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#### SOME INSIDE FACTS ABOUT TRANSIT

TN THE mayoralty campaign of 1915 a political agreement was entered into to the effect that, in the event of the election of Thomas B. Smith, a Director. of City Transit acceptable to the P. R. T. ould be appointed. When the time was a division among the officers of the One body of opinion favored the retention of Director Taylor on the and that his views were well known and square operating agreement. The other and dominant body of opinion favored Mr. Twining, for reasons reflecting in no way on his attainments, integrity

We believed at the time that the com-O. K. on Twining, whose general comwas obviously far greater than that of any politician and whose professional abilities were pronounced and well honesty of the new Director would more than compensate for any deficiency in his vision

The Mayor did not know Mr. Twining but he summoned him to a conference at the Adelphia Hotel. At that conference Mr. Twining pointed out that he was ndither a public speaker nor a politician effect that as Director he would concern himself solely with engineering problems and would leave to the Mayor himself all matters of a financial or political nature that might arise.

EVEN before Mr. Twining's appointment P. R. T. engineers had prepared a bobtail transit plan of their own. They hoped to put it through by introing a red herring in the form of a hue and cry that City Hall would col lapse if subways were built under it. This company plan reached the Mayor. He summoned Mr. Twining, who was sympathetic toward it. He changed it in public. But the important point is this: it did not originate in the Department of City Transit. It was labeled a Twining plan, but it was a P. R. T. plan. At that time the Mayor announced his irrevocable decision that no subways should go under City Hall. Public opinion compelled a change of mind. He was driven to cover

The May loan then came along. It had been the intention of one faction to knife it, but the necessary funds were not forthcoming and there was little organfred opposition, except in Dave Lane's back yard.

By October nothing had been done Prices were rising and conditions becoming more and more unfavorable, but no bids for new work were published. The patience of the public was exhausted Accordingly the Mayor instructed Mr. Twining to draw up a lease and offer it to the company. That was the Mayor's lease of October, 1916. The administra tion has since admitted that it was a fake and had no sincerity behind it. It was offered, we are now told, to fool and quiet the people. A few weeks ago, however, the company was about to accept it, whereupon the administration rushed pell-mell into a councilmanic committee and had it killed.

UP TO November of last year, then, it is plain that every move shade by the Mayor was a move favorable to the P. R. T., dictated in two out of three cases by that company. There was nothing dishonest about it, we believe, there being more evidence of stupidity, due to an utter lack of understanding of the situation, a lack of understanding that still

POLLOWING the disastrous reception accorded its previous moves and reslising that it could put nothing over on the public while Taylor was on guard, the P. R. T. then opened negotiations with the former Director, in the hope that a lease could be formulated which would meet with his approval. Conferences were begun. They ended quickly because apparently breconcilable differences of laten appeared. Mr. Taylor had been

earnings.

The whole transit situation was in a tion and urged that they meet once more in his office, which was neutral territory. They agreed. Mr. Van Valkenburg bluntly told Mr. Ballard that the press and people would indorse no lease that the company might as well pocket its pride and satisfy the former Director. Mr. Van Valkenburg also laid down a negotiations, quoting as his authority nany decisions of the Interstate Comnerce Commission and State Public Servtrictically performed, and also, in many won in the cause of rapid transit by Mr. it, many of which were minor and easy

THE Mayor had known of the negotia-

tions going on between the company and Mr. Taylor. He had not been antag the chrysalis of passivity emerged a fullloud language to be a champion of the people, who would smite this fellow Taycial interest in opposition to the public weal! This attitude was ridiculous to citizens who knew Mr. Taylor and stopped service he had given the people. His lease might be had in spots, but it was its text was clear as crystal. But it was obviously to the interest both of the company and of the politicians that Taylor's influence be undermined and he himself discredited. So a campaign with that end in view was launched. They even baited the former Director by urgina a lot of drastic legislation, knowing that pany made certain vital concessions h taliatory nature proposed. The Mayor temporarily undermining the real champion of transit. They had something to shoot at and they did not intend to miss

All well and good, perhaps; but while they were spending their time discrediting Mr. Taylor, the transit situation was getting more and more muddled. They dices and destroying the good will the company had built up during several years of improved service under Mr. Stotesbury. They were giving out the impression that a fair and square lease was impossible, which was not true, and they were talking of independent opera tion and a new transit company to complicate still further the situation and give gang politics a new lease on life in this city. Phey began to have visions of tions, and they built up an imaginary structure of their own which involved the expenditure of millions and millions of dollars more than is now contemplated or than the city has any hope of having available. They got so close to absolute demagogy that if their hair was not singed it was by the mercy of Providence

