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TRANSIT VICTORY CERTAIN **AS ORGANIZATION CHIEFS** JOIN HANDS WITH TAYLOR

McNichol and Vare Come From Harrisburg to Register Approval of \$6,000,000 Loan at Polls and the Slogan, "For Transit Plan," Goes all Along Line-Lane in Futile Fight.

Republican Campaign Manager, Fighting Better Transit Plan Because It Would Reduce Union Traction Dividends, Repudiated by Party Leaders-Germantown, Frankford and Logan Vote Heavily, Though the Vote Is Light Generally.

Passage of the \$6,600,000 transit loan bill by a vote of approximately 3 to 1 at to-day's special election was indicated in all wards of the city but the 20th by the balloting up unit early this afternoon. The vote so for, however, is running light, in most



In the 20th Ward none, controlled By David H. Lane, the pussage of the loan bill seems in doubt. Is a number of clases this morning the Organization workers based their pleas

for anisation workers based their please for support for the loas on the fact that work will be given hundreds of unem-pleyed when the work on the transit pro-ram starts. Particularly aniong labor-ing men this appeal met with quick re-sponse and support for the transit meas-

NO EXCITEMENT.

NO EXCITEMENT. The tenne activity which characterizes the general elections in Philadelphia was lacking this morains. This the officials at the voting precincts attributed to the general belief that the loan was sore to pass, and to the fact that no general bolday having been declared, the great bold of the working men were not able to leave their places of business to can-ying their voting divisions.

to leave their places of outness to car yas their voting divisions. In Legan, the 12d Ward, and in Ger-mantown, the 12d Ward, the voie this morning ran almost as heavy as at resu-ar elections. This was ascribed to the vial interest of these sections in the con-struction of the Broad street subway. In Prankford and in the Northeast generally

The year was fairly heavy. The heaviest vote of the day, it is antici-pated, will be after 6 o'clock this evening when the shops and milts have closed. Senator McNichol and Senator Vare

THE WEATHER

The vote so int, however, is running light, in most wards being about a third the total of the vote generally cast by that time. The Republican Organization last night and this morning passed out orders to its ingutenants to line up and work for the lean. In a number of wards the Ward Committees met and the division leaders in the 20th Ward alone, controlled by mere instructed to call out their followers. In the 20th Ward alone, controlled by magainst it. this norming the vote for the joan was promising, but he expected it to be much heavler this afternoon. In the 7th Ward Charles Seger astimated the vote up to 10 o'clock this morning at 400 for the loan and not more than two or three ngainst it against it.

against it. — It is expected that the heaviest vote will be cast in the 20th Ward, where Lanc is expending every effort to defeat the lean. Both contingents, it is said, are intensely interested in the question in this ward, and are rounding op their forces in great numbers. Other heavy votes are expected in the 5th, 5th and 3th Wards, there being bitter Councilmanic contests in progress in the last two mand. The special election to approve a \$6,006,-006 transit Dan marks the end of nearly

Concluded on Page Two, Column Four ROOSEVELT DEFENSE SPRINGS COUP BEFORE COLONEL QUITS STAND

Letter Written by Charles S. Whitman Introduced, in Which He Urged Political Alliance Against Machine Misrule.



Prominent city officials reviewed the parade of more than 1300 street cleaners today when they marched on Broad street from Fitzwater to Diamond. A section is shown here passing the corner of Arch street.

WHITE WINGS, 1700

TURKS FORCED **BACK IN FIGHT ON GALLIPOLI**

Battalion of Ottoman Troops Captured After Desperate Allday Battle.

LONDON, April 29. The capture of an entire battalion of Turkish troops on the peninsula of Gallipoli, near the Gulf of Suyla, after a violent battle that lasted all day, is reported in a dispatch received here to-

day from Athens, Both British and French troops participated in this en-gagement, which was fought on Wednes-

gagement, which was fought on Wednes-day. Suvia Gulf lies south of Suvia Eurnu on the west coast of the strip of land which forms the northern shore of the Dardanelles. The point where this fight took place is about 10 miles north of the position which the Allies were reported in official dispatches to have taken up and fortified across the peninsula, two miles from its southern base. All dispatches indicate that the second

Keen rivairy was evidenced in the compotition for prizes for the best appearince of the city's white wings, which held their second annual parade today on Broad street: More than 1500 strong

and span, swung to the music of eight bands past the reviewing stand in front

A board of judges, composed of some of the best-known highway and somilary engineers in the country, found difficulty in selecting the winners of the various awards. Toward the close of the pirade shortly before 12 o'clock, when the re-maining division was putting in its ap-pearance around the City Hall, three of the contractors, Mullin, Irvin and Peoples, were running nip and tuck for the honors. The Vare Brothers, whose equipment comprised two divisions of the parade, accipied the opposite end of the review-ing stand from the Mayor and his parity, where they were repeatedly sainted by A board of judges, composed of some they were contractors where they were repeatedly saluted by fellow contractors who headed separate divisions in the parade. The Vare con-tingent was headed by Foreman Eisle,

German Position at Steenstraate Attacked by Belgian and

French Troops.

