

Connelly to Frame Transit Lease: 1000 Belgians Here May Fight: Officers Back From Fort Niagara Camp: Other City News

TRANSIT LEASE ABOUT READY FOR COUNCILS

...of City and Company Go Over Printer's Proof

TO BE OFFERED FRIDAY

...Completed After Prolonged Meeting at Which Verbal Changes Are Made

A conference between city and Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company representatives, perhaps the last one before the new lease will be submitted to Councils on Friday, was held today in the office of Director of Transit William S. Twining.

Following the conference it was said that the conferees had gone over the printed proofs of the lease to ascertain that it was correct before sending it to Councils.

Mayor Smith, accompanied by Thomas E. Mitten, president of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, went to the office of Director Twining and Chief Engineer Drum of the Transit Company, in the automobile furnished the Mayor by the city, and took them to Twining's office in the Bourse building where the conference was held. Mayor Smith and Mr. Mitten did not attend the conference. Later William Draper Lewis, legal adviser of the Mayor on transit matters, arrived at the Transit Director's office and conferred with the director and Mr. Drum.

The draft of the lease was completed late yesterday, after twenty-eight hours of almost continuous conference between Mayor Smith, Twining, William Draper Lewis, A. L. Drum, chief engineer for the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, and George T. Atkinson, assistant transit director.

Nearly every paragraph of the original draft of the lease was changed and reworded, but only in a minor way, said the conferees today.

So minor are the changes, the Mayor said, that in all probability it will not even be necessary to submit the lease to Councils to act upon.

Mr. Connelly is as familiar with the terms of the lease as I am," the Mayor said. "This is in an all-around way with the changes that have been made. I see no reason why the new lease should be submitted to him at all. The only changes made during the conference we have had on the subject of the lease were a few unimportant changes in the wording."

The Mayor made this statement just before he left for his home in Atlantic City.

Mayor Smith this afternoon approved contracts involving \$1,000,000 which were awarded to the Keystone State Construction Company for the building of foot bridges and footwalks in the Frankford Elevated Line on Front street and Frankford and Kensington avenues and between Callowhill and Dyre streets.

Both factions of the Republican Organization are in favor of the proposed lease as it now stands. The leaders in both branches of Councils are already starting to line up both the Vane and Fenrose-McNichol members for the proposition.

Vane and McNichol both hold various contracts and expect to hold more, and both leaders have said that there will be no sectional politics in the proposed lease.

After the measure is presented in Councils on Friday, a series of public hearings will be arranged. They will be held in City Hall before a Joint committee of the Finance and street railways committees of Councils.

MAYOR STIRS HIMSELF AS NORTHWEST CHAFES

Calls City Committeemen of Section in Council to Discuss Dissatisfaction

Reports that have reached Mayor Smith regarding dissatisfaction in the northwest section which may threaten the strength of the Republican Organization at the coming primaries caused a conference today between the Mayor and members of the Republican city committee from the northwest wards, in City Hall, at which the Mayor was given by the Mayor that he would do everything in his power to give the section the same consideration that he would do in the rest of the city.

The Republican leaders who were called into the conference were frank in telling the Mayor that they felt the northwest was being neglected, it was said afterward, and made no effort to conceal their dissatisfaction. Among the improvements they demanded were repairs to a number of streets, some sewer repairs, and additional transit facilities. The Mayor promised that he would do everything in his power to see that those improvements were made in an effort to placate the voters in the northwest and to avoid interfering with the Republican councilmanic nominees at the primaries.

The leaders called into conference with the Mayor were Peter E. Smith, of the Forty-seventh Ward; Mayor's choice for City Treasurer; Joseph B. Fay, of the Thirty-second Ward; Magistrate John F. Collins, of the Fifteenth Ward; Milton Reedemer, of the twenty-eighth Ward; and Peter Conner, of the Twenty-ninth Ward. All are members of the Republican City Committee.

NAVY LEAGUE MEMBERS HERE STAND BY CHIEF

Resent Request by Secretary Daniels for Resignation of Col. Robert W. Thompson

Resentment among many of the 5000 members of the Navy League in this city has met the request by Secretary of the Navy Daniels that Colonel Robert W. Thompson, president of the league, resign his office. Colonel Thompson has refused to resign under fire, and will fight out the issue, backed by most of the members of the league in this city, many of whom are socially prominent.