WE HAVE no disposition in the present exigency to harass or embarrass the Mayor and his advisers in any practical scheme they may have for untanging the intricate knot into which they have managed to tie the transit program. Mr Taylor had provided a Chestnut stree subway in case terms with the company ecame absolutely impossible. The assumption that a lease is impossible, how ever, is purely gratuitous. There is little probability of an agreement, it is true, if Director Twining and Mr. Lewis write into the lease they are to get ready many of the visionary proposals which they have at different times brought forward. If they are willing to write a David Harum lease, in which the other fellow also gets something, they can quickly oring order out of chaos. But they will never help transit development by throwing transit funds into politics and a general jackpot in the expectation that by so doing they will gather a few millions for a pet hobby.

What we are after is a transit sysem in operation. What delay does is to strengthen the financial position of the company, permit it to capitalize the municipal growth which was depended on to finance the new lines and enfeeble the municipality little by little. Mr. Lewis, we understand, advocates going right ahead with the construction program. That is impossible. Nobody but a madman would award large contracts at present prices. It would simply mean siling the contractors' pockets. Doubtone the Public Service Commission will critic.

ment, when dealing with a virtual bank- grant a certificate of public convenience rupt, then he was willing to be with a for anything the Mayor wants, since Comcompany which had begun to show large missioner Mages has taken it upon himseif, ex officio, to dictate the city's policy, stalemate. In these circumstances, Mr. in a Public Service Commission that re-E. A. Van Valkenburg, editor of the North fused to permit the city to take advan-American, telephoned one evening to Mr. tage of excellent hids for work in the Ballard and to Mr. Taylor, expressed his heart of the city, although authorizing it regret that they were no longer in negotia- at the same time to build an elevated line through miles of vacant fields, a pet hobby

The Frankford line to Bridge street should be rushed to completion and operated. We have reason to think that Mr. Taylor did not approve, wherefore there is no necessity for municipal equipment of it, but that a suitable and temporary lease with the P. E. T. can be WE DO not believe that the business

> rings are brought to the front. The penole are not idiots and they do not want

WE SUGGEST to the Mayor, Mr. Gaffe ney, Director Twining and Mr. Lewis. omposing the board of strategy, that they they not? If they did not, let them have favor of the temporary transfer charge which Director Twining and others think

no Lens is necessary, but it certainly

would be more fair.

sey slogan hunter. Why not make it "Crate the kings" and complete the

If he'd only called it "Man and Vegetable Superman," Bernard Shaw would have been as great a prophet as he occasionally thinks he is.

With twenty-those of the States bone dry," beginning yesterday, the other twenty-five cannot consider partial prohibition an un American institution.

It is so soon that I am done for wonder what I was begun for.
—Epitaph on a Baby. The Stockholm Socialist conference

The news that the Crown Princ again directing operations against Verdun ought to be the finest kind of encouragement to the French counter-at-

The Officers' Reserve Corps of En gineers has been entirely filled. It is well to keep little facts like this on tap when the "glooms" begin croaking about wartime apathy and similar mournful myths.

Oratorically waving the American flag "from the pine-clad hills of Maine to the everglades of Florida" won't do for the new Fourth of July speeches A certain starry banner caught a certain welcome breeze in a certain "French port" the other day. The ancient formula needs drastic revision and glorious en-

Not a man was lost. \* \* \* There was not even a case of serious illness.

\* \* The men landed in splendid morale, with keen, confident and eager spirit.

\* \* The physical appearance of our men is truly inspiring -

The physical appearance of our able-bodied civilians at home is just as fine, but somehow it is not so inspiring. There are about 60,000 places to be filled in the regular army.

The precious quality of sincerity was the supreme feature of the late Wi liam Winter's play reviews. As a critic he felt honestly unable to indorse many modern stage developments, and this rigid attitude won him much opposition from a younger generation. As a judge of od acting, however, no such conser vatism ever marred his vision. He adored the "palmy" days of histrionic giants, but his appraisement of the individual performer of our day was keen and valid to the last. Much as he hated Ibsen, he felt constrained to laud Richard Mans field's personal interpretation of Peer Gynt. Bad actors feared Mr. Winter good actors loved him. That verdict

#### Tom Daly's Column

THE MAKE-BLIEVE SISTER They's 'n orphant 'sylum acrost out Aquare,

An' I got a make-b'lieve sister there; I dear little thing 'bout four years old, Ith big blue eyes an' hair like gold An' the accetest dimples I ever did see When she stands at her winder an' emiles at me. Pour, dear little thing ain't got no ma

