Mitten Lease

FAVOR TAYLOR CONTRACT

The important banking house of Chand-ler Brothers & Co. today withheld approval of the Smith-Mitten transit pact.

Frederick T. Chandler, head of the firm bearing his name, was formerly president of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange.

The Chestnut Street Business Men's Association today lined up solidly behind ex-Director of City Transit A. Merritt Taylor in his fight to "scotch" the Smith-Mitten transit lease.

Ellwood B. Chapman, president of the

association, called a meeting of the board of directors to back Mr. Taylor "to the limit in his efforts to secure to the city and

the people of Philadelphia a square deal."

The Chestnut street association indorsed the so-called "Taylor lease." which was submitted to the city last December. In his statement, President Chapman declared

that the business men of Chestnut street are horoughly aroused.

The action and protest of the Chestnut

street business men is only the first that will result from a storm of protest that has been browing since the Smith-Mitten

lease was made public at the special ses-sion of Councils last Friday.

The banking house of Chandler Brothers

& Co. today issued a statement announcing that facts brought out by ex-Director Tay

for prompted them to withhold approval of

the Smith-Mitten pact. Frederick T Chandler, head of the firm, was formerly

president of the Philadelphia Stock Ex

Certain facts unknown to Chandler Brothers & Co., when an interview with

them published vesterday was prepared.

have been developed by Mr. A. Merritt

nature as to require Chandler Brothers & Co. to withhold their approval of the

arrangement between the city and the

P. R. T. which is now under considera-

We are still of the opinion that the

lease which the P. R. T. Company tendered the city last December as a result of

Mr. Taylor's negotiations constituted, as stated by him and Mr. E. T. Stotesbury,

a just and equitable arrangement be-

tween the city and the company.

The business men's organizations through

out the city are preparing to join in a general protest before the first public hear-

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HEAT IN FAST TIME

Wins First Heat of Adelphia

Hotel Stakes in Grand

Circuit Meet

HIS TIME WAS 2:041/4

Earl Pitmar's pacer, Ben Ali, tripped over the fastest mile of this week's grand circuit meet at the Belmont track here to-

day, stepping the first heat of the Adelphia Hotel stakes for 2:10 pacers in 2:04 %. Wal-ter Cox came in second with A Game, or Chance, and third place went to Oregon

Hal, Murphy driving.

It was the feature event of the second

It was the feature event of the second day's racing. Judge Moore went off to the lead and made the pace to the quarter in 30½ seconds. Oregon Hal forged ahead at the half and as the field neared the three-quarter pole Ben Ali came like a shot and passed Oregon Hal. As the pacers rounded the stretch, Ben Ali, a Game of Chance and Oregon Hal fought it out to the wire with Earl Pitmans' entry winning from A Game of Chance by a half a length.

from A Game of Chance by a half a length It was a finish of the spectacular kind. Congressman Joseph McLaughlin's fas

trotter, North Spur, was under the wire ahead in the opening heat of the 2:20 trot. Eleven Phillie horses comprised the field.

starting judge.

NARBERTH, Pa., Aug. 21.

These facts so developed are of such

The statement follows:

PRICE TWO CENT

BIGGEST BATTLE OF WAR RAGES ON 435-MILE LINE

GERMANS COUNTER-ATTACK IN VAIN TO STOP TREMENDOUS OFFENSIVE OF ALLIED ARMIES

Teutons Make Desperate Efforts to Regain Ground Lost at Verdun as Powerful Entente Drive Against Foe's Positions Opens

French Rain Heavy Blows on Enemy on Meuse-Haig Repulses Counter-Attacks in Flanders and Increases Pressure-Italians Take 10,000 Prisoners in Triple Drive

England, France, Italy and Belgium joined today in the most powerful concerted offensive yet directed against Germany.

The west front, from the Belgian seacoast to Switzerland, more than 435 miles, was one gigantic battle, with French, British, Belgian and Portuguese troops attacking.

