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MAYOR SMITH PROPOSES HUGE TRANSIT GRAB

THE LEASE IS A GRAB (EDITORIAL)

HE proposed Smith-Mitten transit lease is revealed as a bold and wanton attempt to legalize the 8-cent exchange ticket, perpetfull payments on the watered stock of all the underlying traccompanies, guarantee immediate large and future larger autends on P. R. T. stock, eliminate all hope of five-cent fares and iversal free transfers, almost immediately raise the rate of fare Philadelphia to six cents and possibly more, intrench the P. R. T. Long Expected Lease for City-Built Highstrongly in control that no hope of relief for half a century would possible and abandon absolutely virtually every benefit the people ated to get and expected to get from their huge investment in highed lines.

Moreover, with a lack of frankness that is positively amazing. negotiators have managed, intentionally or otherwise, by clever hraseology to conceal the true meaning of the instrument. They grate of concessions which they have not got. They have won, perhaps, some theoretical concessions which are not evident, but everything of practical value has gone to the company. Mr. Mitten and is friends appear to have hypnotized the city's representatives. Public rights have simply been thrown into the discard.

In view of the extraordinary favorable analysis prepared by William Draper Lewis, legal representative of the Mayor in transit fairs, in which he undertakes to show that the proposed lease is a rood lease, the Evening Ledger feels that it is its duty to append to his analysis explanatory statements revealing the true meaning of einstrument and what the effects of its adoption would be .

The Evening Ledger hereafter will discuss more fully the various akes" evident in the lease. It is sufficient now to point out its more wious defects, that no citizen may be deluded as to the crime which t is proposed to perpetrate against the community.

Lewis's Analysis and Explanation

William Draper Lewis, the Mayor's | mine what are just and reasonable rates al transit adviser, gave out the folof fare.

wing statement, which was regarded the city administration's digest of e revised lease:

The lease secures the operation by the any of the city's lines and the comay's own lines as a unified transportaaystem. It is based upon the follow-

First. That the interest and sinking fund ats on the bonds issued by the city to for its transit lines must be paid out the gross revenue of the unified system any deductions are made for divito the company's stockholders.

to the company's stockholders. The real effect of this provision in the will be to raise fares throughout the Philadelphia, following the contention the real stock of the content of the stock of the stock par its own way absolutely out of the no matter how high the rate of its tates the principle of no five-cent with free transfers overrules the beory on which the people voted in the deory on which the people voted in the first of its lack of frankness, source increased fares for years to a without limit to the increase, save the as the Public Service Commission y mirrere. The Mayor and Mr. Mitten the manit. That is the very heart and of the heart over wheth econ

That the present rates of fare on the company's own lines should at the beginning be retained with a flat five-cent fare on the city's lines, and free transfers between the city's lines and between the city's lines and the company's surface lines, but that if these rates of fare should not be sufficient to enable the company to pay

the city's interest and sinking fund charges and a reasonable dividend to the company's stockholders, the commission should be asked to ert, blish just and reasonable rates of fare.

[This principle is inserted to complete the triad of provisions that clinches higher fares and the company's guarantee. The intimation that a five data fare is likely under the leave is unfair. It is recognized by the negotiators that that will not be the result.]

Fourth. That the obligations of the com pany to furnish efficient service, not only on the city's lines, but on its own lines, can best be enforced by the creation of a board of supervising engineers, with large powers over equipment, operation, extensions, acgraphs. counting and reserve funds.

Mayor Smith, in a measage to Councils,

GUARANTEES P. R. T. DIVIDENDS, PLANS RAISE TO SIX-CENT FARES, **LEGALIZES EXCHANGE TICKETS**

Speed Systems Is Presented to

Councils in Special

Session

SALIENT POINTS IN NEW TRANSIT LEASE AS PRESENTED TO COUNCILS

ENTIRE control of transit facilities to be placed in the hands of three men, who would compose a "board of supervising engineers," with almost unlimited powers, subject to summary removal.