Like I am got an' no dear pa, Couse she ain't my really sister 't all. First time I seen her was 'ex las' fall W'en we wus settin' out front one day, Me an' ma, an' the orphants they Was out fur their exercise 'crost the way; An' last of 'em all 'at walked in line Was 'in little make-b'lieve sister o' mine She jes' looked over at us an' nen She ken' on lookin' agen 'n agen. Sorter wonderin'-like as though She was thinkin' she oughter know leadership of Philiadelphia can afford Who we are, an' after a while The dear little thing beginned to smile in' clapped her hands on' cried, "O, look! There's my ma 'at the angels took finded my ma 'at I thinked was lost! Hello, my ma!" she hollered acrost, An throwed a him to us settin' there. me said, "Goodness! I do declare! An' throwed her a kiss an' nodded her

> hend. Hello, little darling!" my dear ma said, An' throwed more klases an' nodded some

An' untched her un to the 'aulum door, in' new when the little thing went inside My ma she yea' set back an' cried.

the blased me lots an' her check was wet, An' who said. "My darling, her mustn'

At poor little, dear little orphant girl At ain't got no one in all the scori' To love an' to love her like unu au' me. of think how thankful we muchter be He'd take her out of the 'solum sure An' bring her over to our nouse here. vol think of the joy lat we all scould fee If the make-klieve was only real." Think of it! Wouldn't it les' be fine? My make-billers sister truly mine!

Although our eye is always skinned for just that sort of thing, for quite a quarter of a century we had passed inder the sign



which may be seen upon the wall of the hotel on Tenth street above Chestnul and had never consciously. ticed it. The other day an ac quaintance, wishng to be helpful pointed it out to a as "funny. We couldn't see

deer put in there for?" he demanded. At first we gave it up, but then we saw a light. "That's a stag," we said: "it's a stag horel, see " "Well, well: I always thought it was meant for 'dear,' to let you know it wasn't cheap." Which, after all, wouldn't have been displeasing to To see Germany's eventual defeat the worthy founder of the house. Peter Samuel Dooner established his hotel as shelter for male animals only and or in all departments excepting the restaurant, it has always remained; and today it is the only stag house of the first class in town. Peter Dooner was hard to shake from an ideal when he had once given himself to it.

> CON GOUCHER, now the dean of Philadelphia printers; Clayt McKenzle and some others still about town, who worked upon the Age in wartime, could tell you how the mob storming the office of that Democratic organ in the midhour of the Civil War found only Peter Dooner, foreman of the pressroom, and lim Breen, a hunchback fly-boy, left to defend the place; and they could tell you how Peter barricaded the front door and went 'up to the roof, whence he treated the crowd to buckets of scalding water passed to him by the hunch back. "This is on the house!" yelled Peter to the mob below; but they went

WE ARE coming in for our share of foolish war talk. More and more frequently we hear the suggestion that Gersantown be rechristened. Early in 1915 we heard how the Germantown Tool Works had lost some of its trade in Australasia because of its name, and now in that part of the world the firm. for business purposes, is known as the Griffith Tool Company. We can understand that, but why should all things German be put out of the sight of man secause some members of the family have recently gone insane?

# FOURTH OF JULY CONTEST

empirical: Come, though your mood be sedate o satirical; Come with your rhymes and grow Fourth

o' Julyrical; Maybe-who knows?-you'll accomplish the miracle-

That is to say, capture the \$2.50 bit of gold for eight lines of verse for July 5

The news that Clam-Martinic is to be omething or other in Austria struck us first as a bit of information diverted from restaurant menu. To class it with the oyster cocktail might be not altogether an inconcinnity. Maybe that's a new one for you.

With so many of our hest youth already enlisted and with some of our colleges wondering if there'll be enough students about next year to resume classes, it may be idle to offer tips to athletic scouts, but here's an item from the Doylestown Intelligencer that might bear investigating:

Howard Drew, negro eprinter, has run

### ATTILA OUTDONE BY THE KAISER

Comparison of the Methods of the Huns of the Fifth and of the Twentieth Centuries

By HENRI BAZIN Staff Correspondent of the Russing Ledger in France.

PARIS, June 5. THE other day in Nantes I was shown I through the Public Library. M. Bellamy ancient portrait upon the wait of a great book room, and said: "That is the picture of Attila. The painter is unknown. The picture was originally in the Chuteau, and is said to have been the property of Louis XII, removed from Paris at the request of Anne, Duchem of Britishy, who did not wish to have it present in her palace in

Paris when she became Queen of France. Here then was the portrait of the King of the Huns, the "Scourge of the Human Race," the terrarum omnium metus, he of whom it was said "that the grass grey no longer after the passing of his horse," he who through all the centuries of time has been the synonym of evil and ruthlessness, gorilla-like tyranny and devil-like flendishness: through all the centuries of time, until his place was usurped by Wil ham II of Germany. And with the thought came the idea of brief comparative record in proof that Attila as against the German Kaiser was humane, generous, a suckling babe or innocent novice in that which the world calls tyranny and herror.

