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MYOR-ELECT DEFERS NAMING TRANSIT HEAD INTIL HE TAKES OATH

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with, However, Repeats Statement That a New Director will Be Appointed When He Takes Office

INFERS WITH PENROSE

By a Staff Correspondent

Hydraudy CITY, N. J., Dec./ IL-argelect Smith today announced that would name no Transit Director to would name no Transit Director to and Director A, Merrit I aylor office. He has been installed in office. He wind however, that he did intend to wind a new Transit Director, but he and neither admit nor deny that Will-a Twining was the only man being mond for the place. ed for the place.

sheed for the place. She he announced that no appoint-wit would be made immediately. Mr. th was asked if that could be taken officate that the transit situation was

TWINING'S CANDIDACY.

will not answer that." said Mr. sh "Have you considered any one spt Mr. Twining for the place?" he then asked. "I decline to answer t, said the Mayor-elect. "I will say however, I expect to appoint a suc-sor to Mr. Taylor, but I will not ap-athim until after I have taken office." Mayor-elect's third announcement that he would be a candidate for in-at-large to the Republican na-convention, and that he "hopes and that Governor Brumbaugh also be a candidate."

The Mayor-elect played golf yesterday sening and early afternoon at the Sea few Cub with Thomas E. Mitten, presi-nat of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit william S. Vare attended. After the a William S. Vare attended. After the school the Mayor-elect, after refusing answer all questions regarding the usit situation, also declined to say where he would appoint an engineer as to Director Taylor.

MAYOR-ELECT'S MESSAGE. yor-elect Smith's first annual message a maugural message-to Councils, will

se, optimistic, but sane," he said

MAY: The message is completed and is short, if the Mayor-elect. It embraces every partant defail of the comprehensive maran for constructive work that he milled during the campaign, and since while the Mayor-elect would not discuss

message in detail, he gave the imart on the construction of the subways as elevated lines, the Art Museum, a same disposal plant, the completion of Parkway, the reconstruction of Blockand the other improvements included advocated under the proposed \$25,000.-ion that is being held up pending the on of the new administration. "I might just as well give it out now, and not read it before Councils," said as Mayor-elect, when he was asked toat his message.

"I will say this, however," he added. "It a been finished. It is short and com-ehensive, but optimistic and same. It uptraces in a concise but comprehensive up the entire constructive program that has already been outlined. I will not already been outlined. I will not use it in detail, of course, but I hope a will convince the people of Philadel-plathat I will give them a business and a efficient administration." The Mayor-elect paid a high tribute to

layer Blankenburg. "I have on numerous occasions lately

arressed my sincere regard and admira-tem for Mayor Blankenburg." he said. "I admire him very much. He has la-bred hard for more than a score of mars to better the living conditions in NEW YORK, Dec. 3. --Philadelphia is to have its own Automobile Show next week, but today all eyes are turned foward New York. The léth National Au-tomobile Show opens here this after-non at 2 o'clock. Its promoters say that it is going to be "some show." There will

in the ranks of the Republi-Organization in Pennsylvania is in balance and is being worked out at a ries of conferences being held here daily th Mayor-elect Smith as the host.

day there is a possibility of Governor abaugh and Senator Penrose getting ther. They are both in Atlantic City, both of them have been invited by



COLLEGE POLITICS.

"We're gittin' too much college poli-ticks aroun' dese diggin's," he declared. "Doy don't seem to tink a guy's no good unless he's got a flock o' diplomers an' talks like a dichshonary. You know an' 1 know dat dey ain' no diplomers hang-ing near many of der leaders. But jis bekaws a guy sport most of his lofe La battaglia navale che si svolse nell'Adriatico e che termino' con la dis-truzione di due cacciatorpediniere aus-triaci ebbe luogo mercoledi' mattina tra It is going to be "some show." There will be exhibited more than 300 new "1916" models of cars. They will be pleasure cars, not commercial trucks, and will range from the smallest of runnbouts to the bigest of limousines. About 90 manu-facturers will be presented. Besides the cars there will be 307 exhibits of acces-sory auto parts. The whole show will emo

FARCE "EXCUSE ME" MAKES GOOD MOVIE

Rupert Hughes' Comedy of **Transcontinental Travel First** Savage-Pathe Release

By the Photoplay Editor

EXCUSE ME!" Pathe Gold Rooster Play in five parts. Produced by George F. Marlon for Henry W. Savage. Released today.

