INIONAL PACT IRGED BY TWINING

ants Transit Lease Clause to Allow City to Abrogate Agreement

ys Municipality Should Be Free to Repudiate if "Jokers" Are Ever Found

JOULD AVOID ROBBERY

The insertion of an "Indeterminate time" issue in the lease between the city and he Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company at will give to the city the legal right that will give to the city the legal right to iorminate the agreement at any time in the future should it be found to contain jokers" working injury to the city, will be one of the recommendations in the re-port of Transit Director Twinning to the dayor next week.

This was learned today from an official purce in the Department of City Transit-such a time clause would be a radical de-parture from the customary form of agree-ment between a city and a public service corporation. The proposed lease of the Transit Company. if adopted, would hold the city to an tron-bound contract for fifty wars.

TWINING'S PLAN

The recommendation of Director Twining, was said at the Transit Department. would prevent the city from being tied hand and foot to an unseverable bargain for a long period of years. This condition, Di-rector Twining has said, has resulted from the operation of the 1907 agreement be-tween the city and the company. the city and the company.

"The 1907 agreement at the time it was approved." Director Twining said, "was thought to be a fine arrangement, fair alike to the company and city. Yet it took would be disaster." he citizens only a year to see the unfair sens, the injustice of the agreement "

were, the injustice of the agreement. With such an indeterminate time clause in the 1917 agreement as the Director now proposes, it was pointed out, the city would not be legally bound to endure unfair provisions during the entire term of the pact, "but could, upon proving that it was being robbed," terminate it at once and ar-range a new and more equitable one.

MUST PROTECT CITY

It is the desire to protect the city against okers in any lease which has prompted the inector to recommend this departure. It s understood likewise that he will favor the neertion of this "time clause" even in no ho is successful in having the lease led to protect the city in the way he

The vital objection to the lease offered by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Com-pany, Assistant Director Atkinson said to-day, is the "enormous cost to the city which will result from the operation of the high-moded system over the long period of years."

"The fact will form the basis for vir-ually all of the objections raised in the sport of Director Twining to the Mayor." Atkinson said. "The whole matter resolves isself into this one question. The Director feels that the city is not properly protected by the terms of this lease, and it is his intention to show where this protection is lacking and how the lease can be amended so that the city's interests will be secured." That the Philadelphia Rapid Transit

That the city's interests will be secured." That the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company will fight all efforts of Director Twining to modify or amend the present form of the contract is expected in finan-tal circles. The visit to the circular director of A. L. Drum, of A. L. Drum & Co., con-sulting engineers, of Chicago, it is said, was to plan what steps the transit comit is said, would take to oppose Director Twin-

her Transit Director A. Merritt Tay for is expected to take up the cudgels on some of the present form of the lease when he returns from Florida.

Britain's Food Supply in Peril, Commons Told

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months and this present month, due to Ger-many's special efforts to do her worst." "ENORMOUS SACRIFICES" NEEDED declaring the nation must prepare for sacrifice.

rmous sacrifices are required." he Government hopes to deal effectively with the submarine question, but it does not foilow that we should rest on this hope only. There is no sure means to victory with-hunting the submarines from the

battels a year, thus affecting a saving of that industry. "Corresponding restrictions will be made as to tdistillation of spirits in order that the public taste may not be driven from beer to spirits."

WILL CONTROL ALL FARMING

WILL CONTROL ALL FARMING Under the plan for control of all farming by the Board of Agriculture the Premier innonced these plans: A guarantee must be given the farmers or minimum prices "for some years." Fixing a minimum wage of twenty-five dillings a week for agricultural laborers. Landlords in rural communities will be prevented from raising rents. No one will be allowed to speculate in

No one will be allowed to speculate in No one will be arrive of wheat at sixty food prices. Guarantee of the price of wheat at sixty shillings a quarter for 1917; fifty-five shil-lings per quarter for 1918 and 1919, and forty-five shillings for the next three fol-

forty-five shillings for the next three fol-lowing years. Potatoes during the coming season to have a fixed price of six pounds per ton. Out prices to be fixed at thirty-regist and a half shillings per quarter for 1917; thirty-two shillings for the next two years and twenty-four shillings for 1926 and 1923. The part England has played as mistress of the seas in giving fraction of her others to

of the seas in giving freely of her ships to her Allies, was strikingly revealed by the He said more than a million tons of ships and been diverted to the use of France atone

It was in this connection that the Prime Minister made forceful, impassioned plea for more tonnage, "not only for ordinary needs, but for military necessity."

