TRANSIT ADVERTISING FOR $6,000,000 LOAN COMMENCED TODAY

Initial Step Is Taken to Insure Speedy Beginning of Work on Broad Street Subway and Frankford Elevated Line.

Advertising of the $6,000,000 transit loan for a beginning of the construction work on the Broad street subway and the Frankford elevated were awarded today, following promptly the favorable action of Councils yesterday on transit legislation. The ordinance authorizing the negotiation of the $6,000,000 loan cannot be passed until the necessary four weeks' advertising period has elapsed. For this reason, to expedite the passage of all needed legislation, the advertising will be begun.

The favorable action of the Finance Committee yesterday on the advertising resolution and the loan ordinance, and the subsequent introduction into Common Council of three enabling ordinances, the supporters of Director Taylor said today, virtually assured a beginning on the construction work of the two lines of the high-speed system this summer.

The policy inaugurated by Councils was unobstructed legislation for transit, and every indication was given that the necessary enabling ordinances would be rushed through as soon as it is legally possible. The three enabling ordinances, introduced by Chairman Connelly, of the Finance Committee, are now before that committee, where they probably will remain until the period of advertising the city's intent to create the loan has elapsed.

One ordinance turns over the entire $6,000,000 loan to the Department of City Transit. Another sets aside $3,000,000 of this for the construction of the Broad street subway and the last sets aside the remaining $3,000,000 for the construction of the Frankford elevated.

Under the recently passed act of Assembly the city may put all its loan monies into a general fund. Consequently, there will be no necessity for borrowing any money under the $6,000,000 loan until next winter. Money now lying idle can be used and later can be replaced from the $6,000,000 loan. This means a considerable saving in interest and sinking fund charges.

In a communication to Mr. Connelly, Director Taylor yesterday requested that the Finance Committee take prompt action on the bill designed to transfer $30,000 from the $500,000 item set aside for sewer work in the central section of the city, so that it can be used for the sewer reconstruction under Thompson and Butternwood streets.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS MADE MORE STRICT

Robinson Issues Orders for Closer Adherence to Old and New Rules.

Superintendent of Police Robinson gave instructions to the police, today, that traffic regulations must be enforced more strictly, and he announced several changes, affecting chiefly the regulation of traffic on Broad street.

Beginning today the traffic policemen will use whistles to signal drivers, as many have been passing the uplifted hands of the bluecoats, saying they did not know that was a signal.

All vehicles on Broad street, the drivers of which wish to turn into a side street, will be compelled to cross the side street, and round the safety "island" before proceeding east or west. This rule does not apply to Chestnut, Walnut and Locust streets, because there the two lanes of traffic make this unnecessary. For example, when a driver coming south on Broad street wishes to go east on Chestnut street, he takes the Broad street lane, which is open when Chestnut street is open, while the other lane is closed.

There are new rules for going east and west on Ridge avenue from Broad street. A driver going north on Broad street must cross Ridge avenue and go to Fairmount avenue, then come down Broad street on the west side and from there turn into Ridge avenue to go west.

A driver coming south on Broad street to go east on Ridge avenue must cross the latter thoroughfare and come sufficiently far south to round the "island" and get into the eastbound Ridge avenue traffic line without upsetting northbound Broad street traffic.

Particular attention must be paid to the rules at Diamond street, because, as this is a jitney junction, there is always congestion there.

TAILOR SEVERELY BURNED WHEN GASOLINE EXPLODES

Beats Out Flames in Clothing, But Shop Suffers $1000 Damage.

An explosion of gasoline in a tailor shop at 1301 South 3d street today severely burned the proprietor and started a fire which caused $1000 damage. Three families living in the upper floors of the three-story building hurried to safety as the flames mounted the stairways.

The injured man is Morris Both. He was pressing clothes with a hot iron in his shop on the first floor when the vapor from a can of gasoline ignited. A loud explosion followed and Both's clothing ignited. He was half blinded by the explosion, but had presence of mind to beat out the flames in his clothing. His arms and chest, painfully burned, were treated at a nearby drugstore.

