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TRANSIT "GRAB LEASE" CONDEMNED AT HEARING

PROMINENT FIGURES AT SMITH-MITTEN LEASE HEARING



Five men stood out conspicuously today at the public hearing on the proposed Smith-Mitten transit lease held before the Joint Councilmanic Committees on Finance and Street Railways, held in Room 496, City Hall. From left to right they are: William S. Twining, Director of City Transit; Select Councilman Charles Seger; A. M. Taylor, former Director of City Transit and chief spokesman for opponents of the proposition; William Draper Lewis, legal advisor of the Mayor, and John N. McGarvey, president Allied business Men's Association of West Philadelphia, the first witness heard.



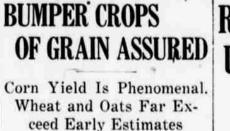
Dean Lewis, Mayor's Transit Advisor, Sole Defender of Smith-Mitten Proposed Pact - Opposed By **Business Men**

A. Merritt Taylor, former Director of Transit, refused to be drawn into argument over the proposed Smith-Mitten transit lease "grab" at the first public hearing before the Jiont Councilmanic Committee on Finance and Street Railways this afternoon until his charges that ratification of the instrument would be ruinous to Philadelphia were answered.

"I demand that my charges be answered by the administration," said Mr. Taylor, braving a hum of disapproval when Chairman Gaffney, of Councils' Finance Committee, the presiding officer, insisted upon drawing the former Director into an argument.

Public opinion, voiced by representative business men, condemned the oposed lease, in spite of a lengthy defense of it presented by Dr. William Draper Lewis, the Mayor's legal advisor on transit.

MAYOR TAKES RESPONSIBILITY Mayor Smith, in a short address, de-manded that full responsibility for the lease rest upon him when it was suggested that



FEARS WITHOUT BASIS

WASHINGTON, Sept 7. A phenomenal corn crop of 3.248,000,000 bushels and crops of wheat and oats millions of bushels in excess of the rosiest expectations of a month ago were forecast this afternood by the Department of Agriculture.

Unless killing frost comes early the corn crop will be 123,000,000 bushels in excess of any previous yield and will be excellent sound grain of the highest food value for man and beast. Even with early frosts there still will be a vast production of the

staple, the department promises, The wheat crop is to be nearly 30,000,000 bushels in excess of what was forecast last winter and 15,000,000 bushels in excess of the August forecast. The dismal forebodings of failure of the American wheat crop which were voiced early last summer when weather conditions were unfavor-

able have been entirely repudiated by the maturing cereal. The outturn of all wheat will be 663,000,000 bushels, the department SAYS.

RUSSIA'S NAVY UPON GUARD AS FOE CLOSES IN

German Drive on

BY LAND AND SEA

At a secret meeting of the provisional government today it was decided to put Petrograd under the jurisdiction of a special commission with plenary power. This commission will not only admin-ister the affairs of the cty, but will have control of the ammunition plants and arsenals in the suburbs. The suggestion that martial law be established was rejected.

General Korniloff will have charge of the defenses of the capital. Troops and all military works are being turned over to his personal command.

the enemy should it attempt to attack

Kronstadt, the great fortress protecting Petrograd or Reval near the entrance

of the Gulf of Finland. Assurance of

the navy's loyalty has been given the

Provisional Government, That a big

naval battle which will decide Petro-

grad's fate is near is now generally be-

The Russian capital is preparing for

defense. Troops are being hurried to

the Riga front, and energetic efforts

Italian Front

The battles on the Italian front are con

tinuing with great fury. Vienna, while

admitting that Cadorna's troops gained

a foothold on the summit of Monte San

Gabriele, northeast of Gorizia, declares

that they were later ejected and six vio-

lent attacks had falled to win back pos-

session of this peak, although it changed

hands several times. The Austrians have

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U. S. OFFICER DIES AS FOES BOMB HOSPITAL

FINAL

Five Members of Staff Wounded by Airmen's Shells

DELIBERATE ATTACK BY TEUTON FLIERS

Ten Patients Also Wounded in Base Served by Harvard Unit

BRITISH PLAN REPRISALS

Raids to Be Made Against Enemy's Military Works-Pershing Asked for Report

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Sept. 7.

