# FATE OF CONFERENCE ON TRANSIT REMAINS IN HANDS OF SEGER

P. R. T. Operation of City-Built Lines and Abolition of Exchanges Would Come Up for Agreement

# RESOLUTION INTRODUCED

The future of the proposed conference batseen Mayor Smith, the future Direc-tor of City Transit, representatives of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company and ncils' Street Railway Committee, with idea of considering an agreement for RT. operation of the city-built, high-P. R.T. operation of the city-built, high-speed lines and for the immediate aboli-tion of eight-cent exchange tickets, now rests in the hands of Charles Seger, the Organization leader in Select Council and the political lieutenant of Senator Pen-rose and Senator McNichol. The resolution calling for the confer-sion, which was introduced in Councils Thursday, has been referred to the Com-mittee on Street Rallways, of which Seger is chaltman. Whether the resolution will

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remains for Seger to say.

When questioned regarding possible action on the resolution. Mr. Seger declined
to comment upon the matter, although
he infinited that a meeting of the committee night be called within a few days.
The other members of this committee are
Select Councilmen Boal, Buchholz, Crawford, Evans, Abrams, Finley, Quigley,
Trainer, Morton, Nickel, Walsh and Common Councilmen Trinkle, R. Smith, MeGurk, Fryan, F. Schwarz, Burke, Stockley, Dance, Dougherty, Asnip, Remig and
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Speculation is rife among all factions Speculation is rife among all factions interested in transit development as to what the policy of the Organization toward the conference may be. Seger was openly hostile to ex-Director Taylor has year when the fight was centred in Coun-

year when the light was centred in Councils to have legislation passed to permit a beginning on the high-speed lines.

Should the Street Railway Committee report favorably the resolution calling for a conference and Councils pass it, transit advocates are asking what the attitude of Seger's committee then will be. The most important question being saked is whether the committee will take the tentative agreement made after long onferences in May, 1914, as a basis for the proposed conference, or will disre-gard all that Director Taylor accom-plished and make a new start.

#### TAFT'S VISIT TODAY MARKS EMERGENCY AID ANNIVERSARY

Committee Has Spent \$500,000 to Relieve Suffering in Year

The completion of a year of achievement of the Emergency Aid Committee, in which it expended more than \$500,000 for the relief of war sufferers in Europe and the poor of this city, will be marked this afternoon by a visit to the headquarters, HS Walnut street, by former President William H. Taft. Mr. Taft will make a personal study of the Emergency Ald sys-tem and its methods. Forty thousand workers are enrolled as

Emergency Aid workers. The total of a half a million dollars spent represents the humane work carried on by Philadelphia women and women throughout this State. The headquarters here has served as a sort of clearing house for a State-wide organization, which has re ceived help from civic clubs and other memen's associations. An advisory board has rendered great

polistance to the Emergency Aid in its work carried on through various sub-committees. The board consists of Ed-vard T. Stotesbury, George H. McFadden, Samuel S. Fleisher, Samuel Rea and Effingham B. Motris. The patronage of former Mayor Blankenburg and Mrs. Blankenburg and Mayor Smith and Mrs. Smith also greatly aided the committee.

# THE WEATHER

Official Forecast

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Local rain onlight; somewhat colder in north and orthwest portions; Sunday partly cloudy FIGHT FOR DEFENSE PROGRA and colder; fresh southwest to northwest

A disturbance that was central over Nebraska yesterday has moved north-custward across the Lake region with greatly increased energy. It extends a trough of comparatively low barometer southward to the Gulf, and has caused general rains throughout the castern half of the country except along portions of the Atlantic coast. The temperatures have continued to rise in the eastern States and mild conditions are reported as far weat as the Mississippi River, while a moderate reaction to colder has everspread the plains States. A disturbance that was central over

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#### Observations at Philadelphia

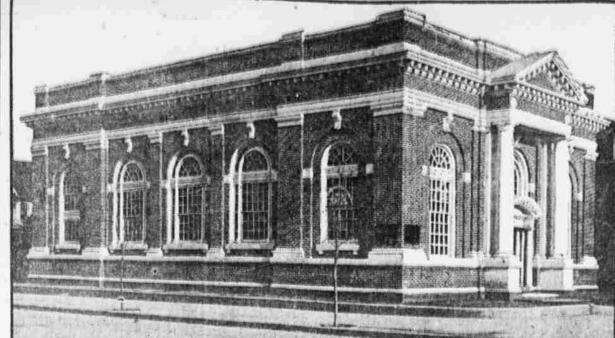
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and other vehicles..... 5:20 p.m The Tides ENUT STREET WHARF. REEDY ISLAND.

