

TRANSIT BILL PASSES HOUSE; TWINING GLAD

Measure Makes It Possible to Make P. R. T. Join City Lines
CLUB IN HANDS OF CITY
 Other Measures Coming to Give Additional Advantages in Negotiations for Lease

Transit Director Twining expressed his approval today of the action taken by the House of Representatives in passing the Gans bill yesterday. The bill was drafted at the instance of Mayor Smith and Director Twining to be used as a club in the transit lease negotiations with the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.

"I am delighted to learn of this action," the Director said today, when told the bill had passed the House without opposition. "It shows that the members of the House are striving to help us solve our problems in Philadelphia. I surely hope the Senate will take similar action."

Mayor Smith likewise expressed his gratification at the action of the House. "I expected it," said Mr. Smith this afternoon, "and it helps the situation a great deal. Others interested in the transit situation will be equally pleased. The passage of the Gans bill by the House is a forward step."

Under the Gans bill the Transit Company could be required to through-route cars from the Frankford and Darby elevated lines over the tracks of the present Market street high-speed line, irrespective of any transit lease, and even if the line should be an independent operator for the city's high-speed system.

BILL'S PROVISIONS
 In part the bill reads:
 "It shall be the duty of every street railway corporation in this Commonwealth to construct and maintain, whenever the commission may require the same, such switch or other connections with or between its lines or lines of railway and lines of railway owned, leased or operated by any municipal corporation where the same is reasonably practicable to form a continuous line of transportation and to cause the conveyance of persons and property to be without unreasonable interruption or delay and to establish through routes and service thereon in and just and reasonable joint rates, fares and charges applicable thereto and shall not discriminate in the said rates, fares, charges or in any rules or regulations applicable thereto between any such connecting lines."

This is the first of four bills bearing on the transit situation to be introduced in Harrisburg. Director Twining is assisting in the drafting of the others, and he said today that, barring unforeseen delay, they would be ready to send to Harrisburg early next week. All four will place the city in a more advantageous position in the negotiations with the transit company.

It is known the Gans bill was on the calendar for yesterday. It came up, however, and had its third reading and final passage with 176 yeas and no nays against it. It now goes to the Senate, where no opposition is expected, both factions approving it.

The measure introduced by Representative Sigmund J. Gans, of Philadelphia, a Penrose-McNichol follower, February 12. It was referred to the Judiciary General Committee of the House, of which Representative Frederick Beyer, of Philadelphia, is chairman, and reported out with a favorable recommendation.

McNICHOL ON COMMITTEE
 Representative Hecht, who represents Mayor Smith's home district, and McNichol are members of the committee.

Senator Vane, following the passage of the bill, said he was not familiar with its provisions. "If it is a good measure," he said, "it will be passed by the Senate. If it is not, it will be lost."

Representative Gans, sponsor of the measure, conferred with McNichol and McNichol soon after the bill passed the House. Gans afterward said that the bill had the approval of his constituents in the northern section of Philadelphia and expressed confidence that it would pass the Senate. He admitted that the measure could be employed to force the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company to link its lines with the new high-speed line, and that it might have an important bearing upon the present transit situation if it should become a law.

\$40,000 Fire at Mahanoy City
 MAHANOCY CITY, Pa., March 22.—Fire entailing a loss of \$40,000 early today destroyed five business places, when a furnace in the hotel of George Dringy burst. A faithful dog in the hotel, after arousing the inmates, was suffocated. Other buildings burned were undertaking establishment of Charles Scherer, tea store of P. J. Tolan, Michael Lopriore's grocery and Valentine Krauter's cafe.

WOMAN FORMS MEDICAL CORPS FOR SERVICE WITH U. S. IN WAR

Dr. Blanca Hillman, of Drexel Hill, Promises Detail of 100, to Be Trained in All Lines of Work



DR. BLANCA HILLMAN
 Drexel Hill woman doctor who will furnish the Government with a corps of 100 physicians trained in aviation in case of war.

By M'LISS
 Hundreds of women doctors throughout the city stand prepared to give up their practice and lend their services to the country in the event of war.

Hundreds of them who are tried surgeons and physicians, having practiced for a number of years, are taking war emergency instructions to be better fitted should hostilities come.

One physician, Dr. Blanca Hillman, of Drexel Hill, has obligated herself to produce when the Government needs it a corps of one hundred women doctors and college women trained to the last minute detail in all of the branches of field and hospital service.

