

SOUTHERN JERSEY INDUSTRIES HUM WITH PROSPERITY

Work and Money Plentiful in Bridgeton, Millville and Vineland

SKILLED LABOR NEEDED

This is the 15th of a series of articles reviewing the commercial and industrial activities in the largest communities of eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware. The articles set forth clearly the renewed activities of various industries, along with and in some instances because of the new business created by the war in Europe. The next article, to be published next Thursday, tells of conditions in and about Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

Forming a triangle in Southern New Jersey are the three important cities of Bridgeton, Millville and Vineland, each claiming a laudable civic pride, each claiming the apex of the triangle as its particular location.

As all three are included in this article of the series, the alphabetical order will be adopted so as to prevent any semblance of favoritism.

Bridgeton is a city of 15,000 population. It has three National banks and one trust company, with combined assets of over \$1,000,000.

It has a number of industrial plants,

the principal of which are the Cumberland Glass Company, The V. P. Martin Dyeing and Finishing Company, Cox and Sons Machine and Foundry Works, and the Ferracute Machine Company.

The Cumberland Glass Company employs 200 persons when running full. They are now running to 75 per cent. of their capacity. They have work for full capacity, but are handicapped by the scarcity of labor. They manufacture glass bottles of all kinds and sizes and attribute their present activity indirectly to war conditions. Many of the orders they have booked have a canceling clause in the event of the war coming to a speedy termination. They have a large export business with England and South America, and compete successfully with Germany in the manufacture of chemical bottles. On account of the uncertain conditions produced by the war they are unwilling to make any predictions as to the future outlook.

DOMESTIC DYES USED.

The Martin Dyeing and Finishing Company are largely using domestic manufactured dyes, and find them very satisfactory. They dye cotton goods only, and employ 150 persons, are working to full capacity, and also three nights each week in addition. Mr. Martin reports the outlook excellent, but is very emphatic on the necessity of a high tariff to protect the dyeing industry when the war is over. He also states that labor is scarce.

Running full with 115 employees, the machine works of Cox & Sons are turning out all kinds of special machinery. Some of these machines are used by the du Ponts in the manufacture of explosives; some are machines for making glass bottles. They claim the outlook until after January is very good.

The Ferracute Machine Company turns out the finest kind of work in dies and molds and employs 180 persons, all highly skilled. They have many orders from makers of munitions which will keep them busy for some time to come. Highly skilled labor such as they employ they find is very scarce.

The Cumberland Trust Company is erecting a new building in Bridgeton, which will cost almost \$100,000. A number of dwellings are also in course of erection.

Postal receipts are increasing each month. A new \$35,000 postoffice building was completed recently.

MILLVILLE—The largest industrial plant in Millville is the Whittall Tatum Company's glass works. They employ at present from 1800 to 1900 persons, and while they are not working to full capacity, business is very much better than it was a year ago. Their principal output is chemical glassware. They export to Europe and South America, but have not noticed that the European war has had any effect on their business. As to the outlook, they claim they are just living from day to day.

The Millville Manufacturing Company and the Monantico Beach and Dye Works are under the same management. They employ about 1000 persons, are running at full capacity and have been doing so for more than four years.

They have 1000 looms in operation weaving cotton cloth, and their dye and bleach works, not only take care of their own output but also the output of many other mills. War and peace, good times and bad times are all the same to this concern. Like Tennyson's book, they "go on forever."

Polmer, Whitaker & Co. employ about 80 persons in the manufacture of women's wrappers.

It is said they are very busy at present on war orders for uniforms.

The International Glass and Caloria Company, of Millville, are also under one management. They manufacture the finest kind of scientific glassware and vacuum bottles, and have just completed the erection of a new furnace as an addition to their plant. They employ the highest grade of skilled workmen in their line, and claim to pay the highest wages. They employ 400 persons, both skilled and unskilled. Their output is principally for domestic consumption, with the exception

of the vacuum bottles, which they export to India, China, Japan and Europe. They state the outlook for business is so good that they could guarantee their workmen employment for the next two years even if they should not book another order.

Millville has two National banks and one trust company, with aggregate deposits of \$2,000,000, which are increasing in a healthy manner. Bankers report a good local demand for money, and savings accounts record a handsome increase each month.

There is considerable activity in the building of dwelling houses, and the Board of Education is completing a \$75,000 grammar school. Skilled labor is at a premium and unskilled labor is scarce.

VINELAND—The borough and township of Vineland has a population of 15,000, but the adjoining thickly populated districts, with their network of electric roads, give Vineland a tributary population of almost as many more.

Vineland has a number of very important manufacturing industries, the principal ones being engaged in making shoes, glass and clothing.

The Chandler Shoe Company employs 250 persons and turns out about 200 pairs of shoes each week. They have doubled the capacity of their plant during the last four months and are planning still further enlargements. The pressure of work at present is so great they are obliged to send some of their work to Lynn, Mass.

