# ATLANTIC CITY'S "LITTLE CONEY" MAY SOON DISAPPEAR

project Under Way to Transform Resort's "Bowery" Section Into Bright and Pros-perous Spot

# PHILADELPHIANS IN PLAN

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 6.-Philadelphia capital may be used to wipe out the last trace of the old "Bowery" district, now been as "Little Coney," a stretch of three blocks of more or less ramshackle structures dating back to the days of a quarter of a century ago when Atlantic was a one-day excursion resort.

A syndicate has been organized to take A syndicate has been organized to take off the entire district, subject to purchase, between the Million Dollar Fler and the upper boundary of Chelsea, at Texas avenue. The plans of the promoters, according to sketches already prepared, provide for the construction of remoter of reinforced concrete stores, of very attractive architecture, and substantial botels to replace many of the old rery attractive architecture, and substantial botels to replace many of the old frame bearding houses, which scarcely par interest charges and taxes with the steadily mounting price of real estate. The promoters believe the lower section of the beach front, on the road to wholes may be made just as attractive chiles, may be made just as attractive and productive as the uptown district where a "Dowery" blemish never exist-

The proposition that the city should have a board of amusements, comprising representatives of the City Commission and the hotel interests, still hangs fire. As providing diversion for visitors is Atlantic City's foremost industry, many mtend that such a commission is a necessary thing.

Many familiar faces are missing here today because more than 100 of the leading men of the city, judges, lawyers, physicians, bankers, hotel owners and payacana, others of standing, are in Washington, as a bodyguard for Representative Isaac Bacharach, who will take his seat in Congress at noon. While the ostensible purpose of an elaborate banquet to be red at the New Willard Hoted tonight is to pay a tribute to the new Congressman, the real object is to boom Atlantic City and tell the men in Congress what Atlantic City expects in the way of improvements.

Dress parades on the Boardwalk, from this time forward are to be fur shows par excellence, for the Canadians are coming to town. Yesterday's turnout, coming to town. Vesterday's turnout, with many of the Dominion folk already here, gave some intimation of what may be expected later when their numbers grow into thousands.

Few persons know that Dr. R. P. Ritter, who spends most of his time here on the Boardwalk, tramping for miles, is the Minister from Switzerland to the United States.

Edwin Lefevre, the writer, is another interesting visitor. J. N. Gilmore, president of the Federal League, also looked over the crowds yesterday, while he mentally mapped out his plans for next year. A family party of well-known Wilming-ton fold here includes Mrs. W. W. Pusey, M. Master Billy Pusey, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Lobdell, Jr., Mrs. F. C. Senman and Miss Esther Seaman.

The Rev. Richard M. Trapnell, of Wil-

mington, is at the Brighton with Mrs. Trapnell and Miss Virginia Trapnell. Mrs. James Nelson Allison and Catha-fine and Lillian Allison, Mr. and Mrs. C. Comly Smith, of Germantown, and Mrs. Charles E. Pugh, of Overbrook, are at the Dennis. Mrs. George B. of Pottstown, is at the Chalfonte. Mrs. George B, Lessig.

of potstown, is at the Chaironte.

Philadelphians seen on the Boardwalk include Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Cartwright, Mrs. J. H. McFadden, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Klemm, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sowland, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Seeds, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Scott, Mrs. Robert Young, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Ladner, J. R. Hogg, Miss Catharine Ladner, Mrs. J. Drysdale Lee, Miss Lee, Mrs. W. Atlee Burpee, David Burpee and W. Atlee Burpee, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Atlee Burpee, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Pugh and Miss Elizabeth Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll S. Tyson, Jr., Mr. and P. Fendell Young, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Moore, Mrs. M. F. McDonough, Miss McDonough, Mr. and Mrs. Harry von Herr, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smythe.

#### THREE FAMILIES DRIVEN TO STREET BY FLAMES

#### Store Wrecked by Fire-Two Other Buildings Damaged-Loss Heavy

Flames started in the shoe store of Harry Cutler, at 1504 South 7th street, before he and his family had returned from a wedding which they were attend-ing, shortly after midnight. When they arrived from the merrymaking they found the building entirely sheeted in flames. The store and the two sleeping floors where the Cutters had their home were badly damaged.

Buildings on both sides of the Cutler home were slightly damaged and their occupants forced to flee to the street. Meyer Rodberg, who has a fish store at like South 7th street, led his wife and six children from the house when the flames started to exceed the started to exceed the children from the house when the flames started to creep through the wall separating the two structures. On the other side of the Cutler store A. Werner, who has a butter and egg store, at 1592 South this street, was driven with his wife and one child to the street as the flames started to spread.

