

6-CENT FARE BILL IN HANDS OF COUNCILS

Ordinance Asking Increase Is Referred to Committee

MAYOR SMITH MAKES NO RECOMMENDATIONS

President Mitten Asks Sanction to Wage Advance Under 1907 Contract

TERMED "WAR MEASURE"

New Rate Until One Year After Hostilities End, if Lease Fails

The Rapid Transit company's proposed six-cent fare ordinance was submitted to Mayor Smith this afternoon.

It was then sent by him to Councils, without recommendation, and with the announcement that Director of Transit Twining would investigate the company's reasons for the plea.

The measure was referred by Councils to the Finance Committee and the Street Railway Committee.

Accompanying the proposal to increase the base fare from five to six cents was a letter from Thomas E. Mitten, president of the company.

He recommended that the city give sanction, under the 1907 contract with the company, to the proposed increase, to allow the company to advance the wages of its employees five cents an hour.

Increase a "War Measure"

Both the proposed ordinance and Mr. Mitten's letter emphasized that the increase asked for is a "war measure."

The ordinance proposes that the base fare be six cents instead of five cents as proposed by the new transit lease now pending before the Public Service Commission.

With adjustment under the new lease should it be approved by the commission. In case the new lease is not approved, the fare is to remain at six cents until one year after the end of the war, according to the proposal, when it should be adjusted.

A cash deficit of \$1,455,000 by June 30, 1918, is predicted by Mr. Mitten in case the company is not allowed to raise the fare.

The estimated cash working balance June 30, 1918, is \$1,300,000, with the amount required by the fiscal year ended at \$1,800,000.

Company's Concessions

In return for the proposed fare raise, which would yield the company about \$2,800,000, the company proposes to spend \$750,000 on its employees and remainder on new equipment, including 150 new cars, and further pledging itself to a 5 per cent dividend for its stockholders.

Mayor Smith, who is understood to have adopted a "show me" attitude toward the proposal for fear it would harm the pending lease, sent the following communication to Councils with the proposal:

"I herewith transmit to your honorable bodies a copy of a proposed ordinance submitted by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, together with a copy of their letter of transmittal. You will doubtless give to this important matter prompt and careful consideration.

I have requested the Director of the Department of City Transit to make an investigation of the facts bearing upon the company's proposal for your information.

Additional figures were turned over to Director of Transit Twining by Ellis Ames Ballard, counsel for the P. R. T., this afternoon. Director Twining issued the following statement:

"The Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company has submitted to me a summary of the figures on which they base their request for an increase in fare. I have a report to him on the company's proposal. The company has agreed to furnish me any further information that I desire."

Mitten's Statement

Mr. Mitten's statement accompanying the proposed ordinance was as follows: "The Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company presents herewith petitions signed by 3283 out of 9714 of its employees available and comprising conductors and motormen, electrical men, shop men and other wage-earners asking for a flat increase in wages of five cents an hour and requesting that the company petition the city for consent to an increase in fare in order to enable the company to grant the advance in wages.

"The company recognizes that the high cost of living makes the present request of the men one which should be granted, and the men know that the company cannot meet these demands without a corresponding increase in its revenue.

"Upon the granting of this increase in wage of 5 cents per hour, the company's payrolls for the coming year would show an increase of \$1,750,000 over the present very largely increased wage account.

POLICE TRIAL AND SUSPENSION FOR AUERBACH

Mills Announces Action Against Fifth Ward Patrolman in Janovitz Case

Patrolman Emanuel Auerbach, alleged to have assaulted Benjamin Janovitz, proprietor of a restaurant at 513 South Fourth Street, his wife and a waitress, Mrs. Dora Landy, has been suspended.

This was announced this afternoon by Acting Superintendent of Police Mills. Auerbach will be tried by the police board. He is attached to the Third and De Lancey streets station, Fifth Ward.

Lieutenant Daly, Third and De Lancey streets station, this afternoon handed Captain Callahan papers dealing with the case. It is said Auerbach makes full denial of all charges.

Auerbach will be given a hearing tomorrow morning in Magistrate Harrigan's office, Sixth and Locust streets.

Civil action has likewise been instituted against the patrolman on the charges made by the Janovitzes and Mrs. Landy. Janovitzes and Mrs. Landy demand \$10,000 each in damages.

