

TAYLOR APPEALS TO VOTERS TO SUPPORT TRANSIT AT POLLS

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For 5 cents by the joint use of the surface lines and the new high-speed lines.

"Second. The present intolerable overcrowding of surface cars at rush hours will be eliminated as soon as the long-distance riders are removed from the surface cars and carried on the new high-speed lines.

"Third. The exchange ticket penalty of over \$200,000 a year which is collected from the street car passengers will be wiped out and free transfers will be issued between surface lines at all points where they cross.

"Fourth. The investment of \$67,100,000 in transit and port development in Philadelphia will provide profitable employment for tens of thousands of men, and the placing of that large sum of money in circulation in this city will not only benefit you, but will benefit all business interests, both small and large.

"Fifth. The maintenance and operation of the new high-speed lines will give profitable employment to thousands of men.

NO TAX RATE INCREASE

"Six. The transit and port loans will not increase the tax rate. The Constitutional amendment recently adopted by your vote provides for the payment of the sinking fund payments on city bonds issued for transit and port development shall be paid out of the transit and port loan, and not out of tax money until one year after the high-speed lines are built and earning revenue, and until one year after the port developments are completed and earning revenue. Therefore, don't let anybody scare you with the tax bogey.

"Seven. When you and the members of your family want to go forth from your established home to the various parks which your tax money supports in other sections of the city, and to other places of amusement and recreation in other sections of the city, you will be able to do so quickly and for five cents on the new high-speed system. Many of you today cannot frequently enjoy those outings because of the high cost and time required to travel long distances on surface cars. All you have to do to secure these benefits, which will add so much to your comfort and convenience and which will enable you to save both time and money, is to pass the transit loan.

"I urge every workman in Philadelphia to go to work today among his friends and get them to turn out on election day and roll up a huge majority for the transit loan, which will really be a huge majority for their own welfare."

Am. Taylor

Mayor Smith opened the final week of the fight to have the city's bonded indebtedness increased by more than \$114,000,000 by a confident prophecy of the passage of both the \$47,000,000 transit and port bill and the \$47,000,000 general improvement bill.

Mayor Smith said:

"I am certain that both the transit and general loans will win by large majorities. I have been offered aid from all sides and am confident of their success. Every ward leader with whom I have talked has promised support for the measure. I am not in factional politics and am not talking anything but the loan bills."

"I can honestly say that all the ward leaders I have seen regarding the loans have promised their support to both the transit and general loans. I believe the citizens generally realize the importance of the measures and will back them to such an extent that there will be no danger of their failure."

McNICOL MEN PROMISE

Asked if he had not confided with James Carey, McNicol leader of the 6th Ward, Elias Abrams, a McNicol leader of the 15th Ward, and with other leaders who are friendly to Senator McNicol, the Mayor said:

"Yes, I saw those men and they have promised to support the bills."

In reply to the question, "Does not that indicate that Senator McNicol's friends are for the loan?" the Mayor replied:

"You will have to draw your own conclusions as to that."

"I am not talking factional politics," the Mayor continued. "But I am talking loans, and I mean to talk loans right up to May 16. I have already seen many ward leaders and mean to see them all before the close of the week. They have been asked to call, and the reason I have not seen more is because I have been unavoidably tied up with other matters. The conferences will be continued every day at my office and I have had many engagements for almost every night."

"I have nothing to say about Senator Vane's reply to Senator Penrose, and I do not mean to talk on factional politics. If anything occurs to change my determination along this line I will issue a statement from my office to the public."

REPORTS GRATIFY HIM

"I am receiving encouraging reports as to the loans from all sections of the city, and they are very gratifying to me. I believe that more than any man in the city of Philadelphia I am for the loans and their success is my one desire."

"I am working with the one end of having them succeed and there is no doubt in my mind but that both bills will be approved by the voters generally. I mean to tell the voters at every opportunity the advantages that will result to them by the passage of the loans."

The support of the residents of the central city wards and of the residents of the Northeast for the transit loan is urged by ex-Director Taylor in statements made public today and yesterday. In the statement to the residents of the Northeast, Mr. Taylor declares that the Frankford elevated line cannot be completed as planned and will be half finished and idle for an indefinite period should the loan bill fail on May 16.