Mrs. Eva Keiner, Mrs. Becky Orgos and Margaret Galgom and their children, who live on the second and third floors, were aroused by the explosion and hurried down the stairs. The flames spread rapidly in the shop and had done considerable damage on the second floor when they were extinguished.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Joseph J. Forsyth, 1249 S. 28th st., and Ellen M. Matzen, 1501 Eyre st.
John Czaszak, 6158 Glenmore ave., and Kaska Jankowski, 6158 Glenmore ave.
Clemens Booker, 2038 Fernon st., and Alvirata Watson, 1530 S. Opal st.
Harry Wolfson, 2028 N. Lawrence st., and Catherine Blackman, 602½ Poplar st.
Jacob A. Malachiok, 414 Monroe st., and Etta R. Simons, 1818 S. 4th st.
Agnus Kaldel, 2524 S. Juniper st., and Frances A. Quinn, 1159 S. 16th st.
Harry A. Stecker, 1407 Corlies st., and Frieda Herbertz, Zikina Park, Pa.
Philip Levin, 2132 Almond st., and Tikla Masor, 2132 Almond st.
Steven Faulkner, 144 N. 38th st., and Caroline Johnson, 3615 Spruce st.
Joseph R. Cornell, 63d ave. and York road, and Adelaide Engle, 63d ave. and York road.
Jacob S. Frank, 2637 Mascher st., and Hazel Bryant, 3023 N. 9th st.
Joseph St. Thomas, 5839 Market st., and Rhoda Kelly, 5839 Market st.
Morris Fryd, 1739 Lynnwood st., and Minnie Fryd, 140 Snyder ave.
Joseph Williams, 3438 Ludlow st., and Ada Bell, 4130 Warrington ave.
Alfred Martin, 1343 E. Venango st., and Lillie Frank Page, 100 S. 4th st., and Mamie Warfield, 1307 S. 7th st.
Jacob K. Shuck, 119 N. Woodstock st., and Mary E. Quinn, Broad and Locust sts.
Philip Cullman, League Island, and Anna Mullen, 2448 S. 12th st.

GERMAN TOYS ARRIVE

Shipload Coming Via Rotterdam, Probably Last Until War Ends.

Philadelphia importers who believe in doing their Christmas shopping early received today large consignments of toys from the Dutch steamship Sommelsdyk. They were landed at Pier No. 27, North Wharves. The toys came from Germany. Shipment was made through Rotterdam. These toys are probably the last that will be received here, as England has declared an embargo against all made-in-Germany goods and will not permit them to be brought here.

Most of the toys came from the Black Forest of Germany, and many of the little children who helped manufacture them are now mourning the losses of fathers and brothers who have died in their country's defense.

LUBIN TO MAKE CITY CHIEF MOVIE CENTRE

Photoplay Producer Announces Radical Change in Policy Here.

Sigmund Lubin, pioneer motion picture producer, head of the great corporation bearing his name and owner of the largest "movie" plant in the world, today announced a radical change in the policy of his business. The pending and contemplated changes mean that Philadelphia will become the home of the greatest producing plant in existence; that only master films will be pictured here and that the standards of art, of photography and of acting will be raised to the highest possible degree.

In making the announcement, Mr. Lubin emphasized the fact that hereafter Lubin pictures will mean the very best in motion photography and that, whereas his present payroll for actors is $30,000 a week, it would be increased to nearly double that amount when the new plans were consummated.

"Philadelphia is to be the home of the best in motion pictures," said Mr. Lubin. "I realized some time ago that my plant, complete as it is, was not turning out as artistic, as distinctive pictures as others were. We have the machinery; we have money and we have the whole world upon which to draw for talent. And this will be our new policy in the future. I have been dissatisfied with our pictures. I want something much better and I am going to get it. I have watched films made by my competitors and I have marvelled at their beauty and the wonderful photography. Now, we are going to do better than they do.

"To do this, I shall reverse my policy of years. Instead of making up a cast out of the stock members of the various companies employed by me, I shall cast well-known actors and actresses for the various roles, to obtain that type so necessary to convey the illusion to the auditor. The day has gone by when the photoplay can be staged in any old way, with a scratch cast. Today, the motion picture must be artistic, must tell a stirring tale, be well photographed and have the necessary 'punch.'

