

TWINING SEES TROUBLE FOR TRANSIT MEASURES

Director Expects Fight on Bills, Despite Easy Passage of Salus Draft

The prompt action of the State House of Representatives at Harrisburg in rallying to the support of Philadelphia's transit plan by voting the Stern bill without a dissenting voice yesterday is not regarded by officials of the Transit Department as any indication that the Legislature will show similar harmony in passing the other pending transit measures.

Although the Stern bill, sweeping away the basis of the Fluck "taxpayer's" suit and validating beyond question the \$67,100,000 port and transit loan, was essential to the success of the transit plans at this time, Director Twining feels that the other measures are of far greater importance, since upon their passage he is basing his hopes for a more favorable lease to the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.

The public hearing on the bills in Harrisburg on May 8 was granted ostensibly to give the Transit Company an opportunity to register its opposition to the measures, but there is a persistent rumor that the commitment of the Salus, Gans and

Hecht bills and the Hecht constitutional amendment and the announcement by the Mayor that an effort would be made to combine them, are really part of a political scheme to draw the "teeth" out of the measures and render them innocuous.

The Transit Company has been bringing every possible pressure to bear to defeat the bills. David H. Lane, chairman of the Republican City Committee, and a transit obstructionist of long standing on account of his large Union Traction holdings, has likewise been lining up his forces to kill the bills. In addition, former Transit Director A. Merritt Taylor has denounced at least three of the measures as "destructive and unnecessary."

Officials and heavy stockholders of the Rapid Transit, the Union Traction and all of the underlying companies, whose franchises might be disturbed by the proposed Hecht eminent domain bill and the proposed constitutional amendment, are likewise Hecht law financially possible, have joined the fight.

Whether or not Mayor Smith will yield to the combined pressure and consent to the modification of the bills is causing wide speculation in transit circles. Irrespective of the Mayor's policy, however, it is known that McNichol will oppose the present form of the Gans bill providing for through-routing of trains between the company's and the city's system, and the present form of the Salus bill containing this same provision and an additional provision for a joint rate of fare between the two systems because they will increase the powers of the Public Service Commission.

BEAUTIFUL GIRL ROUTS "BRAINS" IN DEBATE

Wins Unanimous Verdict and Thus Proves Age-Long Truth Before Church Audience

The beautiful girl can "put one over" on the girls with brains any day in the week, according to an audience of more than 500 persons gathered at a debate in the Salem Reformed Church, Fourth street above Fairmount avenue.

The interesting subject was: "Resolved, That the majority of men are more interested in the girl of today for what is in her head than what is in it."

By an almost unanimous vote the negative side won.

Agio F. Hansman, the affirmative speaker, said that hats, rats, ribbons, switches mean nothing and that men marry women for love, not because of their appearance.

C. Oscar Beasley, the negative speaker, said no man wanted to marry a dictionary, and that beautiful women have been winners since times immemorial. He won, too.

Heavy Snow in Northern Michigan
CALUMET, Mich., April 25.—Snow two to four inches deep covers the upper peninsula of Michigan today, and traffic is interrupted, as a result of a blizzard which struck this region yesterday.

Man Hit by Street Car Dies
John Costello, sixty-two years old, 3099 Dakota street, was knocked down by a trolley car at 12:30 this morning on York street west of Twenty-ninth and died of his injuries at 4 a. m. in the Women's

Homeopathic Hospital. The motorman told the police he was not sure whether Costello was lying on the track or was trying to cross the street. The first he knew of the accident, he said, was when the trolley hit something.

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