A virtual increase in rate of fare to six cents, or even seven cents High-speed lines outlined in the Taylor plan to be built by the city and

equipped in part by the P. R. T. Subway and elevated lines to be built one at a time and taken over and

Subway and elevated lines to be built one at a time and taken over and operated by the P. R. T. as soon as each one is completed. Public Service Commission to rule on abolition of eight-cent exchange tickets, when, if and provided that the board makes the request. P. R. T. stockholders guaranteed 4 per cent on their investment and possibly 6 per cent. Rate of fare to be increased whenever, after six months, the earnings are not sufficient to pay the dividends and the interest and sink-

ing fund charges on the city's entire transit debt. Company is relieved of purchasing equipment for the high-speed system, which amounts to \$20,000,000.

The proposed new transit lease between the city and the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company for the operation of the system of subways and elevated lines to be built by the city was made public by Mayor Smith this afternoon at a special session of City Councils.

Under the terms of the proposed agreement, the rate of fare will be increased to six cents or possibly seven cents, exchange tickets will be continued, all of the lines proposed by ex-Director A. Merritt Taylor are to be built, unless they be bobtailed by a transit board to be established, and such lines as are built gradually will be turned over to the P. R. T. one at a time and operated by that company when and as they are built; it is left to the State Public Service Commission at some future date to abolish the eight-cent exchange tickets and substitute univeral free transfers, when, if and provided that a proposed transit board initiates and approves such a petition.

Mayor Smith personally presented the lease in the form of an ordinance. It was immediately referred to a joint committee of the Councils' Finance and Street Railway Committees.

Mayor Smith appeared personally before Councils and explained his view of the proposed agreement between the city and the P. R. T. for the operation of the lines.

Accompanying the lease was a formal statement issued by William Draper Lewis,

who served as the Mayor's legal transit adviser during the prolonged conferences that have been held during the last few weeks with representatives of the transit company IMPORTANT PROVISIONS HIDDEN

The lease as the Councilmen received it was very lengthy, and the most important provisions contained in it, such as that providing for an increase in farez, were buried in a mass of words that made many para

invited "constructive criticism" of the pro-

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OTHER MAJOR LEAGUE GAMES POSTPONED

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

Sixth Savatoga race, 3-year-olds and up, selling, purse \$600, 1 mile and a furlong-Dan, 109, Willis, 18 to 5, 7 to 5, 1 to 2, weh; Inwa, 105. Crump, 5 to 1, 8 to 5, 7 to 10, second; Flash of Steel, 105, Barrett, 7 to 1, 2 to 1, 4 to 5, third. Time, 2.00 1-5. Queen of the Sea, G. M. Miller, Carlton G. also ran.

STATE MAY SEIZE ILLINOIS COAL MINES

CHICAGO, Aug. 17 .- Seizure of Illinois coal mines will probably he the next move in the State's fight for lower coal prices, it was stated here today. In indicating such a step Levy Mayer, member of the Cinte Council of Defense, declared that "if the people knew the teal conditions in the Illinois situation they would be so inflamed there is no telling what they would do."

BRITISH DENY GERMANS ARE IN LANGEMARCK

Contradict Berlin's Claim of Recapture of Flanders Position

CANADIANS RETAKE LINES NEAR LOOS

Hill 170 Red With Teuton Blood as Big Battle Rages

BRITISH TAKE PRISONERS

Kaiser's Forces Lose Numerous Guns in Retreat From Advanced Lines

LONDON, Aug. 17. Official denial was made by the War Office tonight that Langemarck has been recaptured by the Germans. The

denial was made following a statement from Berlin announcing Langemarck had been retaken.

LONDON, Aug. 17. American soldiers reported to have been wounded and taken to hospitals at Bath were not members of Pershing's expedition. They were individual Americans serving in the Canadian and English armies.