BREAKWATER

# NATIONAL BANK GOES INTO MODERN HOME



The Swedesboro, N. J., National Bank is holding a housewarming in its new building today. Financiers and others prominent in New Jersey affairs are the guests of honor.

## SWEDESBORO BANK OPENS NEW BUILDING; HUNDREDS ATTEND

South Jersey Residents Entertained by Officials of Institution at Informal Reception

C. S. CALWELL SPEAKS

#### Surprising Facts About Prosperous Swedesboro

Its national bank became so prosperous that it was forced to occupy larger and more sumptuous headquarters.

Thousands of farmers and school children, millionaires and deposit-ors of small means attended the exercises that marked the opening of the new building.

Large crops of asparagus, to-matees and potatoes made the bank a possibility.

This town is more than 40 years older than Philadelphia.

Residents of South Jersey, numbering many hundreds, attended the opening of the new building of the Swedesboro Na-tional Bank today. Farmers came in buggies, rich investors in their automo-biles, and school children, taught the value of thrift, walked for miles to at-

tend the celebration. As a reward for their interest they As a reward for their interest they were treated to huge quantities of lemonade, cakes and candy that were an important part of the festivities. Philadelphians were present, too, and Charles S. Calwell, president of the Corn Exchange National Bank, made a brief speech to the officials of the bank and the guests. An air of informality marked the occasion. J. Clark Helms, president of the bank, mingled with millionaires as well as depositors, whose accounts amount to less than a hundred dollars. of the bank, mingled with millionaires as well as depositors, whose accounts amount to less than a hundred deliars.

While business was being transacted in the old home of the bank, the residents of Swedesboro and surrounding towns and villages were inspecting the new structure. The more modern building was occupied officially today, but business will begin in the new building on Monday. The new building is situated on the most important corner of the

# FIGHT FOR DEFENSE PROGRAM

National Security League Branch to Rush Wilson Plan

A campaign endorsing President Wilson's preparedness program and the stu-dent military training camp idea at the University of Pennsylvania will be waged by a committee of "big men in college," appointed by the University of Pennsyl-vania branch of the National Security

vania branch of the League "Ted" Mcredith, captain of the track team, and Edward D. Harris, football captain, both exponents of preparedness in their respective athletic fields, are on the committee, which is headed by Edward Edenharter, former editor-in-chief of the Pennsylvanian. The other committeemen are Eugene H. Southall, editor-in-chief of the Pennsylvanian; Arthur Sewall, pole vaulter; Braddock Schofield, an officer in the law department, and Robert Dechert, manager of the baseball team and editor-in-chief of the Red and Blue.

#### STOLE TO GET ROLLER SKATES 11-year-old Boy Confesses to Snatch-

ing Girl's Purse and Buying Them "I wanted a pair of roller skates."

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Very few highwaymen are so frank in explaining why they ply their trade, but the police say that was the explanation given today by Walter Smith, an alleged highwayman—or rather, an alleged highwayman—or rather, an alleged highwayboy, for he is only il years old.

With the thought of a brand-new pair of roller skates in his mind, Walter saw a \$5 bill in the hand of 5-year-old Mary Kelly, of 2833 Albert street, who was going into a grocery store at 29th and Oakdale streets last night. When she came out there were packages of groceries and a handbag in her hands, and in the handbag \$4.81. Smith snatched the handbag, the police say he confessed, and ran. He ran straight to a store where they sell roller skates for \$2, and was arrested several hours later by Detective Mooney, skating on the sidewalk at 25th and York streets, a square from the 25th and York streets, a square from the 25th and York streets station. All but \$2 was recovered.

The boy, who lives at 2845 Silver street, was sent to the House of Detention for a hearing.

#### PRESIDENT ON 2-DAY CRUISE Leaves Capital for Short Voyage on Mayflower

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The President and Mrs. Wilson left Washington last hight on the Mayflower for a two-day ruise on the Potomac River and Chesa-

The President seeks seclusion for the President seeks seclusion for the preparation of an address he will deliver fanuary I in New York at a banquet of the Rallroad Business Association.