The flames spread so rapidly and for a time appeared so threatening that the

a time spread so rapidly and for a time appeared so threatening that the Rodbergs and the Werners had not time to dress sufficiently to resist the cold weather of that hour, but they were given shelter by their neighbors. The fire caused a loss of several thousand dellars. The origin has not been deter-mined.

### U. S. GETS NEW REPORT ON ANCONA SINKING

Two Submarines May Have Taken Part in Attack on Liner

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—A dispatch from American Consul Misson, at Tunis, many further clouded the facts surroundag the sinking of the Italian limer Ancona, with the loss of several Ameri-can lives. Consul Mason cabled the de-partment that he had talked with Giu-seppe Torrisi one of the survivors, whose slory indicates that he, at least, thought there were two submarines in the atthere were two aubmarines in the at-tack on the liner. All other witnesses have declared they saw but one. Consul-lation's discovery

e declared they saw but one. Consulton's dispatch said: Huseppe Torrisi heard shot fail in ag room. Went on deck. Saw perime submarine to right of Anconard shot other side Ancona. Crossed & Saw large gray submarine with earnon. Did not notice flag. Was red and rendered insensible by lifet failing on boat he was in. Have smally seen four persons wounded by marine shells. Seriously wounded a left on Ancona." ere left on Ancona."

BOME, Dec. 6 -Dr. Cecile Greil, of New Ancong disaster, whose affidavit was warded to the State Department, ad-ited that she was most anxious to we Germany suffer for the torpedoing the Italian liner. She believes a Ger-an U-boat was respectful.

Mi here," she said, "to try to persee against Germany on account THEY'RE PREPARING FOR BILLY SUNDAY IN TRENTON



## NEW CHILD LABOR LAW MAKES DRASTIC EDUCATIONAL CHANGES

Provides Reduced Hours of Employment and Directs Es tablishment of Continuation Schools

#### IN EFFECT JANUARY 1

Philadelphia's educational machine is seing rebuilt to meet the demands of the new child labor law, which becomes effective on January 1. The law is the most drastic ever passed in Pennsylvania for the promotion of the cause of public education, and a basic change in the organization of the school system will be the result.

It will cost the public many thousands of dollars to enforce the act, by providing instruction to children who, under the present regulations, are not required to attend school. New teachers will necessarily be appointed, at higher salaries than the average teachers now receive; new schoolhouses must be erected, and mills and stores that now employ minors will be obliged to adjust their businesses to the requirements or discharge all juve-

nile workers. ent of Schools, has been appointed by the Board of Education of this city to estab-Chicago, 75,000 disgruntled employes of Ladies of the G. A. R., Stricken. Board of Education of this city to establish educational institutions made necessary by the act. Mr. Nusbaum has made paring to levy demands for higher wages a tour of New England and the Middle and shorter hours. Furthermore, if their sary by the act. Mr. Nusbaum has made West and has returned to this city determined to make use of his observations in other States.

The old child labor act fixed 54 hours a week as the maximum number of hours for which a child under 15 could be em-ployed. Under the new measure the limit is fixed at 51 hours. For eight of the 51 the children must attend school, so that while the boys and girls will be paid for 51 hours' work they will actually perform but 43.

The school system will be obliged to furnish a special type of school for the children who are affected by this eight-hour clause. These are the "continuation" schools originated in Germany but now established in Illinois. Wisconsin and other States. They are so called because they enable the children to "continue" their education while they are wage-Mr. Nuspaum has visited hundreds of

Philadelphia employers and discovered a remarkable willingness to co-operate with the school authorities in enforcing the

law.

An editorial signed by Willard A. Campbell is contained in the American Industries, a magazine devoted to the manufacturing interests.

The editorial takes a favorable atti-The editorial takes a lavorable stude toward the recent act. It says:

"The new child labor law of Pennsylvania is a notable work of constructive legislation in the interests of the coming generation of workers. Over 40,000 children under 16 years of age are employed when the control of the dren under 16 years of age are employed in the factories, mills, about mines, in offices, stores and messenger service in this State. The records show that the majority left school before completing the sixth grade. Children so deficient in real preparation for life have very little chance to advance to skilled work in industry. Probably the greatest one factor in this exodus of children from the public school at this age is discontent with the regular school work, either on the part of the child or parents. Economic necessity accounts for about 30 per cent, leaving at this age, as far as investigations made in different cities seem to indicate.

