

MAYOR SMITH PROPOSES HUGE TRANSIT GRAB

THE LEASE IS A GRAB (EDITORIAL)

THE proposed Smith-Mitten transit lease is revealed as a bold and wanton attempt to legalize the 8-cent exchange ticket, perpetuate full payments on the watered stock of all the underlying traction companies, guarantee immediate large and future larger dividends on P. R. T. stock, eliminate all hope of five-cent fares and universal free transfers, almost immediately raise the rate of fare in Philadelphia to six cents and possibly more, intrust the P. R. T. to strongly in control that no hope of relief for half a century would be possible and abandon absolutely virtually every benefit the people voted to get and expected to get from their huge investment in high-speed lines.

Lewis's Analysis and Explanation

William Draper Lewis, the Mayor's legal transit adviser, gave out the following statement, which was regarded as the city administration's digest of the revised lease: The lease secures the operation by the company of the city's lines and the company's own lines as a unified transportation system. It is based upon the following principles: First, that the interest and sinking fund payments on the bonds issued by the city to pay for its transit lines must be paid out of the gross revenue of the unified system...

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

Long Expected Lease for City-Built High-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.

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 bolted 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.

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.

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 fares, were buried in a mass of words that made many paragraphs.

Mayor Smith, in a message to Councils, invited "constructive criticism" of the proposed 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 instructions to the Director of City Transit; it is an honest effort to do justice to the city and the company.

The meeting of Councils was called especially by the Mayor for the presentation of the lease. Public hearings will be held in City Hall during the next month, and, according 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 "analytical 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 negotiations in the future.

The terms under which Director Twining and Mayor Smith would like to see the new high-speed system operated are contained in the following two sections.

SECTION B The city will determine if, when and to what extent it will provide the transit facilities comprising the city's system, and the alteration, reconstruction or change of and in the Market Street Line, as provided in Article VIII, and it shall not be bound to provide any or all of them.

BASEBALL SCORES

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Score. Rows include Pittsburgh, Phillies, Athletics, and Chicago.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Score. Rows include St. Louis and New York.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Score. Rows include Washington, Detroit, Boston, Cleveland, and New York.

OTHER MAJOR LEAGUE GAMES POSTPONED

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

Sixth Saratoga 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, won; 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 be 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 State Council of Defense, declared that "if the people knew the real conditions in the Illinois situation they would be so inflamed there is no telling what they would do."

THREE NEW MINISTERS FOR BRITISH CABINET

LONDON, Aug. 17.—John Hodge, Labor member of Parliament, 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. Geddes 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.

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 the New York Coffee Exchange at the suggestion of Herbert Hoover.

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 announced in the official statement this afternoon.

"Near St. Julien and also at numerous other points southward as far as Warnton the enemy penetrated our new battle zone," the statement said. "Despite heavy sacrifice the English accomplished nothing."

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 efforts 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 repulsed all attacks.

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Field Marshal Haig's report admits the loss 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.

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 bulldog-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.

The attack was headed straight for the Canadian center. It never reached the line. Shells broke over the advancing Germans. Machine-gun fire ripped through their ranks. The Bavarians wavered, then fell back. But that was not the end.

THE WEATHER

Table with 2 columns: Forecast and Length of Day. Includes temperature and weather conditions for Philadelphia and vicinity.

PHILLIES AGAIN WIN TWO FROM PITTSBURGH

Chief Bender Hurls Shut-Out and Second Game Is One-Sided Victory for Moran

Double Dose Repeated

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Score. Rows include Pittsburgh and Phillies.

PHILLIES' BALL PARK, AUG. 17.

The Phillies again defeated the Pirates in their second game of the double-header. The game was a one-sided affair, with Chief Bender pitching a shut-out for the Phillies.

MACKS RALLY AND TIE WHITE SOX IN THIRD

Three Runs Bring A's Into Dead-End—Schauer and Scott Both Are Taken Out

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

COMISKEY FIELD, Chicago, Aug. 17. The White Sox started the second afternoon in the first round when Leibold made the circuit on a pass, sacrifice by McMullin, Eddie Collins's short infield hit and Jackson's force of Collins.

The Athletics were unlucky not to score in their half. Jim Scott issued passes to Jamieson and Strunk, and hit Bates, but they couldn't get the hit over.

The A's tied the score in the third, 3 all, by coming through with as many counts, chasing Scott off the hill. Griffin batted for Schauer and the latter was relieved by Jim Johnson in the box. Schauer was unsteady at the start, but lightened up.