I knew that German legend, the Niebel ungen, represents Attila or Eitel as magnificent, hospitable and wise, fighting true like an ancient kraight, drinking deep as an ancient burgomaster, the king of rude en counter and frank lip, with gambrinesque face and a paunch like Faistaff's. I knew. oo, the spreading of black paint is an easy thing, that a dog with a bad name is accused of every theft, that since every one trembled at Attila's name, every one pretended additional reason for trembling; that all the tales as to his cynical invasions and frightful stroctties are in some measure due to his being Attila, and not entirely because he was Attila. Indeed, all the stories of the seventh, eighth and ninth centuries, if true, would not have left a city standing in all Gaul nor all Italy. Yet at Attila's death Rome and Venice, Reim and St. Quentin still stood. And here and there he had shown some compassion amidst his cruelty. So I went over the record, the record of history, ancient history and mod-

Attila of the Fifth Century

Attila became King of the Huns in 434, dividing for a year the kingly power with his brother Bleds, whom he later murdered that he might rule alone. Immediately afterward he conquered the Accadians, then the hordes of Asia and the Stavic and Teutonic tribes, creating in the north of Europe an empire rivaling that of Rome, And then be ravaged Media, Boania, Siaronia and Thrace. In 444 he reached Thermopylae and forced Theodosius II to pay tribute. He then attacked the Romans with 500,000 barbarians and, although he had Rome at his mercy, did not occupy it or aim to destroy it. And afterward he crossed the Rhine and devastated Traves, burned Metz, pillaged Reims, sucked Laon and St. Quentin, was repuised at fasteen and at Orleans, defeated and forced back in retreat in battle with the Franks up

to trady, took Aquilla, Venice and Ligorio, nenaced Rome ugata, and retired to the barfus of the Danube. Here ended his conmests and his invasions. In 450 he manied Idico, a princess of Bactria, and upon us wedding night was stabbed to death by its bride, who had married him only the setter to carry out her intent of avenging

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could have accomplished more ill had This is fact based upon his-dicates a something of humantory, and indicates a something of human-ity in his barbarism, a strange streak of good alloy in a man of evil. All this in dehtoes venue

#### The Twentieth Century Scourge

Now, William II of Germany in less than here, from August, 1914, to April, 1917, The invasion of Belgium and the north of The invasion of Belgium and the north of France, the invasion of Berbin and Monte-tegro, of Rumania and Poland, all under conditions of infamy, monstrosity, pillage, devastation, orgy, murder, incondiarism, violation and sacrilege, coupled with perfldy beyond compare, it's all too mear to require detail, yet it is all exemplified in the ancient words of Vellejus Paterculus in his accuranon against the Germans: Ast till, in numma fertiate sersutissimi—natum men-licio genus—feroclous and perfidious—a age born to the lie.

And then the recent horrors in northern France, in the Somme and Aime and Olse country, with, after destruction of every

living and innuimals thing, the sardenic signs, "Nicht argern, nur wundern!" Not an atom of pity anywhere. Not an atom. And yet Attlin showed the word was in his dictionary at Troyon, when in re-sponse to the prayers of the bishop he did not raze the town, although he took the priest to the borders of the Rhine, that, as the learnd telfs, "his presence might bring good fortune to the army." And he did not devastate Italy as he might have done, when he avoided the ruthless carrying out of ALL the svil in his ower. As did Genghiz-Khan and Tibe

And as did not William II of Germany is who at every occasion invokes "Alter lott," he who has profuned unmentionably acrileged and burned land houses of the limighty God, murdered priests and sisters charity, aged men and little children. Indeed, he could not be compared with ero, Heliogabalus, Caligula, Tiberius or without injustice to these tyrants

And it's high time the mantle of suprem evil in barbarous reputation were taken from the age-old shoulders of the King of the Huns and placed upon the living shoul-ders of William, Emperor of the Boche, who uttyranted all the tyrants of time.

#### BEAT! BEAT! DRUMS!

Beat! beat! drums; Hlow, bugles, blow! Through the windows-through the doorsburst like a ruthless force Into the solemn church and scatter the congregation.
Into the school where the scholar is study-

Leave not the bridegroom quiet-no happiness must be have now with his

Nor the peaceful farmer any peace, plow-ing his field or gathering his grain, So fierce you whire and pound your drums -so shrill you bugles blow.

