SUBWAY LEASE

Smith Says Commission Must See Contract Is Fair to City

TOO MUCH FOR TWINING

Responsibility of Operating Agreement More Than Individual Can Bear

Mayor Smith wants no question to arise as to the honesty of any agreement that may be made with the Rapid Transit Company regarding the lease of the proposed high-speed lines, the Mayor said to-

This is his reason, he added, for desir-ing a commission of reputable men to act with Director Twining in all matrelative to an operating agreement the company.

When questioned about the powers and duties of the Transit Commission he intends appointing, the Mayor said:

"I want them to take up the matter of the lease with the Rapid Transit Com-pany. I don't want any doubt in any one's mind as to the lease, and for that reason I want a commission composed of re-putable men to act with Director Twining in all conferences held relative to an operating agreement with the Philadelphia Rapid Transit. It is too important a project for the department alone to handle and to be responsible for.

WOULD DISARM SUSPICION

"I want no question to arise as to the honesty of any agreement which may be entered into. All of the engineering problems can be met by the department, but Director Twining needs help in the matter of the lease." Asked if he thought that the walls under City Hall would need shoring up even if it were not planned to take the subway under the building, the Mayor replied:

"I don't think the bad condition of the foundation of City Hall would ever have endangered the building when packed round by the earth, but when this sup-port is gone conditions are different. These emergency engineering questions are up to the department. I have heard nothing as yet from the Keystone Construction Com-pany, and as I will not be here this afternoon or tomorrow, I am not likely to hear anything before Monday."

The basis upon which the Keystone State Construction Company will offer to resume work on the Broad street subway and the island station under City Hall is being considered today by officers of the company in conference with underpin-ning engineers of New York. The de-cision and terms under which the company will propose to continue work will be made public on Monday or Tuesday.

The statement early next week from Senator McNichol's company will be handed to the Mayor in reply to the order to resume work immediately, which was given by Transit Director Twining late yesterday afternoon at a conference in the Mayor's office of the Mayor, City Solicitor Connelly, Director Twining, Senator McNichol and J. H. Loucheim, president of the Keystone concern. The engineering difficulties of the work,

the legal phases of the contract, and the questions of responsibility for damage to City Hall, and the probable cost of the additional work were discussed at the conference. Senator McNichol indicated that no new contract will have to be drawn to cover the continuance of work. The contract drawn by former Director Taylor, he said, was as fair as any could be and provides for every contingency,

DIFFICULTIES UNUSUAL.

The Senator made it plain that unusual difficulties were being faced and that the deplorable condition of the City Hall foun-dations was causing the gravest concern to his engineers. The probability that the walls will have to be rebuilt was indicated. same time it will be possible to do all necessary work under the terms of the present contract.

*MARRIED, HAPPY': NEWSSTAND GIRL WIRES SHE ELOPED Vera Rook, Once Behind Hotel Stand,

Explains Absence; Husband Unknown

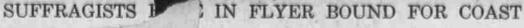
"Married. Very happy. Will be home

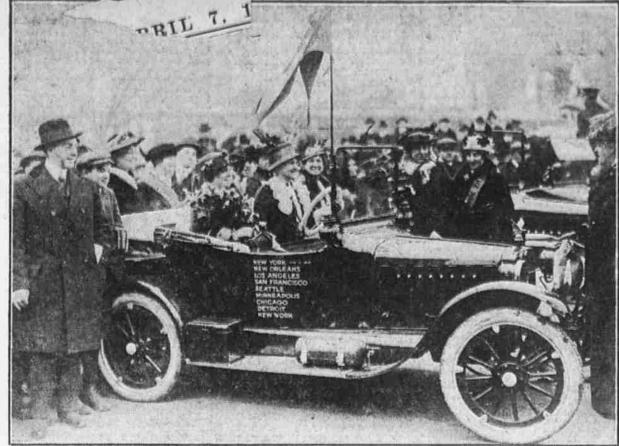
These seven words, telegraphed to this city from New York, today revealed that Miss Vera Rook, of 1321 North Broad street, who was employed behind the cigar and newsstand at the New Bingham Ho-tel, had eloped. The tedegram was re-ceived by her aunt. Mrs. Dorothy Drake, with whom Miss Rook lived.

The secret marriage took place in New York yesterday. Just who the bridegroom is nobody knows. Miss Rook, who is 20 years old, pretty, and who was popular among the guests at the New Bingham. left the hotel yesterday. She confided her romance to no one, not even to her

"I don't know the man who married my niece," said Mrs. Drake today. "I am anxious to see Vera and her husband. She never spoke to me about getting married and the telegram is certainly a surprise." The telegram was sent from the Grand Central Station in New York.

Runaway Balloon Travels 100 Miles PENSACOLA, Fla., April 7.—A big navy balloon which broke from its fasteninge and sailed away unplloted dropped to the ground at Argyle, Fla., 100 miles northeast of here, this afternoon. No word has been received as to its condi-





Mrs. Alice S. Burke (at wheel) and Miss Nell Richardson, who are starting a 15,000 cross-country tour, were met in this city today by members of the Woman Suffrage party. The picture shows them

BOY 'FIREBUG' ADMITS HE SET \$15,000 BLAZE

Child Wanted "to See Flames Shoot"-"Fun" Caused Injury to Firemen

12-year-old schoolboy confessed to Fire Marshal Elliott this afternoon that he was the "firebug" who had kept Ken-sington firemen on the jump during the ast few weeks.

