

PROGRESS OF CITY DEPENDS ON LOAN BILLS—TAYLOR

Ex-Director Rouses Germantown and Roxborough in Transit Appeal

PLAN PUBLICITY FIGHT

Transit Rallies to Hear Mayor and Taylor Speak

TONIGHT Forty-sixth Ward rally, Imperial Theatre, 60th street below Walnut. Mayor Smith and Ex-Director Taylor will speak. Public.

TOMORROW 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. Public.

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

FRIDAY NIGHT Frankford mass-meeting; place not yet determined. Mayor Smith and his Directors to speak.

The solid support of Roxborough and Germantown for the \$27,100,000 transit and port loan bills at the polls on May 12 was pledged to former Transit Director A. Merritt Taylor last night at two mass meetings at which he took the stump for the transit loan. Mayor Smith and three members of his Cabinet appeared with Mr. Taylor at the Roxborough meeting, which was held under the direction of the 21st Ward Board of Trade in Lyceum Hall, Lyceum and Ridge avenues. At the Germantown meeting, which was held in Library Hall, Vernon Park, under the direction of the Germantown and Chestnut Hill Improvement Association, the former transit director was the only speaker.

A week ago, the 21st Ward Board of Trade declined to go on record in favor of the transit loan. Mr. Taylor was told of this last night, and when he concluded his address he called upon all who were now willing to support the loan bill to rise. Every man in the hall jumped to his feet with rousing cheers.

The meeting in Roxborough was first scheduled to be held in the Levering Public School, but Superintendent of Schools Dr. John P. Garber revoked the permit for the meeting at the last minute on the ground that it was of a political nature. Doctor Garber's action was taken so late that there was no opportunity to notify the Mayor and the other speakers of the change.

As a result the Mayor, his directors and Mr. Taylor arrived in a pouring rain only to find the school closed and locked. The men were told that the meeting had been changed to Lyceum Hall. The Mayor was indignant at the action of the school authorities and declared that it required an explanation, since the meeting was plainly not of a political nature.

Superintendent Garber today expressed his regret that the Mayor was indignant at the closing of the school, but he declared that the school board has no authority to allow the use of school buildings for other than meetings of an educational character.

"Yesterday noon," he said, "we were asked for permission to use the school for a talk on the loan bill. The rule is that school buildings can be used only for educational meetings, so we were obliged to refuse permission for the meeting. I think the Mayor will look at the matter in the right light when he understands the situation."

In discussing the transit meeting held in Roxborough last evening the Mayor said: "The meeting was to have been held in a school house, but when I got there I found the building dark and one lone newspaper reporter on the job. It seems the place of meeting had been changed to the Old Lyceum Building in Roxborough."

"When I got there I found the storm had cut down the crowd, but those who had turned out were enthusiastic in their support of the loan bills. Former Director Taylor received a flattering reception, and as the evening advanced the crowd grew to such proportions that it



TWO EARNEST TRANSIT BOOSTERS

Emil Gretzmacher, 2555 North 30th street (above), secretary of the North Penn Improvement Association; A. C. Keeley, 2446 North Broad street, president of the Kensington Board of Trade. Both men are giving their active personal support to the loan bills and are canvassing their friends and neighbors for votes for a greater Philadelphia.

filled the building before the close of the gathering.

"I was gratified at the interest taken and at the enthusiasm displayed by the crowd when every one present, by a flashing vote, approved a resolution endorsing the loan. I am giving up all my time to the loans and any efforts made to hurt them will meet with quick action.

"I can say that no effort will be too great to insure to every voter a chance to express his views on the loans. I know some things that are going on, about which I am not free to talk at this time, but you can take it from me we are keeping our eyes open to the situation and mean to see that the loans have every chance to get a fair hearing.

"If any election officials conspire to hold back either the transit or the general loan by keeping back ballots then the voters generally will demand ballots and can rest assured that their rights will be fully protected."

The largest registration in the history of the city is entitled to vote for the loans next Tuesday. A total of 303,183 electors is qualified to cast ballots on the two measures, and also vote the non-partisan ticket at the primary election.

All voters who are enrolled as non-partisans are qualified to vote on the loans, in addition to all who are enrolled under the party names.

Special instructions to voters are being prepared by the forces that are supporting the loans, and will be issued several days before the primary election.

There will be three ballots for the voter to mark this year. They are the party ballot, upon which the voter must make 44 marks in order to vote the entire ticket, the loan ballot, upon which will be printed only the two loan measures, and the non-partisan ballot, upon which the names of candidates for the State Supreme Court will be printed. In all, 2,500,000 ballots are being printed.

William Dixon, president of the 21st Ward Board of Trade, presided at the meeting and introduced the ex-Director.