FOUR SINK WARSHIP AT POLA

Italians Enter Austrian Naval Base and Torpedo Vessel

Rome, May 16.—Commander Pellegrini of the Italian navy, accompanied by three picked men, successfully penetrated the defenses of the Austro-Hungarian naval base at Pola and torpedoed an Austrian battleship of the Viribus Austriacis on Wednesday morning.

The daring enterprise was made known officially today.

Italian hydroplanes supported the action. Austro-Hungarian machines attacked the Italian machines. Two of the Austro-Hungarian planes were destroyed and another was forced down.

The destruction of a great first line battleship by four men aroused intense national enthusiasm.

The Giornale d'Italia, in commenting upon the wonderful achievement, said that the men who took part, in addition to Commander Pellegrini, were a Milanese seaman named Antonio, Francesco Angelini and Giuseppe Nole.

The dispatches made no mention of the kind of craft the Italians used in their enterprise.

FRENCH URGED FOR SCHOOLS

Councils Asked to Substitute Study for Banned German

A resolution asking that French be substituted for German in the public schools was submitted to Councils this afternoon by Dr. C. E. Sajoos, 2043 Walnut street.

German was ordered eliminated from the curriculum Tuesday by the Board of Education.

An appropriation of \$225,000 to equip a new power station was asked of Councils by Director of Public Works and Charities Krusen. The station is to be at Blockley.

ANTI-LOAFING LAW PROPOSED

Bourse Suggests Penalty for Non-workers in Councils' Resolution

An "anti-loafing" resolution was presented to Councils this afternoon by the Philadelphia Bourse.

The resolution provides penalties for men who make no efforts to go to work. It is to be referred to the committee on municipal government.

HEAVY GUNFIRE IN NORTH SEA

Intense Cannonade Heard on Kentish Coast

London, May 16.—Heavy gunfire, which raged for several hours last night along the Franco-Belgian coast, has been heard along the Kentish coast.

The cannonades were violent and the incessant roar was accompanied by vivid flashes.

Large crowds lined the cliffs along the Kentish coast listening to the cannonade and watching the flares.

Previous to the successful blockading raids by the British fleet on the U-boat bases at Ostend and Zeebrugge similar heavy cannonading was heard in the same localities. Recurrence of the cannonade may be an advance sign of some like operation.

CAR WALKOUT MAY LEAD U.S. TO INTERVENE

Federal Seizure Threatens Unless Normal Service Resumes

MUST NOT DELAY WAR-PLANT WORKERS

Government Mediator Prepared to Act if Situation Should Warrant

400 OUT, P. R. T. ESTIMATE

Dissatisfied Operatives, in All-Day Mass-Meeting, Discuss Grievances

Service Near Normal. Says P. R. T. President

Thomas E. Mitten, president of the Rapid Transit Company, in a statement late this afternoon on the walkout by some of the trolley-men, said:

"The service is rapidly improving. It is now only 15 per cent below normal. Fifty of the men who quit in the short-lived strike of 1916 volunteered this afternoon to help us out.

"In the northwest, where we had the most trouble with the service earlier in the day, twice as many cars as we had out this morning are running."

Unless the street car service here is normal tonight, the government may take over lines feeding plants working on Government orders.

Notice indicating this as a possibility, was served on officials at the Frankford avenue and Bridge street car barn today by policemen stationed there, a result of impaired service to and from Frankford arsenal.

In connection with this, Commissioner Greenawalt, a Federal mediator, said this afternoon that as soon as the first complaint of the service from officials of the Government plants here or plants working on important Government contracts reaches him, the matter will be taken up with Washington, and that Federal intervention will be a matter of hours.

Under the act of June 15, 1917, President Wilson is empowered to take over the street car lines upon the complaint of executives of Federal plants or of military or naval establishments, Mr. Greenawalt points out.

Under the law the Federal Government has the legal right to take over and operate the street transportation system if efforts of the Rapid Transit Company to furnish adequate service are found to be futile.

Mr. Balfour replied that the letter had been conveyed without permission. Continued on Page Eight, Column Four

WILSON AGAINST SENATE INQUIRY

Separate Aircraft Probe Unnecessary With Hughes Acting, His View

OPPOSES RESOLUTION

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger

Washington, May 16.—President Wilson today told Senator Thompson that a Senate inquiry into aircraft production is unnecessary, now that Charles E. Hughes has been appointed to assist in the investigation by the Department of Justice.

