

TRANSIT PLAN CHANGE DEFENDED BY McNICHOL

Mitchell, Also Favoring Revised 35th Ward Route, Denies Political Motive

Vigorous denial that politics had anything to do with the revising of the proposed high-speed surface line through the thirty-fifth ward...

Charges by northeast citizens that the route was changed to increase the value of real estate owned by McNichol...

The Senator is interested in this company, which is one of the owners whose property will increase in value...

Present plan is the most satisfactory economic and fair to the people of the thirty-fifth ward...

NOTED BELGIANS JOIN DEPORTATIONS PROTEST Senators, Deputies, Judges and Lawyers Send Signed Note to General von Bissing

HAVRE, Dec. 9.—Twenty Belgian Senators and twenty-three Belgian Deputies born living in Brussels have taken the personal risk...

WOMEN LOAN SHARKS HAVE 160,000 VICTIMS Gentle Sex Dominates "Trust" That Harasses Borrowers, Investigator Tells Chicago Board

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—One hundred and sixty thousand persons are in the grip of a loan shark trust...

PARKWAY SALOON TRANSFERS Owners Plan United Appeal to the License Court

Saloon owners along the Parkway are considering seriously the plan that they get together in time...

DUMA AROUSED BY INSULT Leader of Russian Extreme Right Declines to Meet President's Seconds

PETROGRAD, Dec. 9.—Seconds called by President Michael Rodzanko, of the Duma, to demand a duel with M. Markoff...

Civil War Veterans to Hold Reunion The forty-sixth annual reunion and banquet of the Association of Pennsylvania Regimental Veterans...

"Anti" Re-elect Mrs. Dodge WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge of New York, was re-elected president of the National Association...

Police Court Chronicle One good turn deserves another—and so do our sins, according to Anthony Dett...

Police Court Chronicle (continued) When Anthony was in his port about a year ago a man stole his watch in the Tenderloin...

VILLISTAS TRAP FOES; FIGHT NEAR CHIHUAHUA

Carranzistas Halted in Pursuit of Bandits From North Mexican Capital

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 9.—Fighting between Villistas and Mexican Government troops was in progress early today near Fresno, ten miles from Chihuahua City...

Ozuna was enticed into a trap early yesterday near Santa Ysabel by the Villistas. The forces were attacked and driven back toward the capital...

PENNSYLVANIA FLIER IN PERIL; TIES ON TRACK

Train From Philadelphia Hits Obstruction at Rock Glen. No One Hurt

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Dec. 9.—Ties were placed on the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Rock Glen, between Hazelton and Newhopeck last night in an attempt to wreck the "Pennsylvania flier" due here from Philadelphia at 9:25 o'clock...

Two of the passengers were injured, but the locomotive was damaged after striking the obstruction. Two years ago a series of attempts was made to wreck the flier at Rock Glen...

TWO BIG COMPANIES ABOUT TO COMBINE Westinghouse, Airbrake and Union Switch and Signal Perfect Agreement Involving Millions

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 9.—One of the largest industrial mergers in the history of Pittsburgh is being completed within a few days, the Westinghouse Airbrake Company, Wilkes-Barre, and Union Switch and Signal Company, Scranton, combining...

ADAMSON LAW TEST ON SMALL RAILROAD Special Attorney and Gregory Decided on Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf Case

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The railroads of the country must be satisfied with the decision of the Supreme Court on the constitutionality of the Adamson eight-hour railroad case...

NEUMONIA KILLS FIFTY-FIVE Deaths of Week Increase Because of Lung Trouble

Deaths in the city during the week were 572, as compared with 527 last week, and 987 during the corresponding week of 1915...

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SUNDAY PAPER FOR CITY; TO REVIVE OLD ITEM

May Later Become Daily, Says James J. Wray, New Editor

The old Evening Item will be revived at midnight. It will be a Sunday political and sports publication. According to James J. Wray, editor and publisher, it will be politically independent...

The item, both daily and Sunday, ceased publication a few years ago. According to reports circulated this afternoon the Sunday item will be conducted under the auspices of the Item Publishing Company...

Several of the staff who held positions on the defunct Item will also be connected with the new Sunday issue. They include Samuel Hudson, who will act as managing editor; H. Walter Schlichter, sporting editor; and Harrington Fitzgerald, who will have charge of the dramatic and art departments...

According to Wray, the new paper has \$50,000 in bank with which to start business. It was reported that financial backing had been obtained from William H. Bunn and Fred Chandler, but Wray would not admit this. He declared that the money came from this city.