FRANKFORD SITUATION

The cost of constructing the Frankford "L" Mr. Taylor points out, will be more than \$4,000,000. Only \$3,000,000 is now available for the work and the failure of the loan will mean that no additional money can be made available for at least a year.

The passage of the loan and the subsequent completion of the "L" by the end of next year, on the other hand, Mr. Taylor shows, will mean a saving of thousands of dollars annually to the residents of the northeast in time saved and will make possible the completion of the entire Taylor transit program with universal 5-cent fares in every section of the city.

"There is no district in this city which suffers more from the discriminatory exchange tickets than the nearby wards which will be served by the Frankford 'L'."

"The people of the northeast section pay \$21,000 per year for illegal and discriminatory exchange tickets."

"Under the Taylor plan these exchange tickets will be abolished and free transfers will be issued to them."

"The only way to secure the adoption of the Taylor plan is to complete the high-speed lines and to require the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company to operate them under the terms of that plan, which are fair to all parties interested. The people of the northeast section will save \$1,000,000 per year in traveling as soon as the high-speed lines are completed and in operation."

"That sum, calculated at 15 cents per hour, is worth \$210,000 per year to the residents of the northeast section."

"The transit loan also provides the funds required for the construction of the Broad street subway from League Island on the south, to Olney avenue, on the north, with a delivery loop under Arch, Eighth and Locust streets, also, with two elevated branches extending northward and southward from North Broad street. It also provides the funds required for the construction of the Woodland avenue elevated line to Olney and of the Parkway-Bark 24th street elevated line to the city center through the middle section of the city."

"The small amount of money of \$210,000 per year is a small price to pay for the \$21,000,000 per year which will be saved by the completion of the Taylor plan."

Transit Rallies to Hear Mayor and Taylor Speak

TONIGHT

Twenty-first Ward Board of Trade, Levering Hall, Ridge road and Monastery avenue. Former Transit Director A. Merritt Taylor and Mayor Smith will speak.

Germantown and Chestnut Hill Business Men's Association, Library Hall, Vernon Park, Germantown. Ex-Director Taylor will speak.

TOMORROW NIGHT

Forty-seventh Ward rally, Imperial Theatre, 47th street above Walnut street. Mayor Smith and ex-Director Taylor will speak.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

North Penn Improvement Association banquet, Majestic Hotel. Mayor Smith will speak.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Mass-meeting for business associations in Common Council chamber at 3 o'clock. Ex-Director Taylor, Mayor Smith and a number of others will speak.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Business Science Club luncheon, 12:30 p. m. Ex-Director Taylor will speak.

ride to the nearest station on the Broad street subway or to the nearest station on the delivery loop, or to the nearest station on the Frankford elevated, or to the nearest station on the Parkway line, and there transfer free to the high-speed system and to travel on the high-speed system to any other section of Philadelphia. Upon leaving the high-speed system you will be enabled to again transfer free to a surface car, if necessary, to reach your destination, all for one 5-cent fare.

I have been working for the last four years to build up a splendid transit machine in Philadelphia which will enable people to travel within each district and between all districts of Philadelphia quickly, comfortably and conveniently for one five-cent fare. When we get this machine by passing the transit loan every man can establish a permanent home, from which he and each member of his family can go forth quickly and cheaply to the places of employment, of recreation and of education in any other section of the city for five cents.

FRENCH REGAIN GROUND LOST AT VERDUN

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relative to a fourth great offensive against Verdun.

General Robert George Nivelle has been appointed to direct the local operations at Verdun. He will succeed General Henri Philippe Pétain, who has been promoted to commander-in-chief of the group of central armies on the Aisne, in the sector between Soissons and Verdun.

The text of the official communique follows:

On the left bank of the Meuse, fierce fighting continued throughout the night in the region of Hill 304. Various assaults by the enemy were broken by our resistance and resulted only in the Germans suffering very heavy losses. A sharp counter-attack launched by our troops drove the enemy out of the communications trenches east of Hill 304, where he had gained a foothold yesterday. We took 50 prisoners.