"I cannot make known all my plans at this time, for they are not yet completed in their entirety, but you may announce that a week from next Monday Marie Dressler will begin another 'Tillie' film, with John C. Rice, the well-known comedian, as one of her supporting cast. There will also be a comedian of the Chaplin type, to add to the fun. Howell Hansell will be the director. Most of the play will be filmed at the Betzwood plant, which cost me $1,000,000 and four years' work to complete. I am importing scene painters, property men and stage carpenters from New York. I want the best money can obtain, and I am determined to spend enough money to place Philadelphia in the very centre of the motion picture map."

Mr. Lubin's present acting and directing forces, scattered from California to Arizona, will be reorganized. Incidentally, it is of interest that the John C. Rice, of Miss Dressler's company, participated in the first kissing scene ever filmed at close range. The film was "The Kiss," filmed many years ago by Mr. Lubin. May Irwin was Rice's osculatory opponent.

COOL-HEADED SCHOOLGIRL PREVENTS SERIOUS BLAZE

Gives Alarm When She Discovers Fire on Way to School.

Boys—even little boys—and men are not the only persons who can become heroes when a fire breaks out. A little girl proved it this morning when she prevented what might have been a serious blaze.

The little girl is Amelia Volv, 12 years old, of 2423 North 3d street. She was on her way to the William Adamson School, 4th street and Lehigh avenue, when she saw smoke issuing from the rear of the vacant house at 2427 North 3d street. Instead of screaming, as some little girls would have done, she only clutched her books the tighter and ran as fast as her legs could carry her to 3d and Cumberland streets, where she sent in a fire alarm. She had to stand on tiptoes to break the glass and "pull" the handle, but she did it. Stopping only an instant, she ran to the 4th and Yorks streets police station and told the policemen all about it. Then she ran back and watched the firemen extinguish the fire.

Slight damage was done. Two boys, who were seen to leave the house early this morning after having spent the night there, are thought to have caused the fire by smoking cigarettes in a shed in the rear.

Heart Disease Causes Woman's Death

A sudden attack of heart disease overcame Mrs. Josephine Rogers, 75 years old, of 1236 S. 22d street, as she stood at the top of a stairway at her home today. She fell down the flight and died at the Polyclinic hospital.

VARE DEFIES PROBE OF ORGANIZATION

"If They Have Anything," He Says, "They Better Bring It on Quick."

"If they have anything they better bring it on quick."

This was the answer of Senator Edwin H. Vare today to the intimation of the Blankenburg Administration leader that they were prepared to make public a great mass of evidence exposing the corruption of the Republican Organization and the contractors' combine, which has been gathered during the last four years by Detective William J. Burns.

When asked today what he had to say of the probable results of the Burns exposures, and what influence the knowledge that Burns had been shadowing the Organization leaders would have upon the proposed staged "lexow" investigation of the Blankenburg administration, the Senator made a gesture of disdain and added: "If they have anything they better bring it on quick."

Senator Vare was pressed for an explanation of his statement. He refused to make any further comment.

When told of Senator Vare's statement, Mayor Blankenburg said:

"I am waiting for them to bring on their 'lexow.' The first move is up to them.

One of the last acts of the Legislature before adjourning at Harrisburg was to appropriate $8000 to the "Lexow" Commission. The provision was inserted by amendment in a general appropriation bill and was passed before its presence was generally known. The secrecy observed in making the appropriation was as great as that which veiled the creation of the commission itself.

Political circles here are awaiting anxiously for the appointment of the commission, which, it is expected, may be named tomorrow. It is generally understood that the majority of the commission will be Vare men. If so, the downtown Republican leaders will have full control of the investigations the commission may conduct.

While awaiting developments, the Blankenburg administration leaders said they are keeping in close touch with Detective William J. Burns, in order to be ready to launch most opportunely the mass of evidence against the Organization and the contractors' combine that Burns said he has obtained.

While all who have seen the evidence collected by the Burns men during the last four years maintain strict secrecy, they are willing to say that the public may look forward to some startling exposures.