ALLIES DRIVE

AT FOE ALONG

YPRES CANAL

In an effort to drive the Germans from their last remaining foothold on the west bank of the Ypres Canal, the Belgians, aided by French troops, are attacking Steenstraate. At this point the Germans hold a bridge across the canal and a little ground on the west bank. Along the rest of the canal they have been forced to refire from the positions they gained early in their drive

The Germans have undertaken a new offensive on the line between Nicuport. on the North Sea coast, and Dixmude. They are shelling the Belgian towns of Ramscappelle, Pervyse, Lampernisse and Gosvleperen. These towns are sit-

a way for a final offensive to regain

the positions formerly occupied by

Berlin officially reports that attacks

by the Allica along the Ypres Canal

and also at other points near that

town were repulsed. Success for the

Germans in the Verdun region is also

On the castern front the Austrians

have gained an important victory in

Bakowina, capturing the town of

Bojan, east of Czernowitz, according

to reports from Berlin. The town was

taken by a surprise attack, and mem-

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innounced.

BULLETINS

HUSBAND DISAPPEARS ON WAY TO FLORIDA

Mrs. William H. Ritchie, of 5816 Vine street, this afternoon asked Captain of Detectives Cameron to institute a search for her husband, William H. Ritchie, an orange grower, who mysteriously vanished while a passenger on a steamer en route from Jacksonville, Fla., to this city.

HITNEY INJURES MAN ON FIRST TRIP

Michael A. Ryan, 64 years old, of 2238 South 19th street, was seriously injured this afternoon at 12th and Market streets, when knocked down by a jitney on its initial trip. He was removed to Jefferson Hospital, suffering from bruises and internal injuries.

MOTOR FEDERATION PROTESTS TO LEGISLATURE

HARRISBURG, April 29 .- The Pennsylvania Motor Federation today presented a protest to the Legislature against the proposed plan to increase the highway revenues of the State by raising the automobile license fees. The automobile bill was suggested as one means of getting much-needed funds for road building and repairs, but it has met with a storm of protest. The petition was presented by Mr. Adams, of Luzerne.

WOMAN BRINGS LIBEL SUIT

Elizabeth B. Choate brought suit against George Sanda Goodwin in the Municipal Court today to recover \$1500 damages, charging slander, libel and defamation of character. Louis Goodfriend, who presented Mrs. Choate's affidavit, obtained a capias for the arrest of Woodwin, and Judge Wheeler 'ied bail at \$400.

BRYCE ON ANGLO-AMERICAN BOARD

LONDON, April 29 .- In the House of Commons this afternoon, Sir Edward Grey announced that Viscount Bryce, former British Ambassador to the United States, has been named as the British member of the Anglo-American mediation board created under the Bryan peace treaty with the United States.

BRITISH WIN BIGGEST SOUTH AFRICAN BATTLE

CAFE TOWN, South Africa, April 29 .- Two German officers and five privates were killed, two officers and 12 men were captured by the British in a battle at Trek Kopjes on Monday, it was officially announced today. An aeroplane and armored trains took part in the battle, which was the biggest that has yet taken place between the Germans and British in South Africa.

HUERTA INVESTS \$300,000 IN NEW YORK REAL ESTATE NEW YORK, April 29 .- Victoriano Huerta evider y has greater faith New York real estate than in that of his own country, for the former chief of Mexico has invested \$300,000. Mexican money, in Harlem apartment houses.

THAW'S CHANCES FOR JURY TRIAL WANE

NEW YORK, April 29.-Harry K. Thaw's chances for an immediate trial by jury to decide if he is now same appeared doubtful today when the Attorney General served a writ of prohibition on Thaw's lawyers. The writ was issued by the Appellate Division and May 7 was set as the day for argu-

STRONG, IN PARADE Eight Bands Play While Street Cleaners and Ashmen March in Great Demonstration.

and with some 500 vehicles in line, the atreet cleaners and ash gatherers, spick

of the State Fencibles Armory. They were reviewed by Mayor Blankenburg, membera of his Cabinet, city officials and men and women interested in the civic betterment of the city.