Lippincott Night Observed Lippincott Night Observed

Lippincott Night, the first of a series of 
"Publishers" Nights" to be celebrated by 
"Publishers" Association of Philadelphis. was observed last night at the 
Franklin Inn. J. Bertram Lippincott 
The speakers included 
was chairman. The speakers included 
Prof. Joseph P. Remington, Joseph W. 
Lippincott Drd J. Russell Smith, of the 
Wharton School, and Dan' Beard, National Scout Commissioner,

### GLOVE SKINS NOW MADE INTO COAT LININGS FOR SOLDIERS

War Has Caused Shortage in Photo Chemicals and Prices Soar High-German Cutlery Still Comes In

eration to generation. There is a skin known to the trade as 'schmascher,' from which the finest German gloves were made. But since the beginning of the war none of it has come to this country As a matter of fact, I understand that not only in Germany, but in other Euro-pean countries, the skins which were forpean countries, the skins which were for-merly made into gloves are now being used for lining coats for soldiers. This, of course, makes the supply of skins for making gloves not only scarce but more expensive. With the exception of one line of very fine gloves our firm has not increased retail prices. Then a great many skins for gloves were formerly imported from Dalmatia and the countries bordering on the Adriatic. They are all at war now and that supply is cut off.

"The finest kidskins come from the Alpine countries. There are gloves sold in America under the name of doeskin. Doeskin is supposed to be the skin of the antelope, which is an extinct animal. So when you buy a pair of doeskin gloves you are getting 'something just as good.' In the same way what is sold for chamois is only sheepskin. At present Italian lambskin is being substituted for kidskin. What are known as mocha gloves are made from kidskins imported from Mocha,in Arabia, where the coffee grows. There are none of these skins coming to America at present, nor are any coming from South Africa, where we get the skins for the well-known cape gloves. Glovers-ville, N. Y., and Milwaukee, Wis., are the two great glove manufacturing centres of the United States, and at the present time they are working night and day. "Gloves imported from European countries are brought here already made up. A single perfect kidskin will make only

one pair of gloves." "What is done with the waste skin after the gloves have been cut?" was asked. For answer Mr. Wagner produced to pairs of perfectly made diminutive kid

gloves, doll's size, "This," said he, "is what we do with the waste. We give these to our custom-ers' children, and," he added, "we pay exon Monday. The new building is situated actly the same duty on each of these pairs on the most important corner of the as we do on our regular goods."

According to John Haworth, of the Kodak Company, 1929 Chestnut street, the arices of some photographic developers have gone away up, while others cannot be had at any price. Asked if he knew anything about the reopening of the bromide wells in Pomeroy, O., and Mason City, W. Va., which were expected to re-lieve the situation, he said he did not. "We can still get hydrochinon at \$6 a

pound. Normally, before the European war, the price was 55 cents. As for metol, amidel and glycin, they might be had at \$30 a pound, but I doubt it. The normal price for them should be \$4.40 a

"The trouble is we have been absolutely dependent on Germany for many photo-graphic chemicals, and now our supplies are completely cut off.

"In the matter of glass for dry plates, aid Mr. Haworth, "we imported all of them from Germany. I understand there is a large supply of them on hand in this country, and I suppose we could make them here if we had to. These plates must be made free from the slightest blemish, and in their manufacture many must be rejected so as to get them abso-lutely perfect. If we made them in America we would have to use the same care as Germans do in their manufac-

"We have not the least difficulty in get-ting cutlery goods from Germany," said the manager of L. Herder & Son., 606 Arch street. "We manufacture all lines of cutlery here in our factory, and use Eng-lish-made steel, which is the best."

When shown the statement made at the executive meeting of the Pocketknife Manufacturers' Association at the Hotel Biltmore, New York, where it was stated that the supply of material was dimin-ishing, he said it had not affected their business up to the present.

"We have very large stocks of not only pocketknives, but all other articles of cullery on hand, and we are getting im-portations regularly from Germany by parcel post without any trouble. Of course, we pay for them before the goods are delivered."

MAKING 1000 AUTOS A DAY.

J. W. Crook, of Toledo, who is attending the convention of general agents of the Provident Life and Trust Company at the Hotel Adelphia, says the Willya-Overland Car Company, of Toledo, employs 10,000 men at present and is turning out 1600 cars a day.

RICE IS CHEAP.

According to J. E. Elliott, 45 South Front street, the general increase in prices for all commodities has not affected rice. Mr. Elliott says that he sells about one-seventh of all the rice soid by wholesale in Fhiladelphia. The total sales in this city, he asserts, are about 200,000 bags, of 190 pounds each, a year. This country has not imported any rice This country has not imported any rice since the beginning of the war, and the exports are principally to Cuba, Porto Rico and one or two South American countries. untries.

countries.