SHIP DESERTS SMUGGLERS

Captain Pays $500 for Unknowingly Aiding Their Scheme.

Settlement of all of the difficulties of the steamship Columbia were made today and the vessel left on her voyage to San Francisco after a delay of a week. She carries a cargo of coal for the United States Government.

E. H. Bluhm, third officer, and M. Murchison, steward, who, when they landed a painting they had purchased in Peru for $50, were accused of smuggling by the customs authorities, were left behind. Eventually it was discovered the picture was worth 30 cents. Captain C. E. Allen declared his ship's family was better off without the accused and shipped two men in their places.

Before securing his clearance papers at the Custom House, Captain Allen paid a fine of $500 for having articles on his ship that had not been manifested properly. Then he went before Shipping Commissioner Smith and paid Bluhm and Murchison the wages they claimed. The men withdrew the legal action they had taken to secure the money. After a hearing on the smuggling charge they were discharged, though held technically guilty.

MATRIMONIAL MARKET DULL

Preachers and Cabmen at Elkton Complain of Lull.

ELKTON, Md., May 21.—The matrimonial market in Elkton this week has been one of the dullest since the town became famous as a gretna green. The preachers and cabmen who thrive on earnings from the couples who visit the town of easy marriages are complaining of poor business. The daily average during the week has been three couples.

Today's number shows an increase, four couples being presented with wedding certificates. They were: George Clyde Mercer and Mae Evelyn Grey, and Harry E. Schneter and Elizabeth A. Geiger, Philadelphia; William R. Tolbert and Annie S. Mitchell, Wilmington, Del., and Louis Hirsch and Sophia S. Ehrman, Baltimore, Md.

Boer Rebel Leader on Trial

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, May 21.—General Kempf, one of the rebel leaders in the recent Boer uprising, was placed on trial today, charged with treason.

MISS CLAIRE ROCHESTER
In her "Belgian relief" hat.

BELGIAN RELIEF CAP ON WOMEN WHO WISH TO AID

Miss Rochester Offers Opportunity to Contribute to Fund.

Women who desire to help a worthy cause have an opportunity to do so by wearing the Belgian Relief Fund cap, which was designed by Miss Claire Rochester, the double-voiced singer who is appearing this week at Keith's.

By very practical deeds Miss Rochester has obtained substantial aid for the sufferers in Belgium. Before the Canadian expeditionary forces stationed at Ottawa left to join the Allies, Miss Rochester reviewed the departing troops and presented each of the officers with a good luck swagger stick. It bore the inscription "good luck from Claire Rochester and Irving Berlin."

Berlin is the author of "The Voice of Belgium," a song which tells the story of the stricken Belgians in graphic language. He is donating the royalties to the Belgium fund.

Miss Claire conceived the idea of wearing the cap with the song. She will give any milliner the pattern on condition that they give a maximum share of the profits derived to the Belgium Relief Fund.

One of these caps is now on view in the window of a Chestnut street store.

OWNER UNDER COUNTER BALKS THIEVES IN SHOP

Negro Lads Told Abram Dudowsky They Could Steal Jewels—He Waits for Them.

Four negro youths were loafing about in front of Abram Dudowsky's jewelry store at 1935 South street.

"It would be a cinch to break into here any night," they told Dudowsky, and while he pretended to laugh at them, the "kidding" finally got on his nerves. That was last night and when he retired he decided to sleep in the shop behind the counter to be near his jewels in case the Negroes should decide to break in.

They did, about 3 o'clock this morning. Dudowsky was awakened by the flare of a match held under his nose. The thieves did not know he was behind the counter. They had gathered up four watches and a dozen rings and with these they fled. Dudowsky rushed out after them and was joined by Policemen Finkentscher and Burroughs, of the 12th and Pine streets station. The four boys were caught and were held under $1000 bail for a further hearing by Magistrate Hagerty. They said they were William Jacobs, 19 years old, 929 Lombard street; Nelson Watkins, 17, 527 South 3d street; Frank Veazy, 18, 506 South 11th street, and Jerry Johnson, 18, 1233 Bainbridge street.

