

PLAYING OF POLITICS CAUSED PHILADELPHIA TO LOSE CONVENTION

Advertising Campaign Lacked "Punch," Say the Business Men Who Backed the Movement

CITY AMPLY PREPARED

Chamber of Commerce Performed Its Part Satisfactorily, Asserts Secretary Kelly

Criticism by business men of the fruitless methods used by Philadelphia in attempting to obtain the Republican National Convention for this city was answered today by N. B. Kelly, general secretary of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, which acted as agent for the city in seeking the convention.

The Chamber of Commerce, representing the business men, performed its part satisfactorily, said Mr. Kelly. "If we had had the support of the political interests we would have secured the convention, Philadelphia showed that it could accommodate the convention as far as hotels and \$100,000 guarantee fund was concerned. Our convention hall, as was shown, is within a reasonable distance to the hotel district and the city itself was shown by a map to be conveniently situated for a majority of the delegates.

365,000 RAILROAD MEN DEMAND 8-HOUR DAY

Four Great Brotherhoods Will Not Accept Federal Mediation

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The fight of 365,000 railroad men for an eight-hour day, without decrease of pay, was launched today at the joint convention of the four great railway brotherhoods. Seventy-two delegates, representing the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Locomotive Engineers, the Order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, convened to frame demands on every railroad in the United States.

VIENNA MUST MAKE DIRECT REPLY TO U. S.

Continued from Page One sinking of the Ancona was disavowed was expected to be handled by Ambassador Penfield in Vienna today. Officials were inclined to believe that it would be conciliatory in tone because of pressure being brought to bear by Germany. But it was made plain at both the White House and the State Department that if it is of a temporizing character it will not be satisfactory.

HURRY! 9 Days to Shop... Each Ad

WORKMEN RIOT ON BOAT Powder Makers Smash Windows Because Vessel Is Delayed

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 15.—Because Captain Brant and Engineer Thane refused to take out the ferryboat Arctie, of the Wilmington and New Jersey Ferry Company, until the tide would permit landing at Pennsgrove, 250 powder workers at Carney's Point started to make trouble this morning.

President Will Reappoint McChord

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Wilson will reappoint C. C. McChord to the Interstate Commerce Commission, it was learned today. He is now chairman.

BRUMBAUGH FORSEES REPUBLICAN SUCCESS

Party Victory Dependent Only on the Right Kind of Presidential Candidate

By a Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—"If the Republicans nominate a big, upstanding Republican there can be no question of their success next year," declared Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh, of Pennsylvania, yesterday. "But if they don't, then they cannot hope for victory. I believe—I am confident—that the choice of the next Republican convention will be a man who will be true to the fundamental principles of Republicanism—a man who believes in protection as the basic principle of the Republican party and also in the upbuilding of the American merchant marine, even if we have to subsidize it."

VIEWERS AWARD DAMAGES

Claims Arose When City Opened Percy Street A Board of View consisting of Francis S. Cantrell, Jr., James M. Haslett and Louis Saller, filed a report in Common Pleas Court No. 2 today awarding damages for the opening of Percy street from Shunk street to Porter street. At the meeting of the board, Assistant City Solicitor Mead and C. Charles Broderick appeared for the city; Maurice Rosen represented Victor Solomon and Abraham Kaplin, two of the claimants. Samuel W. Satus represented Dora L. Jacobson; Edward Hopkinson, Jr., represented Ike Yanovsky; Mary B. Skversky and Frank B. Skversky, the latter a tenant, and John J. Rahilly represented William Bryant, who owned a small triangular piece of ground on Percy street, but he did not claim any damages. The Board made the following awards of damages: Victor Solomon, 324 Porter street, \$300; Ike Yanovsky, 322 Porter street, \$300; Victor Solomon, 328 Porter street, \$50; Mary B. Skversky, 325 Porter street, \$25. The tenant, Frank B. Skversky 322 Porter street, was allowed \$25.

FOE OF D. & C. CANAL PROJECT ADDED TO HOUSE COMMITTEE

Representative Freer Opposed to Plan More Than Ever

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Because Representative James A. Freer, of Wisconsin, has been made a member of the Shunk Rivers and Harbors Committee there will be at least one vigorous opponent to the plan of having the Federal Government take over the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal.

JAN 5 Have you ever thought: "I'll get my Bell Telephone before the next Directory is issued"? Your opportunity is now. The Bell Telephone Directory goes to press January fifth. Call the Business Office for rates or change in listing. Call the Advertising Manager for Directory advertising space.

