# \$14,500,000 IS **EXPORT RECORD** FOR THIS PORT

November Report Shows Highest Figures Ever Attained Here

IMPORTS INCREASE ALSO

### Remarkable Growth Manifested by Philadelphia as Great Shipping Centre

Nearly \$14,500,000 worth of exports, the greatest amount ever shipped from this port in a single month, were shipped during November, according to the figures made public today by Collector of the Port William H. Berry. The figures were \$3,000,000 greater than in October, which broke all previous records and represent a gain of \$5,000,000 over the month of November of 1914.

Another startling factor in Collector Berry's report is the importation of \$5,065,451 worth of foreign goods, an advance of more than \$1,000,000 over the same period of the previous year. This is considered remarkable because of the demoralization of the export business by the war.

While exports and imports increased in value the custom receipts show a de-crease of \$3,000,000 for the 11 months miding November 21. The total receipts for 1915 amount to \$14,234,042.61, against

Tremendous gains were shown in the exportation of grain, gunpowler, other explosives, horses and auto engines. Oils and flour showed decreases.

In the imports the principal gains were shown in pig iron, nitrate of soda, goat-skins, sugar and wool.

Tables comparing the value of exports and imports for November with the same period of 1914 follow:

EXPORTS.	
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Total v	due of Imports.	\$1,009,410	\$5,065,451	F

## STRANGE HOLE FOUND BY POLICE IN SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED BOY

Chance Remark in Barber Shop Leads to Discovery of Opening From Which Culprits May Have Operated

### MOTHER GIVES UP HOPE A casual remark dropped in a barber

shop and reported to the police, set them a search of the fields at 66th street and Elmwood avenue, today, and led to the discovery of a mysterious hole, recently dur and covered with boards, believed to have been the work of the kidnappers of 8-year-old Bichard Meskins. The boy disappeared shortly after he ras seen playing near his home, 249 outh 61st street on the afternoon of last Monday a week ago, and since then nothing has been heard of him except what was told in a letter from the kid-nappers saying he was still in this city. and a phone call to the police promising another fetter, and saying the boy was

HEARD BOY SCREAM The barber, who has a shop at 72d

street and woodland avenue, said today he had because to a man who was driving his automobile along Elmwood avenue the afternoon of the kldnapping. This man atterneon of the kidnapping. This man told the barber that he heard a boy scream, and stopped his car. It was getging dark; he had not heard of the kidnapping-indeed, it had not been reported as such at that time—and he drove on.

That might he heard that a boy was missing, after having been seen playing a square from the place he heard a boy stream and he drove heard as boy acream, and he drove back to 68th street and Elmwood avenue and investigated. But he fourd nothing he thought would help the police and he did not say any-Today the police of the 65th street and

covered with boards; there was room for a man to set into the hole without dis-turbing the boards, and hide there. Dogs borrowed from residents of that

neighborhood revealed the hole to the police, who were at a loss to explain it; the ground had been freshly turned, and no one had noticed it until today. It was considered possible that it had been used as a hiding-place by the kidnapper.

"I'm certain that my boy will never be found. I am consoled by the fact that his conscience was clear when he died or was killed by his abductors. It is useless to continue the search."

Mrs. Annie Meekins, mother of Richard Meekins, made this statement today a few minutes before lapsing into uncon-

## BILL IN THE HOUSE ENLARGES THE POWERS OF NATIONAL BANKS

Permits Those Not Situated in Federal Reserve Cities to Make Loans on Unencumbered Real Estate

DEFENSE HIGHWAY PLAN

#### Only One Philadelphian Present in Congress Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10-Philadelphia member present in Con-

J. HAMPTON MOORE. Absent members were: SENATOR PENROSE. WILLIAM S. VARE. GEORGE S. GRAHAM. GEORGE W. EDMONDS. PETER E. COSTELLO. GEORGE P. DARROW.

The pay of Congressmen and Senators is \$20.83 a day. Last year the law docking absentees was en-

Hy a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Representa-tive Warren Worth Bailey, of Pennsylva-nia, today introduced in the House a bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act so as to permit national banks not situated in Federal Reserve cities to make loans on unincumbered real estate. Such banks are now restricted to the making of loans o unincumbered farm land situated within their respective reserve districts.

The Bailey bill has the indersement of national bankers of Pennsylvania, and it is understood fully to meet what has been deemed a vital objection to or defect in the existing law.