The first play from Henry W. Savage's collection to be made a film feature and released through the Pathe Exchange is one of the manager's many happy ex-peditions into farce undecorated by nusic, "Excuse Me!" From first to last it makes a consistently amusing photoplay. It has no tremendous epoch-making moments of mirth and-which is not to be said of every five-part comedy-it has no yards of dulness and tedium.

of dulness and redum. "Excuse Me!" is well cast to start with. George F. Marion himself, Robert Fischer, Harrison Ford, Vivian Black-burn and some unnamed players all con-tribute something good. In production the film follows the play to a surprising extent. Indeed, it is doubtful if any previous successful screen production has adhered so strictly to the undecorated action of the play, once the preliminary action of the play, once the preliminary exposition of the stage is acted out. For four reels the action passes antirely

on a transcontinental train of Pullmana. It concerns an eloping couple, who missed the minister instead of the train, and who have all sorts of trouble finding another. The situation is handled with even more propriety and restraint than on the stage. propriety and restraint than on the stage. The resemblance to Rupert Hughes' amusing play is still further increased by the use to a considerable extent of studio-built Pullmans with the sides cut away showing the ends of the near seats, as in the original production. It would be hard to say, however, just where genuine trains could have been more often utilized. Some very clever use is made of screen "asides" to the audience. Announcement is made that a feature of the bill to be presented at the Stanley Theatre, starting just after the New Year has been ushered in and for the benefit and entertainment of those who have journeyed to the vicinity of the City Hall

ourneyed to the vicinity of the City Hall addition there will be a supplementary bill of comedy and current event num-bers. The performance will start at 12:15 a. m. on New Year's morn and continue for upward of an hour. Beginning thus, just as the tunult and the shouting dies and when relief is sought from the jost-ling crowds, no more pleasing or fitting measure of direction in the new here manner of starting in the new-born year could seem to be chosen. There will also be special midnight per-formances at the Palace, Globe, Arcadia

and Regent.

After many of the 250 actors staging a war scene on the large sandbar at Mil-ford, N. Y., for Pathe Frere's new film, "The Light That Failed," were found to have worn gloves, Edward Jose, premier director for the company, ordered the scene made over again, and despite the cold wintry blasts from Long Island Sound the men had to "fight" with bare hands

The sandbar represents the Sahara in the great production, and the entire troupe, with at least 300 employed in this city, will remain in Milford for the next week or so working on the Egyptian scenes.

Rose Melville, who as "Sis Hopkins" ereated "ountry-wide amusement for 11 years on the legitimate stage, has been lured from the retirement at her country place at Lake George, and has consented to appear on the screen in a film version of her famous Hoosler sketch. It is not of her famous Hooster sketch. It is not known definitely with just what company she has become affiliated, but it is ru-mored it is one maintaining a winter studio in Florida. In speaking of her en-trance into pictures she avera that her real reason for coming out of retirement is the fun of giving her Hooster character elegated to future generations. She here sketch to future generations. She began her career with her sister, Ida Melville,

LOCUST STREETS

EMILY STEVENS in

Weekly Programs

Motion Picture Chart

in R. E. Rice's production of "Little Christopher, Jr." Her success as the droll little Hoosler girl was so decided that a play was written around her, and in the character she continued for 11 years until

Theatrical Baedeker PLATS. RREST-"Watch Your Step." with Mrs. "rrom Castle, Frank Tinney, Bernard Gran. lie and Elizabeth Brice, Thoney ton, Castle trace, Berlin rags and a Dillingham produc-ten.

her retirement a year ago.

GARRICK- 'On Trial.' with Frederick Perry and a good cast. An exciting story of crime written backward in the form of a trial Novel and entertaining.