CHICAGO TO MAKE BIG CONVENTION PLANS

Will Begin Preparing for Republicans Within Next Two or Three Weeks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Plans for the Republican convention will be laid in Chicago within the next two or three weeks, when the Committee on Arrangements of the National Committee meets there. Charles D. Hillee, chairman of the Republican National Committee, is also head of the Committee on Arrangements.

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CHICAGO LAYS PLANS TO GET PROGRESSIVE CONVENTION

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—While Chicago hotels today were flooded with reservations for the Republican National Convention June 7, local Progressives were laying plans to bring the Bull Moose National Convention here June 21.

CONTINGENT GIFTS TO CHARITY

Martin H. Stutzbach's Will Disposes of \$80,000

Charitable institutions benefit largely under the will of Martin H. Stutzbach, of 511 South 4th street, admitted to probate today. The estate is valued at \$80,000 and its charity bequests are contingent upon the death of a daughter of the testator without issue.

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BOYS GOOD AS CHRISTMAS DRAWS NEAR

Chief Probation Officer Harris, of the House of Detention, remarked yesterday that no boys had been arrested or sent in his charge for more than a whole day. Then he realized the why of it. "It's too near Christmas," he said, "and the lads are on their good behavior. All boys under probation at the House of Detention will have a Christmas party and get presents and have a tree, just as if they were in real homes."

SOUTH'S NEED OF SHIPS SHOWN BY DANIELS

Strong Navy Also Required, Secretary Tells Commercial Congress Delegates

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 15.—Southern commercial interests require a strong navy and an efficient merchant marine, Secretary Daniels today told the Southern Commercial Congress.

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A Trainload of New Pianos is Here \$300 Upright \$190 Full size; fully guaranteed. Stool, scarf, year's tuning free. See them. G. W. HUVER CO. 1031-33 Chestnut St. Store of Service VICTROLAS RECORDS

DOG GIVES FIRE ALARM

His Barking Probably Saves Sleeping Family From Death in Their Burning Home

The family of Charles Engel, probably saved from suffocation by the barking of their dog "Rover," fought a fire in their home, at 1841 North Jessup street, early today until firemen arrived.

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These are the cigars that the men will enjoy and you can buy them, madam, with absolute confidence. Made of only the very best matured leaf, their mellow flavor and aroma are unequalled. "Generalidad" Special Boxes of 12 for \$1.00 Special Boxes of 25 for \$1.75 "Peermont" Key West Popular Club Londres Size, 10c Boxes of 25, \$2.25; Boxes of 50, \$4.50 "Waldorf" Special Boxes of 12 for 50c Special Boxes of 25 for \$1.00 "Dependo" Special Boxes of 10 for 50c Special Boxes of 25 for \$1.25 PEERMONT CIGAR CO. 1105 Market Street BRANCHES 911 Market St. S. E. Cor. 5th & Market 826 Chestnut St. Continental Hotel Stands

The Test Nearly 300 Phonograph Experts Held Spellbound By Unprecedented Re-creation of Music MUSICAL history was made a short time ago at Orange, New Jersey. At the laboratories of the New Edison Diamond Disc Phonograph, 300 phonograph experts were witnesses to an epoch-making experiment. When the test was done, the entire gathering agreed as one—a modern miracle had been performed before their eyes. Three factors predominated. Alice Verlet, the famous Belgian prima donna whom European musical critics have hailed as the "New Queen of Song." The New Edison Diamond Disc Phonograph. And Thomas A. Edison. He alone knew of the revelation to come; of the human voice with all its range, its sweetness, its mellowness, its sympathy and pathos coming from the instrument he had created. Miss Verlet stood beside the New Edison Diamond Disc Phonograph. Mr. Edison sat with his head bowed upon his hand. There came the clear notes of the beautiful song, "Caro Nome," from Rigoletto. Which was singing, phonograph or lady? The ear could not distinguish. Only the eye could discern that Miss Verlet's lips were not moving. The Edison Diamond Disc was singing alone. Then—a greater No Needles to Change. Special Edison Christmas Concerts are being given everywhere by Edison dealers. You will be under no obligations if you ask to have your favorite records played for you. Make up your mind to hear a Christmas Concert early. If you would prefer, arrangements can be made to have a demonstration in your own home.