On the right bank, in the region south of Hautmont wood, during a series of night combats we drove the Germans from the greater part of the first line trenches which they had penetrated yesterday. Thirty prisoners, of whom two were officers, remained in our hands.

It has been established that yesterday's offensive operations on front of more than two kilometers, between Hautmont wood and Fort Douaumont, cost the enemy heavy losses.

The night passed quietly on the rest of the front except in the region of Remieres wood and Jury, west of Pont-a-Mousson, where our artillery showed great activity.

Two German aeroplanes have been brought down in aerial combats in the region of Verdun. One of them fell in the environs of Ormes and the other, seriously damaged, was forced to descend south of Azaanes.

1313 NONCOMBATANTS KILLED BY ALLIES, GERMANS SAY

BERLIN, May 8.—Since September, 1915, 1313 men, women and children have been killed in cities, towns and villages behind the German lines in France and Belgium by the Allies' artillery and aeroplanes. It was officially announced today. The statement, which was given out through the Overseas News Agency, follows:

In April the enemy's artillery and flares caused the following deaths among the civil population of those parts of Belgium and France held by the Germans: Killed, 8 men, 10 women and 9 children; wounded, 23 men, 29 women and 3 children. The total number of victims since September of last year is 1313 persons.

CROWN PRINCE FORESEES CAPTURE OF VERDUN

Prophecies Victory in Birthday Greeting to Troops

BERLIN, May 8.—Those in Germany who expected the birthday of Crown Prince Frederick William to see the announcement of an important victory at Verdun were disappointed, although it marked the renewal of an offensive against the French fully as violent as that in the early stages of the battle.

On his birthday the Crown Prince issued a patriotic proclamation to his troops declaring that Germany is assured of victory and that the bravery of the German soldiers makes it certain that Verdun will be captured.

CHINESE TOWN REVOLTS

Assumes Independence From Yuan Without Formal Declaration

SHANGHAI, May 8.—A trustworthy report received from Chang-King states that the city of Chang-shu, capital of Soochow Province, has assumed its independence without a formal declaration to that effect.

As to the forces disposed in this district, the province state that Chang-Ti, Governor of Soochow Province, has five divisions of troops, while the Northern general, Yuan Shih-kai, has three divisions. It is considered that a conflict in this region is probable.

AUSTRIAN NOBLEMAN, WOUNDED IN WAR, HERE TO URGE U. S. DEFENSE

Baron von Orgler, Sick of Slaughter, Declares Allies Will Exhaust Forces of Teutons

SEES END OF CONFLICT

Baron Wilhelm M. A. von Orgler, an Austro-Hungarian nobleman, who bears the scars of two wounds received in the European conflict during the engagements in the early stages of the war, in the battles of the Drina River, arrived in this city yesterday. The Baron, according to his own statements, has come to preach preparedness in the fullest sense of its meaning; preparedness such as will secure this country against the aggressiveness of any nation bent on war.

Baron von Orgler, or Doctor von Orgler, as he would prefer to be called, is a man who is prepared to be called a realist in this country in an effort to restore his shattered health and strength. He is extremely democratic in his manners.

The nobleman is a firm believer in peace, having seen all the "glories" of war that he needs. He terms the European conflict a slaughter, saying that the glory and honor of a country ought to be preserved in some other way than by taking the pick of her men and feeding them to cannon.

He predicts that the war will be over before the coming fall. The present attack on the forts of Verdun is the beginning of the end, he declared.

He said that although Germany had the financial and food resources to carry on the war for the next 15 years, still, the best of her troops had been used up, while the Allied forces can continue almost indefinitely to pour in fresh men.

From August 18, for four and one-half months, I was constantly in the fighting, first at the River Drina and later at Shabatz. My foes were the Serbians and the Montenegrins.

A few weeks in the cavalry service take away much of the glories of war, and substitute, instead, the horror of the real thing, the doing without the comforts of civilization, the return to the primitive. The only thing it really accomplishes is the making of beasts out of men.