The President asked Senator Thompson to exert himself to defeat the Senate investigation. The amended form of the Chamberlain resolution is still displeasing to the President, he let it be known emphatically.

Senator Martin, Democratic leader, also advised the Senate that the Hughes appointment was counted on to supplant any inquiry the Senate had in mind.

This information coming from the White House this afternoon served to complicate the aircraft inquiry situation.

Thompson conferred with the President early today. When he arrived in the Senate he informed Senator Chamberlain that the resolution authorizing the Military Affairs Committee to investigate would be reported by Senator McKellar. McKellar presented the report and asked Jones twenty-four hours to write a minority report on behalf of Senator Jones (New Mexico) and himself. This was granted and the resolution went to the Senate calendar. It can be brought up tomorrow.

Senators Urged Action

Efforts by the resolution's supporters to have Thompson file his minority report today, so as not to delay consideration of the resolution tomorrow.

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German Sees Five Years of War

SENATE FAVORS ACQUIRING MAIL TUBE SYSTEMS

Four Million Dollars Provided for Purchase—\$1,250,000 for Philadelphia

By a Staff Correspondent Washington, May 16.

The Senate voted late this afternoon in favor of the provision in the postoffice appropriation bill for the purchase by the Government of the pneumatic tube systems in Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, Boston and St. Louis.

Approximately \$4,000,000 is provided for the purchase, about \$1,250,000 of which goes for purchasing the Philadelphia tubes.

The House has already passed the bill.

The Postoffice Department has repeatedly in recent years recommended the entire abandonment of the tube systems, but each year Congress has made provision for their rental, and now provides for their purchase.

PEACE DOOR OPEN, COMMONS IS TOLD

Asquith Lauds Balfour's Declaration Over Sixtus Letter

ALLIES' AIMS THE SAME

London, May 16.

If any belittling representative dared seriously to put forward peace proposals they would be dealt with in full confidence by the Allies, Foreign Minister A. J. Balfour announced in the House of Commons today, during debate upon the peace letter which Emperor Charles of Austria sent to Prince Sixtus more than a year ago.

Mr. Balfour's statement was called forth by a question put by Walter Runciman, former president of the Board of Trade, regarding the Austrian Emperor's letter.

Referring to the statement made by Mr. Runciman that France had asked for a bigger Alsace-Lorraine than that of 1870, Mr. Balfour said there was no question at issue of this bigger Alsace-Lorraine being the war aim of the Allies.

Former Premier Asquith lauded Mr. Balfour's opportune statement, saying it was to the satisfaction of the world at large that Great Britain had not closed the door to any overtures toward an honorable peace.

He added that there had not been, nor should there be, any contraction or extension of the Allies' war aims and purposes.

Mr. Runciman asked if any of the Allied statesmen except Baron Sonnino (of the Italian Cabinet) had been consulted and whether anything had been communicated to the United States.

Mr. Balfour replied that the letter had been conveyed without permission. Continued on Page Nineteen, Column Four

GERMANY YIELDS TO SLAV DEMAND

Said to Have Promised Not to Advance Farther Into Russia

THREAT TO MOBILIZE

Washington, May 16.

An intercepted wireless dispatch dated May 15, received by the State Department today quotes Joffe, Bolshevik ambassador at Berlin, as saying that the Germans had agreed to advance no further into Russia. This was in reply to the appeal made by the Soviet Government at Moscow.

Russia had served notice on Germany that she was "compelled to mobilize all necessary forces" to protest herself in view of Germany's violation of the Brest-Litovsk peace treaty.

The full facts of the recent Soviet protest against German invasion of the Ukraine, received by the State Department today revealed that Russian threat. After reciting the Ukrainian difficulty and the Teuton operations in Finland, the statement added:

"In order to fulfill the Brest treaty, which is the legal basis for the relations between Germany and Russia, we cleared its readiness to open immediate negotiations with the Ukraine Central Rada.

"No answer, however, has come from this Government, which is now directed by Germany.

"The German Government, having likewise opposed the question of a peace treaty, has in no way given any answer to all offers to open peace negotiations.

"Instead of this, advances of German-Ukrainian forces against Russia continue."

