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AY HE PLAYED POLITICS NO "PORK" IN PROJECT

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. - Philadelphia ed cannot understand the action of Secday Daniels in refusing to award a bid g one of the battleships to the Philadelsis yard. Mr. Daniels has said privateand publicly that one of the two dreadughts authorized by the last Congress would be built at Philadelphia, and money wild be taken out of the amount approstated for the battleships to equip the Philadelphia yard.

Philadelphia yard. The charge that the Administration payed politics is now freely made. Analy-a of the bids shows plainly that Secre-ury Daniels could easily have awarded by bid to Philadelphia. The Philadelphia be bid to Philadelphia. The Philadelphia and was the lowest bidder; its bid was \$75011. If the \$1.0.0,000 now estimated to be necessary to equip that yard were effect to the bid, it would not exceed the limit fixed by Congress for build-me one of the battleships-\$7,500,000.

is: one of the battleships-\$7,500,000. Secretary Daniels, asked as to this, and that the Mare Island yard was bet-ber equipped and that its bid of \$7,412,800 beladed the cost of equipment. He de-sed most vigorously that he had played pilities and asserted that Philadelphia ras in a better position now than before. "I will recommend to Congress an ap-respiration of \$1,000,000 to equip the Phil-back and the shid. "Then Philadephia yard." he said. "Then Phila-dephia will be in a position to build are of the battleships authorized by the

are of the battleships authorized by the present Congress." "Do you think that Congress, under atraordinary expenses, with the Dem-scrats already balking at proposed new taxes, will agree to equip three Govern-ment yards?" he was asked. "Certainly. It will be necessary to wild in Government yards three of the understop proposed in the present pro-

attleships proposed in the present proinconsistency of Secretary Dan-

the action is seen when it is stated that all the armor plate and all the steel will be made for these battleships in Pennbe made for these plate and much of givania. The aremor plate and much of the steel will be manufactured in Pitts-barsh, while other steel parts must be manufactured at Coatesville and Chester, is firms in those places are the lowest. bidders, These bids will be awarded to-ter or former aw In other words, fully day or tomorrow. In other words, fully pactor will be expended in Pennsyl-tania for armor plate and steel that will go into these ships, and this must transported to Brooklyn and the Pa-

iffe coast Representative W. S. Vare, who ansounced in many interviews that Sec-retary Daniels had promised to equip League Island to build one of those batships, was not here today to explain

Representative J. Hampton Moore said: Secretary Daniels has submitted an silmate to extend the ship ways at the Philadelphia Yard for the construction of a battleship, and is, I understand, urg-ins Congress to make the necessary ap-propriation to complete the ways, so that a battleship can be built in Philadelphia." Mr. Moore declined to enter into a disof the controversy.

Clarke Wins From Brennan

RANTON, Pa., Dec. 10.—Jack Clarke, o River, defeated Knockout Brennan, o de, dn 30 rounds here last night. Clark he pare from the start and at the fini-ants right eye was closed and bis fai



BEFORE COMMITTEE as Said Privately and Pub- J. Hampton Moore and Others

Government

By a Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, Dec. 10,-Members of men are greatly disappointed the House Rivers and Harbors Committee today were urged to report favorably an appropriation for Féderal acquisition of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Representative J. Hampton Moore, of Philadelphia; Representative Charles A. Linthicum, of Baltimore, and other officers of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association, appeared at the hearing before the committee to show that until the

Government takes over privately owned waterways it never will be possible to develop properly the intercoastal chain. "The Chesapeake and Delaware Canal," said Mr. Moore, "is doing L009.000 tons of business annually under the most adverse conditions. That waterway is now a relic of antiquity. If the Government should take it over, widen and deepen it, freight rates would be lowered, because the present burges could carry greater cargings with the same crease."

The present birges could carry greater cargoes with the same crews." "Are you sure," asked Representative Charles F. Booher, of Missouri, "that there is no pork in this project" Mr. Booher is very bitter because the army engineers have reported against

ontinuing the improvements undertaken ong the Missouri River. "I am sure," replied Mr. Moore, "that

If the pork-barrel experts should go ever this proposition with a fine-toothed comi-they could not find a trace of pork." PATRIOTISM AND PORK.

'A distinguished member of the House speaking before this committee yesterday said any appropriation for rivers and barbors east of the Allegheny Mountains is patriotic, but that any for waterways west of the mountains is pork," said Mr. Booher.

"The papers of your city have been crying 'pork,' so I want to know what pork is. What is your definition of pork is. What is your dep pork?" Mr. Moore was asked.

pork?" Mr. Moore was asked. "Pork." replied Mr. Moore good-natur-edly, "is not what you get, but what the other fellow gets. I know that Judge Booher feels keenly about the Missouri River situation, but most of us find out after a few years' service in Congress that we get along better by co-operation than by assault." Representative Moore quoted from statements made by Secretary of the Navy Daniels and Secretary of War Gar-rison to show that those Cabinet officers favor the development of the interconstal chain because of the military and strategic advantages that would be given

in time of war. Mr. Moore said, however, that in his opinion the House Rivers and Harbors Committee should not turn the proposed development over to the Naval Affairs Committee.



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