"After I was wounded I was taken to a Serbian hospital. While there I was permitted to correspond with my relatives in Roumania, and through their help I was allowed a great deal of freedom in my movements. Upon my being discharged from the hospital I succeeded in making my way to Vienna, where I was discharged from further service in the war."

"Now that I am in America, I feel as though I never want to go back. Nothing would please me better than to become an American citizen," emphatically declared the Baron, who speaks English fluently. I care nothing for my title. Titles are indirectly responsible for the great war. The ignorant classes are the beasts that are being led to slaughter. I am tired of the whole business."

When interviewed at the Hanover Hotel, where he has a room, the Baron von Orgler voiced his sentiments regarding the position of this country in relation to the European war.

"The American people, as a nation should prepare for war, whether they anticipate it or not," he said. "Preparedness is the only safe insurance against war. The foreign population of America should be given every opportunity to embrace citizenship."

WOMAN 95 YEARS "YOUNG"

Miss Susan I. MacIntyre Gives Advice on How to Thwart Ravages of Old Age

HOW TO KEEP YOUNG AT 95. Forget all about the years. Use curl papers. Think of pleasant things. Always say 95 years young instead of 95 years old. Don't be afraid of being called vain.

—Miss Susan I. MacIntyre.

Miss Susan I. MacIntyre, of 1715 Norris street, who comes of a long line of "long-lived" people, and who is celebrating her 95th birthday today at the Woman's Hospital, North College avenue and 23d street, believes that using curl papers is conducive to making women forget their age.

She is not secretive about the curl papers either. She is perfectly willing for her friends to know that she does not have "naturally curly" hair, and she is also perfectly willing for them to know that she wants to look as nice as possible.

She went to the Woman's Hospital a few weeks ago in a slightly run-down condition. She believes an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure and went in time, so now she is almost well and will be able to go home in a few days.

Miss MacIntyre will go down to the clinic hall of the hospital to attend the musicale which will be given there tonight to raise funds for the X-ray department. Then, too, she will have a small party of friends in her room this evening, before the concert.

Miss MacIntyre's hearing is peculiarly acute. She has to use glasses for reading, but as she is nearing the 100 mark, this is not considered serious.

She comes of a long line of long-lived people. Her mother, who had a dozen children, died just 14 years ago, at the age of 102 years. Miss MacIntyre has a brother, Henry MacIntyre, 58 years old, a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Walter, 50 years old, and the baby of the family, Mrs. Fannie Johnston, 70 years old.

Miss MacIntyre has made many friends at the hospital. They are glad she is getting well, but are sorry to have her leave.

CYRIL MAUDE DECIDES SUNDAY IN PHILADELPHIA NO FUN DAY

Poor Grumpy's Quest of Sabbath Zest Reveals on Test Our Week—Start Here Is One of Rest for Selves and Guest

If one wants to be happy in Philadelphia on Sunday he can go to the Zoo. He may also drop in at Fairmount Park. And, of course, there's always Memorial Hall. If you happen to be of artistic bent. After this, a plate of ice cream and a glass of soda will put the finishing touch to an exciting day.

While this is all very well for one Sunday, visitors often wonder what residents do with the other 51, or 52, as there are this year. This was a puzzling question to Cyril Maude. He likes Philadelphia, and went out to see more of it on Sunday afternoon, in the hope, incidentally, of getting a little pleasure.

In London the theatres are open on Sunday, there are sports, and, in fact, things are no different than on any other day. Philadelphia being one of the largest cities of the United States and a manufacturing centre, Mr. Maude therefore ventured out to a "movie" theatre. But he got no further than the door. He noticed that numerous attractions were billed, but unfortunately there was an iron gate stretched across the entrance. It was the 15th year, still, the best of her troops had been used up, while the Allied forces can continue almost indefinitely to pour in fresh men.

"What time does the show start?" the actor asked a nearby policeman.

"Tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock," replied the cop, somewhat amazed. Then he said that Mr. Maude was a stranger in town and informed him that the movies were not open on Sunday. The actor was astonished. He expressed wonder as to how the working people could have time through the week prevented them from seeing pleasure, obtained any amusement.