THE SUNDAY ITEM obtains enough city, county and State advertising, it is said, the publication will appear daily. This will mean, despite Mr. Wray's announcement of political independence, that the paper will be a Republican organization organ.

THREE AGED MEN RUN DOWN BY AUTOMOBILES One, 77 Years Old, Steps From Behind a Machine to Be Struck by Another

Three aged men were the victims of automobile accidents in Philadelphia within the last twenty-four hours. John Klebbak, a seventy-seven-year-old street cleaner, of Bridge street and Torrensia avenue, received a fractured skull and internal injuries when he stepped from behind an automobile standing by the curb at Sellers and Gricon streets and walked in the path of another machine...

Polix McWilliams, seventy-two years old, of 2735 Palmski avenue, was run down by a machine at Piteenth and Spring Garden streets. He is in the Medico-Chirurgical hospital with a broken leg.

CITIES SHOULD CONTROL FOOD, SAYS DR. WILEY "People Have Got to Take This Thing in Hand," Says "Man Who Purified the Table"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, "the man who purified the American table," came out today with a plan to control the food supply by municipal and State control of all food supplies.

Mrs. Le Duc Free; Tells of Murder Continued from Page One accomplished a wobbly signature. She received twenty-five cents for a witness fee.

OFF FOR HOME In the Coroner's room she collapsed and had to be placed on a couch. Le Duc sat by her side and held her hand. When she had recovered they left for Chicago on the afternoon train.

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HUSBAND'S FAITH FIRM (continued) "I know that she came from New York with Gravure in his automobile," he said at the time. "I know that she went with him for supper at the hotel and that she left her handbag in his room. It does not matter. She was staying with my nephew in West Philadelphia. The other woman was jealous and did the shooting. I believe her story. I'm going to stick to Lillian."

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CREW KNEELS WHEN SUBMARINES APPEAR; PROVE TO BE U. S. CRAFT

Captain of British Steamship Orders Life Boats Swung Overboard to Escape German Torpedo From Supposed U-Boats

Officers and crew of the British steamship Factors Transport, which was docked at Port Richmond with a cargo of iron ore from Santiago, are just beginning to get acquainted again. They made themselves good by Thursday night when three submarines were sighted off the Delaware Capes...

It all happened on Thursday after four hours. The captain had a wife sitting contentedly in his mouth and had visions of his loved ones at home. The sea was calm and the ship was ploughing its way Philadelphiaward, all peaceful and serene.

Suddenly the lookout in the crow's nest sighted a submarine. He had hardly spread the dreadful news broadcast when another submarine was sighted on the port side, and then another—making three. One German submarine had been enough, but three!

To make matters worse the three under-the-sea boats were seen heading for the poor British freighter, which seemed to show no intention of fleeing. It was an proverbial snowball in—or on the kitchen stove, say.

Panic-stricken, the crew fled almost instantly. Several members of the crew said they prayed and trembled, as with people in terror.

WAR COUNCIL DEBATES Next Teuton Blow Continued from Page One thians, which the Germans claimed had exhausted itself a week ago, is becoming more feebled.

THE RUSSO-RUMANIAN forces that fell back from Bucharest are undoubtedly feeling their way into new positions to offer battle to the German, Austro-Hungarian, Bulgarian and Turkish hosts.

GREAT STORES OF provisions, minerals and other vital supplies are finding their way back into the Central Empires from Bucharest. Already the conquered territory has been placed under German military rule and the peasants have been told to return to their homes and till their soil just as they did before the war.

THE OVERBROOK ASSOCIATION has nominated officers as follows: State Senator John J. Coyle, president; Louis Jones, Jr., and Daniel Crawford, Jr., vice presidents; Fred J. Lammie, secretary; and Robert A. Beck, Jr., recording secretary, and E. Scott Lower, treasurer.

A BUREAUQUE on "folks who do not know how to bank" was a feature of the entertainment given by the Employees' Association of the City Hotel and American Club last night.

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD missing boy has returned to his home after an absence of more than twelve hours. He is unable to say where he had been. He is Herbert Robinson, of 3229 Susquehanna avenue.

THE EMBARGO ON POTATOES established by the Philadelphia & Reading Railway last Wednesday is still in force. There are seventy-seven cars in the Second and Master streets yard, and twenty-three outside waiting for admittance.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S former bodyguard, George G. Plie, of the Registrar's Commission, is making a visit to Washington to revisit the old scenes of 1861.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS will be distributed this year to approximately 2000 children by Mrs. Mills Cliff, of 2211 St. Albans street, known as the "Santa Claus Lady."

