

TRANSIT PLANS WILL BE COSTLY High Speed Lines Cannot Be Built for \$72,000,000 Provided

LABOR AND MATERIAL UP Contractor Already Received More Than Bid for City Hall Work

This is the fifth of a series of articles on municipal affairs in Philadelphia.

The Department of City Transit has \$17,424,453 in loans to spend on the city's high-speed lines and a possible borrowing capacity of \$14,900,000. This is more than the combined resources of all the other city departments.

Director Twining's present plans call for the completion of a section of the Frankford elevated line during the Smith administration. Proposals for parts of the work between Arch and Bridge streets will be asked for in the near future. The department already has completed field work and plans for undertakings that will keep an army of employes busy for this and several years to come.

The transit department fared best in loan authorizations under the present administration. It was first given \$6,000,000 for a section of the Broad street subway and a part of the Frankford elevated. This was followed by \$7,100,000 for the completion of the Broad street subway and the construction of high-speed lines running through suburban sections.

When the world war started the department had just gotten work under way on the City Hall section of the subway and preliminary work on the Frankford elevated. Contracts let before this country entered the war included the Arch and Locust streets sections and the Thompson street sewer.

Two sections of the Broad street subway were also let, but in some instances contractors refused to enter into the contract. Others entered into and they were annulled by City Council and the Mayor.

In one way or another the department encountered many delays in getting work under contract. Even after work had been let engineering difficulties arose that resulted in more delays. In the instance of the City Hall subway contract, held by the Keystone State Construction Company, caused the price to nearly double.

Hardly had the Keystone Company been granted a contract for the work at \$1,757,520 than the discovery was made that the foundations of City Hall would not serve with so great an excavation beneath them.

Foundations had to be underpinned. Work was stopped and engineering experts made exhaustive examinations and decided that the massive foundations would have to undergo a process of underpinning. This caused an additional cost of nearly \$2,830,000. It has been paid to the contractor doing the combined work of subway construction and underpinning.

This work to only large municipal undertaking that has been pressed with anything like top speed throughout the sixteen months this country was an active participant in the war. It is expected that when completed it will have cost the city in excess of \$3,000,000. It is now more than 75 per cent complete, but will require many months to finish.

A total of \$7,400,000 has been set aside by Council for the construction of the Frankford elevated from Arch and Locust streets to the city hall. The department estimates that this sum will be expended in operating shape a section as far as Bridge street, leaving the remaining three-and-one-half miles for completion when more loan funds are provided for the purpose.

\$8,358,072 Already Paid Out. Already \$2,325,072 has been paid out on the construction item. The engineering part of the undertaking has cost \$151,400 and the remaining \$1,900,000 will be eaten up in contracts that will be let this spring and summer.

In addition to the money already spent on the Frankford elevated and on the Broad street subway, the public buildings department has paid out \$100,000 for work done on the Thompson street sewer; \$466,000 in interest charges on borrowed money and \$1,100,000 on the loan upon which work was stopped when the contractors and the city reached an amicable agreement of settlement last year.

Estimated Cost Many Millions Short. The actual cost of completing the city's high-speed system as outlined under enabling acts of Council and confirmed by the items in the large transit loan authorization is not known. It is estimated at different times but every estimate differs from those that preceded it. It is known, however, that the estimated cost of the \$72,000,000 authorized and loans possible under the latest borrowing power will be many millions short of what is needed.

In illustrating the curtailment brought about by existing prices of steel and other materials, officials of the department today pointed out the fact that the \$25,000,000 already authorized by Council to build the Broad street subway the length of the city's main thoroughfare will be hardly enough to construct a subway from Oregon avenue north to City Hall, leaving the greater northern street and street unimproved for. Price fluctuations in the years following the war are counted upon to modify this situation.

Loan Items for Transit Provide for the City. Loan items for transit provide for the city for a Merritt Taylor, under whose administration the Department of Transit evolved a system of high speed facilities to furnish rapid transportation to and from all outlying sections.

FORTUNE STOLEN. SERB MINISTER IS STILL CHEERFUL Minister to U. S. and Wife Plead for Aid to Stricken Country

Private John Grundy Awarded Distinguished Service Cross

The Serbian Minister to the United States, Slavko Grouch, and his American wife are not going to permit personal misfortune to retard their efforts for their people abroad.

The Minister and Madame Grouch were robbed of more than \$100,000 in cash and jewels in Washington—almost all the wealth they possess. But in spite of that they came here and last night cheerfully and enthusiastically pleaded for American support for the Serbs.

The diplomat and his wife addressed the Serbian committee of the Emergency Aid at a reception in the Bellevue-Stratford hotel last night.

In discussing the robbery, which occurred several days ago, Madame Grouch said:

"I was virtually all we had in the world. But we have gone through such appalling horrors with our people that it could not affect us in the way it could otherwise."

The diplomat's wife was Miss Mabel Dunlop, of Virginia. M. Grouch was delighted last night when shown a Paris edition of the "Morning News" which had acknowledged the new Serbian-Yugo-Slav government.