"I've often thought about that myself," said the policeman, "but no one seems to care."

"Grumpy" felt just like his name for the time being, but he joined a few friends and motored out to the Athletics ground. A good American game of baseball, they thought, would help matters some in the way of a gloom chase. But the party was worried on the way out for fear of not getting a seat. They knew that the ball games, as a rule, were largely attended.

The visitor reached 20th street and Lehigh avenue in good time and rushed to the reserved seat entrance. But the little window of the ticket office was closed.

"Sold out, I'll bet," said Mr. Maude, "we'll try another entrance." "Let's have any kind of an old seat being as we're late," said one of the party.

And so they scurried to another window thoroughly resigned to sit in the bleachers as a last resort. Horrors! Even here the box office was closed.

The actors looked at each other. "I always understood there was a great deal of excitement at one of these games," said one.

"I don't hear the slightest sound," said Mr. Maude.

"It might be one of those tense moments," suggested another.

"Well, it's positively lasting a long time," one of the party declared.

A small boy happened along. He eyed the smartly dressed visitors curiously.

"I say," said Grumpy, "is there any other way of getting into this arena?"

"What d'yer want ter get in fer?" asked the boy.

"Why, to see the game, of course," said the actor wondering at the youngster's stupidity.

"Dere ain't no game on Sunday," the visitors were speechless. A silence of several minutes followed.

"What's the next move?" one of them asked Mr. Maude, who was acting as general guide.

"Let's try Fairmount Park. I believe there's considerable going on out there."

That sounded good, so the party chugged to the park. The visitors were slightly encouraged on seeing a number of tennis games in progress and felt that at last there would be something doing.

They rode and rode and rode, but the

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KENYON AND SHERMAN SCORE PORK BARREL

\$20,000,000 of \$40,000,000 Appropriated Pure Waste, Senators Charge

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Of the \$40,000,000 appropriated in the rivers and harbors bill, \$20,000,000 is pure pork—indescribable extravagance even in ordinary times—Senators Kenyon and Sherman declared today in a slashing minority committee report.

In addition to attacking extravagance, the two assailed the committee for having eliminated from the bill a provision to deepen East River, New York, that battleships could reach the Brooklyn Navy Yard. This provision was defeated despite an appeal by President Wilson.

"Such considerations as getting battleships to navy yards, apparently, are of little avail as compared to appropriations for Cold Spring Inlet, Pamunkey River, inland waterways, Arcadia Harbor, Fishing Creek, Swift Creek and other commerceless streams," the minority report said.

"Utterly unnecessary at any time, this \$20,000,000 grab is doubly indefensible at a time when the nation is taxed to the uttermost in a policy of costly preparedness."

Kenyon and Sherman recommended establishment of a national committee to supervise improvements, and this year's bill for \$20,000,000 to be spent under direction of army engineers.

GUARD FUND DEPLETED; CAMP PLAN CURTAILED

Instruction for Infantry Officers Abandoned—Brigades and Troops Not Affected

HARRISBURG, May 8.—According to an announcement at the office of Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart, there will be no camp of instruction for infantry officers of the National Guard of Pennsylvania this year. Absence of available funds for the camp is given as the reason. However, the various brigades, troops of cavalry, field artillery, hospital and ambulance companies and signal troops will camp as usual.

The 1st, 3d and 4th Brigades will camp at Mount Gretna from July 7 to 15. The 2d Brigade will go under canvas from August 5 to 12, and the selection of a camp site will be left to the brigade commander. The date for the 1st Cavalry regiment camp has not been fixed, nor the place named. The department is waiting the action of the War Department at Washington regarding a joint camp.

Batteries A, C and D of field artillery will be sent to Tobyhanna from July 11 to August 4 and from August 5 to 11 Batteries B, E and F will occupy the site. Field hospital and ambulance companies will also go to Tobyhanna and the time set for them is August 10 to 18. Engineer companies will camp on the Bellefonte tract, Va., from July 5 to 16, and the signal troops will go into camp with the 2d Brigade from August 5 to 12.

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