SMITH REFUSES TO SIGN PLEDGE COMMITTING HIM TO TAYLOR TRANSIT PLAN

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

e 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

B. Smith, Republican Organizacandidate for Mayor, announced to-emphatically that he would not sign

ransit pledse.

Smith made his statement to a repstative of the Evening Lepger in
corridor of the sixth floor of the LinBuilding. The candidate's bonding
are on this floor. He had just arafter attending a meeting of the William S. Vare rode up in the alor is the sixth floor with Mr. Smith, fr. Smith, have you made up your about signing the transit pledge, was handed to you October 13?

have a copy of the transit pledge, to be truthful with you and the aspec Ledges I haven't given the list questions a thorough study."

DOESN'T EXPECKT TO SIGN. When do you expect to sign the mail pledge?"
I do not expect to sign the pledge." ave you made up your mind defi-

have. I feel that the questions in ledge are of such a nature, as well pothetical, that it would take a long probably mohths, before intelligenessers could be made. Only an union can answer those questions in or two. The questions deal with anticoming feats and other work. ay or two. The questions deal with set engineering feats and other prob-m, and they call for careful and earn-teensideration. A speech delivered by a few days ago I believe answered me of the questions in the transit edge. In the course of an address I is that I was in favor of rapid transit. en can a definite answer be expect-on you as to whether you are in of the abolition of the 8-cent extickets and also for a universal fare in Philadelphia?"

BTFUL ABOUT 5-CENT FARE. am in favor of endeavoring to get ent universal trolley rate for Phila-This answer applies also to the of the abolition of the 8-cent to tickets. But I am unable to ne at this time, however, if it is y at that rate of fare."
out care to fix any specific date
out expect to have completed your
of the questions in the transit

a I said before, the questions can't uswered at once. Any person who avors to do so is an ignoramus." uring the interview Mr. Smith said the was in favor of rapid transit and other improvement which would help iphia and be beneficial to its resi

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

Councils today passed the ce appropriating \$32,000 for the reof the Liberty Bell, the select branch fing a few minutes later. This will possible another junket across the mt for the councilmanic "guard

cy little important business came bemmon Council today, apart from Liberty Bell appropriations. An ics was introduced to make availfor work on the Parkway, east of Square, a balance that now may of the square. The balance is from loan of May 18, 1904. It amounts to

eral ordinances for the opening of a in various sections of the city passed. Councils also appropriated for the 75th anniversary of the Old of the 2d Regiment, N. G. P., to

rated December II. al action was taken to place on the plan the 19½-acre plot at the junc-of Wissahlckon and Roberts avenue huyler street, to be known as Fern-

tract was presented to the city by McRean estate as a memorial to as McKean. The estate also pro-EDOW for the improvement of the

dent Ransley in Select Council

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THE WEATHER

enough today to suit the most but there would seem to be is in the warmth of these kentle arden us. fall-days. It could stably colder and we would still selves tremendously. It all decon the general frame of mind. Pollowing an Easter blissard is would seem perfect. But the sains that this is the season of rousted chastnuts and ture on present magazine cover girls. It's of the world, you know, bracher at this time of year. Any the routine of conturies must be concerting, of usclessity. we will probably make up for it!

FORECAST.

r Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair what cooler tonight and Friwith gentle westerly winds.

SUMMARY OF CANDIDATES'

RESPONSES TO PLEDGE Replies received from the 28 council-manic candidates in the following seven wards: 16th, 17th, 20th, 19th, 31st, 33d and 45th. Summary: Candidates signing transit piedge. 13 Candidates refusing to sign 15 Total recorded for toda Republicans 14
Signed pledge 0
Refused to sign 14 Refused to sign Total for 28 wards recorded Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and today: Republicans Population of the seven wards in to-day's summary, 221,100.

Hours lost to residents of these seven wards through present inadequate tran-sit facilities in course of year, 1,455,000. Money lost to residents of these seven wards through present 8-cent exchange ticket system in course of year, \$117,000.