BERLIN (via London), Aug. 17. Recapture of the town of Langemarck, taken by the British yesterday, was ansounced in the official statement this after-

"Near St. Julien and also at numerous other points southward as far as Warneton the enemy penertated our new battle zone," the statement said. "Despite heavy sacrifice the English accomplished nothing." On the east bank of the Meuse an advance into Courieros wood, in which 600 prisoners were taken, was announced.

CANADIANS RETAKE LOST LENS LINES

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Aug. 17. Hill 70 ran red today with the blood of German divisions, sacrificed in repeated of forts to recapture this important dominating height from the sturdy Canadians. Along the entire new Lens battle front the most desperate fighting has been in progress for the last twelve hours, The Canadians have repuised all attacks, At the time this dispatch is filed they have retaken positions west of Cite St. Auguste from which they were forced by shear weight of numbers during the night. Field Marshal Haig's report admits the oss of these positions, but was evidently filed before the ground was retaken. Prisoners continue to arrive behind the British lines. The total will probably prove to be greater than at first believed. In addition, the Germans left a considerable number of guns in the mud. It is impossible to give the number thus captured. Over the flaming, bloody field British airplanes have been accomplishing miracles They are acting as dispatch riders between the advancing infantry and headquarters. Battleplanes guard them as they fly through a shell-filled sky carrying orders and reports from the front lines to commanding officers to the rear.

ton Jail Once More

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17. The six militants arrested were Miss Lavinia Dock, of Philadelphia; Miss Natalie Gray, Colorado Springs, Col. Miss C. Michael Flannigan, Hartford, Conn.; Miss Edna Dixon, Washington D. C.; Miss Lucy Ewing, Chicago, and Mrs. Upton Watson, Chicago?

POLICE AGAIN ARREST

WHITE HOUSE PICKETS

Suffragists Pardoned by Presi-

dent Wilson Are in Washing-

and dansit. That is the very heart and but of this lease, carrying out the con-milons of Mr. Twining and Mr. Potter. It is a deception to aver that any other checks underlies it. We charge that five-cent program with universal free matters is abandoned and that there is inch of good faith in not so stating to be seenel. Second.

That although the city does not et to a reasonable dividend for the

any's stockholders, it must make no

The lease does provide a guarantee, al-buch legal cunning and subtle phraseology are been used to conceal it. We charge the vital consideration, so far as the R.T. is concerned, is that its guarantee should, and certain to be vastly larger of more juicy than any proposal for the mpanys protection ever before proposed even considered.] even considered.] Third. That the public service commis

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Phillies again defeated the Pirater

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counting and reserve funds. [The conditions of tenure of office for the proposed board constitute a brazen effort to put the city wholly at the mercy of the company. The city member of the board is removable at the pleasure of the Mayor. The company's representative is removable at the pleasure of the company. The third member, chairman of the board, shall be appointed by the Mayor and the president of the company. Together they may re-move him at any time, and "it shall be their duty" to do so, "If at any time it shall appear that he is incompetent or that he is performing his duties in an ARBI-TRARY OR UNREASONABLE manner." Or either one of them may, with the con-sent of the complession, remove the chair-man. It is to be a hand-picked board, with a sword of Damocles always over the head of every member of it. The members are to get \$10,000 a year, with the chair-man receiving whatever the Mayor and the company want to give him. The theory underlying such a board is doubless ten-able, but the proposed conditions of service

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posed agreement, and an "open and full discussion" of its terms. After briefly reviewing negotiations between the city and the P. R. T. Company.

he said: I do not hold that the draft now presented to you is perfect in every detail.