ROAD-"Secret Service," with William Gill lette. The familiar old spy play; still good fun. DELEPHI- The Land of the Free," with Effingham Finto. A patriotic American comedy of love and war, by Edward Locke. Rambling and undramatic, yet getting the

LTRIC - The Bobbe." with Louis Mann Mr. Mann at his beat in a somewhat padded German-American comedy. WALNUT- The triah Dragoon." with Andrew Mack: Reosening of the playhouse for pop-ular-price plays. STOCK.

AMERICAN-"Help Wanted." The Arvine Rock Company, with Mr. Arvine and Ruth Roching, in Jack Latt's play. RVICKERBOCKER- The Old Homestoad." The Rickerbocker Players in Denmar Thompson's rural masterplece. BURLESQUE.

DUMONT'S - Dumont's Minstreis, in bur-league and travesties of the times.

FHOTOPLATS FHOTOPLATS HESTNUT STREET OPERA HOUSE -Macrelous MacInte, the new Italian film, a sequel to Cabira, featuring the renowmed Edward Fagano, who played Macinte in the former york STANLEY "Temptation." with Geraldine former work "Temptation." with Geraldine Farrar, The diva's second film; will be shown all week. It deals with the life of an opera site. ARCADLA-Friday and Saturday, "Between Men "tith House Peters and W. S. Hart, and "Dizzy Heights and Daring Hearts," a Keysione councer, REGENT-Friday and Saturday, "Excuse Me." PlatACE-Friday and Saturday, "Excuse Me." Pirate, "with Syd Chapilo.

VAUDEVILLE. TH'S — Beatrice Herford, monologues; ble Bena, vocaliat: "The Passion Play Washington Source". Baneroft and ske: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wilde, shadow-ohs: Hoey and Lee: Holmes and hanan; Kerrille Family, "billardists"; c) and Demas Deimas aul Conchas and company, Norris' Lloyd and Britt, Edward Miller Vincent, DeWitt, Burns and Tor-

KBYS-Second half of week Bobbie KBYS-Second half of week Bobbie al comedians: Foreman and company: and Williams, comedians; The Aerial

ave. RE--'Cellege Days," a munical tabloid ton Players, in a "Modern Cleopatra" by Morse, Ovron and Drew, the Zera Car-trio, the Maudins, Barnes and Robin-, Glimore and Gorbin. Orice and Mason i George Smedley. Billy

Germans Deny Loss of U-Boat

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—The report from Bu-charest sent out by a British news agency that a German submarine had been lost in the Baltic is declared by Ger-man authorilles to be an invention, the Overseas News Agency announced today.

PROMINENT

NEW RATES ON LIVE STOCK

R. Holds Meetings to Acquaint Dealers With Changes

The Pennsylvania Railroad is helding

The Pennsylvania Railroad is holding meetings of live stock dealers at various points along its lines .. acquaint them with the changes governing the ship-ment of live stock, which will be in-augurated tomorrow by all of the rail-roads east of the Missinaippi and north of the Ohio Rivers. The changes, which are made necessary under the requirements of the Cummins law, compel the railroads to have the shippers declare the value of their stock and rates will be charged on a sliding scale according to the valuation given. Under the new regulations the maxi-mum liability assumed by the railroads at the lowest rate is \$250 for a horse, \$150 for cluves and hogs, and \$10 for sheep, goats and lambs. If a higher valuation than these is given, the rate will be in-creased 5 per cent, for every 30 per cent. or less increase in valuation.

