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McNICHOL LOW BIDDER ON SUBWAY TRANSIT WORK; NO PROPOSAL BY VARE

\$1,700,000 City Hall Tunnel Offer to Be Accepted if Ryan Approves

Taylor Hurries to City Solicitor's Office to Learn if Contracts Legally Can Be Let at Once-J. D. Dornot Low on Elevated.

Lowest Estimate for Frankford Lines \$142,590, \$36,000 Under Contractor Politician's Figure-New York Concerns in Competition-Prices Too High-

Philadelphia entered upon its new era of transit development today. Bids for the beginning of construction of the Broad street subway and the Frankford sisvated lines were opened at noon by Director A. Merritt Taylor in the onces of the Transit Department, at the Bourse Promptly after the last bid was opened Director Taylor left for the office of City Selicitor Ryan to take up the question of the legality of letting the conTRANSIT PROGRESS IN BRIEF

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September 14, 1914—Evening Ledger begins campaign for adoption of the Taylor program for high-apeed subway and elevated lines.

January 7, 1915—Two ordinances providing for a beginning of operations on the rapid transit program introduced in Common Council.

February 11—Hearing before Senate Committee on Municipal Affairs. Director Taylor reduces request for \$30,000,000 to \$6,000,000 to outwit obstructionists in their move for delay.

February 18—Finance Committee reports lean election ordinance and substitutes part of Costello "Jokee" ordinance.

March 4—Councils amend "Jokee" ordinance to make it legal.

March 9—Mayor signs ordinance.

March 20—Mayor turns first spadeful of

March 9.—Mayor signs ordinance.
March 29.—Mayor turns first spadeful of earth on preliminary sewer relocation work in Independence Square.

April 29.—Transit loan of \$6,000,000 approved at poils by 10-10-1 vote.

June 23.—Ordinances authorizing flotation of \$6,000,000 loan passed in Commun. Compell.

mon Council. ouly 1 — Ordinances appropriating sn,000,000 for the Broad street and the Frankford project, respectively, passed

July 10-Dallam taxpayers' suit to halt lan begun. July 26—Hearing before Public Service

July 30-Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company withdraws opposition.

Angust 14—Public Service Commission authorizes beginning of the Broad street subway and the Frankford elevated.

August 16—Open bids for first work on Broad street subway and Frankford elevated lines.

GALVESTON AGAIN GERMAN ARMY

People Overwhelmed in 1900 Pin Hopes of Safety on Sea Wall

LIVES LOST ON GULF

Waves Leap Over Giant Barrier Erected After Flood of

GALVESTON, Texas, Aug. 18 .- Pinning their hopes to the weather bureau's statement that the West Indian hurricane, which has been lashing the Gulf of Mexico for several days, will spend its greatest force close to the Louisiana-Texas line, of Bavaria and Field Marshal von Mackand that Galveston will escape, thousands of people today watched mountainous seas | Litovak, batter down the long approaches to the numerous bathhouses on the water front and dash vigorously over the great sea after the great wood of 1900, is regarded as the city's defense against similar disaster. The wall was completed in 1905. and a few years later the grade of the city of Galveston was raised by municipal ordinance. The cost of the entire protective work approximated \$5,000,000. As noon approached the wind increased

Hosts of Prince Leopold and Mackensen Only 24 Miles From Fortress

NEW GAINS IN BALTIC

Slavs Continue Retreat on Bug. Kubisco Taken - Novo Georgievsk Invested

BERLIN, Aug. 16. Only 24 miles intervene between the Austro-German armies of Prince Leopold ensen and the Rufsian fortress of Brest

The Russian village of Slavatycze, less than 24 miles south of Brest-Litovsk, has been captured by General Mackensen's wall, which, with the causeway erected troops. Mackensen's troops have also captured Callo

eastward and northeastward and the Russians are falling back. The right wing of the Bavarian army of Prince Leopold and the left wing of the group of armies under Field Marshal von Mackensen have

Joined forces.

The investment of Nevo Georgievak, on the Vistula, by German armies is now There is no chance for the complete. escape of the garrison.