They attribute the present prosperous conditions to "short" buying during the last two years. Dealers, they say, have been extremely cautious in placing orders, and allowed their stock to run down to the danger point. Then, when the present wave of prosperity struck the country, they all sent in their orders at once, marked "rush," and produced a congestion in the shoe factories. This firm says they never had a better outlook.

In the imposing plant of Reighley & Son, across the street, also shoe manufacturers, who ordinarily employ 400 to 500 hands, not a wheel was turning on

the day of the visit of the Evening Ledger representative.

Information was scant but courteous. Yet enough was learned to lead to the conclusion that in a few days every machine in the place would be whirling to the limit, day and night, on a war order. Either the Russian or some other army needed Vineland shoes and they are going to get them.

The firm of Mendelson & Co., with 100 employees, is running full capacity on what looked like soldiers' uniforms.

The Kimball-Durand Glass Company is running 100 per cent. capacity in their two plants with 700 employees. They manufacture medical and surgical glass apparatus and appliances of the highest grade.

F. Taubell & Co., Inc., hosiery manufacturers, have more work than they can turn out.

Besides the above concerns, Vineland has also an iron foundry, a brass foundry and two large sash and door mills, in addition to some smaller plants.

It has one State bank, one national bank and one trust company, the latter being housed in a handsome marble building, with every interior modern convenience and security device. All three banking institutions are in a very healthy condition.

Vineland also boasts of the largest, handsomest and most up-to-date squab farm in the world.

It would be difficult to find three cities of equal size in the United States which are now enjoying, and have for years enjoyed, such a degree of continuous prosperity as Bridgeton, Millville and Vineland, New Jersey.

Pope Will Confer Blessing on Wireless

ROME, Dec. 14.—Pope Benedict is preparing to confer the papal blessing upon wireless telegraphy. It was learned in Vatican circles today.

POLICEMAN SAVES FAMILY Responds to Fire Call, Tosses Children in Blanket and Rescues Their Parents

Friends of Patrolman McShea, drew the attention of his superior officers today to his heroism in saving the lives of an entire family last night at the home of David Prettyman, of 108 Emily street.

When Prettyman smelled smoke and, upon investigation, discovered fire in the second floor, he called for help. Patrolman McShea, attached to the 4th street and Snyder avenue station, responded.

The stairway was filled with smoke and it would have been impossible for a man to force his way through it without succumbing.

Four small children were sleeping in the house. Prettyman wanted to carry them through the smoke, but the policeman restrained him by force. Instead, he ordered the father to leave the house by the rear entrance and to stand beneath the second-story window at the front of the home with a blanket in his hand that he had obtained from a neighbor.

Into this blanket McShea threw the four children, the youngest of whom, Harriet Prettyman, is 4 months old. The father held the blanket tightly and none of the little ones was injured in the fall.

A ladder was then procured and the policeman carried Prettyman's wife safely from the house, the fire having in the meanwhile spread throughout the building. The loss amounted to \$150.

Fatally Burned Lighting Gas Heater

YORK, Pa., Dec. 14.—Annie Strausbaugh, a domestic, was fatally burned while lighting a gas heater this morning at the home of William Noss, a lumber merchant. With her body enveloped in flames she started screaming through the house. Pedestrians, hearing her shrieks, broke in a window and smothered the flames before the family was awakened.