That was a real rain last night, and we needed it. Of course, it made it difficult if you were taking your best girl to the circus, but even at that it was only uncomfortable to and from. Where your best girl is concerned you should not mind a quarter or two for jitney hire

anyhow. But the rain laid the dust, for one thing. And too much dust at the time of year when keeping the windows open is a necessity is a good deal of bulaance. However, the most important result of the thunder and lightning was not a matter of dust. It served its most Important function when it kept at bay this menacing heat wave. It is patent that while dust is disagreeable merely. intense heat has a fatal aspect. Non is so poor but that he can afford a scrap of soap, but when the heat demon in-tades a palace of luxury to tantalize even those who can evide every discom-fort through the power of this world's soods, what may the harvest be in that portion of our community whose children must needs go without shoes in summer that there may be coal for the stove in Minter? It is, though, a question of de-size, for heat is no respecter of persons There is sweat alike on the brow of Mary and Martha!

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: Unsetlied this afternoon; generally fair tonight and Friday; moderate temperalare; variable winds, becoming west. For details, see page 2.

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Almanac of the Day

Lamps to Be Lighted

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libel suit today just before Colonel Roosevelt completed his talking marathon of approximately 49 hours.

The Colonel finished his record-making testimony a few minutes past noon. He had been on the stand seven court days and parts of two other days, making a

total of almost 50 hours. Whilman, while District Attorney of New York County, on February 9, 1914, wrote a letter to Charles H. Duell, Jr. formerly of Syracuse, declaring in effect that there should be a reuniting of Progressives and Progressive Republicans and all good citizens to rid the State of

Duell gave the letter to Roosevelt. The Colonel declared the letter had impressed him deeply and influenced him to make the statement, July 22, 1914, about the alleged Barnes alliance with Murphy on which the \$59,000 libel suit is based Justice Andrews admitted part of the

etter, as follows: "My dear Mr. Duell-In line with our last talk, I agree with you that the time is ripe for an alliance of the pro-gressive Republicans and members of the national Progressive party, as well as of all good citizens sharing their opnilons to rid the State of the kind of party control, which, in my opinion, is mainly responsible for the corrupt conditions which have been clearly shown in the various investigations, held during the

ized and the men and the policies re-

The conditions are not

last year.

"LAST CENT" TO PROTECT SON

A legal battle between mother and sor

A. Bergdoll to have a lunacy commission appointed for his brother, Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, youthful speed fiend, acfording to Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, nother of both men. Mrs. Berkdoll, who the widow of the millionaire brewer, ays she will spend her last cent to help

lrover prove he is not insane. Action to have a lunacy commission apcointed to determine the mental condition

of Common Pleas No. I. by Charles A. Hergdoll through his counsel, Congreas-man George S. Graham and former Sheriff Joseph S. Gilfillan. No date was

The troops is the second secon

with the X-ray,

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 23.-The name of Governor Charles S. Whitman was brought into the Barnes-Roosevell \$50,600 libel suit today just before Colonel Roosewho exchanged effusive greetings with his chief. The men on whom falls the responsibil-ity of removing the city's rubbish ap-peared to appreciate the importance of their lobs. Headed by the police band, the "cleaning army" formed at Fitzwater street at 9:39 o'clock and covered the route of the procession in a little more than an hour. Mayor Blankenburg, mem-bers of his Calanet and officials of the street cleaning departments from several his chief. Minor, where three warships penetrated the Gulf of Smyrna on Tuesday and bom-

barded the Turkish forts defending the city. FIRM FOOTHOLD GAINED. Official advices to the Admiralty from

Vice Admiral John Michael De Robeck show that the Allies have at last gained street cleaning departments from several

a solid foothold upon the peninsula of Gallipoli. The British' and their French Allies have established a line of positions. across the Gallipoli peninsula from a point beginning near Eski Bissarilik.

point beginning near Eaki Basaria, of many new modern mechanical appl-where they are supported by about 50 machine guns and many batteries of can-ing the city free from refuse and rub-back from the transmorts. machine guns and many batteries of can-non landed from the transports. This is a mixed force, being composed of Brithan and French regulars and marines, In-

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RACE ON HOUSETOPS;

POLICE GET THIEVES

Two Suspected as Members of Philadelphia Automobile Theft Syndicate.

the roof of the place, are John Taylor,

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MRS. BERGDOLL WILL SPEND

Sides With Grover Against His Brother, Who Alleges Insanity.

James Morelli, also known as Winter, will result from the attempt of Charles and Percy Chapman, also known as Edward McCarthy. They gave fictitious addresses.