North of the Narew River the group of

TO BEGIN WORK ON CITY LIBRARY IN THREE DAYS

Trustees Vote to Break Ground for \$3,000,000 Building Thursday

MAYOR ATTENDS SESSION

Although Funds Are Not Complete, Construction Will Proceed on Entire Edifice

A new era of progress for Philadelphia, In the line of public improvements, will be ushered in Thursday afternoon when, with appropriate ceremontes, ground will be broken for the erection of the \$3,000,000 central free library at 19th and Vine streets and the Parkway.

Mayor Blankenburg today made this early beginning of the work possible by taking a special trip from Pocono Pines, where he has been spending his vaca-

tion, to preside at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Free Li-brary in his office. Four years ago the first appropriation was made for the great library that is to be an architectural monument along the Parkway. At that time the law prothe Parkway. At that time the law provided that work must not be started on a public improvement until the funds the entire project were available. This law was amended at the last ses In spite of this, the project still threat ened to lag along, probably another year, but Mayor Blankenburg was determined

result of this action, the board of trustees today authorized the start of the

The report of Horace Trumbauer, the architect who furnished preliminary

architect who furnished preliminary drawings for the library in 1911, was, in

effect, that the preliminary plans and studies are completed, and that the prep-aration for final drawings and specula-

ions can be started immediately.

Mr. Trumbauer adviced, emphatically against attempting to erect one-part or wing of the building with the funds how available, as had been suggested. His advice, which was accepted by a committee and recommended to the board today, was that the library should be

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The resolution adopted today was that

the architect be authorized to proceed at once with the plans and specifications for the main library building, with a

view to having them submitted to bid-

view to having them submitted to bid-ders as speedly as possible.

Henry R. Edmunds, president of the board, officiated at today's meeting. Others present were Mayor Blankenburg. State Librarian Thomas L. Montgomery, Clinton Rogers Woodruff, Thomas J. Do-lan, John F. L. Morris, William J. Latta, Clarence S. Kates, David Pepper and John Ashburg.

FROM WAR COUNTRIES

Evening Ledger Correspondent

Describes Situation in France

and England

rance, arrived last night from Europe in the American liner "New York."

and practically every man is in black. It is very strange to see the difference here. "The idea that the English young men

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John Ashhurst.

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2000 AMERICANS IN CANADIAN ARMY

and had been declared out of danger.

LONDON, Aug. 16 .- General Sam Hughes, Canadian Minister of Militia, declared at a meeting here last night that 2000 Americans. have enlisted in the Canadian forces and that more than 103 have been killed in action in Flanders.

TODAY'S BASEBALL SCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

QUICK NEWS

AUSTRIA PUTS PRICE ON D'ANNUNZIO'S HEAD

ment has placed a price of \$4000 on the head of Gabriele d'Au-

nunzio, the Italian poet, who dropped messages from an aeroplane

MRS. C. STUART PATTERSON DIES OF HEART DISEASE.

this afternoon at her home, Gracehill, in Chestnut Hill, following

an attack of heart disease. She was 70 years old. Although she

had been ill for three months, it was thought she was improving,

Mrs, Ellen Stuart Patterson wife of C. Stuart Patterson, died

PARIS, Aug. 16 .- Zurich advices report the Austrian Govern-

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VON MOLTKE GETS POUR LE MERITE ORDER

BERLIN, Aug. 16 .- General Von Moltke, former Chief of Staff, has been awarded the Order of Four le Merite, it was announced

BREWERY COMPANY DECREASES CAPITAL

HARRISBURG, Aug. 16.-The Ashland Brewing Company today filed notice of decrease of stock from \$75,000 to \$30,000, because of decrease in

ALLIED FLEET SHELLS ASIA MINOR TOWNS

ATHENS, Aug. 16.-French and British warships are continuously bomharding the coast of Asia Minor. The Turkish towns of Deleleis, Phokis. Noussandassi and Epheses have been shelled and damaged. Turkish camps were dispersed and the population of many coast towns driven into the interior.

MOSQUITOS KILL MAN

BINGHAMPTON, N. Y., Aug. 16. James White, 42, died-in the City Hospital today from mosquito bitss. There was not a square inch of his body that was

HEALTH SAFEGUARDS MORE STRINGENT ON P. R. R.

