## TRANSIT FUND BIG **ENOUGH FOR "L" WORK**

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rive the city excellent transit incllities. The loan itself does not mean much, but it is how it is used that will count. If the money is judicionaly and economically expended it should bring the hunderphik well to the front among the municipali-ties of the United States."

LOAN'S TWO-FOLD EFFECT. The \$20,00.000 loan, which will be put to a vote of the people on February 8, will have a two-fold effect on the city's fortumes, according to the politic financiers back of the project. the politicians and

Primarily, the expenditure of the vast sum will place Philadelphia in the forefront of first-chass cilies as a rapid transit centre and as a great port of entry for ocean traffic. The second and almost fuevitable effect of the his bon will be an increase in the city's tax rate h 1917.

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Mr. Norris in discussing the port de-velopment feature wald: "As for the \$500,000 to be devoted to improving the port, it would not be ad-wisable to spend that sum in least than two or three years. Four years and the city had only one modern pior! I day there are four and contracts have been let for the substructure of a fifth, which will be as large as any two of the exist-menter.

will be as large as any two of the exist-ing plers. "At the present time the shipping ac-commodations of the city are a little ahead of the available braness. My view has always been that such pler ac-commodations shippid he kept a little ahead of the demand but not so far in advance that large Dreestments will by Dying idle. If the ison-not were expended to be assessed to but the word is the lying idle. a a year and a half, this would be the

"This money would build several of the Darger piers and this should be the ultimate form of investment, but not at the present time.

"Philadelphia can never rival New York Thindeiphia can have repair New York has a port, but if it encourages shipping by always being prepared to basile efficiently such business as we do get. The dity should eventually take an im-portant place among the ports of the At-lantic scalloard.

"The allotment of \$3,000,000 for main and branch sewers strikes me as small in comparison with the other items, and if a sewage disposal plant is to be de-finitely taken up, the item of \$2,000,000 for that purpose will only figure as about 10 per cent, of the cost, "The other items of the loan impress

me as being remanable and proper."

MEIGS ANSWERS SEGUER

Director John Meigs, of the Department of Wharves, Dogka and Ferries, replied today to the statement of Charles Seger in Councils yesterday, that "spending money for this port is like throwing money into the sewer" Mr. Seger is chairman of the subcommittee on appro-priations, which is an important factor in determining how money derived from loans shall be expended.

"Mr. Soger," said the Director, "has not reestigated sufficiently to obtain the investigated sufficiently to obtain the real facts. If he had, he would not have made such a statement as was quoted in "He newspapers." "He newslapers."

pert to do as a port? Boston and New York are on the sea. Estimore has a matural deepsea harbor. "Now, as a matter or fact, neither Hos-

Tork are on the sea. Infilinger has a matter of fact, neither durate the fact.
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# tracts for the furtherance of the many public improvements provided for in the DRUG USERS TAKE NEW measure.

TAX INCREASE JUSTIFIED. The drain which the new bond issue will entail upon the tax revenues of the city for annual interest and sinking fund charges is well known to the financiers **Opportunity** for Relief Offered back of the loan, but they contend that even though an appreciable increase in the city's tax rate results, the benefits to the derived from the passage of the loan will many times offset the increase in raxes. To provide for the requests of the various municipal departments for taxes.

Persons afflicted with the drug habit the various municipal departments for nois would require a tax rate of \$1.39 in-stead of the present rate of \$1 per \$100 of taxable property. It was asserted to-day by members of the Finance Commithad the opportunity for the first time today to take advantage of the assistance and advice offered by the Narcotle Committee formed recently at the suggestion would not the tax rate increase to pro-vide for the loan and other expenses would not be in excess of 30 cents. No time will be lost in passing the leg-islation necessary to place the big loan before the voters. Councils will st every of Francis Fisher Kane, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvanin, and headed by Edward Eok, editor of the Ladies' Home Journal, orably reported yesterday by the Finance Committee will be printed this week. Ner't to solve the "dope" problem in this city. Dr. John W. Rhein, nerve specialist, and Dr. Horatio C. Wood, Jr., active members of the committee, attended a score or more of drug hearings before United week, if present plans are carried out, it will be passed by Common Council and on the Thursday following favorable action States Commissioner Howard M. Long in the Federal Building today, and in expected in the Select branch. This many cases medical attention was given

