

TO POINT DEFECTS OF TRANSIT LEASE

Nonpartisan League Will Renew Attack on Smith-Mitten Pact

PUT QUESTIONS TO MAYOR

Public criticism of the Smith-Mitten transit lease will be renewed tonight at an open meeting in the Parkway Building to be held under the auspices of the Nonpartisan League of Philadelphia. Half a dozen speakers who have made a careful study of the terms of the new proposal will address the meeting and point out the defects of the agreement.

Mayor Smith declined an invitation to attend the meeting and defended the lease on the ground that he could not enter into any public discussion of the lease until the public hearings before Council's Finance and Street Railways Committee have been concluded. The Mayor, however, assured the members of the league that he would sign no lease until the public is satisfied with its terms.

Ten questions bearing upon the transit situation have been prepared by the league and will be discussed tonight. These questions were first submitted to Mayor Smith yesterday. Although he declined to answer them he said answers would be given at the next councilmanic hearing. The questions are:

First. Can you tell us who are the main sponsors or financial backers of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company at the present time?

Second. Is it true that about 90 per cent of the Rapid Transit stock is either held or controlled by a few brokers?

Third. Is it right for the city of Philadelphia to benefit a few individuals at the expense of the entire community?

Fourth. Is it true that the Rapid Transit stock has never been recommended to any one for investment by a court of law or responsible board of trustees?

Fifth. Why should the city of Philadelphia pay a bonus upon Rapid Transit stock or accumulate 6 per cent dividend for a term of forty years or even more, according to the proposed lease?

Sixth. On what ground is the Rapid Transit Company entitled to a virtual monopoly under the proposed lease of the entire street-car service of Philadelphia for forty or more years?

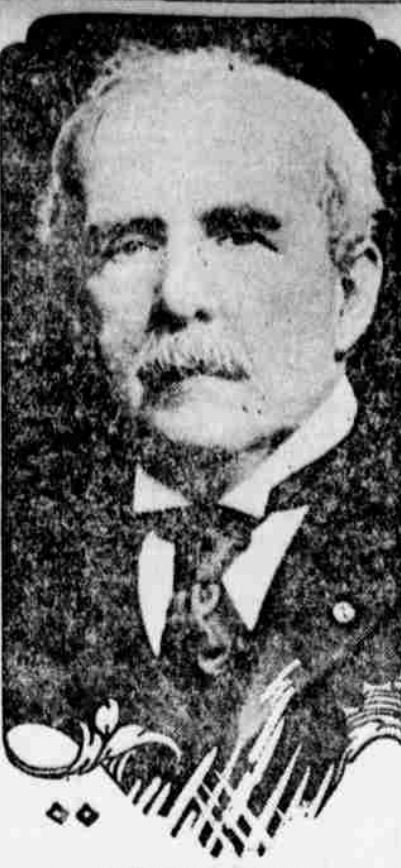
Seventh. Why not wait until the new high-speed lines are completed and then lease them to the best responsible bidder, as did the city of Boston, receiving a consideration for the rental?

Eighth. Why is the city of Philadelphia unable to operate its own high-speed lines?

Ninth. Would not the service of the Rapid Transit company be improved by a little healthy competition?

Tenth. Frankly speaking, does not the so-called lease, under the proposed ordinance now before Council, virtually set out the entire plant of the Rapid Transit Company to the city of Philadelphia at the enhanced price of 10 per cent above the present capitalization of the company, and does it not obviously look like a stock-jobbing scheme to enhance the price of the said company's stock?

Senator Vare, who had promised to notify Mayor Smith definitely today whether he will accept or reject the contract for one section of the Broad street subway work, which was awarded to his firm (the Philadelphia Subway Construction Company) more than a month ago did not say whether he would do the work or not. Senator Vare is still awaiting the decision of his engineers.



S. EMLEN MEIGS
Well-known Union League member and Civil War veteran, who died today at the age of eighty-nine.

The contract is for the construction of a station and a subway in Broad street between Buttonwood and Stiles streets. It totals \$2,885,941.

A so-called comparative analysis of the Taylor lease and the Smith-Mitten lease has been made by James Collins Jones, counsel for the Chamber of Commerce. This analysis will be used as the basis for a referendum to be taken among the 5000 members of the Chamber of Commerce. Plans for the referendum will be announced later.