A national defense highway circling the United States, giving employment to thousands of idle men, who are to be drilled for military service two hours a day, is proposed in a bill by Representative Stephens, of California. He asks a highway fund of \$100,000,000.

The House was in session only 20 minutes and adjourned until noon on Tues-day to give Representative Mann time to complete his committee assignments.

The Senate met at noon and received the recess appointments of President Wil-son, all of which have been made public. An appropriation of \$11,600,000 for the

establishment of a Government armorphate factory, is contained in a bill introduced in the Senate today by Senator Tillman, chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee. The bill also fixes 20,000 tons of armor plate as the minimum yearly output of the plant. A general Republican assault on Presi-

A general republican assault on Fresh-dent Wilson's legislative program was forecasted today by Senator Smoot. The fight will centre on the revenue measures, but will extend to Pan-Americanism, tariff plans and that phase of preparedness which provides for Government construction of battleships and armor plate.

"A tax on automobiles and gasoline is a drain on the moderately well-off man and the farmer," said Senator Smoot.

### THREAT, INSPIRED BY SPITE, HALTED LOAN

Continued from Page One

City Solicitor. It is not thought that the enabling legistation is a State matter. but rather one for City Councils. Should the bill not be passed next week it will be impossible to hold the special elec-

tion until some time in March.
Some criticism of that part of the ordinance providing for transit was made today by backers of the Taylor plan. It was openly said that the bill is "elastic," so much so that Councils is given auto-cratic authority to do as it pleases with reference to virtually every item in the

Transit Director Taylor made the fol-lowing statement today on the situation: "By increasing the amount to be made available at the forthcoming election for transit development from \$45,000,000 to \$50,000,000 City Councils have thus specifled the amount originally requested by

the department. "Construction estimates, based upon prices recently bid for construction work, now justify the belief that \$50,00,00, in addition to the \$50,00,000 already appropriated, will construct the rapid transit system as contemplated including:

1. Breas Street Subsay, including nurtheast.

Broad Street Subway, including northeast-erly and northwesterly branches and de-

ivery hop.

2. Prankford Elevated.

3. Woodland Avenue Elevated.

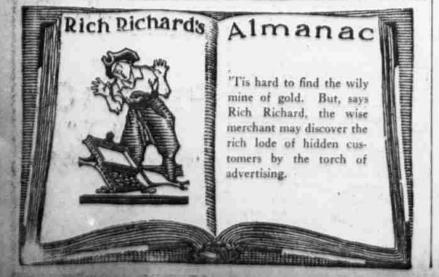
4. Parkway-North 25th street-Henry Avenue subway-Elevated.

13. By the terms of the Ordinance signifying the desire of the corporate authorities of the City of Philadelphia to increase the of the City of Philadelphia to increase the indebtedness of the said city for the construction of subway and elevated railways, etc., as recommended yesterday by the Finance Committee, it will be practicable for City Councils to devote a portion of the \$50,000,000 of the increase in the city's indebtedness to be authorized for transit development, if they so de-sire, for the building of the recommended high-speed line on private right-of-way, without grade crossings, from Frankford northwardly through the 35th Ward, serv-ing Bustleton and the City Farms at By-

"I regard this facility as urgently needed to relieve the isolation of the 35th Ward, including the City Farms, and it Woodland avenue station went to the det to relieve the isolation of the 35th fields and made a thorough investigation. Ward, including the City Farms, and it They found, under a rose hush, a hole is one which promises bounteous returns about 6 feet long and 2 feet deep, partly resultant from increased taxable values of isolated land, which will be made read-

ily available for development. "The cost of this line, including track, but not including electric line, stations, nor other equipment, will be approxinor other equipment, will be approxi-mately \$1,111,000, providing the right-ofway be dedicated. The cost will be in-significant in comparison with the ad-vantages which the city and citizens would gain by reason of the construction of this line."

Franz Josef Receives Mackensen VIENNA, Dec. 10.—Field Marshai von Mackensen, of the German army, who directed the Balkan campaign, was re-ceived in special audience by Emperor Francis Joseph today.