JUDGE JOSEPH P. ROGERS, Assistant District Attorney William Fielding Brown and Attorney Colonel Haggarty, Jr., are a trio of merrymen who will depopulate the woods and mountains of North Carolina of birds and deer during the next few days.

THE PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC Company cup for the best-lighted window display of the members of the Walnut Street Business Association during electrical week just closed, was awarded to the Honor Photograph Corporation, a Fifth avenue concern, which was recently established at 111 Walnut street.

THE CLASS OF 1909, Central High School, will hold its reunion dinner tonight at the Biltmore Hotel. Forty-six of the 24 men who graduated that year are still living.

MERSHON SYSTEM of Heat Regulation and Fuel Saving MERSHON PATENT SHAKING GRATE WORKS 147 N. 3rd St.

KEEP THE CHILDREN OFF THE STREETS Ten years ago there was one playground in Philadelphia. Today there are twenty-three. We need fifty playgrounds at least.

PLAYGROUNDS ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA LIBERTY BUILDING

RE COSTANTINO SARA' ESILIATO DALL'INTESA

Ha Tramato Continuamente con il Kaiser ai Danni delle Potenze Alleate

ROMA, 9 Dicembre. Poche ore prima di andare a letto, il generale Costantino Sarda, il ministro della Guerra, decise di licenziare Sarda...

Sull'altopiano del Carso ai suoi avuti intesi quelli di artiglieria nonostante le forti piogge. Nella notte non abbandonò l'incarico di direttore di Stato Maggiore, pubblico ieri sera dal Ministero della Guerra, decise di licenziare Sarda...

Il ministro della Guerra tedesco si limita ad annunciare l'abbandono che i tedeschi hanno fatto delle loro operazioni di guerra, al momento di licenziare Sarda...

Intanto un dispaccio da Petrograd dice che il generale militare russo, il Ruski Invalide, occupato nelle future operazioni militari in seguito alla caduta di Bucarest, afferma che è impossibile lasciare che il nemico si ritirerà per l'inverno nella regione europea tra il Danubio ed il Carpati per preparare una possibile offensiva contro le basi russe...

TUCARAOE.—The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church, opened a two-day bazaars last evening, and will serve a potpie supper tonight.

COLLINGWOOD.—The first art and crafts exhibit of the Woman's Club will take place Monday afternoon and evening in the Presbyterian Church.

PITMAN.—Borough Clerk Peterson is refunding one-dollar license fees paid early in the year by dog owners. Councils having failed to collect a two-dollar dog tax instead.

READING, Pa., Dec. 9.—George M. Ammon, one of the best-known hotel proprietors of Eastern Pennsylvania, and for many years owner of the City Hotel and American Club, died today of general debility, aged sixty-one years.

READING, Pa., Dec. 9.—The local camps of the Patriotic Order Sons of America have started a musical program for the benefit of the Rajah Temple here, about to be vacated by the Reading Shriners, who have purchased the Academy of Music property for \$100,000. Rajah Temple is being offered at \$50,000.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 9.—The bodies of Dave Beransky, twenty-two, owner of a "jitney" automobile, and a girl of about eighteen years were found in Beransky's car on an unimproved road near the Milwaukee Country Club today. Four shots had been fired and a revolver was lying in the bottom of the car. It is suspected that Beransky shot the girl and then killed himself, but the ownership of the revolver has not been established.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—More than fifty persons have been injured in an accident at the Alexandria explosives plant, according to a Turin dispatch today.

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Philadelphia Grand Opera Co.

WM. ROSENBAUGH Announces the Opening of His Season of The First Series of 30 Performances of Opera in Italian at ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Under the Musical Direction of MAESTRO ETTORE MARTINI Monday Evening, Dec. 18 Thursday Afternoon, Dec. 21

"Lucia" REGINA VICARINO, Soprano PHILIP HANCOCK, Tenor GIANFRANCESCO BARTOLOTTI, Baritone GIANNI BERTINI, Bass

Wednesday and Thursday Evening, Dec. 20 and 21 "Ruy Blas" By MARCHETTI

ESTER FERHARINI, Soprano PHILIP HANCOCK, Tenor GIANFRANCESCO BARTOLOTTI, Baritone GIANNI BERTINI, Bass Friday Evening, Dec. 22

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