HONOR FOR AMERICAN FLIER

Stephen Howel, of Lafayette Escadrille, to Get War Cross

PARIS, Sept. 14.—Corporal Stephen Howel, of Boston, member of the Lafayette Escadrille, was officially cited in army orders today, which means he will shortly be decorated with the war cross.

Messages from the headquarters of the Lafayette Escadrille today said the escadrille itself was formally awarded the war cross in recognition of the remarkable record it has achieved in recent weeks.

Some hint of the extraordinary amount of fighting by this unit of Americans was contained in an army report today, showing that during August the four escadrilles comprising the group to which the Lafayette fliers are attached fought 121 aerial engagements, 119 of which were over German-held territory.

I. C. C. Suspends Freight Rates

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today further suspended until March 22 proposed increases in freight rates on cotton and woolen goods from mill points in New England to New York city and Brooklyn over the New Haven and other New England railroads.

CAPT. S. EMLEN MEIGS, WAR VETERAN, DEAD

One of the Oldest Members of Union League—Ardent Admirer of Lincoln

Captain S. Emlen Meigs, one of the oldest and most prominent members of the Union League and a veteran of the Civil War, died at his residence, 1715 Locust street, today. He was eighty-nine years old.

Captain Meigs was well known for his earnest work in the interest of the preservation of the cabin in which General Grant made his headquarters at City Point, Va., during the winter preceding the fall of Richmond. Philadelphia came into possession of the cabin after a spirited contest with many other cities, and it was brought here and placed in Fairmount Park. He was also an ardent admirer of Lincoln and delighted to tell anecdotes of him.

His funeral will be held Monday morning at 11 o'clock at the Calvary Presbyterian Church, Locust street above Fifteenth, of which he has been a member for many years.

Mr. Meigs was born in this city July 15, 1828, the son of Dr. Charles D. Meigs. He entered the dry goods commission business in this city at the age of sixteen. His business career started with the firm of Tingley, Caldwell & English, at 114 Chestnut street, 1844. His salary was \$75 a year, payable semiannually, and for this stipend he toiled from 8 o'clock in the morning until 7 o'clock at night.

During the Civil War he was commissioned captain and assistant quartermaster general of United States volunteers and was assigned to duty at St. Louis, the headquarters of the Department of the Mississippi. He was a brother of the late General Montgomery Meigs, who was quartermaster general of the army throughout the war. Captain Meigs was present at the capture of Fort Donelson and during the operations at this point became acquainted with General Grant.

Captain Meigs had a fund of interesting anecdotes concerning the operations of the Union army in the West, including the story of an incompetent general who when doomed threatened to establish an "Empire of the Southeast," with himself as supreme dictator.

Descended from a line of staunch Democrats, he was a staunch Democrat until Fort Sumter was fired upon, whereupon he became a Republican, and has never since wavered in that faith.

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REV. DR. IZER DEAD; WAS NOTED PASTOR

End Comes to Long Suffering of District Superintendent of Philadelphia M. E. Conference

After months of intense suffering the Rev. Dr. George W. Izer, district superintendent of the Northwest District of the Philadelphia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died last night at his home, 430 West Horner street, Germantown. Recently he was almost constantly under the influence of opiates. He was sixty-eight years old.

Dr. Izer was formerly pastor of the Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, the Church of the Covenant, Arch Street Church and Grace Church in this city. He also held appointments at Taylor Street Church, Portland, Ore.; Hocking Church, Elmira, N. Y.; Howard Street Church and Simpson Memorial Church, San Francisco, and Christ Church and Calvary Church, of Pittsburgh.

On the 19th of March Doctor Izer, who then was thought to be dying, dictated a farewell message to Bishop McDowell and his brethren of the Philadelphia Methodist Conference, in which he said that he "had surrendered to a huge beast, that hounded from the highway of hope and love in August, 1916, to strike me down."

Part of his message follows:

How long I may linger, a prisoner of pain, no one may forecast. My earthly body shaken, tottering, the tabernacle falling into ruins, it seems to me that soon I shall be dissolved. I do not expect to move far. The paradise into which God's love comes to I wish is high. There in God's presence, at God's right hand, in association with the spirits of just men who have perfect we shall live in safety and satisfaction throughout eternity.

Most of this passing, perishing present life I am hastening to leave behind me. Into this presence and at the right hand of God I am pressing with eager desire. Life in His presence, enriched by fullness of joy, life at His right hand is my eternal home.