FRANKLIN MEN FAR AHEAD IN TRANSIT VOWS

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

28 WARDS NOW RECORDED

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 13 of the 14 Franklin men signed, and all the H Republicans refused to sign. This brings the total for 2 wards so far recorded to this that only 3 of 65 Franklin been have refused to sign, whereas 46 of 68 Republicans have refused

The seven wards recorded today are the 16th, 17th, 20th, 29th, 31st, 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,

Mr. Gearon, who lives at 1407 North Front street, where the Frankford "L" will pass, said:

"You will have to show me that my "You 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
opulation of ward, 45,000.
ours lost to residents through present
equate transit system in course of

year, 143,000.

Money lost to residents through present schange ticket system in course of year, \$32,000.

EABLE WILT, Franklin, Common, "yes." JOSEPH A. KLINGES, Franklin, Select "yes."
Mr. Klinges wrote affirmatives after all

the clauses of the "transit pledges" with out any qualifications. DR. THOMAS J. MORTON, Republican

"Who wants rapid transit in my ward?" said Doctor Morton, who is a Coroner's physician as well as Councilman.

physician as well as Councilman.

"The voters in the 50th Ward voted against transit at the election, and I would be foolish to vote in favor of it," said Doctor Morton.

"The subway is not going to help the 20th Ward. I am for anything that will help to develop the city of Philadelphia, but I can't see how the subway is going to help the people in my ward. The subway won't touch this ward at all. I never aign pledges."

FRANK HALFER, Franklin, Comman JOSEPH F. TYGH, Franklin, Commer

CHARLES F. KELLEY, Republican, Comnen. "se." Mr. Kelley snid: "I decilne to piedge myself to take any

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B. S. SMITH SIGNS "PLEDGE"

Franklin Party Candidate Declares for the Entire Taylor

. Plan

Benjamin S. Smith, Franklin party candidate for Common Council from the 27th Ward, has given his unqualified ap-proval and indorsement of the "Transit Pledge." Pledge."
Mr. Emith, through a misunderstanding was listed as failing to sign the pledge in Monday's Evening Lengar. Today Mr. Smith explained his position and affixed his signature to the pledge and wrote "yes" after each of the clauses of the

FIRST HEAT IN RACE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP OF PENNSYLVANIA



Senator J. P. McNichol today sent his horse, R. H. Brett, with a record of 2:03¼, 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 The text of the communique from the

The text of the communique from the War Office follows:

"Following the bombardment reported isst night to the east of Rheims on a front of some eight to nine kilometres (4.26 to 5.58 miles) which extends between the butte of Tir and Prunay, the Germans renewed the attack which had been checked the night before in the same region: Despite the violence of the artillery fire and the density of the clouds of

other check. "The enemy tried three times to penetrate our positions. The attacking troops were cut down by the fire of our ma-chine guns and the storms of shells from our artillery. They were finally stopped before our wire entanglements and were not able to reach at a single point our first line of trenches.

"During the night we likewise repulsed a German attack against our positions in Givency forest northeast of Souchez. "In Lorraine a surprise attack attempt ed by the enemy against our observation posts to the east of Moncel were completely broken up.

is nothing to report on the rest of the front."

WINS \$3000 PACE

Senator McNichol's Thorough-

bred Lands 3 of 4 Heats

From Peter Stevens in

Great Event

AVERAGE RECORD MADE

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 Sen-

ator McNichol, while Peter Stevens be-

The animals created a new average

first mile was traveled in 2:05, the second

in 2:05%, the third in 2:04% and the final

In all of the heats it was much the

Third heat-29%, 1:01%, 1:34, 2:04%.

R. H. Brett, the bay gelding, won the first Reat of the match pacing race. "Nick" Grady piloted the animal to the wire in the remarkably fast time of 2:06

flat.

The times for the quarters were 31%, 1:02, 1:38% and 2:06.

