### TWINING PREPARES TRANSIT ANALYSIS

Rushes Digest of P. R. T. Offer for Report to Mayor Smith

INTEREST IN FINANCES

Company's Method of Raising \$19,500,000 for Equipment Causes Speculation

while public sentiment is rapidly crystiaing in favor of the prompt ratification of the lease between the city and the bladshints Rapid Tranett Company, as opposed by the company for the operation and equipment of the new city-built chapted lines. Tranett Director Twining thatening his analysis of the company's uposition in order to submit the report spected by Mayor Smith.

Pending the submission of this digest, ther the Mayor nor any of the administion heads will make any public comment on the terms of the agreement. The matrix of such vast importance, according to Mayor, that time should be taken for twe deliberation. are deliberation.

The method by which the transit company will raise the \$19,500,000 to equip the lines of causing much speculation in financial dreise. Financiers generally pronounce fair in one plan that the Union Traction stockholders pay in the \$22.12 % a share necessary to make their stock fully paid, with the povision that they receive interest on the payment in addition to their present sturns.

thion Traction directors, however, ac-ording to John H. Cheatnut, one of the eard, are giving this prospect no con-deration. Mr. Cheatnut declared that their ation. Mr. Chesting declared that their pide of opposition to any assessment not changed since 1914, when they litely refused to co-operate with the company. Public Service Commission has noti-

sed the Department of City Transit that it will hold the second public hearing on the application for a writ of public convenience construct the Thirty-fifth Ward surface in Philadelphia. The line will branch in the Frankford "L" to Byberry farms. The first hearing was held at Harris-burg last week. The next hearing, the date of which has not been set, will be held here in order to give more residents of the Tairty-fifth Ward an opportunity to be beard.

#### Russians Chase Foes Into Lake

tinued from Page One have been able to launch violent counter-attacks against the Bulgarian, German and Turkish forces.

In Wallachia the German allies are ap-proaching Rimnik on the railway that runs into Moldavia.

#### BRITISH PREPARE NEW ASSAULT IN WEST

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Dec. 19 (delayed).

While the French are rolling back the German Crown Prince's army before Verden, the British army is not idle.

Through the swirling snow and driving rain, with a cold tang in the air reministant of Christmas, the British army is

neging away in perfect accord with the If the news from this end of the line it present ban't very sensational it is secause the Allies' plans decree it so. No on need doubt that absolute unity of acester to the Swiss Mountains.

After the latest victory at Verdun, the brilish army straightened for a moment to

plaud its brothers in arms, and then at back to its task. That the British do not intend that the stemy shall have any more rest until the end of the war is apparent. Visits to back areas give this impression as distinctly as these to the front lines. There is a vast plant there buzzing like a great, busy

in the trenches powerful mortars are stamming away continually, methodically lobbing over sinister bombs from the size and shape of a wine bottle to those of a football, almost keg size. Snipers crack away at every head that shows itself for

Pianted further back, field guns add to Planted further back, fleid guns and to the havoc wrought by high explosives in the opposing trenches. Now and then mines pieced by sapping under enemy positions supplede like the disintegration of the world. Apparently it is the British policy to keep the enemy everlastingly on needles and pins, wearing down his nerve day and lish.

and pins, wearing down his nerve day and night.

Their raiding parties suddenly appear hefore British trenches, scattering death among its occupants with grenades and taking prisoners. Rapid hody-to-body siraggles in which the British excel and which the Germans yilelike are often a feature of these raids. Dugouts are frequently raided where the Teutonic defenders, alceping the sleep of exhaustion, have been awakened from the arms of Morpheus to find themselves in the arms of British Tommies.

All this contributes to the highly nervous state almost daily manifested along the lines.

While these things repeat themselves un-til they become routins along the front lines, in the back the organization and prep-aration go on. Britain's punching power in France is daily becoming mightler.

64-Year-Old Man Commits Suicide Louis Brandi, sixty-four years old, com-milled suicide at his home, 1916 Oakdale street, by taking poison. He was found at the foot of the stairs by his son August.
Two bottles of poison were found upstairs by the bed. He was taken to the Episcopal Respital and pronounced dead.

HANDEL'S "MESSIAH" SUNG IN TEMPLE MUSIC SERIES Admirable Soloists and Well Drilled

Chorus Feature of Oratorio Performance

Handal's "Messiah" is a work of such classic musical worth and lotty spiritual significance that a city with the musical population of Philadesphin should be able to support a couple of performances in the course of the season, pagacularly at the Yulelide, which commemorates the Saviour and Man of Serrows celebrated in the text which Handel draw from the New Testament for his secure.

The projectors of the Tennie University Performance

ment for his score.

The projectors of the Temple University concerts reckoned tha way, and the result was the establishment of an annual "Messiah" uptown that will supplement the older tradition of the Choral Boelety, which sings the most popular of the standard oratorius each Christmas week at the Academy of Music. This, the Ihird concert in the series which has brought musical pleasure and edification to the thickly populated comminity which runs from siver to river from Broad street north of Girard avenue, drew a very large audience to the Temple last night.