is expected in the select branch. This will enable the bill to reach Mayor Blank-enburg on the day following its final passage by the upper branch. Mayor Blankenburg is expected to sanc-It was the largest number of drug cases scheduled in one day since the Harrison anti-narcotic act went into effect, and ton the big loon, which contains provis committee members thought it a propion for all of the great municipal under tious occasion to begin the contemplated takings started during his administration, and there is little doubt of his approval. work. Doctor Rheln is connected with the Polyclinic Hespital, while Doctor Wood conduts a clinic at the Medico-Chirurgical Hearlia. In all, with Commissioner Lang and Piere Archer, crief deputy Internal Should be see fit for any reason to veto the measure the men back of the menure could easily pass it over his yeto in time to advertise it for the required 30 days. periore February s, the date set for pupil-ar vote on the loan.

In the event of the loan receiving the In the event of the loan becching co-inproval of the voters, It will be becca-acy for Councils to pass measures au-horizing the borrowing of the sums of nonsy needed next year for the improve-ments named. Before the leap is fluided twill be necessary to advertise the bill for four weeks. All this necessary leals-ation requires we much time that no noncy is likely to be borrowed before

The need of funds for the Frankford elevated in addition to the money al-ready appropriated, will enuse that induced in the first part to be ep in touch with the individuals. Arrangements for further medical exami-nations also were made. Doctor Wood, the loan money moder the subway and ele-vated railroads section, for elevated lines to be decided upon inter, This opens the way to the con-struction of a number of branch elevated lines, to relieve concention in various out-lines, to relieve concention in various out-struction of a number of branch elevated lines to relieve contention in various out-lines. To relieve concention in various out-The need of funds for the Frankford.

ing sections clamoring for relief The \$45,000,000 in the loan for elevated and subway construction and \$5,000,000 for the port would not at once constitute a charge against the current revenues. The bonds covering these amounts will be assued upon the basis of the constitutional authority granted by the amend-ment approved by the voters at the elec-tion last month. This creates a new borrowing power of 10 per cent, for subway null elevated, construction, harber im-provements and docks, the issue of bonds for 50 years instead of 50 years. and permits of the payments of the inter-est and sinking fund charges on these

For this reason the greatest drain will

### Noted Men Say Ford Peace Trip Is Silly, a Big Laugh HOPE AT HEARING

President Wilson-7 Ex-President Tatt just langhed. Ex-President Roosereit-Not mischler-ous only because it is an ridiculous. Alton B. Parker-Ford is a clown. E. C. Benedict-II is sheer foollabness. Colonel George Harvey-II is silly. James B. Day-The plan is grotesque and will accomplish nothing but ridicule of our comptre.

things; a mission, a generous heart and a fat pocketbook, but he has no plan to stop the war. Cardinal Gibbons-I think there are

too many formidable difficulties in the way to hope for its successful culmina-

Governor Fielder, of New Jersey-Meddlesome

Judge Ben Lindsey-I heartly approve

suril. Dr. Moses Stearn, who spent \$2.98-I'll

Ford coming to England on a peace mis-sion. He asserted that the presence of ston. He a either man

revenue collector in this city, both preant, the hearing room was pervaded with benevolent spirit of social service work. Many of those arraigned had been held for further hearings and were discharged Many had epent several weeks in Meyn-mensing Prison, by special arrangement, in an effort to get away from the habit and temptation, and the experiment eviwill notify both through the Washingto Government that a visit on a peace mis-sion by the two Americans would be dis-tasteful to the British Government. dentify proved successful in many cases. All those discharged were examined by Dector Khein and Dector Wood, who took

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.-State Department officials today made no conment of their fears that the United States will be seriously embarrassed by the Ford peace expedition to Europe. This feeling of apprehension has been inten-sited by the inquiries from European nations, both neutral and belligerent, as to what, if any, connection the pears ship had with the State Department.

peacemakers from the State Department At the passport bureau applicants who

of our country. William Jennings Bryan-It is worthy of praise and will accomplish much good. John Wanamaker-Mr. Ford has three

Mr. Ford's efforts to stop the slaughter. John Hays Hammond, Jr.-Two weeks in England would show them their

Charles W. Ellot, president emeritus of Harvard-Ford's peace cruise is ab-

sue him.

either man here would be unwelcome to England and a source of irritation. Sir Edward gave notice that he would

interpellate the Government on Monday, naking Sir Edward Grey, the Fordan Minister, if he had heard of the proposed visits of Bryan and Ford and whether he

FEAR FORD TRIP MAY EMBARRASS THE U.S.