Rogues' gallery likenesses of the menwere pointed out at City Hall today as pictures of the men suspected of responsibility for the disappearance of a num-ber of valuable automobiles from the cenbirdly for the distribution of the training for valuable automobiles from the cen-tral section of the city this week. De-nectives Andrew Sullivan, Gleason, Mc-Cullough and Bunting learned that the suspects were in the office of the lawyer at the Chestnut street office building. The three men left by way of the win-dows when the detectives sudlendy walkeds in on the conference. Sullivan and Gleason ran to the rear of the building, and McCullough and Bunting went to the fire-escape after discovering that this was the path of escape chosen by the fugitives. Two of the men gained the roof while Sullivan and Gleason took pot shots at them as they sped aloft on the fire-escape.

of Grover was started yesterday in Court

bish. Ash wagons took on a new aspect, accubbed and pollabed and bearing trans-parencies. Blockmen carrying big banbers of the Russian General Staff barely escaped being made prisoners. parencies. Blockmen carrying big bar-ners added a military totich to the affair, and many of the paradera tried to look their best trunding patent muchines and other equipment which has been intro-ducted by department officials to keep Philadelphia spisk and span.
Gangmen in uniferm and in columns of eight shouldered brooms with no show of embarrnasment. To the time of lively music they went through a scries of military evolutions and accredited them-selves with the ability of experiencet sol-diers. Sprinkters, "squeegees," flushes, dirt wagona, caris, inlet wagona and more earts interspersed the ranks of the marchers, Concluded on Page Two, Column Seven BRITISH LIQUOR BILL INTRODUCED TODAY

While the men came in for the lion's share of applause, a feature of this year's turn-out was the presence in line

marchers.

SUPPORT THE TRANSIT LOAN.

The special election to increase the city's borrowing capacity by \$6,000,000 for transit development is being held today. The polls will be open from 7 a.

. In 7 p. m. The Blankenburg Administration

The Biankenburg Administration and Benators Penrase, McNichol and Vare stand loother for the passage of the losn, which will mean a preater Philadelphia. Every voter in Philadelphia who is an advocate of real rapid transit facilities here should go to the palls and cast his ballot for the loan. All who were qualified to vote at the regular election last November and who have not moved from their voting precine since that time are qualified to vote today. Upon the passage of the loan do-pends the realization of Philadel-phia's dream of a comprehensive

phin's dream of a comprehensive system of high-speed lines which will link every section of this city together for one five-cent fare.

will link every action of this city orderbes for one five-cent fare. The datager lies not so much in the possibility of voles against the one as in the spathy and indiger, one of the citizeners into may peaker of the citizeners who may one of the citizeners who may one of the citizeners who may peaker of the path of the possible an immediate bedinning on the construction of the North and onstitle an immediate bedinning on the construction of the North and onstitle an immediate bedinning on the construction of the North and onstitle an immediate bedinning on the construction of the North and onstitle be doing his part bound the chimination of the present dis-transportation system in the world. Ledger Central. Loger Prochetbook cantaining a large sum of money, letween Arainingo ave, soil Leinari ave. soils to Theoryson it. Liberal reward if relative to Dels E. Toberryson. Libert Studi black wellet, here en A 30 and 6. in our Nu. 6, or neighborhood 30th and Imau-phin. Reform 107 North 1916.

Unless Thaw's attorneys can convince the higher court that Justice uated southwest of the Yser River. Hendrick was within his right in granting a jury trial the writ will be made Around Ypres the British are mainpermanent. taining a heavy bombardment of the German positions in an effort to clear

PRINCE OF WALES RETURNS TO FRONT

LONDON, April 29 .- The Prince of Wales has returned to the front, it was announced today. He had been in London on a secret visit for about two weeks.

COMMANDER OF U-5 WINS IRON CROSS

BERLIN, April 29. The German Government has ordered the .bestowal of an iron cross upon Lieutenant George Ritter von Trapp, commander of the Austrian submarine U-5, which sank the French armored cruiser Leon Gambetta.

PRESIDENT MAY VISIT CONVENTION HERE

President Wilson today was invited to attend the annual convention of the Independent Order of Brith Abraham in Philadelphia, May 9 and 10, The invitation was extended by former Congressman Goldfogle, of New York, and many prominent members of the fraternity who reside in Philadelphia and vicinity. The President took the invitation under advisement,

ELEVEN PERSONS DIE WHEN SCHOONER FOUNDERS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 29 .- Eleven persons lost their lives when the two-masted schooner Emma was wrecked off San Jose De Gabo, Mex., according to the crew of the schooner Bernardo Reyes, which arrived at San Diego today. The Emma ran into a gale about 25 miles off the coast and foundered. All the lost were members of the Emma's crew.

