

# SMITH REFUSES TO SIGN PLEDGE COMMITTING HIM TO TAYLOR TRANSIT PLAN

## Republican Mayoralty Candidate Says He Is Doubtful Whether Company Can Operate at 5-cent Fare

### He Questions P. R. T.'s Ability to Run Successfully if 8-cent Exchange Ticket Tax is Abolished—His Replies Come Days After Presentation of Pledge, but He Says Long Study Is Required

Thomas B. Smith, Republican Organization candidate for Mayor, announced today emphatically that he would not sign the transit pledge.

Mr. Smith made his statement to a representative of the EVENING LEADER in the corridor of the sixth floor of the Lincoln building. The candidate's bonding office are on this floor. He had just arrived after attending a meeting of the Republican speakers' bureau also in the building. William S. Vane rode up in the elevator to the sixth floor with Mr. Smith.

"I have a copy of the transit pledge, but it is not truthful with you, and I do not expect to sign the pledge," he said. "I have made up your mind definitely."

"I have I feel that the questions in the pledge are of such a nature, as well as hypothetical, that it would take a long time, probably months, before intelligent answers could be made. Only an omniscient can answer those questions in a day or two. The questions deal with engineering facts and other problems, and they call for careful and earnest consideration. A speech delivered by me a few days ago I believe answered some of the questions in the transit pledge. In the course of an address I said that I was in favor of rapid transit. Then can a definite answer be expected from you as to whether you are in favor of the abolition of the 5-cent exchange tickets and also for a universal 8-cent fare in Philadelphia?"

"I am in favor of endeavoring to get a universal trolley rate for Philadelphia. This answer would operate against the abolition of the 5-cent exchange tickets. But I am unable to determine at this time, however, if it is possible to do so. I am not sure, but I am sure of that rate of fare."

"Do you care to fix any specific date when you expect to have completed your replies to the questions in the transit pledge?"

"As I said before, the questions can't be answered at once. Any person who answers to do so is an omniscient."

During the interview Mr. Smith said that he was in favor of rapid transit and any improvement which would help Philadelphia and be beneficial to its residents.

## LIBERTY BELL JUNKET BILL PASSED IN HASTE BY COUNCILS

\$32,000 Voted for the Expenses of Councilmen in the Trip Across the Continent

### REAL NEEDS IGNORED

Common Councils today passed the ordinance appropriating \$32,000 for the expense of the Liberty Bell junket, the select branch occurring a few minutes later. This was possible another junket across the continent for the councilmen "guard of honor."

Very little important business came before Common Council today, apart from the Liberty Bell appropriations. An ordinance was introduced to make available for work on the Parkway, east of Logan Square, a balance that now may be used only for work on the improvement of the square. The balance is from the loan of May 15, 1904. It amounts to about \$15,000.

## THE WEATHER

The fair enough today to suit the most of us, but there would seem to be a change in the weather of these recent days. It is considerably colder and we would still ourselves tremendously. It all depends on the general frame of mind of the people. Following an Easter blizzard of the world, you know, brace weather at this time of year. Any change in the routine of centuries must be disappointing, of necessity. We will probably make up for it!

**FORECAST**  
For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair somewhat cooler tonight and Friday, with gentle westerly winds.

## SUMMARY OF CANDIDATES' RESPONSES TO PLEDGE

Replies received from the 28 councilmanic candidates in the following seven wards: 16th, 17th, 20th, 23rd, 24th, 33d and 45th. Summary:	
Candidates signing transit pledge	13
Candidates refusing to sign	15
Total recorded for today	28
Republicans	14
Signed pledge	6
Refused to sign	14
Franklin men	14
Signed pledge	13
Refused to sign	1
Total for 28 wards recorded Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and today:	
Republicans	68
Signed pledge	17
Refused to sign	46
Favorable	2
Doubtful	3
Franklin men	65
Signed pledge	58
Refused to sign	3
Favorable	2
Doubtful	2
Total affirmatives	75
Total negatives	49

Population of the seven wards in today's summary, 231,100.

## FRANKLIN MEN FAR AHEAD IN TRANSIT VOWS

### Only 3 of 65 Nominees Have Refused to Sign Pledge to Taylor System

Franklin party and Republican Organization councilmanic candidates in seven wards are recorded in today's summaries of responses to the "transit pledge" almost unanimously "for," in the one case, and unanimously "against," in the other. For 15 of the 14 Franklin men signed, and all the 14 Republicans refused to sign.

"This brings the total for 28 wards so far recorded to this: that only 3 of 65 Franklin men have refused to sign, whereas 46 of 58 Republicans have refused to sign."

The seven wards recorded today are the 16th, 17th, 20th, 23rd, 24th, 33d and 45th. The summary by wards follows:

### SEVENTEENTH WARD

17th WARD STATISTICS  
Population of ward, 16,500.  
Hours lost to residents through present inadequate transit system in course of year, 42,000.  
Money lost to residents through present 8-cent exchange ticket system in course of year, \$12,000.