# FINGER PRINTS OVER WHICH JURY FOUGHT 25 HOURS



Above are finger prints which were the only evidence introduced in the trial of Benjamin F. Decker at Norristown for the alleged robbery of a house in Wyncote. At the left is the official print made by the Ogontz police direct from Decker's finger. On the right is a photograph of a finger print found on a cellarette in the robbed house. This is said to be the first time in this country on which a conviction was sought solely on finger-print evidence. The lines and numbers indicate points of similarity.

# COLUMBUS TURNS OUT | FINGER PRINTS GREAT

Great Crowds Cheer Executive on His Arrival in Ohio Capital

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 19.—Untired by the long 11-bour Journey from Washing-ton, President Wilson arrived here this morning and was given a tremendous ovation by the crowds that lined High

Every effort had been made by the Washington, as well as local authorities, to keep down the crowd that would greet the Presidential party, but the streets were lined with people as the long procession of automobiles bearing the Reception Committee, headed by the Presidential are more deviated. dential car, moved slowly down the street, escorted by a mounted guard and cordons of police. High street was one long lane of cheering enthusiasts clear to the hetel. us, despite the efforts of the authori-

The President immediately retired to its suite on his arrival at the hotel, and isitors were denied. The few hours in ervening between his arrival and the ime for his address at the Chamber of commerce luncheon, at the Masonic Temde, were spent in preparation of his ad-

While breakfasting on the train en-coute here, President Wilson discussed blio polities with Senator Fomerene and Congressman C. L. Brumbaugh. "It was a general review of the situation in Pomerene said, after the confer-

It is probable that the plans for 1918 were gone over in some details, and the probability of the nomination of former Governor James M. Cox on the Demo-cratic ticket as the opponent of Governor Willis was dwelt upon. The greeting accorded the President

omewnat surprised him. He desired a plet arrival. He was constantly baring is head to the cheers as the procession moved down the street. Soon after the President's arrival the phio branch of the Equal Suffrage party

sent up a huge bouquet of pink and white nied by Secret Service men, and walked down liigh street toward the State House,

unceremoniously left the hotel, accompa-He was followed by Secretary Tumulty and other members of the Secret Service squad, and was guarded by local guards men, who rode alongside in automobiles.

### WOMAN TERRIBLY BURNED

Her Clothing Ignited While She Prepares Breakfast

Mrs. Eather Robinson, 47 years old, of 400 West Cambria street, is in a critical condition in the Episcopal Hospital as a suit of burns on the face and body Robinson was preparing breakast today when her dress caught fire. Before she could extinguish the flames hey had set fire to a rug, which in turn gnited the furniture. A local alarm was turned in, and firemen atached to Insurance Patrol No. 2 dragged the woman from the house and tok her to the hospital. The damage to the house was

\$1000 Theft From a Fur Shop

Furs valued at from \$800 to \$1000 were stolen early today or late last night from the shop of James Reisky, Jr., 1025 Spring Garden street. The thief left no clue. District Detectives Titus and Kenrse, of the 17th and Buttonwood streets station, are endayoring to trace him. are endeavoring to trace him.

\$5 and \$7.50

money.

up to \$45.

# TO GREET PRESIDENT ARM AGAINST CRIME, LAWYERS HERE SAY

Many Convictions in Various Parts of the Country Obtained as Result of Impressions, Experts Say

### COURT SUPPORTS THEORY

Finger prints have resulted in the condetion of criminals many times after it was thought that the Commonwealth had not proved its case, according to criminal lawyers in this city. In several big trials in various parts of the country the State had falled to prove its case and the prisoner thought himself as good as free, until the prosecuting attorney brought out as evidence the "deadly" finger impressions. In each case the prisoner was convicted on the evidence of the prints, receiving a long term.

The first attempt of the State of Penn sylvania, however, to convict a man solely on finger-print evidence resulted in a disagreement of the jury in the case of Benjamin F. Decker, accused of far-ceny at Wyncote. The accompanying illustrations show the impressions on which the State based its case. No other evidence against the prisoner was to be

The jury at Norristown took the prints and fought over them for 25 hours. Bal-lot after ballot and many arguments failed to bring the jurymen to an understanding. The count stood 10 to 2 for conviction, according to one of the jurors, but a unanimous vote could7 not be reached. After coming into court to ask several questions, the jury returned to its room and notified the court that it was unable to agree.