A stringent regulation to safeguard the health of travelers, has been adopted by the Pennsylvania Railroad. The rule, established in 1913, that a physical examination be made of all dining-car and restaurant employes every three months, has been changed so that now such an examination is held at least every 20 days. The railroad announces that extra precautions have been taken to prevent the presence or spread of communicable diseases on its trains

PENNY LUNCH COUNTERS FOR CITY SCHOOLS

Twenty-five "penny lunch" counters will be operated in various public schools next school term under the direct supervision of the Board of Education and eventually one will be-opened in every school in the city. A general health campaign will be conducted in the schools this year.

FRANZ JOSEF APPLAUDS POPE'S PEACE PLEA

ROME, Aug. 16.—Emperor Franz Josef of Austria has written Pope Benedict applauding the Vatican's efforts for peace, and adding: "I also pray God that we may have an early peace."

Vatican organs have denied that Pope Benedict's appeal for peace, issued July 28, was received officially by the sovereigns of the helligerent mations. The appeal to the heads of the warring States was a general one, like an encyclical.

VENIZELOS SURE TO RETURN TO POWER

PARIS, Aug. 16.-The statement attributed by German newspapers to Eleutherios Venizeles, once Premier of Greece, who is expected to return to power as the result of the last general elections, that he would decline the Premiership because of the friendly attitude displayed by the Entente Powers toward Bulgaria, and that he was willing the Government should remain to the hands of those friendly to the Austro-Germans, are declared by the Athens correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company to be pure inventions,

PHILADELPHIA HAS BEST MILK

No city in the United States has better milk than Philadelphia, according to Dr. S. Lewis Ziegler, Director of Health and Charities, who says in his weekly builetin that more than 500,000 quarts are consumed daily. "About 36 per cent. of the milk Philadelphia uses is pasturized," he says, "and the other 10 per cent, is either certified by proper authority or is inspected raw milk." Milk adulteration, he says, has virtually ceased and no preservatives are used, About 99 per cent, of all milk is delivered in bottles.

ANCHE L'U-12 VITTIMA

Ellen Adair, woman's editor and spe-ial correspondent of the Evening edger, who has been making a tour of he war zones, and in particular northern gione dell' Alta Valle del Rienz e del Sexten "We had a pleasant passage across the Atlantic and it almost seems as if I were in another world." said Miss Adair. "After the excitement of Paris, northern France and England, America strikes one as being so calm and collected. On the other side nothing is spoken of but the war, and medically warn man is in back."

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percanta di affondare qualcuna di usaconferenzia di affondare qualcuna di usa-"The idea that the English young men are hanging back from cultiting is wrong. The voting men are coming forward spisodidly. But tills war is much more actions than people realize. It will last for a very long time yet. The opinion in England is that it may last for two years yet, and in France many of the French and fedgian officers assured me that they would not be at all surprised if it dragged on for five years more.

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D'UN SILURO ITALIANO

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Un telegramma de Roma dice che afiche il sottomarino austriaco "U-12." di tipo were killed in a mysterious explosion at the Actus Explosive Company plant at the Actus Explosive Company plant at Grove Run, is miter from Emporium, forday. The explosion occurred in the general taliano, nel medio Adriatico dove states coperto da una squadrigita di cacture were colors.

EXPLOSION KILLS FIVE IN WAR-ORDER PLANT

sive Company Completely Destroyed

LOST AND FOUND WHAT DID YOU LIBER

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SHAKEN BY BLAST OF HURRICANE

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in fury, while advices from points to the east indicated a gale of 75 miles an hour. Four lives have been lost along the

DIRECTOR A. MERRITT TAYLOR QUIETLY SIGNALIZES OPENING OF NEW TRANSIT ERA



The Director is seen at his desk scheduling bids for construction of rapid transit lines. The opening of the bids marks the triumph of the Director's efforts for a better transit system in Philadelphia

military once. Announcement of the ult after the conference this afternoon While nearly 50 contractors had indi-ated their intention of submitting bids the two high-speed contracts, but 16 by were submitted. Of these, six were for the Brond street subway and 19 for the Brankford elevated. One additional codes fatied to file a bond as required by law and his bid was therefore thrown

