CROSS-TOWN CAR LINE ON FIFTY-SIXTH STREET VIRTUALLY ASSURED

P. R. T. Will Be Asked to Build Road-If Latter Refuses Private Capital Will Back Project

LOAN IGNORES SECTION

Councilmen, Business Men and Residents Organize to Support Plan

The much-needed crosstown line on 56th street, between Lancaster avenue on th sorth and Paschal avenue on the south, now virtually assured. Definite ansent of just what steps are to be taken to obtain the line will be made on Friday night, at a meeting of the Allied Business Men's Association, of West Philadelphia, by John N. McCarvey, chair-man of the association's Railway Com-

West Philadelphia Councilmen, busi west Philadelphia Councilmen, oussi-ness men and residents of the section which will be benefited by the line last night organized the South Fifty-sixth and Spruce Streets Business Association, in order to lend their support to the project as a body. The co-operation of all other husiness are sujections along the route ess organizations along the rout-

CAPT. CHARLES H. HOLTTUM

Old Philadelphia trader, known

to hundreds in this city, who witnessed the destruction of the Ger-

man fleet off the Falkland Islands. He was at that time in command

brook, which was being used as a transport collier. He is now in

this port in command of the Brit-ish steamship Masario.

LEAVES HOSPITAL FOR DRILL

Private in Company G Refuses to Re-

main Away From Inspection

"I've got to get to the armory tonight," he fold the doctors. "Company G is having inspection." The doctors wrapped his burns in cotton and he armory just in time for rollcall.

BUYS BIG TRACT IN LOGAN

Benjamin R. Hoffman Will Cut It

Into 126 Dwelling Lots

the British steamship Ben-

of the proposed line has also been pledged.

Two alternate ways by which the line may be built were explained today by Mr. McCaryey. The first would be to have the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company build the line upon the petition of Coun-cils and to operate it in conjunction with Its present system; the second would be to build the road with private capital and lease it to the transit company for an amount just sufficient to pay the interest on the honds, depreciation and all fixed

The husiness men and Councilmen from West Philadelphia intend to try the first method first, and if that fails sufficient money has already been pledged to assure the construction of the road. An ordinance calling upon the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company to build the line was introduced in Councils several weeks age by Select Councilman Dr. William D. Bacon, of the 44th Ward, and was reerred to the Committee on Street Rail-

ASK PUBLIC HEARING. A public hearing on this ordinance has been asked and it is expected that it will be granted within two or three weeks. Aside from pointing out the need of the line, the West Philadelphia business men. will ask the passage of the ordinance of the ground that their section of the city has been virtually ignored in the big municipal loan bill. Favorable action on the ordinance by Councils will give the Transit Company 90 days in which to decide what course it will take.

CONSTRUCTION ASSURED. If the Transit Company falls to anthe end of the 90-day period; private terests, Mr. McGarvey explained today, are ready to step in and organize the 5sth Street Crosstown Railway Company. The line, as planned, will be a little more than

three miles in length and it is estimated that it will cost about \$300,000.

According to statistics compiled by the

The movement to have the line built was begun nearly seven years ago. After five years of indifferent success the men back of the project organized the Allied Business Men's association of West Philadelphia with the specific aim of working for the road. Negotiations with the transfer organized with the transfer organized with the specific aim. sit company were begun and a verbal promise that the line would be built was secured from E. T. Stotesbury. No steps were taken by the company, however, and the present plans to secure the line were

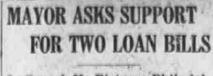
COUNCILMEN CRITICIZED. At the meeting of the South Fifty-sixth and Spruce Streets Business Association last night. Mr. McGarvey criticised the West Philadelphia Councilmen for their failure to have provision made for the construction of the line in the \$60,000,000 transit and port loan bill. He pointed out that provision had been made for a line through a sparcely populated section to Byberry, while a thickly populated section had been neglected. The Councilmen excused themselves on the ground that West Philadelphia has only one representative on the Finance Committee of tative on the Finance Committee of

Hospital Ship Aground WILMINGTON, Del., April 19.—The hospital ship Helen C. Julilard, built the local plant of the American Car de Foundry Company for the St. John's uild of New York, is aground, but not imaged, off Carney Point.



serican Ford Owners' Ass'n

BUY PHILA. MADE SHOES



In Speech He Pictures Philadelphia as Probable Greatest City in World

Support for the two proposed loan bills at the polls on May 16 was urged by Mayor Smith last night at the 10th annual banquet of the Frankford Business Men's and Taxpayers' Association, in Masonic Hall, Womrath and Paul streets. The passage of the two loan bills and support of the present administration will make Philadelphia the greatest city in Amer-ica, the Mayor declared.