The demand for Colonel Thompson's resignation was made because of a statement issued by the Navy League to the effect that investigation of the Mare Island (Cal.) Navy Yard explosion has been held up through powerful labor interests. The Secretary of the Navy denies the truth of the statement.

POLICE WARN HOUSEWIVES

Superintendent of Police Robinson today issued a warning for housewives to be on the alert for a thief who gains admittance to houses under the pretense that he wishes to purchase the property. The man picks out a house that has a "No Admittance" sign on it, says he wants to see it, and asks to be shown through. He is taken through the rooms he wishes to see, and then he is asked to buy jewelry or other valuables which he can take to himself.

The home of Roger J. Myers, 874 North Second street, was visited by the bogus salesman and three rings, valued at \$200, were taken. A woman who was questioned as about thirty minutes ago in Rochester, N. Y., accused of having been present at the robbery and receiving stolen goods, was taken into custody.

FLORIDA'S LADY MAYORESS "SITS" ON MUNICIPAL COURT BENCH



Mrs. Marion Newhall Horwitz, formerly of Philadelphia, now the Mayor of Moore Haven, Fla., as she shared with President Judge Brown today a seat on the bench of the Municipal Court during a session of that tribunal. Mrs. Horwitz, as Mayor, expects to be called upon to dispense justice in criminal cases, and is equipping herself for the task by observation during her visit.

MRS. HORWITZ, MAYOR, SITS IN MUNICIPAL COURT

Widow of Philadelphia Lawyer an Interested Observer in Misdemeanors Branch

Mayor Mrs. Marlan N. Horwitz, widow of George Quintard Horwitz, Philadelphia attorney, today sat on the bench with Judge Brown in the Misdemeanors Division of the Municipal Court. She took notes and listened attentively to testimony in the cases of several women and men who were arraigned for sentence. Mrs. Horwitz now is the Mayor of a small town in Florida.

Some of the prisoners arraigned were women arrested in vice raids. She looked down sympathetically on some of the women who were barely out of their teens. Frequently she turned to Judge Brown and asked for details of the prisoner's career.

After leaving the bench Mrs. Horwitz said that the magistrate system in Philadelphia did not appeal to her. She added that more could be accomplished for women arrested in raids by arraigning them in the Municipal Court than before magistrates.

NEW OFFICERS BACK HOME FROM FT. NIAGARA

Wives, Sweethearts and Children Throng Trained to Welcome Loved Ones

When the tanned and rugged-looking Philadelphians of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps arrived from Fort Niagara shortly before noon today, the Reading Terminal resounded with kisses and hand-claps.

Wives, sweethearts and daughters were there—scores of 'em—and they charged on the little army of nearly four hundred even before the officers of Uncle Sam's regulars could prepare a defense. Hats dropped in all directions as kisses and hugs stormed through the crowd, and there were volumes in the expansive smiles of the youths, who were glad to be on home soil again.

The training at the camp worked a metamorphosis. Many of the youths who left desks and shops with pale faces and narrow shoulders return broad-shouldered and strapping. Every bit of flesh on them is of the fighting kind and represents so many ounces of real energy.

The camp at Fort Niagara broke yesterday. The men will be allowed a furlough of two weeks, after which they will report for further service at Camp Meade, Annapolis Junction.

They went to Fort Niagara May 15 and they generally agreed that the training has given them a new lease on life.

Of the first few men who stepped from the regular Buffalo train, the majority of the new officers were of the quartermaster's department.

None of them appeared to be conscious of their new honors. They knew and felt that they had learned a great deal of war-time tactics, but all expressed the fact that they realized there was yet a lot of knowledge to be received before they became seasoned officers. As one of the men said, "We worked hard and attempted to put into three months' training that which under ordinary circumstances would have taken four years. We have yet to receive more training in service in the field, before we are first class officers."

Each of the men before leaving the training quarters received telegrams from the War Department notifying of the granting of commissions and containing orders, with the time and place to report, upon the expiration of the furlough.