"It was inevitable that the German submarine war would injure the empire's trade," said Mr. Lloyd George "We must meet it in an effective way. Shiphuilding will be increased and encouraged by the

lovernment to make up the loss of top nage." Before the war, said the speaker, British

tonnage was just adequate for the needs of the empire. Since then there has been an enormous increase in the demand for new tonnage. In addition to the ships furnished to France others were placed at the disposal of Italy and Russia. "The gravest measures are necessitated."

NEW YORK, Feb. 73. More than 675,000 ions of shipping for Great Britain is now building in the United States, according to estimates which have been submitted to Congress in connection with the shipping board act amendment.

In view of Premier Lloyd George's strong declaration before the House of Commons baring England's dire need for bottoms. was greatest interest here in reports that the Cunard Line was seeking to let contracts for additional ships in American yards. Being under control of the Adiralty, Cunard officials refused to discuss the report, but from another source it was learned that the company has placed orders

for four 15,000-ton freight carriers and h negotiating for half a dozen more. Trade newspapers commented today on the unprecedented demand for ship plates.

BREAK WITH AUSTRIA NOW SEEMS CERTAIN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22. Germany has solidified her allies it support of her submarine policy. Definite information to that effect now is in the hands of the State Department. The long series of discussions between Berlin, Vienna. Constantinople and Soffa have ended in ; uplete indorsement of the German po-

It is certain that the Austro-Hungarian reply to the United States request that lear up the obscure portions of its not of February 2, which has not yet been nade public, and say flatly whether it of February 2. repudiates the promises in the Ancona case will soon be delivered if, indeed, it has not already been. It is accepted everywhere in official and diplomatic circles that it. will result in a diplomatic break with Austria to be followed later by severances of relations with Turkey and Bulgaria.

Meanwhile, President Wilson has com-pleted his plans to go before Congress to explain what legislation he believes should be enacted to strengthen his hands in dealbe enacted to strengthen his hands in deal-ing with the complications that he and his advisers fear will arise. All that is neces-sary is to fix the time which. White House officials say, may come at any moment, and certainly will not be later than the early part of next week. The Cabinet today had before it all of the facts in the international-situation and element a general discussion. situation and planned a general discussion, but it was not expected that any particu-larly new policy would be considered.

Inasmuch as the International Mercantile Marine Company has ahandoned its opera-tion of the steamships of the American Line and tied them up for an indefinite

actually are navel reserve craft they be taken over as transports. This, however, does not meet with the approval of officials generally, who say this can be done only in case of actual war. Instead it has been suggested that the fleet, the St. Louis, St. Paul, New York, Philadelphia and Kroon-land, be acquired by the Federal Shipping Board and operated by it. Another sugges-tion, and one that is receiving real serious consideration, is that when the President appears before Congress he specifically reappears before Congress he specifically re-quest that that body authorize him to "utilize the armed forces of the United States" to reopen the American Line. Then he could freely arm and operate the Ameri

can Line steamships in any way that either he or the Navy Department considered wine. It is not believed here that if the latter plan was adopted German submarines would torpedo the vessels of the American Line without warning. But they could and probably would, hold them up and search them for contraband, as even though the American liners were armed, they would hardly fire on a German submarine on sight, while the big U-boats could lie well off the British coast and stop and search these steamships for contraband. The re-sult would be-and this is the chief ob-

fection raised against the plan-that the vessels of the American Line would always be in danger of being sunk by a German submarine commander, who would provide for the safety of crew and passengers by towing their boats, as has been done in the past in the case of freighters. President Franklin has emphasized every

ime that he has discussed operation of the essels that what his company wanted to make sure of before resuming operations was that they would not be destroyed, as the line was not in position to replace them.

U. S. STILL UNDECIDED **ON ARMING LINERS**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23. Secretary of the Navy Daniels admitted only that this Government has reached no ecision regarding the furnishing of defensive guns and gun crews to the American line, although P. A. S. Franklim, head of the line, has renewed his request for such armament. The Secretary said that Mr. Franklin made it clear he was not pressing the question, but strongly intimated that

if the guns, which he says cannot be ob-rained from private sources, were furnished sailings of the liners new held in New York would be resumed." It was denied that the question of the Government taking over the liners or that of convoying the hips by naval vessels was discussed at the or ference. There was great probability that the

whole matter would be gone over at length at this afternoon's fabiner meeting. It is admittedly a question of growing import-ance not only because of the international situation, but also on account of the effect the idle liners has on freight congestion in this country and the consequent shortage of food and fuel.