WORLD PEACE WON BY WAR IS PREDICTED

Delegates to Convention Are Unanimous for Finish Fight

SEND 5,000,000 MEN TO FRANCE, ASKS TAFT

Former Mrs. Cleveland Presides at Meeting of Statesmen and Educators

NOTED SPEAKERS HEARD

Conflict Against Germany Must Go on Until Kaiserism Is Annihilated

Objects That Are Sought by Win-in-the-War Congress

To sustain the determination of our people to fight until Prussian militarism has been defeated.

To confirm opposition to a premature peace.

To focus attention on the only advantage the American people seek to gain from the war—permanent peace guaranteed by a league of nations.

[Addresses of Former President Taft, George Wharton Pepper and others at the opening convention session this morning are printed on Page 6.]

A fight to the finish which will crush ruthlessness and strip the assumed mask of piety from the face of the Kaiser!

This is the spirit of the convention of the League to Enforce Peace, which opened today at the Academy of Music. The slogan of the congress is, "Win the War for Permanent Peace."

Former President Taft brought the patriotism of all the allied delegates present to a high pitch when he declared America should send an army of five million fighting men to France. He said, further, that all Americans should set their faces stern and unbending for war—war!

"When the scales fall from the eyes of peace-loving people," he declared, "it will be found that the man whom they have whipped is the devil and not God.

"Let us have peace, but let us have war that we may have peace.

"The untrustworthiness of the Kaiser makes his continuance in power a continued threat against the safety of other nations.

Taft Evinces Cheers

When Mr. Taft had completed his address, and frequently while he was speaking, the meeting burst into tumultuous applause to show its emphatic approval, and there were resounding cheers.

The morning meeting was called the "Keynote session." George Wharton Pepper, noted lawyer of this city, was the first speaker. He voiced the same opinion as Mr. Taft and declared that the time was past for arguing with the Kaiser. He must first be brought to terms with a club.

Mr. Pepper said there was only one. Continued on Page Seven, Column Two

CLEVELAND'S MISPLAYS HELP MACKS TO SCORE

Catcher Peters Contributes Four Wild Throws Before Injury Forces Him to Retire

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

Shibe Park, May 16.

Four wild throws by Catcher Peters did much to help the Mackmen tally four runs against Cleveland in the second game of the series here this afternoon. Roth's homer accounts for the Indians' run. He sent one of Gregg's slants on a line into the left-field bleachers.

The veteran Jib Bagby opposed Veau Gregg, but miserable support always had the visitor in trouble.

Outfielder Kopp and pitcher Geary of the Athletics appeared on the field when the Athletics were ready to play despite the reports that they had left the club to work in a ship-yard. The men were ready to go but last night, Connie Mack gave them a heart-to-heart talk and convinced them that the Government wouldn't stand for a stunt like that and they would be called in the draft anyway. Kopp and Geary then decided to remain with the team until called.

ENEMY YIP GROUND AL YPRES FR

BASEBALL SCORES

CLEVEL'D. 0 0 0 1 2 0 0 — ATH'TICS. 3 0 1 0 0 0 0 —

Bagby-Peters; Gregg-Perkins; umpires, Dincen-Connolly.

PHILLIES. 0 1 0 3 0 0 2 — CHICAGO.. 0 0 0 0 2 0 —

Mayer-Burns; Carter-Tyler-Killefer; umpires, Moran-Rigler.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ST. LOUIS..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 — NEW YORK..... 0 0 0 1 0 —

Gallia-Nunamaker; Thormahlen-Hannah.

CHICAGO..... 0 0 0 — WASHINGTON.... 2 0 0 —

Benz-Schalk; Harper-Ainsmith.

DETROIT..... 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 2 1 0 BOSTON..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 X-7 9 2

James-Yelle; Mays-Schang.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BROOKLYN..... 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 3 5 0 PITTSBURGH..... 0 0 0 1 0 3 0 0 X-1 3 1

Coombs-Krueger; Jacobs-Schmidt.

NEW YORK..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 — CINCINNATI.... 1 0 0 0 0 2 —

Terrau-McCarthy; Toney-Wingo.

BOSTON..... 1 0 0 0 0 — ST. LOUIS..... 0 1 0 0 0 —

Ragan-Wilson; Ames-Snyder.

ARRIVAL OF U. S. TROOPS DISQUIETS GERMANS

PARIS, May 16.—The steady arrival of American troops in France is causing great uneasiness in Germany. Following the admission in the Berlin Reichstag that it is not known how many troops the Americans already have in Europe, Colonel Guedke, the military critic of the Vorwaerts, says that Americans may yet play the most important part in the great battle.