Seat ! beat ! drums! Blow, bugles, blow Boat: beat: drums! Blow, bugles, blow!

Over the traffic of cities—over the rumble of wheels in the atreets;

No bargainers bargains by day—no brokers or speculators—would they continue? Would the talkers be talking? Would the singer attempt to sing?

Would the lawyer rise in the court to state his case before the Judge?

Then rattle quicker, heavier drums—you begin the desire wilder blow. quicker, heavier drums-you

Beat! beat! drums! Blow, bugles, blow! Make no parley—stop for no expostulation, Mind not the timid—mind not the weeper or

Mind not the old man hereeching the young

Let not the child's voice by
mother's entreaties,
Make even the freeties to shake the dead
where they lie awaiting the hearses.
Bu strong you thump of terrible drums so
lend you imples him.
—Walt Whitman.

#### What Do You Know?

QUIZ

The Serbian Premier announces that his country will send a mission to Washing too. Who is this stateman?
 What were the so-called "Nayades" of the Prench Bevolution?
 What is the second inrest city in Mexicol.
 What is the Hawalian delegate in Congress?

Who is the present Pape?

6. What is the nearest French equivalent to the

7. Who was "Bean Brunmell" and when did 8. Where is the Magnetic North Pole? 9. How many republies are there in Europe and what are they? 10. Who wrote that "one today is worth two

Answers to Saturday's Quiz

8. Cinnabar is an important ore of mercuri-its color varies from bright red to oress. 4. James Crichtan, the Scotch schear, cele-brated for the great variety of bis accom-pilshments, was known as the Admiraba Crichton."

5. The sur is distant from the earth about 93,000,000 miles. 6. The finerian name of Bulgaria is Bulgaria

7. Cu, accord of Aragon, first wife of Hear Vill, was the English oneso who spid. "I have done England little good, but I should be serry to do it any harm."

 The Cyclades form a group of Islands in the Aegean Sea off the coast of Greece. Gerard Mercator, after whom the world-ma-protection is named, was a celebrate Dutch geographer. Itls dates are 1511-1594.

1594.

10. Four candidates were named for President of the United States in 1980, They were Stephen A. Douglas, of Illinois, Northern Democrat; John C. Breckincing, of the tacky, Southern Democrat; John Bell, & Tennessee, Constitutional Unionist, 23 Abraham Lincoln, of Illinois, Republicas.

## THE SUEZ CANAL

The plan of a water connection between the Mediterranean and the Red Sea good back to early Egyptian history. Such canal seems to have been constructed the reigns of Seti I and Rameses II, about the reigns of Sell 1 and from the Nile if 1300 B. C., extending from the Red Sea. Lake Timsah and thence to the Red Sea. An international commission of engin made a preliminary survey in 1846 to ascer-

tain the practicability of a level-water canal. The English engineer on the com-mission. George Stephenson, strongly or posed a canal and recommended to his G ernment a raliroad from Caire to Suez, and this was constructed by British capital a 1858. In the same year M. de Lesseps. 5 Frenchman, succeeded in forming a pany with a capital stock of \$40,000,000 s build the canal. But when De Lesseps found it impossible

to enlist the large amount of capital necessary, he turned to Said Pasha, secured from him a large loan for preliminary work and premoting, and later a subscribtion for nearly half the stock, which a about \$85,000,000. Said was not able to b his subscription and his warrants had to be cashed in London. The Egyptian Gorest ment had agreed to furnish labor at a nominal price, the native workers to be treated and their health to be car The violation of the latter condition part of the canal company aroused a peter in the name of humanity, espacial from England, which had never looked at favor on the canal, and suggested to Sultan of Turkey that the work be stopped. Egypt being under the suzerainty of Takey. The Sultan decided that the sale Egyptian workmen should not be compelled to do the work.

The company complained that this will a breach of contract, and the French peror was asked to arbitrate a difficult seternational dispute. The result was that Egypt was further mulcted of near Europe for aid in his financial diffe. Burope for aid in his financial diffe. Bis canal stock was sold to Engla \$20,000,000. \$20,000,000. This made though originally opposed to the mi-the heaviest owner in it and, combined the general financial assistance render Egypt, gave that Power a direct inter-

Egyptian affairs.
A very short time sufficed to show the canal was of the utmost advantage England as a passageway to her O possessions. England and France a exercised together tutelage over Later events led the British to assure responsibility alone. The Sues Carl the key to this political development became in part to the complicated sin the Near East.

(Tensurage a whole "the Pass Berill a