To all of these insulties Secretary Lan-sing has replied with emphasis that the pacifists would carry no authorizations as peacemakers from the State Department.

Mr. Ford's conference room. NO BRITISH WELCOME FOR FORD AND BRYAN

WANTED IN BRITAIN

not make the voyage. He became aroused because a clerk denied him admittance to

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tourists. The previously announced officials will withhold passports to any of the belligerent countries.

One veteran diplomat said that some or many of a large number of persons, however well intentioned, if inexperienced in the ways of diplomacy, might easily commit a faux pas even in a neutral country which would embarrane that country in its relations with the belligerents and so bring the United States into undesirable prominence.

into undeurable prominence. The question of whether former Sec-retary of State Bryan would be granted a paraport if he wants to go to England on a pence mission was raised at the State Department today. Officials re-fused to say what action would be taken, but indicated plainly that they believed as managed would be issued. no passport would be issued.

"Passports to belligerent coountries are being issued only when persons have urgent business there," an official of the passport division of the State Departtent said.

ment said. A passport was granted Henry Ford today by the State Department. It is made out only to neutral countries, Hol-land, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. By noon more than 150 applications for passports had been made for persons de-siring to go on the Ford ship. Among those favorably acted upon were for bades Ben Lindsev and Henrietta Brood those favorably acted upon were for Judge Ben Lindsey and Henrietta Brood Lindsey, of Denver. The cierks in the passport division were

instead all day working on the applica-tions. It was believed that all of them would be disposed of before night. Offi-cials made it plain that all would be granted if the persons for whom they are made were born in this country.

"ALL ABOARD" WORK PUSHED AT PEACE HEADQUARTERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.-Eleventh-hour preparations for the departure of the Ford peace expedition made headquarters

intend sailing with Ford are regarded as at the Biltmore Hotel a scene of great ately went into conference with the part into

passports had arrived from Washington. Their minds were immediately put at rest by a statement that these would reach here this afternoon by a special messen-ger, who had been sent to Washington. This messenger will also bring Mr. Ford's passport.

there the arrival of delegates from other there the arrival of delegates from other neutral countries. Governor Hanna, of North Dakota, the only State Executive to accept Mr. Ford's invitation to join the peace mission.

ately went i cifist leader. Many anxious members of the expediinst leader. It was announced that W. J. Bryan, who is on his way to New York, has been delayed and would be unable to reach the Ford headquarters before the tion telephoned to ascertain whether the passports had arrived from Washington their been. late afternoon. Dr. Charles F. Aked, of San Francisca,

Dr. Charles F. Aked, of San Francisco, former Rockefeller pastor and one of the first persons to accept a borth about Henry Ford's peace ship, left peace head-quarters in a huff today after a work bout with some of Ford's lleutenants, If anything should develop at the last If anything should develop it the prace nit-moment to prevent any of the prace nit-prima from leaving on the Oscar II, they will be able to follow on the next ship and overtake the main expedition at Christiania. It is probable that nearly two weeks will be spent at the Norwegian capital, as the American party will await the archival of delerates from other Aked told reporters positively that he would cancel his passage and will be sail with the Ford party.

A frock-coated doorman thrust his arm A frock-control doctman infant his aim nerosa the entrance to Ford headquarters today and denied the San Francisco par-tor admittance. This caused the preacher to change his mind about the peas voyage.

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the eyes of city finaticiors. The net funded debt of the city on Sen-tember 1 was \$10.55.042 and, with the \$0,000,000, will make the actual debt of the city total \$20,000,00. These figures are offset to a small destree by the moneys now in the Sinking Fund to retire old bans. Realizing the immensity of the plan members of the Finace (committee have gone to great lengths to explain that the money in the loan would not be borowed at any one time, but that loans would only be floated at such times as money would be needed to enter into con-

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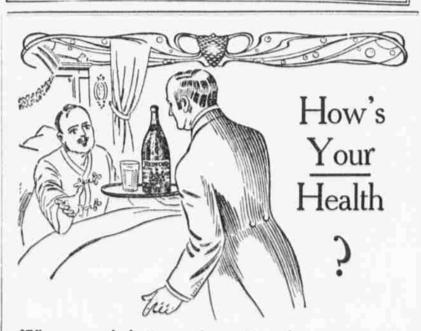
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