RICHARD GEARON, Franklin, Common, "No."  
Mr. Gearon, who lives at 1407 North Front street, where the Frankford "L" will pass, said:

"I will have to show me that my property will not be injured by the transit plan. Until I am shown that the Frankford elevated line will not injure my property I shall oppose it. I cannot sign the transit pledge. I understand that in the independent wards some of the opposition candidates are signing it, but my position in the middle city wards is not the same."

### TWENTIETH WARD

20th WARD STATISTICS  
Population of ward, 48,000.  
Hours lost to residents through present inadequate transit system in course of year, 143,000.  
Money lost to residents through present 8-cent exchange ticket system in course of year, \$32,000.

EARLE WILT, Franklin, Common, "yes."  
JOSEPH A. KILGORE, Franklin, Select, "yes."  
Mr. Kilgore voted affirmatively after all the clauses of the "transit pledge" without any qualifications.

FRANKLIN PARTY CANDIDATE DECLARES FOR THE ENTIRE TAYLOR PLAN

## FIRST HEAT IN RACE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP OF PENNSYLVANIA



Senator J. P. McNichol today sent his horse, R. H. Brett, with a record of 2:03 3/4, against Peter Stevens, owned by W. B. Eckert, of Wilmington, in a match race at Belmont Driving Park.

## FRENCH HURL FOE BACK WITH GREAT LOSS AT RHEIMS

### Germans Deliver Three Violent Attacks Following Bombardment MOWED DOWN BY GUNS

PARIS, Oct. 21.—A mighty effort to break through the French lines east of Rheims is being made by the Germans.

Following a terrific bombardment three fierce infantry attacks were launched, but all were repulsed, according to an official communique issued by the French War Office today.

The Germans suffered enormous losses, the communique states. The attacking forces were sent forward in close formation over a five-mile front and were mowed down in heaps by the deadly rifle and machine gun fire of the French.

The text of the communique from the War Office follows: "Following the bombardment reported last night to the east of Rheims on a front of some eight to nine kilometers (5 to 5.5 miles) which extends between the butte of Trancas and the German line, it was learned on reliable authority today. The decision was said to have been reached at the conference this week between French War Minister Millerand and the British Cabinet's Military Committee."

## GELDING R. H. BRETT WINS \$3000 PACE AT BELMONT PARK

### Senator McNichol's Thoroughbred Lands 3 of 4 Heats From Peter Stevens in Great Event

R. H. Brett won the first, third and fourth heats and the race in the \$3000 purse match pace event at Belmont Park this afternoon against Peter Stevens. The winning animal is owned by Senator McNichol, while Peter Stevens belongs to W. B. Eckert, of Wilmington.

The animals created a new average record for a pace at the course. The first mile was traveled in 2:06, the second in 2:05 1/2, the third in 2:04 1/2 and the final in 2:06.

## SERBS ROLLED BACK BY HUGE TEUTON ARMY

### Germans Reach Point 20 Miles From Nish—Bulgars Push On SALONICA CUT OFF

LONDON, Oct. 21.—At least 400,000 British and French troops will be sent to the Balkans to help the Serbians and to invade Turkey and Bulgaria, it was learned on reliable authority today. The decision was said to have been reached at the conference this week between French War Minister Millerand and the British Cabinet's Military Committee.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—The Bulgarians today reached the Kajcar-Knjazevac highway. It was officially announced by the German War Office in dispatches received here this afternoon.

The highway connects the Serbian towns of Kajcar and Knjazevac and extends north and south along the Serbo-Bulgarian frontier, from which it is from two or three to about twelve miles distant at various points. If the Bulgarian line extends along its entire length, they have crossed the frontier at this place along a 25 or 30 mile front.

## PARIS HEARS OUR PHONE MESSAGE

### Wireless Conversation at Arlington Distinctly Audible, Cable Reports

Word was received late this afternoon by J. B. Taft, of the Bell Telephone Company, in Philadelphia, to the effect that the attempt on the part of the Naval Department to communicate by wireless telephone with Paris from the Arlington wireless station near Washington were successful.

## LOVE LETTERS OF LAWYER ADMITTED AS EVIDENCE

Expressions of Most Abiding Affection Received by Girl

MAYE LANDING, N. J., Oct. 21.—Expressions of the most abiding love were read from several of the 44 or more letters sent by Robert S. Gaskill, the 39-year-old lawyer, to Miss Kathryn Abrams, the pretty Atlantic City girl of 17, who is suing him for \$25,000 damages for alleged breach of promise. They were read into the evidence this morning on the third day of the trial of the sensational case.

## THREE AMERICAN SOLDIERS KILLED BY MEXICAN BAND

### Six Other Troopers Wounded in Battle for Town in Texas FIVE OF INVADERS DEAD

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Oct. 21.—Mexicans attacked the town of Ojo de Agua, 60 miles north of here early today, killing three United States soldiers and wounding six, according to telephone reports.