Making an urgent appeal for favorable action upon the loan bills at the polls the Mayor asserted that they are "open and above board, and were drafted after weeks of earnest and careful consideration." In positive fashion he forecast an increased tax rate in the brief paragraph where he said. where he said:

The outlying sections will derive the greatest benefits provided for in improve-ments in the loan, while the centre of the city can look for nothing but increased

Touching briefly upon the subject of his Administration and the attacks which have been directed against it, or against him personally, the Mayor said:

/ My Administration is honest, and will remain so despite any attacks made upon it. We are working to make Philadelphia the greatest city in the country.

the greatest city in the country.

The Mayor told of the plan for a high-speed feeder line along Oxford pike and other roads, between Frankford avenue and Byberry, and also announced that plans for the improvement of Bristol pike were being completed and that the work would be inaugurated within a short time.

MERION FLOWERS BRING \$700

Sale Nets Twice Amount Needed for Day School Garden

More than twice the amount needed to establish the Merion Country Day School garden was cleared by the Flower Sale given Saturday on the school grounds Sale given Saturday on the school grounds by the Woman's Committee of the Merian Civic Association. According to Mrs. Frederick W. Rockwell, chairman of the committee, the sale brought in between \$1000 and \$1100, and the amount cleared is approximately \$700. Consequently work has already been started to lay out the garden, in which each child attending the school will contribute the school will be school will contribute the school will be scho in cotton and bandages, Paul Baker, A private in Company G. First Regiment, N. G. P. got-out of bed-at the Garretson Hospital last night and walked to his regimental armory, Broad and Callowhille streets, and went through company inspection. school will get a space four by eight feet allowing six to eight rows of veg-etables and flowers. At the Baldwin Locomotive Works in the afternoon, Baker, who is a wireman,

A special teacher will instruct the youngsters in how to make things grow. An artistic "bird path" will be placed in the center of the garden. The surplus money obtained through the fete will be applied to a permanent school garden funds. came in contact with an electric wire and, 250 volts went through his body. He was severely burned on the hands, face and

FIGHTS WAY FROM HOSPITAL TO GO TO GUARD INSPECTION

Militiaman, Injured by Live Wire, Conquers Doctors

Uncle Sam need have no fears for the future if all his soldiers are made of the same stuff as Paul Baker, of 1803 Ridge avenue, and a member of Company G, 1st Regiment, N. G. P. Baker is employed as a wireman at the Baldwin Locomotive Works. At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon he stepped on a "live" wire and received a shock from 250 volts of electricity. Unconscious, he was taken to the Garretson Hospital.

At 6:30 o'clock last night he fought off nurses and doctors and walked to the ar-mory, where inspection was taking place. When fellow-members of his command obrved him swathed in bandages they

What are you doing here?" "Well, I wasn't going to get arrested for not showing up at inspection," remarked Baker before he was hustled to home and

WILLIAM GIBSON DIES

Politician and Real Estate Dealer Succumbs at Fifty-seven -

William Gibson, a real estate dealer and well known in political circles, died on Monday at his home, 440 North 32d street. He was born in this city 57 years ago.

Mr. Gloson was a delegate to the Republican convention at Chicago in 1912, and when the Progressives went out he was elected an atternate delegate to that was elected an alternate delegate to that vas elected an alternate delegate to that convention the same year. For several years he was on the City Committee of the Washington party. In 1914 he was appointed chairman of the 24th Ward Washington party committee. He was treasurer of the General Council of the Categorial Charles in the United formed Episcopal Church in the United States and Canada, treasurer of the sus-tentation fund and treasurer of the Theoogical Seminary of the church. He was owner of the J. Ellot Shaw Electrical Company, 632 Arch street. He was a nember of Philo Lodge, No. 444, A. P. M., 12d degree, Philadelphia Consistory, He is survived by two sons, the Rev.