"I like to see the flames shoot," was the reason given by little John McArthur, of 1822 North Front street, for starting blazes that caused property loss running Into thousands of dollars and which re-sulted in severe injury to several firemen. McArthur was taken into custody this afternoon by Assistant Fire Marshal Gallagher, following search for the cause of the fire last night in the building occu-pied by the Merchants' Warehouse Com-

pany at Front and Berks streets. The loss was estimated at \$15,000. That, according to the boy's own statement, was his second fire in one day. In the afternoon, at about 4:30 o'clock, an alarm was sounded from the box at Howard and Berks streets, and when firemen arrived they found a blaze in the ware-house of Peter Woll, 1990 North Mascher street. The fire was extinguished with little loss.

McArthur admitted setting this fire, but apparently he was disappointed because his desire to see the flames shoot into the air had not been satisfied. So, after sup-per, he said, he went to the Merchants' Warehouse and set another blaze. An alarm was given from the same box, and when firemen arrived they found the fire had gained such headway that another alarm was necessary.

On the way to the fire Ray Williams.

driver of Engine No. 23, was thrown from his seat when an axis broke. A horse crashed into a telegraph pole and had to be shot. Edward V. Volz was overcome by smoke, and an artery in the thumb of William McArthur was cut by broken glass. All the men were taken to St. Mary's Hospital.

Henry C. Miller, president of the Wareiouse Company, believed sparks from at engine on the railroad nearby had caused the fire, but the number of blazes in that vicinity recently caused the fire marshal to start an investigation. He learned that young McArthur had been seen in the neighborhood, and the lad was later ar-rested. This afternoon he was sent to the House of Detention after being ex-

the House of Detention after being examined by Fire Marshal Elliott.
McArthur also confessed to starting a fire in the Keystone Feed Company's building, 1909 North Front street, last Saturday, April Fools' Day, and another blaze at 1801 North Hope street, Tuesday.

Disbrow Funeral Tonight

Funeral services for Gamallel Disbrow veteran railroad man, who died yester-day at the age of 84 years, will be held at 7 o'clock tonight from the home, 3724 Haverford avenue. Interment will take Haverford avenue. Interment will take place tomorrow at South Amboy, N. J. Disbrow began rallroading as a fireman on the historic "John Bull," a locomotive which ran between South Amboy, N. J., and Camden, 67 years ago.

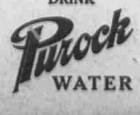


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16,000-MILE AUTO TRIP **'EASY' TO SUFFRAGISTS**

"No Danger at All," Says New York Pair, Here on Way to Coast

Two women who do not believe that just because they are making a 16,000-mile trip across the country and back again it is necessary to have a chaperon or an escort arrived in this city today all alone in a little yellow automobile built for two. The automobile was yellow because yellow is the suffrage color and the women are suffragists. The tour they are making is in the interest of suffrage, under the auspices of the American National Suffrage Association.

The women in the car were Mrs. Alice S. Burke and Miss Nell Richardson. They left New York yesterday, stopped in Trenton last night, arrived her shortly before noon, left at 3 o'clock, and will spend tonight in Wilmington. Temorrow they will be off for Baltimore and Washington and points between there and San Fran-cisco through the South.

The car, known officially as the "Golden Flyer," has been named the "Yellow Kid. Mrs. Burke is driver and mechanician, and both women are orators. They will make a few hundred speeches before they get back to New York. They addressed a meeting at noon today, when the car, escorted by two other automobiles full of Philadelphia suffragists wip had gone out to meet the "Golden Llyer" on the Northeast Boulevard, arrived at the east side of City Hall plaza.

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BLOODHOUNDS OUT ON

CLUE TO BANK ROBBERS

Canonsburg Looters Drop Package of Cash-Posse and Hounds on Chase

CANONSBURG, Pa., April 7 .- With the first definite clue to the recent location of the robbers, who raided the First National Bank, of Houston, and obtained \$15,000 yesterday, Constable Benjamin Rathbone speeded from here today with a posse of men and a bloodhound for Meadowland, three miles distant. The departure of the posse followed a message received by the cashler of the bank, J. K. McNutt saying the wrapper of a package of \$500 in bills had been found near that hamlet.

BOOST BY ADVERTISING, FRUIT MEN'S SLOGAN

Dealer Who Made History at Flower Show Points Way to Big Business

"Boost and build by means of a greater plume of advertising of the quality with big wallop' in it" was the keynote of rousing meeting held today at Book-inder's by the Booster Club of the fruit and produce dealers of this city,

and produce dealers of this city.

"Let us build Philadelphia by boosting our products," said W. Frank Therkildson, whose advertising campaign for the recent flower show secured an unprecedented attendance there. "Fruit and produce dealers," said Mr. Therkildson, "are probably the smallest advertisers of any business men. They are bound and hedged in by a lot of 'unethical ethics' and traditions that cramp their business and prevent its expansion.

Of particular importance to the dealers

Of particular importance to the dealers present was a resolution offered by Ed-ward Edmunds, chairman of the Depot ward Edmunds, chairman of the Depot Committee, that, beginning next Tuesday, the hour of opening the wholesale markets be fixed at 6 a. m. instead of at midnight or later, as is the custom at present, and that no samples be opened except in the presence of a possible buyer. The resolution was adopted. It was the feeling of the dealers that this would prevent any deception in the matter of samples shown, and would call for regular hours for selling instead of the arbitrary schedule as at present in vogue. schedule as at present in vogue

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