P. R. R. PUTS EMBARGO ON NEW YORK FREIGHT

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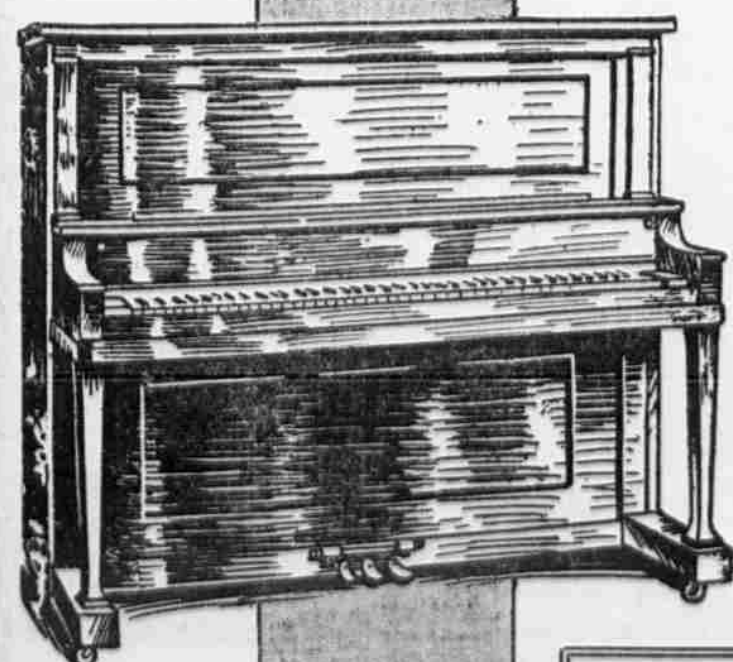
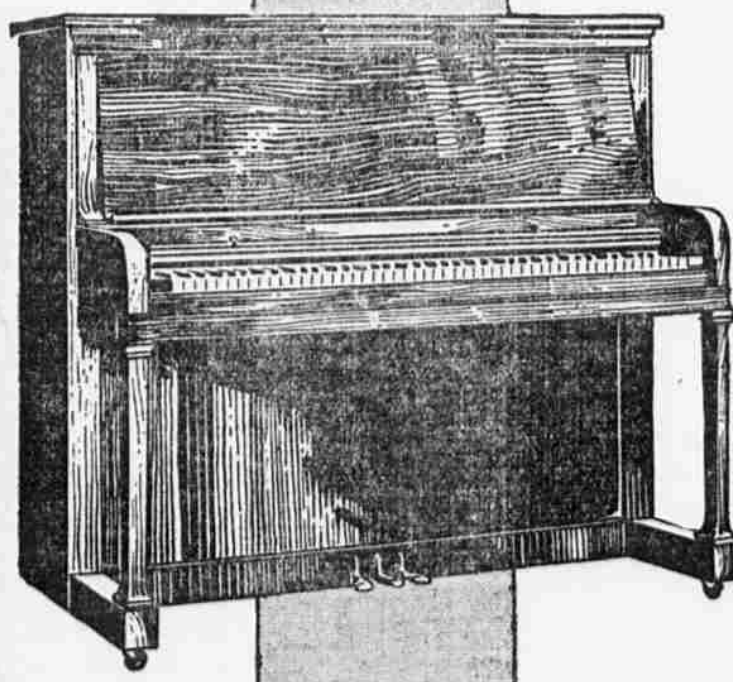
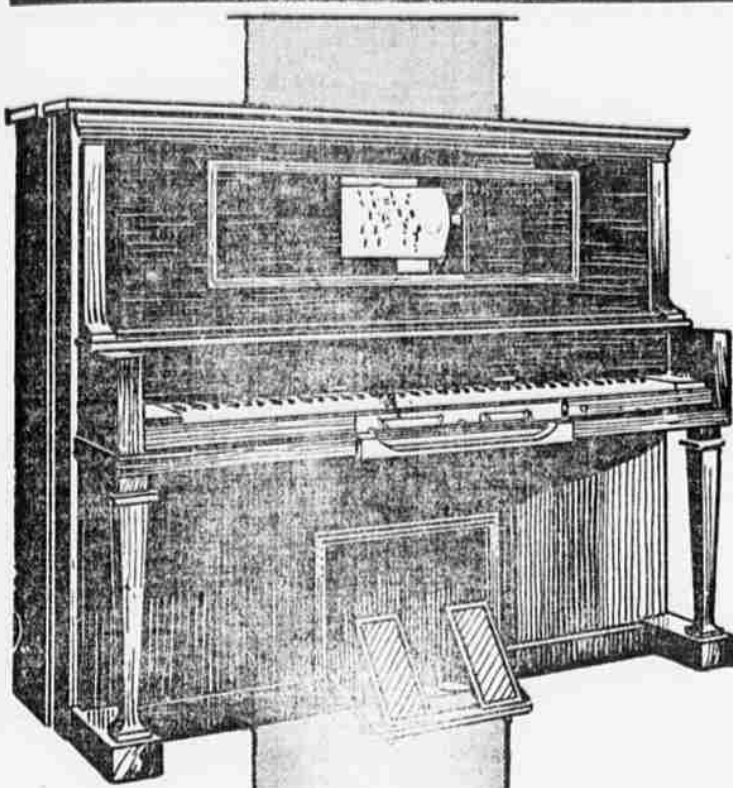
To prevent a possible blockade in freight near New York, since many of the trunk lines entering that city have prohibited various kinds of shipments, the Pennsylvania Railroad has placed an embargo on all freight originating on connecting lines and destined for the New York district. The order goes into effect immediately and affects both export and local shipments. An exception of certain classes of perishable freight is made.

The order does not apply to freight originating on the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad and the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad, which are affiliated lines.

The action by the Pennsylvania officials was taken only after the tie-up around New York threatened to become absolute. Exports from that city are averaging in value about \$64,000,000 a week, which is about three times the value of the imports.

Harkins Named Deputy Collector

Hugh J. Harkins, of Bristol, Pa., has been appointed deputy collector of internal revenue in the section comprising eastern Montgomery and lower Bucks Counties, according to the announcement made by Collector of Internal Revenue Leisner. Harkins takes the place of George Schellenberger, of Doylestown, who resigned.



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