An American medical officer attached to the Harvard Hospital was killed, five members of his staff were wounded, three of them severely, and ten patients were injured when German airmen deliberately bombarded an American hospital on the French coast occupied by the Harvard medical unit. One man in the hospital served by a St. Louis unit was also wounded.

The hospital of the Harvard unit suffered the greater damage. Only one bomb fell on the St. Louis unit's hospital. The Harvard unit, however, was subject to the heavier attack.

In addition to the American hospitals, a British military hospital was bombed.

The raids occurred on Tuesday night, and." like the bombardment of hospitals nearer the front during the last few days, the attacks were plainly deliberate.

LONDON, Sept. 7.

Germany is apparently conducting a deiberate aerial offensive against Allied hospitals. The utmost indignation has been roused throughout England by reports of the last week, showing half a dozen instances in which hospitals plainly marked have been singled out for attack. Eng-land's reprisals will be in aerial attacks land's reprisais will be in aerial attacks against German military works. A typical instance of the new form of German frightfulness was reported in dis-natches today from the French front. Ger-man aviators dropped bombs every twenty minutes during several hours of daylight on a bosnical at Vandelahourst Visataan nera hospital at Vandelaincourt. Nineteen per-

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7. Informed of the killing of an American officer in an American field hospital in France, the War Department this afternoon immediately sent a request to headquarters in France for detailed information. No official report on the fatality had from General Pershing. come

Will Resist Threatening Kronstadt

KAISER TO ATTACK

PETROGRAD, Sept. 7.

in view of the criticism a new instrument be drawn up. The tilt between Mr. Gaffney and Mr.

Taylor came near the close of the hearing Mr. Taylor, called upon to speak, made the following statement:

"After the Taylor lease was submitted for consideration, Director Twining, under date of March 29, published through the newspapers and in pamphlet form his charges with relation thereto. On April 16 I published through the newspapers and in pamphlet form a specific reply to Di-rector Twining's charges against the Tayor lease. When your committee began onsideration of the Tayor lease on May 15. you required me, to speak first in de-fense of that lease against Director Twin-ing's charges. I cheerfully complied.

"Now the shoe is on the other foot. The Smith lease is before your committee for eration. I have made and published. on August 20, September 5 and September 7, certain most serious and most specific charges with relation thereto.

se charges still remain unanswered by either the Mayor or the Director of the ment of City Transit.

As a citizen of Philadelphia I demand As a clitteen of Philadelphia I demand of the administration a specific answer to each and every one of the most serious and most specific charges which I have made against the Smith lease. Until these answers are forthcoming I shall not occupy the time of the series me of your committee by speaking with further relation to this subject. In other words, I shall not permit the Mayor and Director Twining to evade enswering my charges by dodging behind me."

REFUSES CONTROVERSY

When Mr. Taylor had finished, Chairman

Gattney said: "Now, Mr. Taylor----" Mr. Taylor: "Nothing further, Mr. Gaff-

Mr. Taylor: "Nothing further, art Gait so, today." Mr. Gaffney: "Well, Mr. Taylor, will you not permit me to address you? You have been invited here and the committee has been fair to you. I should like you to be fair to us. I should like for you to take up each of your charges, explain

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600D OUTLOOK FOR CITY BONDS Many Inquiries for \$7,000,000 Issue

Over the Counter

There is every indication that the \$7,275 .for Philadelphia 4 per cent thirty-year honds, which were advertised for the first honds, which were advertised for the first time today, will be quickly disposed of. Although the sale over the counter does not start until September 17, the City Treasurer's office was deluged today with inquiries from individuals and banks. De-spite the approaching Liberty Loan issue. City Treasury officials believe that the bond issue will be quickly sold.

No Swiss Socialist Meeting STOCKHOLM, Sept. 7.—The delegates to be Stockholm conference at Zimmerwald, witzerland, to be held ten days after the ocialist conference here, have abandoned heir plans because of the great difficulties be delegated in challeng messports.

the delegates met in obtaining passports. Some representatives from Russia are here and other foreigners, mostly Germans, are espected to arrive within the next few days, to actile definitely whether the conference will be held without complete representa-lings or be abandoned.