"I have been fighting for you for the last four years, and I am fighting for you yet," said Mr. Taylor, in opening his address. "I have come here tonight to tell you what real rapid transit means to residents of the 21st Ward, and what the residents of the ward will forfeit if they vote against the transit loan bill. I have faith and confidence in you men of this section, and I am going away from here tonight convinced that you will vote for the bill after being informed of what it contains."

Mr. Taylor then told of the specific benefits residents of Roxborough will receive if the transit loan bill is approved by the voters.

The Mayor, who followed Director Taylor, made a stirring appeal for the passage of both loan bills and pointed out that not only was the Henry avenue bridge over the Wissahickon dependent upon the transit loan but on the general improvement loan as well because the City

Taylor and Supporters Boost Transit Loan

Roxborough and Germantown pledge solid support to transit loan at two enthusiastic mass-meetings. Former Transit Director A. Merritt Taylor, in statement to West Philadelphia voters, warns them that loan is in danger and that they must fight.

Publicity campaign for loans with newspaper advertising and billboard posters throughout the city planned by the All-Philadelphia Committee, which sponsored the "On-to-Harrisburg crusade" in 1913.

Retail Grocers' Association, with membership of more than 1000, indorses both transit and general loan bills.

Prominent Philadelphians in all walks of life call for unanimous support of transit and port loan bills.

Formerly had given a decision that all of the appropriation for the bridge could not come out of the transit loan but that the larger part must come out of the bridge fund in the general improvement loan.

"Therefore," the Mayor said, "it is necessary to stand by both loans if this improvement is to be gotten for your district."

At the Germantown meeting Mr. Taylor declared that the city as a whole, as well as Germantown, was facing a crisis which must be met by the voters and the selfish interests must be defeated.

PLOT TO BEAT LOANS BY TRICK DISCOVERED

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priced of their votes on the measure through failure to ask for ballots.

Mayor Smith promptly issued this warning to all voters:

"If election officials conspire to defeat or injure the loans by withholding from voters the separate ballots for the loans their action to my mind would be criminal. It is up to the voters to defeat any such plan by demanding both the ballots for delegates and for the loans."

"You can't make a warning from me on this subject any too strong. Every voter interested in the loan bills should demand both ballots, and they will get them. If any conspiracy to withhold loan ballots is discovered, then quick action should be taken against any election official implicated."

"I don't believe that any election official will go so far as to withhold loan ballots if the voters remember to make a demand for them. I don't believe that any plan to cut down the loan vote by holding back on loan ballots will have any effect on the voters' result. Every voter should see that he is supplied with all the ballots to be voted."

The Mayor said that he had heard of other schemes advanced by political enemies of the loans to bring about their defeat.

Mr. Reno Schoch, secretary of the Retail Grocers' Association, gave out the following statement this morning:

"The Retail Grocers' Association, consisting of more than one thousand members, met last evening in the assembly room of the Bourse and unanimously adopted resolutions endorsing the loan bills and urging members of the association to work for the passage of the loan bills at the election on May 16."

APPEAL TO WEST PHILADELPHIA "The transit loan bill is in peril. You must either fight for its passage or forfeit the splendid transit facilities which have been planned to properly serve West Philadelphia as well as the entire city."

With this warning former Transit Director A. Merritt Taylor, in a statement made public today, called upon the voters in West Philadelphia to support the \$27,100,000 transit and port loan bill on May 16.

The defeat of the loan bill, he declared, would wreck the entire comprehensive program of high-speed lines and permit the continuance of the present discriminatory exchange tickets. The passage of the bill would be a step for a greater Philadelphia.

An extensive publicity campaign for the loan bills, including four-day advertisements in all the newspapers and attractive posters on the billboards throughout the city, was decided upon late yesterday.

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U. S. DEMANDS GERMANY KEEP U-BOAT PLEDGES

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ment's declaration of its abandonment of the policy which has so seriously menaced the good relations between the two countries, the Government of the United States will rely upon a scrupulous execution henceforth of the now altered policy of the Imperial Government, such as will remove a suspicion that suggested an interruption of the good relations existing between the United States and Germany.

The Government of the United States feels it necessary to state that it takes it for granted that the Imperial German Government does not intend to imply that the maintenance of its newly announced policy is in any way contingent upon the course or result of diplomatic negotiations between the Government of the United States and any other belligerent Government, notwithstanding the fact that certain passages in the Imperial Government's note of the 4th instant might appear to be susceptible of such construction.