Southward, Italy's most formidable offensive threw millions into a grapple over a front of almost 100 miles. The Italians have already taken 10,000 priscners and have captured more enemy positions south of Tolmino. Field Marshal Haig, completely repulsing a powerful counter-attack, is increasing his pressure on the enemy's lines in Flanders and around Lens, where the Canadians launched another attack this morning, gaining ground in a hand-to-hand fight.

On the French front, along the Chemin-des-Dames and north of Verdun Germany massed forces for tremendously powerful counter blows. The French repulsed all efforts to oust them from recently gained positions. The French ficial statement reported 5116 unwounded German prisoners taken in yesterday's victorious thrust north of Verdun.

Russia alone of the great Allied Powers was not participating in the concerted assault, but the Russian lines are stiffening.

Even little Rumania, through her reorganized and revivified army, was making stubborn opposition to a great Teutonic attempt at encroachment on the fragment of Rumania left in Allied hands.

Every one of the assaulting moves was strategically timed and co-ordinated The French offensive at Verdun came at a time when the Germans were massing effectives to oppose further British successes in the Lens and Ypres sectors. Italy's offensive came when Austria, flushed with the success of Teutonic

machinations by which Russia's troops melted away, was diverting men from the Carso, Julian and Isonzo fronts to sweep forward beyond Galicia. The Macedonian front was the only one today in Europe, aside from Russia

from which there was no report of an Allied offensive. Military experts, however, believed General Sarrail would shortly come into the great play of arms, timing his blow to best advantage.

CANADIANS WIN AGAIN AT LENS; HAIG BEATS BACK FOE'S ATTACKS

LONDON, Aug. 21.

Canadian troops around Lens launched another attack on the western environ ment of the French mining city at 4:30 o'clock this morning. The attack developed into one of the most desperate hand-to-hand battles of

the war. When the Canadians went over the top they saw masses of gray figures advancing toward them in the thick haze. Both sides had planned the attack at Fifteen minutes after the clash came the Germans were making their last

stand on the parapet of their trench. They then retreated rapidly.

The third and most powerful of all German counter-attacks to regain ground aptured by the British southeast of Epehy was thrown back by British fire, early today, Field Marshal Haig reported. The assault was made after violent artillery preparation and behind a vast

theet of flame thrown by German projectors. The fighting was of the most violent "We hold all positions," was Field Marshal Haig's succinct comment in detail-

ing repulses of the enemy attempt.

The British commander-in-chief reported an "improvement" in British positions north of the Ypres-Menin road and told of a successful British raid over a wide

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EPPA RIXEY OPPOSES INDIANS BUMP MYERS NICK CARTER IN SECOND

Moran Selects Big Southerner to Make Clean Sweep of Double-Header



PHILLIES' PARK, Aug. 21 -Eight ousand fans were in the stands when Colonel Eppa Rixey opened the second came of the double-header with the Chicago Cubs here this afternoon.

Rixey has been twirling great ball, but

his pals fail to hit when a safe blow means Nick Carter was sent to the mound by

Manager Mitchell. Neither teams scored in the first inning. Chief Bender turned back the Cubs li the first game, the veteran twirling sensa-

tional ball, allowing only one scratch hit and register g his fourth straight victory by 6 to 0. Only twenty-eight men faced FIRST INNING

Plack fouled to Stock. Mann beat out an infield grounder. Doyle forced Mann. Block to Niehoff. Merkle fanned. No runs. one hit, no errors.

Doyle threw out Paskert. Carter threw
out Bancroft. Stock lined to Flack. No

s, no hits, no errors. BECOND INNING

liams fanned. Deal filed to Paskert. threw out Kilduff. No runs, no hits,

FOR 6 RUNS IN THIRD

Walk, Four Singles and Two Doubles Give Cleveland Big Lead Over Mackmen

LEAGUE PARK, Cleveland, O., Aug. 21. The Indians jumped on Elmer Myers, the inning for kix hits, which together with a walk netted them six runs in the second game of the series this afternoon.