MONUMENT DEALERS GO IN FOR ART, REAL ART

No More Unsightly Tombstones to Be Allowed, They Decide. Kick on Freight Rates

Members of the National Retail Monument Dealers' Association have gone in for art with a capital A.

No longer are cemeteries throughout the country to be defaced with inartistic monuments and shafts, if the delegates to the annual convention of the association have their way.

An art jury, to be composed of eminent and high-salaried sculptors, will have to pass on the design of every mausoleum, crypt, monument, shaft, or whatever memorial it may be desired to erect to the dead, and if it does not meet with the approval of their sense of the beautiful, the crestfallen dealer must prepare a new design or employ some one to do it for him.

This all came out this morning at the second day's session of the convention in the Adelphi Hotel. It was also proposed that the services of the art jury, as it were, be placed at the disposal of communities, municipalities, and may be used also in preparing designs for war memorials to be erected to the memory of soldiers who may be killed in battle.

An effort was made during the morning session to have the convention place itself on record regarding what action the association will take in taking up the defense of seventeen of its officers or ex-officers who are under Federal indictment for alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust laws, but discussion on that matter was postponed until routine business had been disposed of.

Freight rates charged by several eastern railroads also came in for discussion and attack, and appeal to the Interstate Commerce Commission was threatened.

In the afternoon Pompeio Coppini, a noted sculptor, gave an exhibition of his skill, using as models two beautiful thin-haired girls. Hardly a delegate to the convention missed this part of the day's program.

RECOMES HYSTERICAL IN FIGHT FOR ADOPTED SON

Woman Taken to Hospital in State of Collapse After Fight in Which She Is Unsuccessful

Mrs. Louise Scheilhorn, twenty-four years old, of Manayunk avenue near Harvey street, was taken to St. Timothy's Hospital today suffering from hysterics, said to have been brought on by vain physical efforts to secure her four-year-old adopted son Vincent.

According to the statement of Charles Scheilhorn, her husband, the child was adopted by him and his wife when he was about fifteen months old. Scheilhorn said he and his wife were separated three weeks ago and the child accompanied him to the home of Louis Scheerer and Mrs. Scheerer, 108 Hermit street, where they were boarded.

This morning Mrs. Scheilhorn said in the hospital, as she was on her way to her home from church, she saw the boy with Mrs. Scheerer on the front steps. Mrs. Scheerer said Mrs. Scheilhorn, after trying to persuade the child to go with her, picked him up in her arms and started to run across the street. Neighbors said a tug-of-war took place for possession of the child in the middle of the street and that Mrs. Scheerer finally ran into her house with him and locked the door. Mrs. Scheilhorn, it is alleged, broke into the house through the rear door and a fight followed between the two women. Neighbors finally entered the house and separated the women and Mrs. Scheilhorn collapsed. She was taken to the hospital strapped to a stretcher, at tendants said, to keep her from attacking them.

PRICE McQUILLEN MAY BE ABLE TO GOLF AGAIN

Philadelphia Youth Wounded in France Will Lose Only Part of His Leg

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 15. Price McQuillen, Philadelphia golfer and sportsman, son of Dr. and Mrs. Daniel McQuillen, of Overbrook, may golf again, despite his recent unfortunate experience with an American ambulance unit under German shrapnel fire on the western front in France.

Instead of losing one of his legs in its entirety, the base hospital surgeons have removed the member above the knee, and the Philadelphia sportsman already is arranging for a wonderfully contrived artificial limb which will make it possible for him to get about with almost the same celerity as before.

McQuillen, in his cable to his parents here last week, made light of his injury, stating that he was getting along nicely and expected to be out in about two weeks. A further cable today corroborated this cheerful prophecy in part. It stated that the Philadelphia is "doing finely." McQuillen also lost two of his fingers in the storm of flying metal which fell as members of his unit were taken wounded from the field.