The Keystone State Construction Com The Keystone State Construction Company, of 704 Pennsylvania Building (Senator McNichol's company) was the lowest bidder for the Broad street work, the figure being \$1,700,000. The lowest bidder for the Frankford elevated work was James D. Dornet, of 1204 East Montgomery avenue, the figure being \$142,500, Senator McNichol was also a bidder for this work, but his figure was \$179,000; thus sting \$35,410 higher than the lowest bid. At was noticeable that Senator Vare was not a bidder on either contract. The highest bid for the Broad street Diest was \$2,788.00; the highest for the facilities was \$2,788.00; the highest for the facilities was \$207.000. Of the hidders on Broad street work only two were hilladelphia firms, the remaining six be-tic New York firms. Of the ten bidders

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AUSTRIAN U-12 SUNK BY ITALIAN DESTROYER

Four Submarines Sent to Bottom of Adriatic During War

sputches from Milan assert that the trian submaribe U-12 was sent to the tan by an Italian submarine shortly the "II-12" was destroyed by the on cruiser Blusten. Austria has now bee-third of her submarine ettensib. If the under-water boats having sent to the bottom since the wat had 12 admarines at the sak of hostilities.

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Bernhardt Returns to Stage Uff. Aug. 16 Mins. Serah hiera-mande her strat public espesivaries elect the amountation of his leg 41 Utelle featival Employ. She was a magnificent and touching recep-

THE WEATHER

FORECAST

by Philadelphia and vicinityonly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; much change in temperature; yens winds, mostly northwest.

SAYS MERION, LINER KNOWN HERE, WAS SUNK BY SUBMARINE

Sailor Brings Word That Ship Was Torpedoed by Turkish Craft-Mistaken for Battle Cruiser Tiger

CARRIED FALSE GUNS

The American Line steamship Merion, which for years plied between this port and Liverpool, was sunk by a Turkish submarine in the Dardanelles, according to a sailor on the American liner Do-minion, which arrived at Philadelphia to-

The man described how members of the Merion's crew had escaped by clinging to wooden guns that had been mounted on the deck to frighten off the enemy, and declared that the Turkish naval author-ities thought that because of the Merion's warlike appearance it was a battleship, and announced that the Tiger had been

The man only told the story on the promise that the source of information would be concealed and would not give his name. He said that giving out such information would be severely punished by the British Admiralty. Officers of the Dominion refused to discuss the sailor's account, but would not deny its truth Even they did not know from whem the story came, and the sailor said that even aboard ship, he would be punished, so atrongly are the reserve officers of the navy in sympathy with the English policy of suppressing news.

Fifteen shots were fired by the sub-marine, he said, before the Merion was sunk. The Merion had only four guns on its decks and could make no resist-ance to the undersea vessel.

ance to the undersea vessel.

Shortly after the entry of England into the war the Merica, together with the Haverford, which also made this port regularly, was commandeered by the Admiralty for use as a patrol ship and transport. At the time it was attacked by the Turkish submarine, it was carrying a large number of marines as reinforcements for the British operations in the Durdanelles. The sailor said he was not the Haverford at the time the Merica was sunk and that the Heserford was also carrying troops and supplies to the British in the Durdanelles.

The Turkish submarine appeared from

The Turkish submarins appeared from beneath the water without warning, and opened fire lumediately. The first sheis well wild but in a few accords the sim of the gunners improved. After a few minutes the Merion had become a hope-Russell Returns to Santo Domingo WASHINGTON, Aug 18. Secretary of State Landing teday andounced that W. W. Russell, formarly Limber to Sunto Demingo, would be returned to that post, to succeed James M. Bullivan.

Dispatches today from Beaumont and Port Arthur, Tex., indicated that those cities were being evacuated by the people, who feared that the country round about them would be inundated by a tidal wave. Interurban trains between thosa cities

and Houston ran all night and were

crowded to their capacity and the same crowded to their capacity, and the same In Galveston all hotels and houses were crowded with people who feared to remain in their homes near the beach. E. R. McKinney, Jr., member of yachting party, was drowned on Lake Pentchatrain in Louisiana when his boat was capeized; Charles Borgeois was killed at Waveland, Miss., when an electric light wire was blown down on him, and two men were washed overboard from the battleship New Hampshire and drowned off the Florida coast.