PENN SOPHOMORES DOOM THREE PROFESSORS TO CREMATION

Doctors O'Bolger, Plummer and Shugert Fall Under Ban of Student Displeasure and Will Be Burnt in Effigy.

University of Pennsylvania students have much to say about the comparative merits of the faculty when they talk about matters collegiate. The crotchety "Doc" and the pedantic "Prof" are favorite topics of discussion "when good fellows get together." Each year the sophomore class goes farther—it has a formal poll to decide who deserves to be burned at effigy at the annual soph. cremation. The trio it names go down on record as the most unpopular faculty men of the year—and these are its selections for 1915:

Dr. Thomas Denis O'Bolger, assistant professor of English, of 1831 Wallace street.

Dr. George William Plummer, instructor in chemistry, of Ardmore.

Dr. Stanley Pulliam Shugert, instructor in mathematics, University Dormitories.

Straw dummies representing these men will be burnt on Franklin Field tomorrow night, after a mock trial in which sophomores will act as judges, court officials, prosecuting attorneys and lawyers for defense. They were named at an election participated in by the entire second-year class.

A placard at the polling place in the Pennsylvania office was inscribed, "A Vote for O'Bolger is a Vote for Pennsylvania Athletics." Dr. O'Bolger's opposition to a student proposal to make college hours 8 to 4 daily instead of 9 to 5, for the benefit of athletic practice, gained for him the cordial dislike of so many students that he had far more votes at the sophomore election than did any other faculty man. Radicalism was also given as a cause for voting for him by men who named him on their ballots.

Doctor Plummer, according to men who are to take part in the mock trial, "flunks" too many in his chemistry courses to be popular with engineering students. It is declared that he has announced to his classes that he will "flunk" a certain proportion of men in each section.

Opposition to Doctor Shugert is based on what students in his classes think is lack of proper sympathy toward the undergraduates. Although he lives in the dormitories, it is said by men who voted to cremate him that he ought to be more agreeable to Pennsylvania students.

DEMAND CONVENTION HALL IN CITY'S CENTRE

Allied Business Men Appoint Committee to Call on Councilmen for Action.

Personal calls on Councilmen to urge early action for the location of the proposed Convention Hall at 24th and Market streets will be started on a systematic plan today by members of the Chamber of Commerce, the Allied Businessmen's Committee and representatives of the 28 businessmen's associations which have gone on record in favor of locating the hall near the Schuylkill River.

A committee of nine, which will be in charge of the campaign to win the support of Councilmen, was appointed last night at a dinner at the Bingham, attended by representatives of the businessmen's organizations. Select Councilman Herbert L. Maris was named to head the committee by Frank R. Reiszner, president of the Market Street Businessmen's Association.

The efforts of the committee who will call on Councilmen will be directed toward bringing the Gleason ordinance, providing for the erection of the proposed Convention Hall at 24th and Market streets out of Councils' Subcommittee on Finance.

The keynote of the meeting last night was the desire to obtain action which would permit a start on constructing the Convention Hall in time to offer it for the Republican National Convention in 1916. Unless speedy action is taken by Councils, speakers pointed out, it will be impossible to finish the proposed Convention Hall in time to bid for the gathering next year.

The forces working to establish the Convention Hall at 24th and Market streets represent nearly $1,000,000 of invested capital, it was pointed out last night. There are 20,000 Philadelphians supporting the plan to choose 24th and Market streets as the location.

CAPTURED AFTER THREE YEARS

Man Accused of Theft in Norristown Is Arrested Here.

George Hathaway, who disappeared from Norristown, Pa., contemporaneously with $300 in cash and $200 in merchandise more than three years ago, landed in the Norristown jail today after a trip to Denver and other Western cities. He had been making his home at 3044 Baltz street recently. His downfall came when he applied for work in a drygoods store near 40th street and Lancaster avenue and gave as references persons who knew of his disappearance in October, 1911.

The police say Hathaway took the cash and merchandise from the People's Drygoods Store, Norristown, after he had been employed there a short time. Circulars and pictures were circulated throughout the country when he left the city. Detectives Jackson and Pinkerton arrested him and turned him over to Montgomery County officials.