The disagreement of the jury was regarded as a partial victory by Gideon S. Layer, chief of the Cheltenham township police, who arranged the prints brought police, who arranged the prints brought before the court. The first attempt at such an innovation in criminal annals, be was always to be regarded rather skeptically, and the fact that the jury was out so long with a such a favorable count for conviction inclined him to the belief that the prisoner will be convict-ed on the same evidence at his new trial

in March Criminal lawyers and police officials in this city voiced their approval of the outcome of the trial. Many of them said that finger prints will probably be the most important evidence in the crimina trials of the future, as far as identity is

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.

Decker was arrested on suspicion of having robbed the house of John T. Tay-lor, in Wyncote. He was taken from this city, where he lives on North lith street, on the description furnished to the Ogentz police by a gardener who said he saw the suspect around the house

the Ogentz police by a gardener who said he saw the suspect around the house the day before the robbery. This Decker denied, but willingly gave a finger-print impression at the request of Chief Lever. Lever compared it with one found on a cabinet in the Taylor house. By sprinkling gold dust upon it he was able to make it stand out in sold ne was able to make it stand out in hold relief for comparison with Decker's print. Photographs were taken and enlarged. On examination it was found that the prints coincided in 39 different places. Other places were not so noticeable, owing to the different conditions under which the two prints were made. None of the stolen articles, valued at \$900, was found.

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# IS ONLY HALF ENDED

Jury Put Through a Maze of Figures Today as to Selling Prices of Fruit

The Bluefields Steamship Company's ase against the United Fruit Company is nearly half over. In Judge Thompson's branch of the United States District Court today, the plaintiff put George St. Paul on the stand and he led the jury through a maze of figures which had to do with the average selling prices of Bluefields fruit during the 10 years the defendant controlled the concern. Copies. of the sheet from which St. Paul read had been furnished to the jury.

All figures have been averaged by ac-countants for both sides, so the Bluefields Company ought to rest its case today. In that event, the United Fruit Com-pany will call its first witness Monday morning. If not, the plaintiff probably will finish some time Monday. This is the end of the fourth week the case has been on trial. has been on trial.

# FAIRBANKS MENTIONED

Ex-Vice President Figures in Letter Written While Deal Was Pending

NEW YORK, Dec. 10,-The name of former vice President Charles W, Fair-banks was brought into the trial of indicted New Haven directors today on redirect examination by the Government of Charles S. Mellen, former president of

the road.

A letter written by D. C. Burns, vice

# BANANA "TRUST" SUIT

All figures have been averaged by

# IN NEW HAVEN TRIAL

president, and the man in charge of the Hoston Terminals, while the Boston and Maine deal was under way, stated that communication with Fairbanks had been established and that things looked "promising." Colonel Roosevelt was mentioned again. Burns declaring he believed that our good friend, the President, might be brought to limit the investigation into New England railway matters."

## FIERCE LEGAL BATTLE EXPECTED TO DEVELOP FROM THE DU PONT SUIT

Prisoner Suspected of Many Kennett Square Robberies

WEST CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 18 .- A gold

tooth in the mouth of John Martin, of

Kennett Square, has led him to prison

here. By his capture the police of Ken-

net Square believe they have cleared up

the mystery of many burglaries in that

and nearby towns. They say he was seen

Martin was sent here for trial at Crim

inal Court, following a hearing last eve-

erty, of Kennett Square,

Generally Believed Renewal of Fight for Control of Powder Business Will Be

COMPANY'S STATEMENT

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 10,-According to those interested in financial matters here the suit filed by Philip F. du Pont against some of the directors of the big powder company and the company itself will develop into one of the hardest-fought legal battles ever staged here. The company is understood to be at work on its answer, which will be filed on or before December 28, the time fixed by the court.

Officers of the company, when asked for statement on the situation, refused to talk, and from the office of the president the following statement was given out: "E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company have been served with papers in an action brought by Phillip F. du Pont, a comparatively small stockholder in this

company, in the United States District "In his complaint Mr. du Pont alleges that the company has some right or equity in a sale of common stock of E. I. du Pont de Nemours Powder Company, made by Mr. T. Coleman du Pont to the du Pont Securities Company in February, 1915. About that time the directors of E. l. du Pont de Nemours Powder Company considered making an offer for the purchase of this stock, but

refused to do so. "This suit in no way involves the business of this company or its management, it being merely an attempt on the part of a stockholder to assert some claim as to a stock transaction between stockholders, notwithstanding the company itself declined to purchase this stock at the time it was offered for sale."