In order, however, to avoid any possible misunderstanding, the Government of the United States notifies the Imperial Government that it cannot for a moment entertain, much less endorse, a suggestion that suggested by German naval authorities for the rights of citizens of the United States upon the high seas should in any way or in the slightest degree be made contingent upon the conduct of any other Government affecting the rights of neutrals and non-combatants. Responsibility in such matters is single, joint, or several, not relative.

HEARING OF CYMRIC ATTACK

Fear that sinking of the White Star liner Cymric might upset the settlement of the United States controversy with Germany over submarine warfare, just as the settlement was becoming a fact, was partly anticipated today by a dispatch from Consul Frost, at Queenstown, saying the Cymric was on Admiralty service.

State Department officials were not altogether certain, however, that the sinking of the Cymric did not constitute a violation of Germany's pledge. One international law expert of the department said that if the Cymric was not armed Germany ought to have exercised what America has contended for—visit and search—unless the vessel attempted to flee.

With President Wilson's acceptance of Germany's "new altered policy" of submarine only today received in Berlin, that new policy may already have been put to the test by a submarine commander. The report, however, is not confirmed, and without warning, apparently violates the very orders against attacking.

He declared the apparent fact that the Cymric was in Admiralty service did not entirely exonerate Germany, for a Government could run ships if they were unarmed, and still have the rule of visit and search applied.

When reports reach Washington following Frost's report that the White Star liner declared the Cymric restored to the line, and no longer in Admiralty service, officials were strongly inclined to fear the resumption of the liner Cymric, if it was without warning, apparently violates the very orders against attacking.

There still remains the adjustment of damages for American lives lost through illegal operation of submarines. But this is a matter which Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, has full authority to negotiate.

In this connection officials said that

even though it should develop that some of the recent attacks upon merchant vessels, including the Cymric, were in violation of the German orders, they could not be considered by the United States as a violation of the pledges already made. In no instance within the last week have American interests suffered, and in the case of the Cymric in addition to there being no Americans on board her cargo consisted entirely of munitions.

There was a general feeling among officials today that Germany will let the submarine situation rest with the Lansing note. It is known that this will be the advice of Ambassador von Bernstorff. He takes the position that there have been too many notes already made, and that if permitted he and Secretary Lansing could have reached the conclusions that Ambassador von Bernstorff just arrived at by informal discussion.

Reides making public the text of the note, Secretary Lansing last night issued a statement intended to emphasize the position of this Government in refusing to permit Germany to make her abandonment of illegal submarine methods contingent upon a modification of the British blockade.

LANSING'S STATEMENT

"Our differences with Great Britain cannot form a subject of discussion with Germany," he asserts, and then points out that in dealing with Great Britain this Government is acting under treaty obligations for the settlement of disputes, while Germany declined to make a similar treaty arrangement. This is a reference to the Bryan peace treaties, providing for a "breathing spell" during which nations would endeavor to adjust serious differences without resort to war.

But Mr. Lansing indicates that in a matter such as the submarine controversy, where a "continuing menace to American lives" is involved, "it is doubtful whether such obligations apply unless the menace is removed during the pendency of the proceedings."

The text of Mr. Lansing's statement is as follows:

"The greater part of the German answer is devoted to matters which this Government cannot discuss with the German Government. The only questions of right which can be discussed with that Government are those arising out of its action or out of our own, and in no event those questions which are the subject of diplomatic exchanges between the United States and any other country.

"The essence of the answer is that Ger-

many yields to our representations with regard to the rights of merchant ships and non-combatants in the high seas and to observe the recognized rules of international law governing naval warfare in using her submarines against merchant ships.

"So long as she lives up to this altered policy we can have no reason to quarrel with her on that score, though the losses resulting from the violation of American rights by German submarines commanders operating under the former policy will have to be settled.

"While our differences with Great Britain cannot form a subject of discussion with Germany, it should be stated that our dealing with the British Government are acting as we are unquestionably bound to act in view of the explicit treaty obligations with that Government. We are offering to assume mutually similar obligations with Germany, but the offer was declined. When, however, the subject in dispute is a continuing menace to American lives, it is doubtful whether such obligations apply unless the menace is removed during the pendency of the proceedings."

NOTE "STERN AND EMPHATIC," LONDON PRESS DECLARES

LONDON, May 9.—"Uncompromising, stern and emphatic" was the characterization of President Wilson's note of acceptance of Germany's reply by the Globe, formerly one of the President's harsh critics, this afternoon.

"Puts Germany on probation," was the Evening Standard's headline.

"Summarized, the notes says, 'wait and see,'" said the Pall Mall Gazette.

The true story of Bethlehem Steel—not from the viewpoint of Wall Street, but from the human angle of the executive who have built this plant of war and peace products—is told by Edward M. Woolley in "Schwab's Bonus Men" in this week's Collier's

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