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Others

"THE BROKEN COIN," No. 12

"AGONY OF FEAR," 3 Parts

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JUMBO FRONT ST. AND GURARD AVE



a Mayor-elect to be his guests at the for Club all day. Senator Penrose ac-mited hast night and announced that he fould spend the day with the Mayoret "on the links."

rnor Brumbaugh did not return Governor Brumbaugh did not return hom Scranton until late this morning, and is answer is not known. The other firsts today include City Solicitor-elect John P. Connelly and Thomas E. Mitten, resident of the Philadelphia Rapid sit Company. Mayor-elect Smith predicts harmony,

Mayor-elect Smith predicts harmony, iff at the same time does not take it ion himself to speak for the Vares or he Brumbaugh, for that matter. "There will be no fight on the question of dele-nies to the Republican National Conven-ten," he said last night, after he had finde with Senator Penrose at the Shel-hurne and had taken a two hours' walk with the Senator on the boardwalk, dur-ing which time he discussed the State sit-wition with Penrose at length. "This, however, is my personal opin-

This, however, is my personal opin-tes, he added. The Mayor-elect after fining with Senator Penrose, Mr. Mitten and Walter J. Chase, of H. W. Brown a Co., a personal friend of his, made announcements. first was that Governor Brum-

has has not a candidate for anything. Anked about Brumbaugh's reported candi-tates for the Fresidency or the United states Senatorship, he said, "Governor Rrumbaugh is not a candidate for any-ting. I do not believe that any such thoughts have ever entered his mind." Mr. Smith then said he expected har-sony on the question of delegates, but mainted that this was his personal view. The Mayor-elect's opinion is regarded a significant, inasmuch as he is in the ostion of a sort of buffer in the jockey-at for position for a State-wide fight be-ween the state of the state-wide fight bethe Vare-Brumbaugh coalition and the Pencose-McNichol faction, his state-ment, coming as it did after a dinner and a long walk with the Senator, who came ntle City late yesterday afternoon, drive out the germs of pneum

CURFEW TO RING AT SHORE FOR ALL-NIGHT TROLLEYS

Chelsea and Ventnor Owls Must Walk After 12.30 A. M.

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 31.-Hundreds of ealthy cottagers in lower Chelsea and Veninor are ready to fight today. On and aorrow night curfew, for the most Herate of night owls among them, will nd at 12:30 a. m., and if they are not by to go home by that hour they can

That will be the effect of a rule just monulgated by Judge Cole, received for the fitney-wrecked Atlantic City and e Hailway, eliminating all-night servshow.

The li never has paid, but the company apt it going under the theory that it are sood business to please the public. That may be true," Judge Cole said to-ay in announcing his new order, "but the public did not reciprocate sufficiently to keep the trolley line off the rocks finan-ually."

A thousand cottagers, who did not use might cars once a month, neverthe-ass siz much wrought up now that they are to go.

Potato Storage House Burns Alinest, Det. Dec. St.-John E. Cord-te storage house, with 600 baskets of totatoes, canned goods and several of pumpting, war burved Thursday in The damage is since, balf insured one the third potate house fire here short time. sory auto parts. The whole show will rep-resent several million dollars in auto products.

The Grand Central Palace, 43d street and Lexington avenue, will be the scene of the show. Four of its floors will be used, two for the cars and two for the acces-sories. The decorations are so elaborate "The Palace of Motoria." Some 25,000 yards of deep marcon velvet, festooned with deep blue and gold drape, the mar-ble columns of the interior. Marmoth ble columns of the interior. Mammoth electric chandellers will light the scene. New Yorkers are saying that since the war in Europe has "side-swiped" the an-

"feri mattina un esploratore e cinque cacciatorpediniere nemici ai presentarono davanti a Durazzo per bombardare la citta". Essi causarono lievi danni e furono quindi attaccati da navi da guerra italiane nual shows at London, Paris and Berlin, their own show is the only one in the world with international importance. All that is latest and best in automobile consruction is to be shown. The exhibits are of such bewildering variety that they can scarcely be enumerated.