NEW YORK, Feb. 52.

Officials of the International Mercantile Marine, operating company for the Ameri-can Line, were called into a conference today by P A S. Franklin, president of the concern, on his return from Washington. It was stated the officials took up only routine matters, but it was generally be-lieved the meeting might have greater sig-nificance in view of Frantitin's Washington visit.

TWO BIG LINERS SAIL; CARRY WAR SUPPLIES

NEW YORK, Feb. 23. Two transatiantic Two transatiantic liners carrying muni-ons and passengers salled from New York day to defy Germany's submarines in the buryed zone. They were the Giuseppe Verdi, an Italian liner for Genoa and Naples, and the Cunard liner Carpathia, for Liverpool. The passenger lines of both vessels were withheld, and it is not known whether American sitizens are aboard.

Both vessels offer rich prizes to U-boats The Gluseppe Verdi carries a heavy cargo of various sorts of war supplies, including 500 horses. There are 200 passengers in her steerage and twenty in the cabins. The Carpathia is said to have on board ap-proximately 13,990 tons of munitions. The Italian and British liners went down

the bay together and commenced their ourney about the same time. Two versels reached here today after having come safely through the barred zone. They were the British steamship Stenton from Liverpool and the Spanish ateamship Ascurca from Valencia. Both reported sighting no submarine en route.

Stole Sawmill, Is Charge

ADMEN PROVE GOODS OFFERED FOR MARKET

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Of the 9,000. 000 bushels of potatoes in New York State 5,000,000 will be needed for sead, according to a report of the Agricultural Department, which said consumers must find a substitute Value of Products Tested Before at once if the next crop is notito be im Advertising, James M. Mathes periled. **Tells Club Diners**

bushels of potatoes, on which it is said a profit of \$1062.50 will be made, the schooner Advertising was the juncheon topic be-fore the Business Science Club at the Adelphia today, with James M. Mathes, of N. W. Ayer & Son, as the speaker. Carrie L. Hirtle has reached Boston from Hallfax, N. S. The potatoes so far have cost Captain John E. Smith, the vessel's skipper, \$1.60 a bushle, and he expects to

N. W. Ayer & Son, as the speaker. Mr. Mathes took his listeners vicarlously through the advertising headquarters, de-tailing each step that a client is put through when he comes there. get \$3.75 a bushel here.

READING, Pa. Feb 23.-A bushel of potatoes sold by a farmer near Hamburg was of exceedingly large size, and numwhen he comes there. Step No. 1 Mr. Mathes gave as an ex-animation of the product to be advertised. "Advertising won't sell an inferior product, you know." he cautioned. "even it does so mightily increase the sales of a good product. So we always test the prod-uct. sometimes on our own people we have 300 down there—or in some other way, and determine to our satisfaction whether it is worth advertising." bered exactly seventy, or a pound each on the average. The price was \$3, or more than four cents each WESTVILLE, N. J., Feb. 23 .-- From pres-ent indications there will be a big acreage of potatoes planted in this section. Owners

worth advertising." Mr. Mathes went on to say that if the

product is worth advertising the advertising counsel then decides how to dress it up; in most cases, he said, this means the package in which it is sold. He illustrated his remarks with experiences with well known names in advertising.

After the dress, he said, comes the gath ring of information of selling methods hat have been used, if it is an old product, and this information is used in framing a elling plan. He told how often the ad certising counsel suggests, and usually car-ries its point, in putting over a complete corganization plan in selling.

After the plan is thus worked out, time has come to prepare the copy, and the only step after that is to check up on ac-complishments. Mr. Mathem said the check omplishments. Mr. Mathes said the checks s made from 16,000 different publications read in the Ayer offices.