Dr. Samuel M. Gibson, who is associate rector with Bishop Cheney, of Christ Church, at Chicago, and William M. Gibson, Jr., and a daughter, Miss Anna Gib-

Big Ship Bought to Carry Tobacco SAVANNAII, Ga., April 19,—The Amer-ican steamship Vigilancia, of 2934 tons. hus been sold by the Walker-Armstrong Company, of Savannah, to Gaston, Will-lams & Witmore, of New York, for approximately \$500,000, according to an announcement here. The Vigilancia, ported here as in European waters, expected to be engaged in American to-bacco export trade with France and Eng-land.



Scandalous Anonymous Notes Evidently Written by One of Same Sex

A number of Philadelphia women, prom nent in society, particularly some residing n the immediate vicinity of Rittenhouse Square, have been annoyed by anonymou defamatory letters lately. Several fashionable residents along the Main Line also have received scurrilous missives in the

The matter has been placed in the hand-of James B. Cortelyou, Chief Postoffice Inspector here, and a vain effort made to identify the writer of the letters. This task has proved difficult, the envelopes showing that they were mailed at various parts of the city and invariably in street

the letters, it is said, were, without doubt, written by a woman, who has made an effort to disguise her real permanship. Members of one well-known family have been so annoyed that the services of a leading lawyer were enlisted. A daughter in this family was married in New York some time ago to a well-known roung man. Prior to the wedding and following it the letters came regularly many ng it the letters came regularly, ard statements being made regarding

the daughter.

A family council was held in a New York hotel and, as a result, a letter was and a suspected by the family as being the writer of the letters that had arrived almost daily. The woman was warned in this letter that her identity was suspected and that if she did not desist the authori-ties would be asked to place her under

For a short time the family received for a short time the family received no more letters, but within the last few weeks they have been arriving daily. A representative of this family said last night that one of the members once incurred the enmity of a Philadelphia woman and that they have reason to suspect that she has been writing the notes. ect that she has been writing the notes, chick are described in some instances as ing malicious.

Just how many letters have been written

annot be ascertained, but it is known that o, all written by the same hand and to

week. One was mailed at a street box in West Philadelphis, another at Broad and Chestnut streets and others in the vicinity of Rittenhouse square.

For a long time the different families who received the scurrilous letters said nothing about them outside their homes. From time to time sossip spread, and as a result there has been a gradual system of conferences among the victims.

A retired officer of the United States military service, who has been consulted by several families in the matter, said last, night that he had seen six letters which

by several families in the matter, said last night that he had seen riz letters which were received in the last week. He de-clared that they were all in the same handwriting and undoubtedly penned by an educated woman.

STETSON CHORUS IN CONCERT

Eighth Annual Program Elaborate and Well Presented

The Stetson Chorus held its eighth annual concert last night in the Stetson Auditorium, 4th street and Montgomery avenue. The affair was under the direction of Dr. Adam Gelbel. He was assisted by 30 members of the Philadelphia Orchestra, led by H. J. Chopourian.

An elaborate program was given in two parts. The first included many classical selections given by the orchestra, the chorus and the soloists. The second part was a cantata, "The Nativity," the part was a cantata. 'The Nativity,' the music of which was written by Doctor Gelbel. The proceeds of the concert will be donated to the Stetson Hospital benefit.

MEASLES EXTENDS VACATION Princeton President Adds One Week

to Easter Holidays

PRINCETON, N. J., April 19.—President John Grier Hibben, of Princeton University, caused a notice to be posted yesterday afternoon, stating that the Easter vacation, which will begin at noon on Wednesday, would be extended for a week because of several cases of measles among the undergraduates. The decision is re-garded as part of a policy of prevention, rather than one of necessity. There are eight cases of the disease among the undergraduates, ut it is stated that there are some 300 cases in the town. Many students who had planned to stay here over the vacation left at once

\$1,000,000 War Building Boom SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., April 19 .s many different families, were posted last | George Zboyovsky has awarded a con-

"The Defender of Verdun" is the name earned by Pétain, the French general who stemmed the German tide. Alden Brooks, who wrote"The Parisian" gives us a vivid picture of him in this week's



of 40 three-story houses in Northampton Heights, a suburb. The sum of \$115,090 is involved. Riegel and Schall also con-tracted this week to erect 12 houses on the West Side, to cost \$60,000. In other parts of the Bethlehems building operations are in progress to supply houses for mes, who have come here to be Bethlehem Steel Works. It is reported that between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 are involved in current building operations in the Bethlehems.





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