SAFETY COMMITTEE GETS \$37,000 MORE

Appropriation Made by State Defense Commission for Specific Purposes

ADDED TO \$120,000 GRANT

Allied Bodies, Food Supply Civilian Service and Labor and Other Departments Designated

The public safety committee of Pennsylvania was voted an appropriation of \$37,000 yesterday at a meeting held in the Capitol by the State Defense Commission. This is in addition to a recent appropriation of \$120,000, of which \$50,000 has already been spent.

Disposition of the \$37,000 among the several subdepartments of the public safety committee is to be made in the following manner:

One thousand dollars will go to the allied bodies department, of which Dr. E. B. McCormick, chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh, is director. The activities of this branch are quite numerous, the most important one being the erection of a channel of communication between the general committee and the citizens of the Commonwealth.

DEFIES DRAFT BOARD

'Am Not Going to War,' Says DiGianco When Called for Examination

Carriissimo DiGianco, of 1229 Farnese street, walked into the Forty-sixth District examining station today and refused to subject himself to any of the examinations or questions of the board.

DiGianco stood mute when the doctor in charge asked him to take off his clothes. Some one called for an interpreter, but DiGianco said, in English: "I won't do it, I am not going to war."

The doctor then informed him that he would be automatically drafted into the army.

"Well, you will have to send the whole police force to get me!"

He then stalked out of the room.

Bishop McCort, of Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church, which is opposite the Forty-sixth District station, is a daily observer of the draft proceedings. The names of all members of his parish who are accepted for the army and do not claim exemption are posted in the church vestibule.

Alleged Deserter Tries to Escape

While being brought to the Philadelphia Navy Yard from Sunbury on a charge of being a deserter from the navy, George Krickbaum leaped from an automobile and made an effort to escape, but was recaptured. He attempted his escape between Sunbury and Shamokin, where he was taken on the train for Philadelphia. Krickbaum was formerly an enlisted man of the regular army.

Accused of Selling Booze to Sailors

When arraigned before United States Commissioner Long today, in the Federal Building, on the charge of selling liquor to sailors, Arthur McAnany, of 831 Race street, was held in \$300 bail for court.

BRIDEGROOM IN ARMY, BRIDE IN RED CROSS

Trump of Mars Answered by the Joyous Sound of Wedding Bells

A real war romance was disclosed today, when Leroy Rotzell, twenty-three years old, of 14 West Chelton avenue, enlisted in the Sixth Regiment of Infantry, and his bride of a day took preliminary steps to enroll as a Red Cross nurse so that if possible she may be sent to France when her husband's regiment sails and minister to him in case he becomes a target for a German bullet or shell.

Until yesterday Mrs. Rotzell was Miss Emma Taylor, twenty-five years old, of 2509 Boyer street. They had been engaged for some time, but not expected to be married until October.

Continued appeals by the War Department for cooks for the various units that soon are to leave for the front caused Rotzell to determine that his country needed his services in the capacity of cook rather than in a combatant capacity. After a conference with his fiancée, it was decided that they should slip quietly away and be married, after which he was to enlist and she was to follow him as a Red Cross nurse if the War Department so allowed.

Magistrate Beaton married them in his office on Spring Garden street yesterday, and today Rotzell took the oath of fealty to the flag and obedience to the officers appointed over him.

The young bride has had considerable training as a Red Cross nurse, but she intends hastening her training so that she will be qualified to enroll as a full-fledged nurse by the time her husband leaves for France. She accompanied him to the recruiting office today when he enlisted.

Neither Rotzell nor his bride entertains the opinion that it will be easy for the latter to be detailed to the part of the western front where the Sixth Regiment will be stationed. They know that the stern attention of the War Department has frowned on such requests, but difficulties of achievement will not prevent them trying to have it arranged so, they said today.

Even if Mrs. Rotzell is sent to a place in the theatre of war far removed from her husband, still she is determined that she will go as soon as she qualifies as a nurse. "There won't be any slackers in our family," she said proudly today. "We'll both do our duty to our country."

E. SPENCER MILLER SAILS

Well-Known Attorney Will Enter Ambulance Service in France

E. Spencer Miller, a well-known attorney of Philadelphia and widely known in social circles, has sailed for France, where he will assist in ambulance work. News of his departure, which was made quietly, was learned this afternoon.