Doctor Hillman will have doctor aviators who know the workings of aircraft as they and who will be able to step into an airplane, their doctor's kit over their shoulders, and administer first aid by the aerial route if necessary.

There will be doctor equestriennes who, when all the vehicles are out, will be able to mount a horse and Paul Reverse it to any place their presence is demanded.

DIVISIONS OF WORK
 The corps will have doctor ambulance drivers, doctor chauffeurs and college women telegraphers and wireless operators also.

Already Doctor Hillman has besought the Government to aid her in her work, and the Government has issued its vote of thanks and its offer to help in the training of the women.

"My corps of 100," she told me, "will be divided into sections of ten women each, who will learn different branches of work. Most of them are doctors, a few are college women without any medical training."

"I have permission from the Government to send my wireless section to the Government wireless school. When I get the aviation corps assembled I shall once more make women taught aeroplaning. The thing is in its infancy now, but I expect in the end to offer the services of 100 women trained in all the details of war aid."

The majority of the women doctors have acknowledged their state of preparedness and their willingness to go to the front through the Philadelphia College Women's Chapter of the Red Cross.

"The war in Europe," said Dr. Gertrude

Police Court Chronicle
 A peace advocate with a tired-looking high hat and a string-bean moustache jumped on the rear of an express wagon near Frankford avenue and Cumberland street and explained his views regarding present-day strife.

His audience for a time consisted of two street cleaners, an old woman and three dogs. Passersby cast a lazy eye toward the meeting, but the word "peace" filled them with disgust, and they ambled right along.

But the orator was persistent. He paraded all the bromides made famous by the anti-

Thieves Raid Dental Company
 Gold dust and gold leaf valued at \$699 and \$50 in cash were missing from the strongbox of the Pharmacoe Dental Company, 907 Walnut street, when the manager, M. A. Robbins, went to the office this morning. Detective Nolan and Sergeant Lyons, of the Fifteenth and Locust streets station, discovered that the thieves had entered the building from a third-story window, broken into the second-floor office and opened the box with a jimmy.

New Reading Bridge Near Carlisle
 CARLISLE, Pa., March 22.—A contract has been given by the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company to the Jones-McGraw Company, of Philadelphia, for a new concrete bridge in this county across the Yellow Breeches Creek.

war artists and often chuckled with satisfaction at the wonderful contrasts which he made in favor of peace.

As the street cleaners had to go to lunch and the old woman didn't understand the idea, they left the meeting, but the dogs remained. The man waved his hands frequently when he spoke and the dogs probably thought he intended to throw them something to eat and was playing a little beforehand.

Finally the orator became boisterous and took a stand on the trolley tracks. A passing policeman took him before Magistrate Delitz. The man said he wanted to convince the people how foolish it was to pose as targets for the benefit of rulers. The judge told him it was all right to express his views, but reminded him that they must not obstruct the trolleys. He was discharged.

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METHODISTS URGE OPTION ACTION BY LEGISLATURE

Central Pennsylvania Conference Passes Resolution Asking Liquor Legislation

LEWISTOWN, Pa., March 22.—The sessions of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Church this morning unanimously passed a resolution petitioning the State Legislature to "take an initial step for the passage of the local option law."

The resolution was presented to the conference by the Rev. C. W. Karns, Carlisle, and was signed by these fifteen ministerial delegates: A. B. Bowman, retired, Schenectady; N. Y.; T. S. Wilcox, New Cumberland; M. J. Runyan, Atville; W. Emerson Karns, York; A. Lawrence Miller, Bloomsburg; T. Simpson Stansfield and J. F. Glass, Jersey Shore; William J. Sheaffer, Montoursville; C. V. Drake, Safton; J. S. Souser, Shamokin; Horace Lincoln Jacobs, Williamsport; E. A. Pyles, Harrisburg; B. H. Hart, Williamsport; M. E. Swartz, York, and John H. Daugherty, Sunbury.

Following the resolution's adoption Bishop McDowell introduced the Rev. F. F. Hoopes, Harrisburg, superintendent of the Pennsylvania Anti-Saloon League, and in a stirring address he pleaded for the conference to recognize the importance of hasty and decisive action on the local option question.