TEACHERS' SALARIES TO BE PAID MONDAY Secretary Dick Attributes Lack of Cash in Treasury

More than 6000 public school teachers and other employes of the Board of Education are trying to avoid their landlords, tailors and laundresses today.

Where exact is impossible the meeting is accompanied by the excuse that they can't pay bills until the board pays salaries.

Yesterday was to have been "pay-day" for the teachers, but neither the money nor explanations were forthcoming.

"Every one will be paid Monday," said William Dick, secretary of the board, last night.

"Borrowing money is not unusual for the Board of Education at this time of the year," he said.

ART PATRONS AT RECEPTION Work of School of Design for Women Praised

A large number of persons prominent in Philadelphia and New York art circles attended the dinner and reception at the Philadelphia School of Design for Women, Broad and Master streets, last night.

Edwin D. Lewis, president of the board of directors of the school, was the toastmaster of the dinner.

WHALE STEAK IS HERE It's Cheaper Than Beef and Is on Sale in Cans

The time may not be so far off in this city when Willy will be sent to the store for a can of whale steak.

HEROES HONORED HERE TELL THEIR EXPLOITS Valorous "Devil Dogs" Who at Chateau-Thierry Stemmed German Rush to Paris Tell of Gallant Comrades on Bloody Fields



PRIVATE JOHN GRUNDY

LOCAL SOLDIER DECORATED Private John Grundy Awarded Distinguished Service Cross

Private John Grundy, the son of John Grundy, has been awarded the distinguished service cross for acts of extraordinary heroism.

PINCHOT ATTACKS PENROSE Blames Senate for Election of 2 Democratic Administrations

Responsibility for the election of two Democratic administrations is placed on Senator Penrose by Gifford Pinchot.

WOUNDED MARINE OFFICER HERE TO WITNESS PARADE Lieutenant Colonel John A. Hughes, Invalided in New York Hospital, Winner of Croix de Guerre and Cited for Heroism, Says Heroes Cannot Be Praised Too Much

At that time he was a major, having been promoted to his present rank and transferred to the Twenty-third Infantry Regiment on September 23, 1918.

WHITE WYANDOTTES WIN Capture First Honors and Liberty Bond at Poultry Show

First honors in the Philadelphia Poultry Show by a class of White Wyandottes.

LAYS BOLSEVISM TO BERLIN "Blue Devil" Lieutenant Says Enemy Spreads It Through World

"German propaganda is back of all the Bolshevism in the world," said Lieutenant Andre Drot, of the Eighteenth Battalion, Blue Devils.

CITY BOY OVER RHINE Ulysses E. Lutz Wins Home He Is With Army of Occupation

Among the Philadelphians who had the honor of marching on German soil is Ulysses E. Lutz.

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Philadelphia today is paying homage to the self-sacrifice, courage and valor of 500 gallant marines who helped to crush the foe's power in the last battle.

They turned the tide of war—these "leathernecks" of the Marine Corps, with their wound stripes and overseas chevrons, whom Philadelphia is honoring today.

At Chateau-Thierry, turning point of the war for the Fifth and Sixth Regiments held the way to Paris after the French had been shattered and demoralized and the Germans were breaking through.

Three of them are peculiarly "Philadelphia's Own." The original outfit boarded their transports at League Island, as did the thousands of men sent out as replacement troops.

Some of the Thrilling Experiences. Here are a few of them, gathered from men who will carry the scars of their battles as long as they live.

Private Clark comes from Houston, Texas. He was captured by the Germans and held in a hospital for several months.

William Wagner, of the Twentieth Company, Fifth Regiment, went with six others to charge a German machine gun nest.

Boone was in charge of a squad operating a French automatic rifle at Chateau-Thierry.

More men of Boone's squad fell, and with only two left he advanced to a shell crater and took up position there.

Wounded Continued to Fight. Just about this time Brooks' platoon commander, Lieutenant Charles I. Murray, fell.

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ONE MAN IS DEAD, ANOTHER BURNED FATALITY IN FIRE Victims Went Into Shanty to Sleep and Built Bonfire Against Cold



SERGEANT HENRY H. LLOYD

He was killed leading a platoon of soldiers during the Argonne offensive. News of his death has just been received by his mother, Mrs. M. Lloyd, 6320 Rising Sun avenue.

One man was burned to death and another may die from burns, as the result of a fire early this morning which destroyed a one-story shanty on a clearing in the woods.

According to the police, the shanty was built by the members of the Blue Guard, but was abandoned some time ago.

They were greeted by the spectators as was due the men who did more than perhaps any other unit to turn the tide of victory against the Germans.

Submarine Heroes in Line. After the veterans from the marine corps came the overseas submariners, men from the destroyers and submarines who helped win the war by keeping the ocean lanes clear for our freight ships and transports.

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CHARTER PLANS ALMOST READY. Committee Will Have New Bill in Legislature in Fortnight

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