Myers held the Indians in the first two innings, but he lost his stuff in the third and singles by Bagby, Smith. Harris and Turner, doubles by Roth and Wamby, soon gave the home bunch a commanding lead. Bagby twirled against Connie Mack's

FIRST INNING

Bagby threw out Jamieson. Grover alked. Bodle hit into a double play. Wamby to Chapman to Harris. No runs no hits, no errors.

Graney singled through McInnis. Graney out stealing, Schang to Witt. Chapman flied to Bodie. Roth lined to Grover. No runs, one hit, no errors,

Bales flied to Graney. Strunk fouled to curner. McInnis singled to left. Scharg Turner. McInnis singled to left. Scharg doubled to left, putting McInnis on third. Witt fanned. No runs, two hits, no errors. Roth filed to Jamieson. Harris walked. Wamby forced Harris Witt to Grover. Turner grounded to McInnis. No runs, no hits no errors.



TILDEN STAR IN TENNIS TILT

Philadelphian will meet R. Lindley Murray in feature match in patri-otic tournament today.

BY THROCKMORTON

Tennis Star Goes Down to Defeat in National Singles Tournament

JUNIOR IS TOO CLEVER

FOREST HILLS, L. I., Aug. 21. W M Washburn who ranks as the sev enth best tennis player in the country went down to defeat today at the hands of Harold Throckmorton, the national indoor junior champion, in the national singles tennis tournament. Washburn is in the national service and his tennis days this

year have been few and far between. He showed his old-time skill in the first match and won it easily in 6-2. The youngster, who ranks well below him in the national standing, then got busy and won the next three sets and the match. It was BEN ALI PACES national standing, then got busy and won another of the upsets that have marked the

tournament up to date. The score was 2-6.

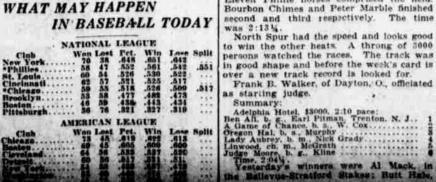
Away back in 1904 the national singles Away back in 1904 the national singles tennis championship was won by Holcombe Ward, inventor of the American twist service. Yesterday, after a lapse of thirteen years, this same player, calling to his command much of the skill for which he was then famous, brought about a startling upset in the first round of the national singles tournament at the West Side Tennis Club, at Forest Hills, when he defeated one of the most formidable contestants in the everit. S. Howard Vorhell, in a wonderfully of the most formidable contestants in the evert. S. Howard Voshell, in a wonderfully played three-set match, the score of which was 6-4, 1-6, 6-3. It was a result as astonishing to the spectators as it was to Voshell, who found his severe game utterly worthless before the court strategy and remarkable volleying of his opponent.

This was not the only surpr se which marked the opening rounds of the annual courament. It was a day of sad reversals

tournament. It was a day of sad reversals for those who act the part of soothsayers in tennis events. Voshell was the first of the present-day stars to full, but after him the present-day stars to fail, but after i'm came tumbling such men as Frederick B. Alexander, Karl H. Behr. Theodore Roosevelt Pell, Fred C. Inman and Irving Wright, and in each instance the result was hardly less astonishing than Ward's victory over Voshell. With such men as these top-pling from their pedestals it began to look as if the acknowledged rulers of the courts were to be dethroned by veterans, supposedly far past their prime, and young-

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WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY



LATEST SPORTS

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BOSTON 0 CHICAGO 0 WASHINGTON ET. LOUIS

\$15,000,000 OIL COMPANY INCORPORATED

DOVER, Del., Aug. 21 .- The Travis Oil Corporation, to produce, refine and market crude oil and products thereof, was incorporated here today with a capital stock of \$15,000,000. The Incorporators are C. L. Bimlinger, F. A. Armstrong, Wilmington, Del., and Clement M. Egner, Elkton, Md.

