing of Bukovina of the Russians is declared to be a complete victory on the other wing. This, together with the expected successes from the operations in the waters around the British Isles, has resulted in a very confident attitude on the part of the Government-influenced newspapers.

TODAY'S BASKETBALL RESULTS

Table with basketball results: West Philadelphia High School, Atlantic City High School, West Phila. High, 2d, etc.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS STAR AGAINST PENN FRESHIES

Central High Athlete Wins in Finals of 20-yard Dash.

The good work of Central High School's dash men in the first two events gave the combined high schools an early lead over the University of Pennsylvania Freshmen in their dual track meet this afternoon in the crimson and gold gymnasium.

The record for the 10-lap race was lowered two-fifths of a second by Max Neasing, of the Penn Fresh team. He was forced to the limit by Henry, McHale and Balney, all of Central High School, who finished second, third and fourth in the order named.

In the final heat of the 20-yard dash, E. Smalley, of Central High, reached the tape first, Weidel, of West Philadelphia High; Gadd, of Central High, and Gill, of Penn Fresh, finishing in the order named.

E. Smalley also captured the three lap race. Gadd was second with Rodgers, of Northeast High, third, and Wharton, of Penn Fresh, fourth.

The summaries follow: Twenty-yard dash—First, won by E. Smalley, Central High School; second, Crane, Penn Fresh; Time, 6 seconds.

Second heat—Won by Gill, Penn Fresh; second, in between Gadd, of Central High School, and Weidel, of Penn Fresh; Time, 2 4/5 seconds.

Third heat—Won by Thibault, Penn Fresh; second, Weidel, West Philadelphia High School; Time, 3 seconds.

Fourth heat—Won by E. Smalley, Central High School; second, Gadd, Central High School; third, Rodgers, Northeast High School; fourth, Wharton, Penn Fresh; Time, 1 3/4 seconds.

Five-lap race—Won by Neasing, Penn Fresh; second, Henry, Central High School; third, McHale, Central High School; fourth, Balney, Central High School; Time, 2 1/2 seconds.

Shot-put—Won by Crane, Penn Fresh; second, in between Hampton, Central High School; Robertson, Central High School; Thibault, Penn Fresh; Hopkins, Penn Fresh; and Walle, Penn Fresh; Heights, 6 feet 8-4/5 inches.

Two-mile run—Won by I. Luena, Central High School; second, Brooks, Penn Fresh; third, West Philadelphia High School; fourth, Irwin, West Philadelphia High School; Time, 23:30.

Standing broad jump—Won by Knox, Penn Fresh; second, Crane, Penn Fresh; third, Thibault, Penn Fresh; fourth, Hopkins, Central High School; Distance, 9 feet 10 inches.

PENN VARSITY NINE TRIMS THE SCRUB SQUAD

Play Seven-inning Game in Spite of Cold Weather.

In spite of the cold weather the varsity and scrub baseball teams of the University of Pennsylvania staged a seven-inning game on Franklin Field this afternoon. Although both sides made the same number of hits, six each, the varsity made theirs count to better advantage and won by the score of 4 to 2.

It was the first time this week that "Sunny" Mann, the veteran second baseman, was on the field. He fielded in his usual brilliant style, and also hit the ball hard. At the close of the practice game Coach Thomas tried out several infield combinations. Ex-Captain Sherwood Magee, of the Phillies, was on the field and assisted Thomas in batting out flies and infield grounders to the team.

Magee was until he goes South for spring practice with his team he intends to take advantage of the opportunity and work out as often as he can with the Quaker candidates. The Penn players expressed their pleasure at having Magee join the staff of volunteer coaches from the local professionals.

The varsity and scrubs lined up as follows:

Table with player names and statistics for Penn Varsity Nine vs Scrub Squad.

STEAMSHIP CAPTAIN TELLS OF DESTROYING SUBMARINE

Overdale Lost Propeller Blades in Collision With German Craft.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 18.—Running over what he believes to have been a German submarine while bound from Liverpool in ballast and sinking the underwater casmy and, in so doing, breaking off two blades of the propeller of his own vessel, was the experience told today by Captain J. W. White, of the British steamship Overdale, which arrived here today.

"We left Liverpool on December 25," said Captain White, "On January 1, during a tremendous sea, we struck the other vessel, stripping off two blades of the Overdale. Nothing came to the surface and the vessel must have sunk at once. The damage to my own ship required our immediate return to Queenstown, where repairs took 25 days."

The following statement was issued by the official German news bureau in this connection:

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Bad Fire Causes Fire

A defective fire caused a small fire early this morning in the Avenue Hotel, North Delaware street, between Spruce and Chestnut streets. The cause was not ascertained.

TWO VESSELS FALL VICTIMS TO SUBMARINE

German Undersea Raiders Rip Norwegian Tanker and Damage French Ship

Norse Liner Almost Sinks in Channel—French Craft Hit Off Dieppe—Destroyers Rush to Chase Enemy's Torpedo Terror.

LONDON, Feb. 19.

Germany's "bread war" has begun. One neutral ship has been struck by a submarine and a French liner crippled. Thus far British craft have escaped damage.

But Britain, fully aware of the danger, has suspended all traffic between England and the Continent. A vast "ring of iron" guards the British Isles, the greatest fleet Britain has ever assembled now patrolling the waters.

Germany's war of starvation is being waged by both submarine and Zeppelin. Already with but two days' operations it has cost the raiders the loss of two powerful dirigibles.

The Norwegian steamship Belridge, from New Orleans to Amsterdam, was torpedoed in the English Channel. The vessel was struck late last night. This is the first neutral vessel hit since the war zone order went into effect.

The French liner Dinorah was torpedoed by a German submarine early today while en route to Dunkirk from Havre, within a few miles of Dieppe. There was no warning given. However, the force of the torpedo was partly lost and only a hole was ripped in the side below the water line, and the crew, with pumps, began making water as fast as they could.

Word was also flashed to the French naval base at Cherbourg and a fleet of French destroyers was dispatched from that port in search of the German submarine.

Following the torpedoing of the Dinorah it was announced that sea traffic between Dieppe and Erftland would be discontinued immediately. The Dinorah is a vessel of 262 tons. She was formerly owned by an Austrian steamship company.

The Belridge has been towed to Walmer, the north of Dover, where she has been beached. Eighteen members of the crew and the Admiralty pilot are missing and may have been drowned. The Belridge was making water as fast as a sudden violent explosion stood her afloat on her beam ends. Her plates had been stove in below the water line. The captain immediately started his pumps.

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All of the advices received here agree that the German blockade is being enforced from the air and under the sea and that the German fleet is not participating. Zeppelins are patrolling the North Sea and watching for vessels with cargoes of foodstuffs. Following the holding up of the Dutch steamship Helen by a Zeppelin which, after ascertaining the identity of the ship, signaled it to pass.

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THREE ROBBERIES REPORTED

The disappearance of a diamond bracelet valued at \$500 from the home of Mrs. Bartha Polansky, 33 Fairmount, was reported to the police today. There was no evidence that entry into the house had been forced.

Sneak thieves went into the home of Frank Retzler, 1819 West Lehigh avenue, and found a pocketbook containing \$100 that Mrs. Retzler had left on a table. When Julius Solomon, a sawn bricker at 120 North 7th street, went to his safe for money for a loan he found \$100 had been put in the night before missing.

The Kensingtonian Says:

Benjamin Rubens' son, the popular young fruit merchant of Front street, has the distinction of being the youngest member of the newly formed Kensington Retail Business Men's Association, and as he is a sure hustler he is sure to make things hum.

LOST AND FOUND

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