He was born in Baltimore April 3, 1849. After preparatory work in the Baltimore City College he entered Dickinson College. Later he was graduated with the A. B. degree from Syracuse University. To these degrees were added the degrees of M. A., L. L. B. and D. D.

Dr. Izer is survived by his widow, Mrs. Louisa Thompson Izer, and one son, Irving M. Izer, of Cleveland. The date of the funeral has not yet been decided upon.

MILK PRICE NOT TO BE REDUCED SOON

Dairymen, However, Agree to Put Contracts on Monthly Basis

FEED COST MAY BE CUT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 14. Milk prices probably will not be reduced for some time to come, although efforts now under way promise to effect a reduction.

Milk contracts affecting the prices producers will receive for their product may henceforth be on a monthly basis instead of for a period of six months, as customary. Following a conference between the Food Administration and a committee representing nearly 100,000 organized milk producers, the officers of the principal dairymen's organizations will recommend to their membership the monthly contract plan.

This proposed change is largely in recognition of the Food Administration's wish that contracts should admit reduction in price of feedstuffs later in the year. In the opinion of Milo D. Campbell, president of the National Milk Producers' Federation, there is little doubt that dairymen will approve the plan, and be content with short contracts until a more stable condition is assured.

Several members of the committee who conferred with the food administration are Richard Patten, secretary of the New England Federation; R. D. Cooper, representing the Dairymen's League of New York, and C. H. Potter, representing the Chicago district.

While under the food law Mr. Hoover has no direct authority to fix the retail price of milk, yet he can, it is believed, force the producer and retailer to reduce the price if it is shown that the cost of production and transportation is reasonable and that the price exacted from the consumer is extortionate in comparison with the price in several directions. First, an order has been placed on fodder and feedstuffs. This act will assure cheaper materials during the winter for the cows. Another order to the same end is to establish the cost of transportation.

After these things are definitely obtained Mr. Hoover will issue statements to the public showing, if such is the case, that the retail price is beyond a reasonable profit.

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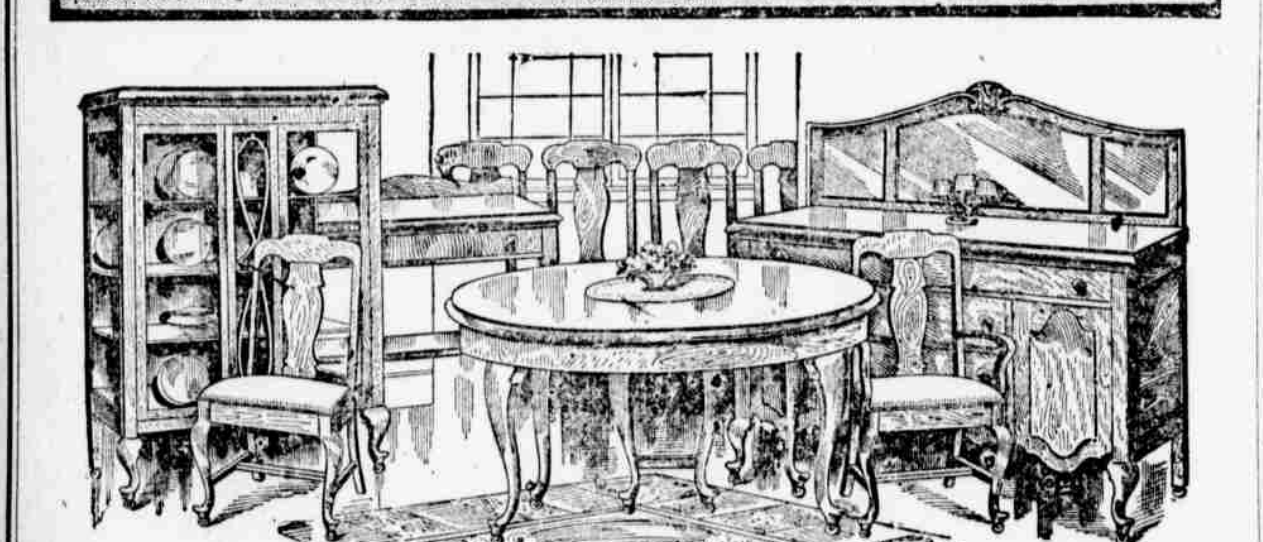
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