PRICE ON WHEAT TO BE SET SEPTEMBER 1

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Rumors that a price already has been set for the untry's supply of wheat were set at rest today, when it was announced the food administration will set a figure on September 1. Reports that the price had been set at \$1.65 and various other marks were today characterized as last final efforts to sway the markets for speculative purposes.

GEORGE W. BOYD STILL IMPROVING

PEACE PROFFE TO BE WEIGHED BRITISH PLEDGE

Reply Promises Consideration "in Benevolent and Serious Spirit"

FIRST TO RESPOND TO VATICAN'S NOTE

Gasparri Says Five Nations Have Assented to Four Fundamental Principles

MICHAELIS IN FAVOR

German Chancellor Expected to Voice Sympathy With Papal Aims at Reichstag Meeting

ROME, Aug. 21.

"The present Allied offensive should remove all illusions due to the Pope's peace note that war can end this year," declared the Giornale d'Italia today. The Agence Informatore says an autograph letter from Emperor Carl of Austria-Hungary has just been received by the Pope. It suggests that this message probably concerns peace plans.

ZURICH, Aug. 21. German Chancellor Michaelis will announce Germany's decision to grant autonomy to Alsace-Lorraine at this afternoon's session of the main Reichstag committee, according to a special agency dispatch received here.

A reply to the peace proposals made by Pope Benedict to the warring nations has already been submitted by Great Britain, which in a formal note to the Vatican promises to examine the ter "in a benevolent and serious spirit." Rome dispatch quotes Cardinal Gasparri, the Papel Secretary of State, as declaring that the four fundamental principles laid down by His Holiness have already been approved by England, France, Russia. Germany and Austria. What those four wrinciples are he does not make clear.

President Wilson has postponed Cab inet consideration of the Pope's note which, it was expected, would be taken up at today's meeting. Washington be lieves the President's reply to the Pope will contain a constructive program of peace. The President is expected to acquiesce in the proposals for disarmament and future arbitration, but to reject the plan for a return to the status que ante and to insist that the German pecple shake off the bonds of autocracy.

From Amsterdam comes a report that Doctor Michaelis, the German Chancellor, will support the Pope's proposals and that the Reichstag majority is strongly in favor of acceptance.

ENGLAND TO EXAMINE NOTE IN SERIOUS SPIRIT

England, first of the belligerent Powers to answer the Pope's peace suggestions, presented a formal note to the Vatican today through British Minister Desalis, declaring the holy father's plan would be examined "in a benevolent and serious Cardinal Gasparri, Paral Secretary of

Cardinal Gasparri, Paral Secretary of State, expressed his gratification at the response. He added that he heped all belligarents would admit of agreement on four fundamental principles which he said had already been approved by England, France, Russia, Germany and Austria. He declared President Wilson's peace note or last December implied all that was contained in the Pope'ss program. mined in the Pope's program.

It is not clear what four fundamental rinciples the beligerents mentioned in the foregoing dispatch have agreed upon. So far as cable dispatches have indicated no common ground has yet been reached by any of the belligerents officially.

PRESIDENT POSTPONES DISCUSSION BY CABINET

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.
President Wilson today postponed discussion with his Cabinet of the Pope's passe proposal in order to give undivided attention to war work.
Russia, through the embassy here.

caid the Pope's proposal will not do in the present form. This, of course, has been the attitude of all the Allies since receive ing it.

The whole question now is what to include in the constructive reply President Wilson is expected to send. He must accept those provisions of the Pope's proposals calling for disarmament and arbitration of future international difference. tion of future international differences, and cannot accept the status quo ante provisions. He cannot admit a williagness sit about a peace table with the German people represented by a pawn of the Hobert

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FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinitycloudy tonight: Wednesday moderate temperatures; light winds, becoming northeest.

For eastern Pennsylvania and New sey-Partly cloudy tanight and We day: moderate temperature; light cast to north seinds.

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