IN DRAFT PROBE Arrested on Charge of Attempt to Bribe Police

Surgeon

DENIES EVIL INTENT Investigation of alleged irregularities of

ertain draft cases now being probed by he Federal Grand Jury took a new turn late this afternoon when the Bureau of In vestigation of the Department of Justice aused the arrest of Dr. David Faringer 102 Spring Garden street, accused of at empting to bribe a police surgeon.

Doctor Faringer was arrested by Agent Mallet, of thel ocal branch of the Department of Justice. The arrest of the physi-

cian came while United States Attorney Francis Fisher Kane and his assistants were going over several other cases, which t is reported, will result in arrests before ong.

Testimony offered before United States Commissioner Long was to the effect that Doctor Faringer had offered "a little change," as some of the witnesses testified, to Dr. John H. Egan, a police surgeon, if he rejected one William E. A. Reed, 22

Tenth street. Reed is now under bail of \$2000. He was arrested recently when a hotel of which he is the alleged proprietor was raided by Government gents.

According to Doctor Egan, while he was examining men for the new National Army in the Seventh Local District, whose head-quarters were at the Fifteenth and Vine streets station, Doctor Faringer came to him and asked him to reject Reed. One of the reason that Doctor Faringer gave why

Reed should be rejected was that at one time he was confined in the Hahnemann Hospital for a fracture of the skull.

"If you see him through I'll see that you get a blank envelope." the doctor is alleged to have told Doctor Egan, who testified at he bearing

Agent Mallet corroborated Doctor Egan's testimons, and added that the defendant had also told Doctor Egan that he could

had also told Doctor Egan that he could expect "some change." Doctor Faringer denied that he had any thought of bribing Doctor Egan. He said that when he mentioned "some change" he merely thought of paying Doctor Egan for his trouble to go to the Hahnemann Hos-viet to look un the record of Reed. ital to look up the record of Reed. Bail of \$2500 was fixed by Commissioner

Long. More witnesses have been summoned to appear before the Federal Grand Jury in this city which is investigating several al-leged violations of the draft act by Phila-

SUBPOENA YOUNG BALTZ

A subpoena was issued for Harry B. Baltz, secretary and treasurer of the J. & P. Baltz Brewing Company, this after-noon, in connection with the case of Jacob B. Baltz, son of the millionaire brewer. Search by United States deputy marshals subpoena was issued for Harry B. ts. secretary and treasurer of the J. Balts Brewing Company, this after-in connection with the case of Jacob Balts, son of the millionaire brewer, ich by United States deputy marshals Cuntinued on Page Thirteen, Column Five * Net arbudaled 'Includes results

With the harvesting of these cereal Announcement that a German squad well under way, the United States is assured of a full granary for the coming ron has entered the Gulf of Riga and another is off the entrance to the Gulf winter-a winter to which the Germans are of Finland has been quickly followed by looking forward with fears of starvation. the official statement in Petrograd that the Russian fleet is prepared to fight

RED SOX WIN THIRD STRAIGHT OVER MACKS

Foster Puzzles Athletics, Allowing Few Hits-Boston Sluggers **Bat Johnson Opportunely**

SHIBE PARK, Sept. 7. The Red Sox gave a great exhibition of will be made to halt the German ad-

bunting in today's game here and won vance. the third straight game over the A's. The final score was 5 to 0.

In seven sessions the visitors made six sacrifice hits, which was a record for this city this season.

In the first inning, after Hooper off with a double, two bunts put him over the plate. The Red Sox got two more runs in the sixth inning. Hoblitzel

led off with a single and McInnis and Johnson made errors on bunts by Lewis and Walker. These, with an out and little Scott's single, put two runners across the

plate. George Foster, who twirled for the Red

FIRST INNING

Hooper hit the first ball pitched to right two bases. McNally sacrificed, Paimer McInnis. The squeeze play worked, Hobto McInnis. litzel bunting to Johnson, who threw to

Continued on Page Seven, Column Fiv Braves Submarines to Return to Mother

Braving the dangers of the submarine

warfare, Gertrude Eberdeen, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, of 305 Cedarcroff avenue, Camden, until re-cently, started today for Sheffield, England. Miss i:berdeen received word yesterday from Sheffield that her mother was criti-cally ill and was calling for her daughter.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN

IN BASEBALL TODAY NATIONAL LEAGUE

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been launching fierce counter-attacks in Sox, was in great form, both in hitting and pitching. He held the White Kle-phants down to three scattered hits and made two hits and a double himself. **On the Flanders Line** Field Marshal Haig admits the with drawal of the British from'advanced po

sitions north of Frezenberg, on the west

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JUDGE GRANTS PAROLE

Gives Assent to Petition of Man Who Accuses Special Officers

Judge Wheeler in the Municipal Court today granted the petition for the parole from prison of Paul Gangi who yesterday accused two former special officers of hav ing collected \$30 graft money from him for protection as a disorderly house keeper. It was during the hearing on the petition for parole that Gangi accused William Bozarth and Frank Martinelli, formerly special officers of the Second and Christian streets station.

Budapest May Expel Foreigners

ZURICH, Sept. 7.-The Hungarian Minis-er of the Interior is reported to be planning to expel foreign residents from Buda pest, including Viennese who are unable to furnish reasons for remaining there. The report caused intense irritation in Vienna. The Hungarian newspapers have published recently numerous protests against persons going to Budapest "solely to get something to eat." The report also has aroused the Germans in Budapest. 347

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RUSSIAN RAILROADS TO BE READY FOR 1918 CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON. Sept. 7 .- Russia's railways will be in shape for the military campaign in 1918, declared Prof. George Lomonosoff, head of the Russian railway commission today. Their rehabilitation and Russia's consequent re-entrance as a military factor depends on America's aid, however, he stated.

SENATE REJECTS BONUS BILL FOR SAMMEES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 .- The Senate rejected the Hardwick amendment to pay soldiers in foreign service a bonus of \$50 a month. The vote was 5 to 74.

GERMANY ISSUES MORE PAPER MONEY

COPENHAGEN. Sept. 7. - The Imperial Bank of Germany last week was compelled to put out 350,000,000 marks more paper money, bringing up the note circulation to more than 9.300.000.000 marks, which is 2.200.000.000 above the amount outstanding at the same date last year.

STORTHING COMMITTEE DISCUSSESS U.S. EMBARGO

CHRISTIANIA, Sept. 7 .- A long session of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Storthing today discussed the American export embargo. All Ministers attended the meeting. No decision was announced.

At the Red Cross headquarters in New York no information had been received concerning the attack on an American hosnical this afternoon other than that furnished in the press dispatches. At last reports Unit No. 21 from St. Louis was stationed at Houen, France. The location t present of the Harvard. Cleveland and ther units was not known. The American army medical corps offi-

cers killed and wounded in the German attack on the Harvard and St. Louis hospi-tal units are the first casualties to be reand units are the first casualities to be re-ported from Europe as a result of an enemy attack since America entered the war. There have been other casualities on the sea, but the hospital workers are the first Americans to be killed or wounded by German shells on land.

GIANTS AND PHILLIES SPLIT DOUBLE-HEADER

Alexander Wins First Game, but Schupp Evens Up Spoils

for the Day

POLO GROUNDS, New York, Sept. 7 .---The Phillies and Giants split a double-header here today, the local chib winning the second game after Alexander had

scored a 4-to-1 victory. Eppa Rixey and Ferd Schupp engaged in a spirited pitching duel in the second

The final score was 2 to 1.

The final score was 2 to 1. Schupp's wildness gave the Phillies a run in the first inning. Bancroft's triple, coupled with an out, and Schupp's free tickets to Stock, Schulte and Niehoff gave the Patmorans their only run.

the Patinorans their only run. The lead was swept away in the sixth inning when the Giants registered two runs on Rariden's triple, a base on balls to Burns, an error by Adams and Kauff'a single. Rixey fanned the side in this in-ning.

FIRST INNING .

Paskert lifted a fly to Zimmerman. Bancroft tripled to left. Stock fanned. Whit-ted fanned. Stock stole second. Schulte walked, filling the bases. Nichoff walked, forcing in Bancroft. Luderus forced Nelhoff, Fletcher, unassisted. One run, one

hit, no errors. Burns flied to Schulte. Bancroft and

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THE WEATHER

: OBECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity-Fair tonight and probably Saturday: con-linued moderately cool: light northerly cinds.

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erl W. Ackerman Tells the Truth About Germany in "Germany the Next Republic?" It Begins in Tomorrow's Evening I