"This stream of children from the pub-

"This stream of children from the public schools to factories, mills and other temporary tasks in business and industry constitutes a grave problem for educators and a menace to industrial development. It appears that most of these children do not obtain even the benefit of the manual training and domestic science courses of the seventh and eighth grades, which constitute the only element of practical education embodied in the elementary school curriculum. The work obtained by children of this age leads nowhere. They may earn 14 or 15 a week, and find themselves in a rut where they can advance to nothing more than a laborer's wase of \$10 or \$12.

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"Every investigation made of child labor in this country seems to prove conclusively that the majority of child laborers drift into the ranks of unskilled workers. The reason is not far to seek. When a boy or girl has spent two or three years in some dead end job and has become too big to work longer for a child's pay, he has acquired no training that fits for something better, and oftimes he has developed habits that unfit him for study or the pursuit of training that will lead somewhere. The chances are that in two years of child labor the boy or girl has become inert and lacking in ambition."

### IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, YET IT'S TRUE, PHILADELPHIA WAITERS ARE HAPPY

No Strikes for Them and No Shadows Cross Their Countenances as They Pocket the Tips and Smile Real Smiles on Patrons

o the requirements or discharge all juve-ple workers.

Louis Nusbaum, Associate SuperintendNot so, however, in New York and Chi-Gotham hotels and restaurants are predemands are refused, the hotel employed plan to walk out, apron and all, just be-fore New Year's Eve, the busiest time of the year for the hotels and restaurants

of the metropolis.

Walters here are undoubtedly more good-natured than their brothers in other cities. So far as is known they do not ewn more office buildings or apartment houses than the discontented ones. It is said on good authority that they are perfectly said on with the 1916 model autofectly satisfied with the 1915 model automobiles, and find no fault with the theatres, except that one or two more opera houses might be established here.

Anyway they are too busy acquiring "highbrow" crudition to bother with such trifles as monetary matters. Early in the fall an uplift movement was started to the end that all knights of the apron should become conversant with sociological questions, international controversies and the futurist authors. Now their

A hitherto unknown species of waiter reading is limited to Nietzsche, George has been discovered. And right in our midst. He complained not, neither doth he go on strikes, yet he is not unduly enriched. His face is wreathed in smiles as he balanceth the soup tureen, and no shadow crosseth his countenance as he pocketeth his 510 tip.

## WOMAN DIES IN CHURCH

Widely Known Druggist

Dr. Ellen Brensinger, 60 years old, widely known physician and pharmaciat 2233 North 13th street, was stricken with heart disease last night in the First Schwenkfelder Church, 13th and Pember-

ton streets, and died before she could be removed to her home. At first it was believed that Doctor Brensinger had fainted, and members of the congregation carried her to the vesti-bule. When it was seen she was seri-ously III, Dr. Walter L. Culbertson, of 2502 North 29th street, was summoned, but was unable to revive her.

Doctor Brensinger was graduated from the Woman's Medical College and the Philadeiphia College of Pharmacy. For many years she was a resident druggist for the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital and later held a similar position at the Woman's Hospital. She was treasurer of the Ladles of the Grand Army of the



## NAVY YARD'S SHIP BID UPHELD BY RUSSELL

Dreadnought Can Be Built Within the Contract Price, Commandant Says

A denial of the assertion that the navy yard "never built a ship within its bid" was made public today by Captain Robert Lee Russell, commandant of the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

Samuel Knox, president of the New York Shipbuilding Company, of Camden, was credited with the statement relative to the reliability of the navy yard, and is also reported to have said that the dreadnought to be built by the navy yard could never be constructed for the contract

It is a matter of common knowledge that a ship can be constructed in a navy yard much cheaper than in a private yard," Commandant Russell said. "Naturally the Government saves the enormous amount of money involved in taxes on private yards; there are no interest charges that must be included in the bids of private yards owing to the large transferred or money involved, and large investment of money involved, and no insurance premiums to pay. Then, again, the Government saves a consid-erable amount on trial trips after a ship

is completed."
The commandant also asserted that, although the navy yard bid was more than \$1,000,000 below those of private ship-

than \$1,000,000 below those of private ship-yards, he is confident that the efficials who compiled the bid knew what they were about. Answering the charge that the navy yard never completed a contract at the contract price he said:

"Anybody interested in the matter can obtain the figures in Washington. The fact that the local yard underbid private yards by more than \$1,000,000 does not alter my opinion that the local officers can make good."

#### STEEL STRIKERS ARRESTED

Charged With Intimidating Workmen and Threatening Police

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 6.—Six strik-ers at the steel plant at Ivy Hock were arrested this morning after they had inarrested this morning after they had in-timidated workmen and threatened the special police. The defendants were brought here and committed by Magis-trate Clark for a hearing on Tuesday. The laborers have been on a strike for several weeks. They want an increase from \$1.75 to \$2 a day, with double pay for Sunday. for Sunday.