RUSSIANS EVACUATE ALL FINLAND EXCEPT INO

STOCKHOLM, May 16.—The Russians have evacuated all of Finland with the exception of Fort Ino, retreating as far as Kronstadt, according to a dispatch today from Helsinki. They also have given up the railway line from Valkaassari to Petrograd.

U. S. SHIP NECHES TORPEDOED; ALL ON BOARD SAVED

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The American steamship Neches was torpedoed and sunk on the night of May 14, the Navy Department announced late today. All aboard—a crew of 125—are reported saved. The ship was under charter by the United States shipping board and was built in 1914, having a speed of about fourteen knots an hour.

TEUTONIC PEACE WITH TRANS-CAUCASIAN REPUBLIC

AMSTERDAM, May 16.—Peace negotiations between the Central Empires and the new Trans-Caucasian republic have been begun at Batoum, according to the Berlin Tageblatt.

1800 HOME RESERVES FOR TROLLEY WALKOUT DUTY

Public Safety Director Wilson tonight will swear in 1800 members of the Home Defense Reserve to take the places of the regular police who may be needed for duty in connection with the trolley walkout. The reserves will be equipped with revolvers and riot sticks. The men will be sworn in at Cooper Battalion Hall, Twenty-third and Christian streets; at the police stations at Twenty-second street and Parkside avenue and Fifty-fifth and Pine streets; at the public school at Fifty-third street and Kingessing avenue and at Vernon Park, Germantown. The mounted troop of the Home Reserves will replace the city's mounted police in the suburbs.

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

Third Pimlico race, 2 miles—Capt Farr, 130, \$12.50, \$6.20, \$4.20, won; St. Charlotie, 137, \$10.80, \$6.30, second; Draun-turke, 137, \$5.20, third. Time, 3:53 3-5.

Second Louisville race, 6 furlongs—Clean Up, 107, Connolly, \$4.00, \$3.10, \$2.80, won; Billie E., 109, Gentry, \$3.50, \$3.10, second; Sir Edgar, 112, Kederis, \$3.20, third. Time, 1:11.

CITY CUTS GERMAN "ADS" TO MAKE INDUSTRIAL SURVEY

Withdraws Patronage From Newspapers Printed in That Language

Municipal administrators will no longer appear in any German newspaper in Philadelphia.

Councils this afternoon passed an ordinance, introduced by Councilman...

ENEMY YIP GROUND AL YPRES FR

French Break Through Trenches North of Kemmel

RETAKE CONTESTED HILL 44 BY THE

Haig Reports Violent Counter-Attack of German

RAIDS FOE NEAR A

Berlin Claims Gains in Heavy Counter-Attacks

London, May 16.

German trenches in the Gavrelle were raided by forces during the night and prisoners were captured, the Office announced today.

Heavy artillery duels continued both the Picardy and Flanders fronts, Marshal Haig said.

British Report

The text of the official communication was:

We raided the enemy trenches last night in the neighborhood of Gravelle and captured prisoners.

Artillery activity is marked both sides at different points, particularly in the valleys of Somme and Ancre, east of and on the northern battle line [Gavrelle, where the Germans, is four and a half miles east of Arras and seven miles of Lens].

Artillery fighting in the Castel sector, east of Arras, reported in today's communication the French War Office.

An enemy raid failed at Montdidier.

French Communiqué

The text of the communication follows:

The artillery firing was in the sector of Hallennes West of Montdidier an enemy coup de main was up by our fire.

Our patrols took some prisoners north of the Ailette River. Successful raids and the of German prisoners were in an official statement issued by Belgian War Office at Brussels.

We made several successful raids against enemy trenches in the sectors of Ramscappelle, Mercken. Fifteen prisoners taken. Enemy aviators shot some of our cantonments.

Intense artillery firing developed near Nieuport a mud. A German balloon shot down in flames.

French Gain Ground

French troops in two breakthroughs have gained ground. They pierced the first line at one point and the much contested, important Hill 44, both gained in the Kemmel sector west of Ypres.

The artillery of the last days both on the British and fronts still indicates the of the grand offensive which men are expected to see a fortnight of feverish preparation through the intense campaign so widespread that there is intimation as to which line strike, whether Picardy or

Strike North of