but it represents an honest attempt to carry into effect the spirit of your in-structions to the Director of City Transit; it is an honest effort to do justice to the city and the company. Constructive criticism is therefore invited. Every opportunity should be allowed for a full, fair and straightforward analysis of all of its terms. You have not been called together in special session during your vacation period with any intention of putting on "full speed ahead" and driving this proposed lease to rapid consumma-tion. I would bespeak for it the same consideration, same publicity, same open and full discussions of its terms as was

accorded its predecessors. I only transmit it to you at this time because I recognize that when you assemble at the end of September you will be confronted with a large amount of routine work, augmented by the 1918 appropriation requests. since the consummation of an equitable transit agreement is of vital importance to the people of Philadelphia. I want you to have the result of the joint thought of the give and construction of the source of t

the city and company representatives as quickly as possible, so that you, as well as the public, may have ample oppor-tunity for study and action. The meeting of Councils was called espeby the Mayor for the presentation of the lease. Public hearings will be held in City Hall during the next month, and, acording to the Mayor, the document will be

"publicly discussed. The attitude of the city administration toward the result of the negotiations with the P. R. T. was made public through the Lewis statement, which was sent to the newspapers as the administration's "ana-

lytical digest" of the lease. The first section of the proposed lease deals with definitions and also with the formation of a "board of supervising engineers" to direct the entire transit nego-

tiations in the future. This 'board of supervising engineers" would have charge of negotiating the terms of the image also of the basis upon which the lease itself might be founded.

The Chestnut street subway, which was advocated by ex-Director A. Merritt Tay-lor as an essential part of the high-speed teams. A military drill by a company from the Seventh Illinois infantry preceded the game. Bobby Byrne will join the Sox tomotrów to bolster up the infield during Weaver's system, was treated lightly in the commu-nication sent to Councils. The delivery loop is accepted in the report as a prearranged ecessity.

uer was hit hard in the second. Sin-The terms under which Director Twining gles by Gandil, Risberg and Schalk, assisted and Mayor Smith would like to see the new high throw by Bodie, letting in two high-speed system operated are contained in the following two sections. They read

The globe - trotting, sight - seeing A's howed no ill effects after their two nights' SECTION B The city will determine if, when and to what extent it will provide the transit fa-cilities comprising the city's system, and showed no hi enceta after that as if they had ride on the train and acted as if they had rested comfortably. Every one planned to take a swim in the lake this morning, but take a swim in the take this morning, but decided not to when they considered the weather. It is quite cool here and the players shifted tactics by introducing them-selves to the engineer at the hotel and spending most of their spare time in the engine-room. They had a bath, but it was a Turkish one. the alteration, reconstruction or changes o and in the Market Street Line, as provided or changes of in Article VIII, and it shall not be bound

to provide any or all of them. to provide any or an or them. As and when the city shall construct or purchase transit facilities constituting an individual operating section of the city's system, the company shall provide such ad-ditional transit facilities as are specified in Article V, to be used upon or in connection

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 17. Onee more Woman's Party militants have been arrested for picketing before the White House. Following orders issued early to-day, the police apprehended six suffragists who attempted to bear banners. A large rowd cheered the arrest. This action by the police, coming after

President Wilson's pardon of the pickets arrested a few weeks ago, shows either a disregard of President Wilson's wishes or change in his attitude toward the suffrage standard bearers

SHORE HOTEL FRONT PORCH COLLAPSES IN STORM

ATLANTIC CITY, Aug. 17 .-- Panic spread through the crowded Hotel Ostend in Chel-sea this afternoon, when virtually the whole of the front porch of the hotel, facing the Boardwalk, collapsed with a tre-mendous crash during a severe electrical storm, accompanied by a deluge of rain. The belief that the hotel had been struc

by lightning caused clerks to telephone for the fire department. Two engine companies found no sign of fire, and were preparing to leave when a report spread that a hotel employe had been caught in the wreckage of the porch.

Firemen had moved the greater part of the debris before the missing man was found, salvaging a piano in the flooded hotel grill, part of which is under the piazza. The bar was flooded a foot deep.

ARREST "INTERNATIONAL SPY"

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 17.-Dr. Arm-gaard Karl Graves, self-styled International spy, who came into prominence in 1914 after the publication of a volume of his exper ences as "the personal spy of the Kaiser," was arrested by Federal agents last night at the Union Station. Doctor Graves told the authorities he was working for the Department of State.