Reinforcements were rushed to the town and the bandits fled. Border patrols are joining the search for them.

Five Mexicans were killed during the fighting, their bodies being found after the American troops had driven off the Mexicans.

## DR. WHARTON GIVES PENN'S LINEMEN FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

### Mathews, Though Injured, May Be Started at Tackle in Game With Pittsburgh on Saturday

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Robert L. King testified at the ecclesiastical trial of the Rev. George Chalmers Richmond today that the rector of St. John's was wronged into saying things to which people objected by the action of William T. Hamilton, former lay reader, who stood in the chancel and made faces at him.

## QUICK NEWS

### TWO MORE INTERNED GERMANS MISSING

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—As a result of the census taken today by Admiral Beatty of the Kronprinz Wilhelm and the Prinz Eitel Friedrich, interned German raiders, it was discovered that ten men are missing from those boats instead of eight. The last two reported gone are a civilian physician and a bluejacket.

### FAMOUS PASSION PLAY ACTOR KILLED IN BATTLE

MANITOWOC, Wis., Oct. 21.—Anton Lang, who became world famous through his interpretation of the life of Christ in the "Passion Play," given at Manitowigan, has been killed in battle, according to word received by his cousin, Alois Lang, here today. The news came from the German Government.

### CANADA AIDS BRITISH WAR FUND

OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 21.—Heavy advances have been made to the British Treasury by Canada to buy war supplies. It was announced by the Canadian Minister of Finance today. At the same time, he said, Canada has financed all her own needs for the last two months without any help from the outside.

### SEVERELY CRITICIZES CHURCH MANAGEMENT

"If business men conducted their affairs the way you church people do the world would be bankrupt," cried G. J. P. Raub, of Quarrytown, Pa., today at the 160th annual session of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, held in the Trinity Reformed Church, Broad and Venango streets.

### BELGIUM KING DECLINES POPE'S PEACE OFFER

ROME, Oct. 21.—Declaring that he "would never lay down his sword while Belgium was held in slavery," King Albert has replied to Pope Benedict's tentative peace proposals in the negative.

### DOCTOR DUMBA ARRIVES AT THE HAGUE

LONDON, Oct. 21.—Doctor Dumba has arrived at The Hague, according to a dispatch from there this afternoon.

### REFUSED PERMISSION TO INCREASE COAL RATES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today refused to permit the anthracite carriers to raise the rates on hard coal from Taylor, Pa., and points taking the same coal on rates, to New York harbor. The commission canceled new tariffs increasing these rates from 19 to 25 cents a ton.

### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR ASKED TO SETTLE STRIKE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—The Department of Labor today was asked to try to settle a wage dispute between the Eagle Lock Company, of Terryville, Conn., and 1200 men and women employees who are on strike. It is expected that Clifton Reeves, of Trenton, and James A. Smyth, of Renova, Pa., will be named conciliators.

### BIG GUNS FOR PACIFIC COAST FORTS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Pacific army forts will glisten with big guns, according to plans in the national defense plan officially announced today. Installation of many big 14-inch and new 16-inch guns on the Pacific coast forts is planned.

### "MOONSHINERS" GET HEAVY SENTENCE

FORT SMITH, Ark., Oct. 21.—Federal Judge Youmans today sentenced the men who pleaded guilty yesterday in the moonshine conspiracy cases. John L. Casper, Kansas City distiller, received nine years and three days in Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary and \$33,000 fine. J. Henry Brown, of Harrison, Ark., former Government gauger, got two years in Leavenworth and \$1000 fine. Charles Brewster and George Hartman, of Kansas City, and S. L. Williams, of Winston-Salem, N. C., former revenue agents, got one year and one day in Leavenworth and \$1000 fine each. John Coffey, of Fort Smith, got six months in the local Federal jail and a fine of \$1000.

### TWO AVIATORS KILLED IN 800-FOOT FALL

BOSTON, Oct. 21.—Chauncey Redding, of Melrose, head of the Boston Aviation School, at Saugus, and Phil Bulman, 20 years old, a parachute jumper, were killed this afternoon on the Saugus marshes when their airplane collapsed and fell a distance of 800 feet. Both men had to be dug out of the mud. Redding was killed instantly and Bulman lived only a short time.

### VESTRYMAN MADE FACES AT RECTOR

Witness Says the Rev. Mr. Richmond Answered Grimaces by Harsh Words

### HARVARD ATHLETES FAVOR SUMMER BALL

Mahan and Nash Balk at Amateur Restrictive Rules

### LOST AND FOUND

MEMORANDUM DAY-BOOK—Last Tuesday evening, between Germantown and Center City, black omnibus No. 25,000, containing \$25.00, was stolen. The driver, John J. Kelly, was notified. The money was returned to Riverfront Glass Works, Richmond St. and Allegheny Ave.

### WARMEST OCT. 21 ON RECORD

No Temperature to Equal Today's in 41 Years of Weather Bureau History