HUGE BONFIRES WILL DESTROY PIGGERIES

The dismantled piggerics in the neighborhood of 31st street and Maiden lane, which were torn down after the slaughter of several thousand pigs infected with hoof and mouth disease, will be burned today by the State and Federal authorities. The shacks have been gathered into two piles and will be destroyed under the immediate direction of the city fire department. An engine will be placed close to the scene of the bonfires, and firemen will prevent the flames from gaining dangerous proportions and threatening the adjoining oil tanks of the Atlantic Refining Company.

BREWER ARRESTED AFTER HIS AUTO HIT WOMAN

Karl T. Weger, of Weger Bros., brewers, living at the Delmar Apartments, Germantown and Cheiten avenues, Germantown, was held in \$500 ball today for further hearing May 9 by Magistrate Beaton, of the 30th and Buttonwood streets station, for knocking down and inluring Mrs. Sarah Kramer, of 1005 Mellon street, with his automobile last night. She is in St. Joseph's Hospital with an injured right foot and a possible fracture of the leg. The accident occurred in front of the Lorraine Hotel, Broad street and Fairmount avenue.

NEW HEAD OF NAVY LEAVES HERE FOR CONFERENCE.

Captain William Shepherd Benson, newly appointed Chief of Naval Operations and commandant of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, left for Washington today to confer with Secretary Daniels on his appointment. The successor to Captain Benson at the Philadelphia Navy Yard has not yet been named.

LIGHTNING FIRES BARN NEAR WOODBURY, N. J.

Fire resulting from lightning destroyed a barn belonging to Edward Heritage, Salem pike, below Woodbury, N. J., last night. Pour horses, three cows, a calf, quantities of hay and feed were lost in the blaze. The heavy rain which followed the striking of the harn saved the Heritage residence. Lorg due to the fire is estimated at \$9000.

CRIPPLE WALKS TWO MILES TO HOSPITAL

John F. Haggerty, who works with a three-ring circus now showing at Ardmore, will be operated upon at the Hahnemann Hospital today, following o walk of nearly two miles from Bryn Mawy Hospital, where he was treated for a tractured foot. He walked from the haspital to the Bryn Mawr statt a and was taken to the Hahnemann Houpital on arriving here.

Three criminals with records, wanted on spicion of stealing automobiles led a ound of detectives a spectacular chase and conxed several bullets from their revolvers today before submitting to arrest In a building at 1525 Chestnut street. The

prisoners, two of whom were captured on

pot shots at them as they sped aloft on the fire-escape. The third loat his narve when the bul-lets started to fall around him and dropped into the arms of the two sleuths on the aidewalk undermeath the fire se-cape on Cuthlori street. The other two detectives continued to the reof of the huilding, where the other fugitives were forced to choose betwith giving up quiet-by, rising a finalistic of shots and lemping to the street several hundred feet onlow. The prisoners were held for a hearing to motrow.

Lloyd George Fathers Measure Restricting Sale-Pleads for Passage in Commons.

LONDON, April 29. Chancellor Lloyd-George introduced into the House of Commons this afternoon a bill regulating the sale of liquor. He stated that the measure had been made

stated that the measure had been made necessary by the exigencies of war. The bill introduced by the Chancellor proposes a heavy surtax on beers more than 7 per cent, proof and a double duty on spirits. The new duty on beer is to be graduated from 12 to 16 shillings, ac-cording to the strength of the beverage. A duty of 12 shillings a gallon is fixed on sparking whees.

on sparkling wines. "The slackness in some shippards is causing serious anxiety to commanders of the fleet." he said.

of the fleet." he said. "The English nation," he said, "should autordinate everything to the present alruggle and clear away all obstacles so that we may win this war. Out of 5000 employes in one plant alons 1500 of the workers failed to resume work after the three days' holiday at Easter. That in itself proves the need of this legislation." "The sueaker declared that the alackness The speaker declared that the alackness in some of the big shipywrds, due to workers losing time through drink, causing serious analety to those in a mund of the British battle fleet. Wiki

as in com The Kensingtonian Says:

Newman Wright has canceled his fish-ing trip up Frankford Creek, owing to the high cost of ball.

LOST AND FOUND LOST Monday, bunch of 6 keys, from Ledger Central to Mith and Kingsessing ave. Via No. II car on Wainatt st. to 52d and Marset and Herwird II returned to "Miles Fran," Lenger Contral.