"The rice belt in the United States," said Mr. Elliott, "is in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas. The beat rice is known to the trade as 'Fancy Head'; the next best is known as 'Blue Rose,' and 'Japan' ranks next. Of course, there are different grades of these kinds. Rice has to be grown is low-lying flat lands which are kept under water all the time the rice is growing, which is from March until July. Then the water is drained off and the crop harvested."

the crop harvested." A DECADENT BUSINESS. "Ours is a decadent business," remarked

"The finest kid gloves imported into this country come from Grenoble, France." said H. H. Wagner, manager of P. Centemeri & Co., 1232 Chestnut street, "which has been famous for glove-making since the 13th century, and where the art has been handed down through families engaged in glove manufacture from generation. There is a skin ever, Of course, the men who made to ever of course, the men who med to And yet there are as many horses as ever. Of course, the men who used to keep driving and riding horses for pleasure are automobilists now, but we still sell them robes for their autos." CHILD BURNED IN BONFIRE Youth Risks Life and Is Injured in

Trying to Save Girl From Flames

"Jimmy Patton is a brave boy. I wish

stood before the cot of Elizabeth Drake, 7 years old, of 23d street and Washington avenue, heard her speak these words today when she regained consciousnes She is suffering from burns about the wrists, head and face. Yesterday she was -burned while playing at a bonfire.
"Jimmy" Patton is 17 years old and
lives at 1142 South 23d street. It was
Patton who risked his life when Elizabeth was accidentally shoved into the

A group of children, among them the Drake girl, built a fire at 26th and Wharton streets. They were watching the flames when Elizabeth was showed by one of her playmates. Across the street stood Patten. He heard the children stood Patten. He heard the children scream for help. He rushed over to the bondre. He threw off his coat and dragged out Elizabeth whose clothes were burning. He then rolled her in the mud until the flames were extinguished Patten is suffering from burns on the

HENRY JAMES STRICKEN

Author Suffers From Two Apopletic Shocks

LONDON, Jar. 22.—Henry James, the American author, who took the eath of allegiance as a British subject last year, has been seriously ill for several months and is not improving.

The chronic disease from which he suffers has been complicated by two light strokes of appollosis. light strokes of apoplexy.

#### FUNERAL OF MRS. DWYER

Services at Her Home and Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, Overbrook

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Gertrude Dwyer, wife of John P. Dwyer, managing editor of the Philadelphia Record, were held at her home, 1145 North 63d street, this morning. Requiem Mass was said in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Overbrook, and integment made in the Holy Cross Cemetery.

Mrs. Dwyer died on Wedness by after an illness of a week. She is survived by her husband, one daughter and four sons.

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#### **OBITUARIES**

The Rev. Abraham H. Brubaker LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 22.—The Rev Abraham H. Brubaker, of West Lam-

N. E. CORNER 17TH AND



g This 13-story concrete and steel fireproof structure reaches the highest point of development as yet attained in spartment construction and may be properly styled a parfect place of abode.

g An earnest effort has been made to offer a matchless home to those whose first consideration is not to count the cost alone, but to procure that which they desire; where there is only perfection, the size and char-acter of which may be selected and shaped according to the distinctive requirements of the individual g Suites are arranged from two rooms and one bath to ten rooms and five baths.

The location is excellent, being convenient to the business and shopping centres and yet not too near. All things considered, the rentals are moderate.

1 Further information, arrange-ments for inspection and reserva-tions may be made through NORMAN S. SHERWOOD

41 years, died last night from pneumonia, aged 71 years. His charges were at Willow street. Strasburg and New Provi-

Michael J. Drummond NEW YORK, Jan. 12 - Michael J. Drummond, former commissioner of charities, died at his home here today of pleuro-pseumonia. He had been ill several weeks. He was 65 years old, a millionaire and a personal friend of the late Mayor Gaynor.

#### Deaths

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hill st. on January 20, 1916, ANNA PI ENDORP, aged 57 years. Notice of fur

On January 20, 1916 THADDEUS OOK, son of the late David and Eleanor aged 78 years.

# and Ferries. JOSEPH S. MacLAUGHLIN, Director of Public Safety. and Charities.

# MAYOR'S CABINET

THE first page of the In-I taglio Section of Sunday's Public Ledger contains pictures of the Cabinet members thus far appointed by Mayor Smith.

GEORGE S. WEBSTER, Director of Wharves, Docks

Director of Supplies. WILLIAM H. WILSON,

DR. WILMER KRUSEN, Director of Public Health

GEORGE E. DATESMAN, Director of Public Works.

This is in addition to several pages of pictures of persons and events that figure in the news of the day, at home and abroad.

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