But some salient innovations stand out. There will be several 12-cylinder cars shown, whereas the eight-cylinder car was the novelty of last year. The Sedan car, with a body which makes it service-able for use in both aummer and winter, will be a favorite model. Car bodies will

be of lighter and more compact type. Itadiator shapes will show a tendency toward the lines of racing machines. In-genuity would seem to have been ex-hausted in the equipments which are ready for view. The show will be in progress for eight

days. Last year, when it was open for seven days, more than 300,000 persons at-tended it, and the prediction is made that more than 400,000 will visit this year's exhibition. More than 3000 dealers have exhibition. More than 3000 dealers have applied for tickets. Wednesday has been set aside as "Society Day," and Thurs-day as "Military Day," when prominent army men are expected as visitors. Senator Thomas P. Gore, of Oklahoma, will address the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce at its banquet at the Waldorf on Tuesday night. The Mo-

will address the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce at its bunquet at the Waldorf on Tuesday night. The Mo-tor and Accessory Manufacturors' annual banquet will be held in the same hotel on Wednesday night. On Thursday the So-clety of Automobile Engineers will hold its annual dinner at the Piaza Among the Philadelphians who will come over to witness the opening of the big show today are Philip Russell, of the Bulck: Percy Neal, of the Cadillac; J. C. Gomery, of the Hudson: A. E. Maltby, of the Winton, and Louis Hlock, of the Ford Larger Philadelphia delegations will come to New York on Monday, when the actual business of the show begins. The exhibit will be open on New Year's Day, but not on Sunday. Colonel George Pope is chairman of the show committee; Wilfred C. Leland, as-sisted by Alfred Reeves, is general man-ager of the Automobile Chamber of Com-merce, and S. A. Miles is manager of the show.



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TRIMS TREE AND DISAPPEARS

State-wide Search Being Made for

Mrs. John Haggerty

The new year will have no happiness for John Haggerty, of 2826 Columbia avenue, on account of the disappearance of his wife and year-old babe. It was learned

today that the police were making a State-wide search for them.

Mrs. Haggerty left home with the in-

to account for her strange action, but be-lieves it might have been due to the fact that she had been in bad health. ,

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fant after trimming a tree in the p on Christmas Eve. Haggerty is at

dem guys what swept it out be units, and wrote reports about it." Denny paused for a puff. ustriache si volgevano in fuga, il caccia-orpediniere Lika urto' contro una mina salto in aria, ma l'equipaggio fu "Don't git me wrong," he cautioned, "I think that Davis feller's all right, I don't blame him fer gittin' der coln an' e saito in aria, ma requipaggio iu salvato e fatto prigioniero. Le altre navi nustriache, e cioe' un esploratore o tre altri cacciatorpediniere, dopo aver sof-ferto piutosto gravemente per l'insegui-mento,* riuscirono a guadagnare, le Bocche di Cattaro e a mettersi in salvo. Il Ministero italiano della Marina pub-blicava a questo riguardo ieri sera il sesuente comunicato ufficiale: takin' it somewhere else. But why do dey have to go 300 miles from town to git somebody to run der water. runnin' all right before Mister Davis kum aroun'. An' it woulda been runnin' ther same if he hadnt a come.

"We got der laiest filtrin' plants here an' all der conweeniencis to make ler water run all right an' a bunch o' men dat understans it all right anyhow." And Denny laughed out loud.

EDUCATED GUYS.

"Say, der whole plant goes even when der chief goes on a vacashin', don't it? Yes. Well, den dat shows that ther guy in the ranks and ther foremin knows all ed alleate che dincrociavano in quelle vicinanze. I cacciatorpediniere austriaci Triglav e Lika furono affondati ed i superstiti del Lika furono fatti prigionferi. Un aeropiano austriaco fu anche atterrato da un nostro cacciatorpediniere." Da parecchie settimane l'Austria aveva about it, Don't it? Yes.

"Well, if dey want swell guys dat look interleckshil, why don' dey git a Philiy-delphy guy-who knows he's own cityintrato i suoi sforzi ad impedire che gli italiani abarcassero corpi di spedizione in Albania fer andare in aluto dei serbi, ed avevano specialmente attaccato and if they must have 'em diplomers, why git a guy wid n etty diplomer an' do yer know"-Denny paused in triumph -and do yer know I hear dat de Unicommunicato ufficiale austriaco versity here hands out diplomers dat's onferma l'affondamento del due cacciajist as good as der best of 'em?"

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