Charence Reydolds, known as the organ-ist of the "Storm" a few years ago and also for his organ solos at Ocean Grove, was conductor by virtue of his office of musical director of the Raptist Temple. The choruses which are an essential part The choruses which are an essential part of the oratoric form and which in Handel's specimen are massively and melodiously effective, as well as many, were sung by the Pestival Chorus. The soloists included two not familiar here from earlier appearances—Louise MacMahon, moprano, and Marie Morrisey, contraito, and those two veterans of choral concerts, Dan Bedduc-tenor, and Frederic Martin, basso. Th

accompaniments were by a selected band of Philadelphia Orchestra men whose work was supplemented by the great organ of Doctor Conwell's church. There is little to say at this late date concerning the music of the "Messiah," which has outlasted the translent successes of more than a century and a half. It may be simple and naive, and certainly is not redundant in novel turns of musical expression or musical thought, but it wears wonderfully well. Its sincere religious ap-peal cannot be successfully denied.

The chorus seemed to have a preponderance of female voices, though domination by the trebles was obvious in only a couple of passages. The volume of sound was ample even for the magnitude of the "Hallelulah Chorus." the attack was good and lelijah Chorus." the attack was good and there was a fitting sense of light and shade. Miss Morrisey was very nobis in interpretation of the great airs "He Was Despised and Rejected of Men" and "He Shall Feed His Flock," and her full, freely produced tones were a joy throughout. Possibly the favored aris among the many favorites is "I Know That My Bedeemer Liveth," and

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," and this Miss MacMahon gave reverentially, with no trace of the concert platform about her rendition. Her voice seems peculiarly fitted to cratorio. "Why Do the Nations" has been sung many times in this city by Mr. Martin, but never in present memory with such robustness and earnestness. Mr. Beddoe set a fine pace in the very beginning in "Comfort Ye My People" and gained new laurels in "Thy Rebuke Hath Broken His Heart." W. H. M.

DIES IN HER 95TH YEAR

Mrs. Philena Yarnall Was Descended From Pioneer Settlers

WEST CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 22.—Mra. Philena Sharples Yarnail died here in her ninety-fifth year. She was a descendant of Joseph Sharples, who settled in Riddey Creek, near Chester, in 1632, and was the daughter of Jesse Shaples. She was married to Nathan Yarnail in 1845. Mrs. Yarnail was a member of the Society of Friends and had many relatives in this community. Recently she broke her hip through a fall.

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causata dulla nota del presidente Wilson
sulla pace, non solo la questa ma in tutte le
altre capitali alleate, a Berlino ed a Vienna
il nutrono poche speranze di un accordo
prima che gli alleati abbiano ottenuto la
vittoria. A Vienna per esemplo i commenti
dei giornali ridettono lo stato dell'opinione
pubblica. Il Premdenbiati necennando al
discorre recente dell'on Sonnino nella Camera dei deputati, dica:

"Mentre l'on Sonnino non ha rigettato l'idea della pace, Lloyd George, nella sua capacita' di dittatore della Gran Bretagna e dell'Intera, la respinge Probabilmente il

A Londra la nota del presidente Wilson e' stata accolta con marcata freddezza. Innansi tutto si domandano n Londra che cosa vinoi sapere il presidente Wilson quando gli scopi degli alleati sono stati così chiaramente definiti dalle potenze alleate medecime? Quando tante volto il hanno definiti e ripetuti Lloyd George, Briand, Somnino e Trepost? I quattre pricipati ministri dell'Intesa hanno dichiarate apertamente che le proposte tedesche devono essere considerate con soppetito a mano che la Germania non si offra di dare qualche garanzia dei suo deisiderio sincero di cessare la guerra, e hon dia le condizioni alle quali essa e' disposta ad intavelare le trattative.

WASHINGTON, D. C., 32 Dicembre, Ieri II. segretario di Stato Lansing aveva detto che gli Stati Uniti si avvicinavano sempre piu' sila guerra, cio' che aveva causate vive apprehensioni ed allarmi. Piu'

tardi pero il segretario di Stato spiegava che egli non avava intese di pariare di guerra e che il governo americano non intendeva affatto di mutare la rotta della sua charge of periury, preferred by

politica.

Nel Senato si tento' di far approvare la nota inviata dai presidente Wilson alle porenze belligeranti, ma il senatora Borzh riusci' ad impedirio adducendo il fatto che se il presidente aveva indubbiamente buom ragioni per agire in questo sesso, questi non ora il caso del Senato che era invec-all'escure di tutto quanto aveva determinatl'autone di Mr. Wilson.

#### P. R. T. Men Have Carnival

rides della pace, Lloyd George, nella sua capacità: di dittatore della Gran Bretagna a dell'Intesa, la respinge. Probabilments il giorno e vicino in cui egli rimpianagera di Rapid Transit Company stationed at resadver messo la testa dell'Intesa in un nodo scornolo rifutandosi di venire a patti con There was an elaborate musical program le potense cestrali.

A Londra la nota del prezidente Wilson di vuoli del program statio secoli a con marcata freddezza. Inemployes as the principals was also arranged. Among the spectators were several efficials of the corporation.



Father Accuses Girl Eloper of Perjury HAMILITON, Pa. Dec. 32—Mrs. Goorne Yocabiscom: of Lattimer, was arrested on a charge of perjury, preferred by her father, and held under 5390 bail for court, because, he says, she gave her age as twenty-one when she ran away to Wilkes-Harre a few days ago and was married. She is only eighteen years old, no cording to the parent.

Frank Crane's Son's Wife Killed NEW YORK, INC. 22 Mrs. Blanchs S. Crane, daughter-in-law of Dr. Frank Crane writer and lecturer, was killed early today by a fall from the six-story window of an apartment house on West Seventy-ninth street, She was the wife of James L. Crans,



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