SING SING CONVICT OUT TO SEE DYING WIFE
 John Quinn Gets Temporary Leave of Absence From Penitentiary Following Daughter's Plea

NEW YORK, March 22.—With loyalty to his dying wife as his only restraint, John Quinn walked out of Sing Sing Prison today and hastened to her bedside here. Temporary leave of absence was granted Quinn by Governor Whitman after his six-year-old daughter Lillian telephoned the chief executive:

"Please, Mr. Governor, let mama see papa before she dies."

Quinn is now serving the last three years of a seven-year sentence for burglary. No guards accompanied him, and he is on his honor to return to the prison and finish his sentence after he has seen his wife.

VALUE ALREADY TESTED
 "Graduates of the Woman's Medical College here have gone to the front in France, Serbia and Belgium and give noteworthy service. Dr. Rosalie S. Morton is an example. She wears the insignia of the French Government and all last summer worked in a base hospital in Salonika, doing brilliant surgical work there. We have other women in the Paris hospitals."

"What the women doctors have done for the foreign countries they will do for this, and more too. We are getting ready for our part. We are glad to do it, too, because if this war has proved anything at all, it has proved that, given the opportunity, the woman doctor can compete successfully in every branch of medicine and surgery with man. This war has pushed the woman doctor movement forward hundreds of years."

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AMERICAN AVIATOR LOST FIGHTING FOR FRANCE

James R. McConnell Falls Within German Lines—His Fate Remains Unknown

PARIS, March 22.—James R. McConnell, an American aviator, has been lost, according to reports reaching here. McConnell fell inside the German lines, and it is not known whether he was killed, wounded or escaped, although it is believed his machine was wrecked.

McConnell was a veteran member of the American—now the Lafayette—Escadrille, and was a teammate of Norman Prince, Victor Chapman and Kiffin Rockwell before they were killed in aerial battles. Lieutenant William Thaw is the only other original member left in the Escadrille, as Elliott Cowden is in the United States and Bert Hall in Russia, the comprising the original six members. McConnell was born in Athaca, but lived in New York. McConnell was reported brought down on Monday.

Rush to Shelter of Old Glory
 NEW YORK, March 22.—There was a rush of applicants to the Naturalization Bureau of the County Clerk's office in the Hall of Records, Manhattan. For the first time since the dwindling of a sudden stimulus that attended the diplomatic break with Germany applications for first papers exceeded 200, and sixty-five persons who had declared intention sought second papers.

BIG AIRSHIP STATION FOR ATLANTIC CITY

Negotiations Between Glenn Curtiss and Elkins-Hendrick Syndicate

ATLANTIC CITY, March 22.—To make Atlantic City one of the most important aerial stations on the Atlantic seaboard, with aerial lines radiating to New York and the north coast resorts, as well as to Philadelphia, is the purpose of Glenn Curtiss, whose aeroplane plant is near Buffalo, and the Elkins-Hendrick syndicate here.

Preliminary negotiations are under way looking to the merging of the Atlantic City plant, which is now turning out "aerotrains" to be operated between Atlantic City and Philadelphia during the summer, with the Curtiss interests. Details will be arranged when Curtiss, who is now in Florida, arrives here early in April to look over the ground.

The negotiations with Curtiss contemplate not only a large plant to fill orders for flying machines for the Federal Government as well as for amusement and commercial purposes, but a big practice field for both land and water planes.

Mr. Curtiss has been looking for a location for a seacoast plant for some months. His decision to locate in Atlantic City, if satisfied,

JERSEY GOVERNOR SIGNS "FULL-CREW" MEASURE
 Rejects Trainmen's Appeal and Lays Constitutionality of Matter to Courts

TRENTON, N. J., March 22.—After hearing today of railroad representatives and trainmen on the Roberts amendment "full-crew" bill which has passed the Legislature, Governor Edges announced he would sign the measure. Representatives of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen pleaded with the Executive to veto the bill, declaring it was unconstitutional.

The Governor expressed confidence in the fairness of the Public Utility Commission, which is to determine the justice of complaints from railroads as to overmanning of trains or appeals from the trainmen that not sufficient numbers of men are employed. He said the courts could determine the law's constitutionality.

"This will put the burden of proof upon the railroads in the matter of crews, and in my judgment that is where it belongs," said Mr. Edge.

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 —for the serge dress shown in the illustration. It is of very fine quality blues and blacks, braid trimmed. Light gray silk collars. The demand for these will be unusual.

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\$25.00 is the special price placed on a beautifully modeled navy serge suit with a yoke-effect front and belt and pockets with profuse black bone button trimming. Coat is peau de cygne lined, and collar is beautifully embroidered.