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Te prevent the workmen from being injured while on their way to and from the plant. Sheriff Swartz has detailed a number of deputies to guard the plant. The men arrested are foreigners who reside at Conshohocken.

## EDITOR STRUCK BY TRAIN

Dr. Robert G. Glasgow, of Burlington, N. J., Seriously Injured

BURLINGTON, N. J., Dec. 6.—Dr. Rob-ert G. Glasgow, editor of the Burlington Gazette, widely known politician and member of the Board of Freeholders, was member of the Board of Freeholders, was seriously injured when a train struck him as he was crossing the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks at the eastern end of the Burlington passenger station last night. He narrowly escaped going under the wheels and was hurled to the concrete platform.

He was hurried to the Emergency Hospital Both boxes to ble left arm were

pital. Both bones in his left arm were broken, his back and hip were injured and it is feared he may have been burt internally. He was taken to a Camden

## UNITED FRUIT COMPANY WINS IMPORTANT POINT

Judge Thompson Sustains Objection to Testimony in Banana Suit

The fifth week of the "Banana Trust" suit started today with a victory for the United Fruit Company, which is the defendant party in the suit brought by the Bluefields Steamship Company for \$15,000,000, alleged to be the amount of its losses after it was brought under the control of the United Fruit Company.

Judge Thomyson sustained the United company's objection to testimony by which these losses could have been figured over a period of 10 years on a basis of profits made over a period of two years. Inasmuch as these profits were about 1% per cent, the objection to the testimony was violent.

The argument over the testimony consumed three hours at a special session of the court Saturday, and nearly all the attorneys on both sides participated. George Wharton Pepper made the principal address for the United Fruit Company and Thomas F. Gala for the plaintiff.

Judge Thompson took the question The fifth week of the "Banana Trust"

Judge Thompson took the question under advisement until today, and in announcing his decision said the objection "was well taken and would be sustained." Just whether or not the ultimate findings in the case will be affected by the decision is problematical. It may result only in making the plaintiff's case more difficult, and leave the final result the same. The testimony, objection to which was sustained, was ultimately designed to figure as the key to measuring damages.

Whatever method is now introduced of necessity will be more difficult, for the method in question was the easiest that could be brought forward.

Cross-examination of George St. Paul, whose testimony was objected to, was resumed by Mr. Dodge, of counsel for the United Fruit Company,

## LADY EGLANTINE GUEST AT HOTEL WALTON

Champion Egg Layer Accorded Royal Honors on Visit to City

The Hotel Walton will entertain a very prominent guest today. It is Lady Eglantine, a hen who has the distinction of being the champion egg layer of the world. Lady Eglantine recently made a record of 314 eggs to 265 days.

The hen, a white Leghorn pullet, is the property of A. A. Christian, of this city, and has been bred at his Maryland estate, Eglantine Farms, Greensboro. She weighs 5.4 pounds.

The visit to this city is a stop-over for Lady Eglantine, who is on her way to New York, to be one of the exhibits—one of the chief exhibits—at the Palace Poul-

ry Show, try Show.

She will be entertained royally at the hotel, where Assistant Manager H. C. Crowhurst has provided every comfort for her. The hotel is elaborately decorated in honor of the hen, and the large number of poultry fanciers who, it is expected, will spend tonight at the hotel.

Lady Eglantine will arise early tomor-row morning to start for New York, They are taking no chances with her ladyship, for she is a very valuable hen, and by this time quite a noted personage. She will have an escort to the station of big. stalwart Philadelphia policemen, who will ee that no harm may come to her. Cap ain Tempest has arranged to have a detall of police at the hotel and another detail at Broad Street Station to see that she gets away without difficulty. A squad of metorcycle policemen will escort the hen to the station.

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Lady Eglantine will travel in state to New York. A compartment has been reserved for het on board a special car. In New York the hen will be treated with marked respect. At the Pennsylvinia station there a police guard will meet her to escort her to the Hotel Im-

Lady Eglantine will hold a public re-ception in the lobby of the Hotel Walton tonight, and it is believed a crowd will be on hand to see this little hen who lays as many eggs a year as  $4\frac{1}{2}$  average hens. The average hen lays 70 eggs a year.

#### Quarrel Drives Girl to Try Suicide

A quarrel with her sweetheart, it is said, so depressed Miss Grace Roberts, of 1710 North Sydenham street, that she swallowed poison at her home. At St. Jo-seph's Hospital, whither she was taken, it was learned today that the young woman's condition was serious. James Higgins, of the same address, was arrested by Detective Derwin, of the 19th and Ox-

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