After his arrest, he added he was or, his way to Denver in an effort to obtain papers that would prove the "illegitimacy of the Hohenzollern family." Among his possessions were found documents relating to the establishment of a Saxon union in this country. He was almost without funds this country. He was almost without funds

WHAT MAY HAPPEN

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THREE NEY UNISTERS FOR BRITISH CABINET

LONDON, Aug. 17 .- John Hodge, Labor member of Parfiament, was today appointed Minister of Pensions, succeeding George N. Barnes, who took the place of Arthur Henderson in the War Cabinet. George Roberts, also a Laborite, was appointed Minister of Labor. George J. Wardle was named Parliamentary Secretary for the Board of Trade. He is a Labor member of Parliament. A. C. Gettes was appointed Minister of National Service.

CANADA GOES ON WAR RATIONS

MONTREAL, Que., Aug. 17 .- Canada went on war rations today. The order of the food controller prohibiting the serving of beef or bacon on Tuesdays and Fridays went into effect at midnight last night and today all the hotels, restaurants, lunch counters, clubs, etc., are carrying placards announcing that the forbidden meats will not be served.

ALLIES AGREE TO BUY THROUGH INDUSTRIES BOARD

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 .- The Allied purchasing committee in the United States is now a fact. The Allies have signed an agreement to make their purchases through the new war industries board. America's loans to the Allies will be protected against huge prices which heretofore the Allies have been willing to pay with Uncle Sam's money in order to get badly needed war materials. B. M. Baruch, Robert S. Lovett and R. S. Brookings, of the war board, will be actively in charge of the Allied purchases. Baruch and Brookings will handle raw materials and finished supplies, respectively, while Lovett will decide priority questions between the Allies. The agreement was signed in Secretary McAdoo's office.

SHIP ON WAY HERE FOR REPAIRS

The four-masted schooner Tifton, which encountered a hurricane in the gulf stream on August 9, is being towed to Philadelphia for repairs. The ship was bound from an Atlantic port for a point in South America. All her sails were blown away.

HOGS GO TO \$18.60

CHICAGO, Aug. 17 .- While hogs jumped twenty-five to thirty-five cents higher to a top price of \$18.60 today, cattle dropped ten to fifteen cents lower, and sheep ten cents lower than yesterday's close.

PENROSE ON WAY HERE BY AUTOMOBILE

United States Senator Penrose left Washington for Philadelphia and Atlantic City by automobile this afternoon to pay his first visit to this city in several weeks. He will confer with his political lieutenants at the shore tomorrow.

FUTURES SUSPENDED ON NEW YORK COFFEE EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.-Trading in coffee futures was suspended today on New York Coffee Exchange at the suggestion of Herbert Hoover.

NIGHT OF DEATH

Last night was one of death. The Canadians, in whose ranks are many Americans who enlisted with the Maple Leaf forces in the Dominion, fought valiantly, hanging on to every position with buildog-like tenacity.

The Bavarians opened the counter-attacks on the outskirts of Lens. They charged and counter-charged headlong against the Canadians in their mad endeavor to retake Hill 70. The attack opened about dusk. After the Bavarians came the Prussian Guards. They threw themselves forward in close formation. Canadian artillery and machine guns blazed forth.

The attack was headed straight for the Canadian center. It never reached the line. Shells broke over the advancing Gerine. Shells broke over the advancing Ger-mans. Machine-gun fire ripped through their ranks. The Bavarians wavered, then fell back. But that was not the end. At \$:50 fresh German troops bolled out

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Uno tied this afternoon; fair tonight and B urday; cooler tonight; light winds, mi northwest.

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angine-room. They have a first scout, re-Ira Thomas, Connie's chief scout, re-Ira Thomas, Connie's chief scout, re-turned from the West today and joined the turned from the West today and joined the club. He is said to have discovered some nan Spies and the Kaiser's Plans Are Exposed in "The White Feather," Which Begins in Tomorrow's Eve