Peter Stevens evened things in the second by defensing R. H. Brett two lengths in 2:00%. The horses scored down close together, and it was not until the quarter was reached that Peter Stevens showed ahead. At the half four lengths was the difference, with Peter Stevens acting a frightful pace. At the three-quarters R. H. Brett moved up to within two lengths of the flying leader, but could not reach. In the brush to the wire Peter Stevens outkamed the Mc-Nichol gelding.

Vichoi gelding. The times at the points for the second

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Fourth heat-30, 1:01, 1:34%, 2:06.

in 2:06.

heats were as follows:

longs to W. B. Eckert, of Wilmington.

AT BELMONT PARK

GELDING R. H. BRETT

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 Servians 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 to day reached the Kajecar-Knjazevac highway, it was officially announced by the German War Office in dispatches received here this afternoon.

The highway connects the Servian towns of Kajecar and Knjazevac and extends north and south along the Serbe-Bulgarian frontier, from which it is from two or three to about twelve miles dis-tant 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.

The Teutonic allies are only 30 miles from Nish. The Serbs are retreating be-fore the sledge-hammer blows of the Teutons.

The official German report relating to the Balkans follows:
"On the entire front we are pursuing the slowly retreating enemy. The Serbs have been driven south from positions south and east of Ripanj. Our advance

guards reached Stepojavatz, Leskovatz

The Bulgarians fighting in the sector of Continued on Page Two, Column Three

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, 69 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.

The dead are: SERGEANT SCHAEFFER, Troop G. Third Cavalry.
PRIVATES McCONNELL and JOYCE,

of Company D, Signal Corps.

The wounded include Sergeant Smith and Corporal Cansier, of Company D, Signal Corps, and Troopers Kubley, Bowner, Behr and Langlands, of Troop G, Third Cavalry.

There were 15 Americans in the attacked party guarding the village of Ojo De Agua. There were 100 or more Mexcans in the hand that delive tack. The Mexicans surrounded the Amerigans and then began firing upon them from all sides.

Of the Americans only eight had rifles, the others being equipped with service pistols. After vigorous firing, the Americans charged and put the Mexicans to flight. The dead and wounded Mexi-cans were dressed in Carranza uniforms

to the last detail. The Mexicans evidently had crossed from the Mexican side early in the night, well prepared for the attack. They were discovered before they could deliver a and Baba. West of the Morava we are pushing forward by way of Sebevata.

surprise attack, and the firing immedi ately became hot and heavy.

The commander of Troop G, Lieutenant

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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

According to Mr. Taft, a cable has been received from the representatives of his company in Paris stating that the conversation was distinctly heard. The cable also repeatedy the words of the mes-

The telephone messages, by previous ar rangement, were directed to the Effel Tower wireless station, where a wireless telephone receiver had been installed. No record for a pace at the course. The wireless phone "sender" had been set up there, however, and it was necessary to cable confirmation to prove the attempt same, gave in the second which Peter Stevens won. The others found Peter Stevens out in front during the early part of the race, only to be outgamed in the final brush to the wire. The times of the quarters of the third and fourth

with Honolulu covered a greater dis tance. It is explained-4900 miles as against 3000-but it had not the possibili-ties for stirring the imagination that phoning to Paris provides.

LOVE LETTERS OF LAWYER ADMITTED AS EVIDENCE

Expressions of Most Abiding Affection Received by Girl

MAYS LANDING, N. J., Oct. H.- Ex-MAYS 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 22-year-old lawyer, to Miss Kathryn Abrams, the pretty Atlantic City girl of 17, who is suing him for \$75,000 damages for alleged breach of promise. They were read into the evidence this morning on the third day of the trial of the sensitional case.

The letters were all similar in their expressions of love, and were written to the girl when she was between the ages of 14 and 16.

The Kensingtonian Says:

Loonard Schoefling and Brucet Miller ertainly are "live wires." Be careful, boys, or else you will be electrocuted.