He will go to Paris, where he has been assured of a post as an ambulance driver and will remain there for several months. Mr. Miller, who is fifty-seven years old, was prominent in reform politics some years ago. He was candidate for Congress from the First District in 1906 and for Recorder of Deeds in 1907. He is unmarried and holds membership in several of the prominent clubs of the city.

MOYAMENSING WON'T TAKE WOMAN BECAUSE OF BABY

Prison Authorities Refuse to Admit Her When Held on Larceny Charge

Mrs. Annie Feck, twenty-one years old, of 265 South Fifth street, is held in City Hall today, following the refusal of Moyamensing Prison authorities to admit her to the prison, because she carried a baby in her arms. The woman, accused of larceny, is being held to await requisition papers from New Jersey.

Mrs. Feck was arraigned before Magistrate Collins at City Hall, accused of theft by William Antonow, of Center street, Trenton, N. J. She deserted her husband, Michael Feck, and, after living for a time with Antonow, disappeared with a baby. Michael Feck was at the hearing, as were the woman's two children. After the hearing the husband left the courtroom without the boy, five years old. The Magistrate called Feck back and told him to assume charge of the boy or he would be held for desertion. He took the boy, but the baby was too young to leave its mother.

The baby will probably be sent to the Philadelphia Hospital.

HEINZ DISCUSSES FLOUR

State Food Expert Seeks Conservation of Wheat Product

Howard Heinz, chairman of the food committee of the committee of public safety of Pennsylvania, is at his office today to discuss the conservation of flour with representatives of flour men of the State.

Later in the day Mr. Heinz will meet a group of men representing the fertilizing industries of the State to discuss the best methods of enriching the soil for war crops.

CUSTOM HOUSE POSTS ARRIVALS OF VESSELS

- Ships Reported at Various Atlantic and Gulf Ports**
- The following list of the arrivals of vessels from foreign countries at ports on the Atlantic coast and Gulf of Mexico for twenty-four hours ended August 13 was posted today in the Custom House:
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| Avraha, British Str. | Lottian, British Str. |
| King Kwai, Brit. Sch. | Mayflower, British Str. |
| Arcana, British Str. | Muskogee, Amer. Str. |
| Amel, Norwegian Str. | Managua, Amer. Str. |
| Abasim, Danish Str. | Mascotte, Amer. Str. |
| Arda, British Str. | Merchiser, Brit. Str. |
| Arctic, Amer. Str. | Mexico, Amer. Str. |
| Asier, Norwegian Str. | Nord Amerika, Danish Str. |
| Baltic, British Str. | St. Paul, Brit. Str. |
| Burma, British Str. | Minnit, British Str. |
| Berwick, Spanish Str. | Norahie, Amer. Str. |
| Hillo, American Str. | Norwich, Brit. Str. |
| St. Louis, Amer. Str. | Paris, Danish Str. |
| Canal, Amer. Str. | Pindar, Brit. Str. |
| Camfield, British Str. | St. Paul, Brit. Str. |
| Comarca, British Str. | Palmto, British Str. |
| Cravaluen, British Str. | Push Jones I. Nor. |
| Dorothy, British Str. | W. J. P. Amer. Str. |
| H. S. Venezuela, Greek Str. | Ransford, Norwegian Str. |
| Edward Pierce, American Str. | Rosling, British Str. |
| Ernst Sr. Lee, American Str. | Shunga, British Str. |
| Ewa, Danish, American Str. | Reverell, Amer. Str. |
| Frederick, American Str. | Saskiyou, Amer. Str. |
| F. T. China, Norwegian Str. | Sarah A. Reed, Amer. Str. |
| Frederiksborg, Danish Str. | Schenango, Amer. Str. |
| Gullflicht, Amer. Str. | Toyama, American Str. |
| Harbert Warren, Brit. Str. | Tozano, Mexican Str. |
| Harney W. Brit. Str. | Tamara, Norwegian Str. |
| Jessie, H. K. Amer. Str. | Vaia, Norwegian Str. |
| Knox, American Str. | W. J. P. Amer. Str. |
| Lakonia, Amer. Str. | Willis A. Holden, American Str. |
| | Yarnside, Brit. Str. |
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