\$100,000 ESTATE DIVIDED IN PRIVATE BEQUESTS

Wills probated today include those of Frederic W, Tunneil, 250 West Tulpehocken treet, which in private bequests disposer of property valued at more than \$100,000; Liewelyn T. McKee, 549 Pelham road, 5100,000; Mary T. Biddle, Ridley Park, 856,500; Mary Culin, 4812 Chester avenue, 122 000 ; Emma W. McLaughlin, who died the Presbyterian Hospital, \$20,000; W Hammond, 655 North Twelfth street. 1935 North

Incendiary Fire at Cynwyd

street. first floor of a three-story building at Bala and Highland avenues, Cynwyd. The ground floor consists of stores and offices, the Hirstfield family occupying the two upper floors. Damages to the hullding has been estimated about \$1000, and the occu-pants of the offices have suffered a loss

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MILLVILLE, N. J., Feb. 22.-A Phila-delphia commission merchant was in Mill-ville paying \$5 a bushel for all of the po-tatoes he could buy and shipped them to the ty market.

Walter Bateman, an extensive grower at Mauricetown, sold 1000 bushels of redskin potatoes for \$1650. The reds yield much better in the Maurice River section than the cobblers or other whiteskins, but usually bring less than the other varieties.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 23. - When WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 23. — When Mrs. Mary Getsamick was found guilty of disorderly conduct by Alderman Frank B. Brown she was ordered to pay a fine of \$2.50 and costs. Besides giving \$300 bail, the woman offered two large potatoes which she had in her pocket in settlement of the case. When the alderman, appreciating the humor of the situation, consented to take the potatoes in lieu of the fine and costs, but demanded she furnish bail, the woman said she had one ton of coal in her cellar and offered it as bail. "Cer-tainly; go home, Mrs. Getsamick. Next case, please." said the alderman.

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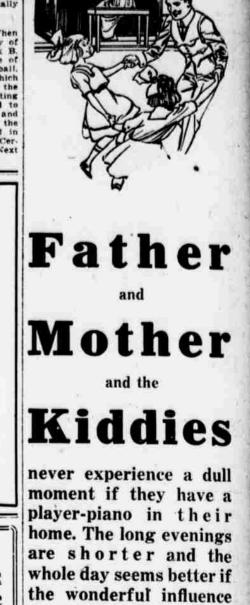
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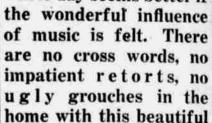
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\$16,500; Henry Berkowitz 118 Morris street, \$13,500; Herman Hillebrand, \$29 South Fifty seventh street, \$8200; Joseph 16, McKenna, 805 South Sixteenth street \$6000; Theresia Leichner, Mascher street, \$5000 ; Julia McCaffney, 415 North Twentieth street, \$2800 ; William Wil 2216 St. Albans street, \$3500, and William Kyle, 5616 Arch street, \$2800.

A fire of incendiary origin today drove a family of Louis Hirstfield into the rect. The biaze was discovered on the

MEASURES PROPOSED

The restrictive measures proposed by oyd George and announced to the House Commons are these: The Board of Agriculture to receive

powers to enforce cultivation of food products.

products. Importation of foreign ten, coffee and occoss prohibiled. Importation of canned salmon cut by Sifty per cent. Paper imports to be reduced 640,000 tens and a scheme of distribution made for supplying the printing trade. Importation of timber banned. Importation of apples and tomatoes prohibited. Importations of oranges, bannas and

Importations of oranges, bananas and auts restricted to twenty-five per cent

of present imports. Of internal plans to economize and aid ingland in defeating the German "starva-on policy." Lloyd George declared: "We must find iron ore shipe at all costs. "Brewing will be limited to 16,000,000

burn First Aid for old Accidents

with the status of these craft. P. A. S. Franklin, president of the cor-poration, has been in this city again, ask-ing that the United States furnish guns and gunners for the fleet. This the Govern-ment does not want to do. It has been suggested that inasmuch as these vessels

Directory First!

Particularly in a big city like Philadelphia, with the whirl of business such as it is to-day, does the telephoning public fall into the habit of trusting to memory for telephone numbers. And nothing has a more serious effect on the service than this attempt at "cutting corners."

The telephone directory shows the number to be Filbert 2795, for example. From memory it may be given as Filbert 2975 or Filbert 2759 or even Walnut 2795; for not only is the transposing of numerals but the miscalling of central office names of very frequent occurrence.

The first essential to good service is that the calls shall start right-that numbers be given carefully to the operators; otherwise, persons are called in error and there is delay and annoyance all around.

In short, the effective way is-First, to consult the directory: Second, to give the number slowly, one digit at a time; Third, to speak distinctly and in a moderate tone. The Bell Telephone Co. of Penna.

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