DR. WHARTON GIVES PENN'S LINEMEN FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

With Pittsburgh on Saturday

BERRY AT QUARTERBACK

Pennsylvania's football coaches devoted their entire practice this afternoon to testing out some of the line candidates for the game with Pittsburgh on Saturday. It has been virtually decided that Mathews will start at left tackle. Mathews has improved greatly but Line Counch Doctor Wharton is afraid that a further injury would put him out for the season. There are three men who are fighting for Mathews' berth. They are Russell, last year's guard: Keppler and Dunlop. The last two are doing very well, but both are green, and Doctor Wharton is afraid to risk them. Another possibility Doctor Wharton had in mind was the shifting of Neill to tackle with either Russell or Dorizas taking his place

As noon as the line men reported, Doctor Wharton called them together and outlined the system of line play he wanted them to use. He is not at all pleased with the work of Henning, and

pleased with the work of Henning, and infilmated that he might decide on some radical changes by fomorrow. Wharton gave the linemen a long drill in charging and breaking through.

The backfield coaches have definitely decided on the four men who will start for them. They are Berry at quarter-back, Bockafeller and Ross at halfbacks and Quigley at fullback. Field Coach Dickson, in charge of the ends, has decided that Miller shall start at one sod, and the chances are that Hopkins will set the call on the other wins. Urguhart is too light, while Stack has been suffering from a boil.

After the preliminary drill in which the men were coached singly and in groups, there was a long signal practice, in which all the plays to be used against Pittsburgh were reheared.

The Pittsburgh eleven will arrive tomorrow night, but not in time for a workout on Franklin Field.

Mathews, Though Injured, May Be Started at Tackle in Game

OUICK NEWS

TWO MORE INTERNED GERMANS MISSING

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

FAMOUS PASSION PLAY ACTOR KILLED IN BATTLE

MANITOWCC, wis., Oct. 21.-Anton Lang, who became world famous through his interpretation of the life of Christ in the "Patt-" sion Play," given at Obermmergan, has been killed in battle, according to seed received by his country 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 Pinance 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 pusiness 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 169th annual session of the Eastein Symod of the Reformed Church in the United States, held in the Trinity Reformed Church, Broad and Venange 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 scale on rates, to New York harbor.

The commission canceled new tariffs increasing these rates from 19 to 25 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 employes 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 Brewbaker 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 Fed-

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 aeroplane 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**

eral jail and a fine of \$1000.

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

Robert L. King testined at the ecclesiastical trial of the Rev. George Chalmers Richmond today that the rector of St. John's was gonded 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.

The testimony of King, who is a vestryman at the church and a friend of Mr. Richmond, caused a ripple of laughter that was quickly silenced. King was on the stand only a few minutes. He said he had seen Hamilton making faces at the rector on several occasions while Mr. Richmond was in the pulpit.

Mr. Hichmond was in the pulpit.

The defense finally succeeded today in getting into the record the testimony of E. Howard Neumer, former convict, and for the last M months accountant at St. John's. He alse is a friend of Mr. Richmond. According to Neumer, Hamilton first became antagonistic to the rectar when Neumer announced his engagement to his present wife. Prior to that time he had been paying attention to Hamilton's sister, he said.

WARMEST OCT. 21 ON RECORD

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

This is the warmest October II on record in the il years of the Philadelphia Weather Bureau's history. The temperature at 4 p. nt was IR a flaure that was maintained since I o'clock. The next highest October It residing was II in 1884. Last year the IR mark was attained.

HARVARD ATHLETES **FAVOR SUMMER BALL**

Mahan and Nash Balk at Amateur Restrictive Rules

CAMBIDGE, Mass., Oct. 21 - Prominent Harvard athletes, including Captain Mahan, of the football team, and Captain Nash, of the baseball nine, are heartily in favor of summer baseball for college men. favor of summer baseball for college men.

"I'ut me down for being heartily in favor of summer hazeball," said Captain Mahan today. "Basek in my sophomore days I wrote a lengthy thesis on this question, and in picking up my material idid not find anybody with even one good argument against college men playing summer ball. If a man is good at the game, I see no reason why he should not play it legitimately, but as well as cooping himself up in an indoor's affice or working on some other joh not so healthy and as remugarative."

LOST AND FOUND

MEMORANDUM DAT-BOOK-Lost, To