There is a general opinion here that the suit will result in a renewal of the fight for control of the company, which was begun some time ago and which re-aulted in Pierre S. du Pont and his syn-dicate obtaining the stock of General T. Coleman du Pont at a price approxi-mating \$20,000,000. Philip F. du Pont and mating \$20,000,000. Philip F, du Pont and Alfred I. du Pont, who were supposed to be seeking control, are second cousins, and Philip F, has the same relationship to Pierre S, du Pont. He is a brother of Eugene E. du Pont, of this city, whom he names as one of the defendants in the case and who is interested with Pierre S, du Pont and others in the du Pont Securities Company, which is under fire in the suit.

Belgian Fund Here Now \$18,000 Charles C. Harrison, Jr., & Co., the bankers who have been the custodians of the Belgian Relief Fund, have announced that the sum in their hands exceeds \$18,000.

### MARRIAGE ROMANCE GOLD TOOTH LEADS TO ARREST LINKS VENUS AND MARS

Miss Roy Married to Lieutenant Caramelli and Her Sister Sails to Join His Brother

Back of the marriage today in a Rita's Catholic Church, Broad and Ris worth streets of Miss Rosita Rey, of as Master street, and Angelo Caramell, a licutement in the Italian army, is an is toresting story of a childhood romance. about the premises shortly before sev-eral of the robbers, and the tooth was prominent in the identification of him. that even the grim shadows of war han

that even the grim shadows of war han falled to mar.

Tomorrow, when the French line La. fayette leaves New York for Have, the bride and bridesroom will be aboard, the gether with Miss Olympia Rey, a size of the bride. Miss Olympia Rey, a size of the bride that had a bride and a bride of the lialian submarine Salpa. Just sow the Salpa is busy "somewhere in the Meliterranean" chasing Austrian battleshis and dodging Austrian destroyers.

It was originally planned to have its sisters and brothers wed in this city, but the war intervened. Lisutemant Carmelli came here before the war cloud began to hover over Italy, but Alasandro was detained in his native country and was assigned to duty on the Salpa. The leave of absence of Lieutenant agelo Caramelli expires on December II and unless he shall report to the Italian Navy Department by that date he is danger of being classed as a deserted the wedding ceremonies performed and the hurried sall back to Italy to enter active service.

When the trio arrive in Florence efforts

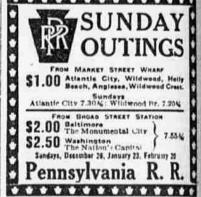
active service.

When the trio arrive in Florence efforts will be made through the Italian As, miralty to locate Alessandro Carmell. Then an appeal will be made to procur for him a leave of absence so that he may join Miss Olympia Rey, or married and them harry back to active duty is as

join Miss Olympia Rey, or married and then hurry back to active duty in the Mediterranean. The sisters intend to locate permanently in Florence.

The sisters and brothers have known each other since childhood, both families being wealthy and influential in Italy. While in this city the sisters have been residing with a brother. Vincensa Rey, a dealer in antiques, at 1721 Chestag street.

Babe Drinks Iodine; Will Recover Ralph Car. 3 months old, 113 East Che-en avenue, will recover from a dose of colson, it was said today at the Germantown Hospital. The baby drank most of the contents of a bottle of lodine before his mother could interfere. Prompt treatment saved his life.



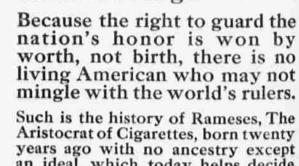
TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

DEATHS INGERSOLL.—On December 10, 1913 Cap-tain WILLIAM INGERSOLLS in the Sin year of his age. Relatives and friends be sel Owners and Captain Associations, are a-vited to attend the funeral services, on Ma-day afternoon, at 2 o'clock, at the religious of his son, Robert C. Ingersoll, 3812 Lamb-wood ave. Interment private. MATTER. - At 5115 N. 13th st., on December 10, 1015, HARRIETT W. MATTER. Notes of Juneral later.

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MCUSKER.—At her residence, 5309 X.
Camae et., on December 10, 1015, ELLEN
A., widow of Fergus McCusker. Nodes of
funeral later.

### We have been called a nation of kings.



and delicacy of flavor is its passport to the innermost circles.

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