While little or no damage was done in the city of New Orleans, dispatches from points in Mississippi and Louisians re-port great damage to crops and property throughout the southern sections of these

MRS. C. S. PATTERSON, SOCIETY WOMAN, DIES

Philanthropic Wife of Financier Heart Disease Victim at 70 Years of Age

Mrs. Ellen Stuart Patterson, wife of C. Stuart Patterson, Sr., died this afternoon at her home, "Gracehill," in Chestnut Hill. She was 70 years old. Although she had been ill three months, she was thought to be improving and had been declared out of danger. She suffered an acute heart attack at 1:30 today.

Mrs. Patterson was prominent in social anffirs in this city and had given much of her life to charitable undertakings. She was president of the Garden Club, vice president of the Indian Hope of the Protestant Episcopul Church, in this diecess, and actively identified with many other organizations.

Mrs. Patterson is survived by her husband, C. Stuart Patterson, Sr., president of the Western Savings Fund Society. and one of the directors of the Pennsylvanta Ruttroad, and four children: Dr. Francis D. Patterson, Mins Eleanor Cuyler Patterson, George M. Patterson, attorney for the Pennsylvania Ratiroad. and C. Binart Patterson, Jr., also an attorney.

Before har marriage she was Mile Elem Stuart, a daughter of George Stuart, of this city, who was the founder of the Stat Young Men's Christian Association

in the country.

coast thus far, and many ships are over- | armies under Field Marshal von Hinden- | not to permit additional delay. As the burg and General von Buelow are mak-ing steady progress despite the stupendous efforts of the Russians to check

Kovno still holds out against the Ger-man attacks, but the resistance of the Russians is lessening.

In the sector formed by the curve of the Bug River, northwest of Brest-Litoysk, the Russians are retreating from their positions on the front extending southward past Miedzyrzecz and Radzyn,

and southeastward past Slavatycze and Vlodava, on the Bug River. (Miedzyrzecz and Slavatycze are 30 miles from Brest-Litovsk). North of Vilna the Russian line has been bent near Kubisko by the assaulta of General von Buelow's cavalry forces. General von Buelow has, apparently, ral-lied from the temporary check which the strongly-reinforced Russian forces were

general staff. PETROGRAD PREDICTS SEVERE NOVO GEORGIEVSK FIGHT

able to effect and is again driving for-ward in accordance with the plans of the

PETROGRAD, Aug. 16.-Novo Georgie valc, Russin's great fortress at the junc-tion of the Vistula and Narew Rivers, and one of the strongest purely military works in the world, has been invested by Ger-man troops, the War Office announced to-

Continued on Page Two, Column One ROB CONSHOHOCKEN STATION

Burglars Overlook Only Money in Pennsylvania Ticket Office

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Aug. 16—A safe in the ticket office of the Pennsylvania Ballroad station at Conshohocken was blown open early this morning. The robbers missed 112, the only sum in the safe, because the charge of powder was not large enough to wreck the inner door. The station was entered by forcing a deer with a crowhart, and the ticket office door was forced the same way.

There was no money in the drawer in the ticket office, as Station Asent Garrett had sent it all to Philadelphia has night. There are no cluss to the robbers, but railroad detectives say it is the work of amateurs.

Fifty dollars damage was done to the

Rea's Doctors in Consultation The condition of President Samuel Res, f the Pennsylvania Railroad, who is in of the Pennsylvanas Rankoad, who is in the Polyclinic Hospital while surgeons are considering the advisability of operating on him, remains virtually unchanged. At the hospital today it was said he passed a confortable night it is reported that physicians and surgeons are to hold a consultation today for the purpose of de-ciding how to relieve Mr. Res.

The Kensingtonian Says:

The Allies are

The All

papers is a great mistake. French newspapers are moved marter the truth of the
number. The two appears parties are
in deadly grips, and just at present it is
hard to say which is the stronger."