PLAYING OF POLITICS CAUSED PHILADELPHIA TO LOSE CONVENTION

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

Chamber of Commerce Performed Its Part Satisfactorily, Asserts Secretary Kelly

Criticiam by busiesss men of the fruit-Ican methods used by Philadelphia in attempting to obtain the Republican Notional 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 Chamber of Commerce, repre-senting the busines 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

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."

The selection of Chicago as the convention city was purely a political move, in the opinion of Mr. Kelly. Philadelphia. a Republican stronghold, is of no strategic value for a convention of the party.

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The criticism of the business men was not directed against the machinery of the chamber, but against the spirit of Philadelphia, which failed to support the efforts with an insistent domand for the convention. That the advertising for the convention incked "punch," the popular backing of a united city, was the chief burden of their adverse comments.

The business men were simpost solidly

The business men were simost solidly behind the movement for the national as-semblage and supported it enthusiastically. But in other quarters there was con-siderable apathy and, it is said, some antagonism against the idea of a conven-

Several large manufacturers are said to have refused to lend any aid to the advertising. This and the dilatory tactics of politicians, who opposed the new convention hall campaign pushed by the chamber last summer, created a move-ment virtually without a head, the busi-ness men declared, and militated against

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. Seven ty-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

Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the engineers, declared negotiations with the railroad management would be "firm words," he said, "we're going

to the mat, but we're not waving any red

Timothy Shea, head of the firemen; W. Lee, chief of the conductors, and A. Whitman, head of the trainmen's organization, announced all internal differences had been settled and that the four organizations stand as a unit in their "For the first time," said Stone "we

For the first time," said Stone, "we are macting at one time. We will first decide just what our demand will be.

Later we will determine the method of presenting the demands to the railways."

It was generally inderstood that the principal demand will be for an eight-hour day at the present rate of pay and the present rate of pay.

day at the present rate of pay, a de-crease in hours without decrease of wages. For work after eight hours, time and a half pay will be demanded. Some changes in working conditions will

be sought. The present agreement expires April 30 next. Possibility of a strike on May I was admitted by the delegates. They are against Federal mediation on account of the result of the engineers' award last spring.

VIENNA MUST MAKE DIRECT REPLY TO U.S.

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staking of the Ancona be disavowed was expected to be handed to Ambassador Penfield in Vienna today. Officials were inclined to believe that it would be conciliatory in tone because of pressure being brought to hear 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.

Any claim that Austria was not fully advised of the position taken by the United States in its discussions with Germany on submarine warfare will not be accepted, as copies of the Lusitania note were sent to all the warring na-tions. The position outlined in the Ancona note that Austria was fully aware of all of the facts in the nego-tiations will be adhered to is officially

So far as all other matters affecting Austria are concerned, including the status of Baron Zwiedinek, the charge here, and Consul General von Nuber, in New York, it is stated that they will be held in abeyance pending the settlement of the issues raised in the case of the

There is no doubt that the exequatur of von Nuber is to be canceled, but of-ficials incline to the belief that Score-tary Lansing will accept Baron Zwiedinek's explanation that he acted at all times under the direct direction of his former chief, Ambassador Dumba, and that therefore he was not personally to blame for trying to purchase American pass-



WORKMEN RIOT ON BOAT

Powder Makers Smash Windows Because Vessel Is Delayed

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 15.—Because Captain Brant and Engineer Thune refused to take out the ferryboat Arctic, 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.

They smashed the windows of the

They smashed the windows of the engineroom and threatened more serious violence. The crew stood by the engineer and the boat did not start until the tide was favorable. No arrests have yet been made, but it is probable that some will be made later on. CITY AMPLY PREPARED

> President Will Reappoint McChord WASHINGTON, Dec. 15,-President Vilson will reappoint C. C. McChord to the Interstate Commerce Commission, It was learned today. He is now chair-

BRUMBAUGH FORESEES REPUBLICAN SUCCESS

Party Victory Dependent Only on the Right Kind of Presidential Candidate

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 -"If the Re publicana nominate a big, upstanding Republican there can be no question of their success next year," declared Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh, of Pennsylvania, yesterday. "But it 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

These are the fundamentals of the Re-ublican Party, and the man who is to e the standard-bearer of the party in the 1916 campaign must represent without reservation these great principles."
"Do you think the Republican party should take back Colonel Roosevelt, if he is willing to come?" the Governor was

asked.
"We Republicans are glad to have all Republicans come back," with emphasis the Republicans. Could Colonel Roosevelt carry Penn-

'He could not, but there is no likelihood

"He could not, but there is no likelihood that the Republican party will nominate the Colonel. There is not a chance that Roosevelt could carry Pennsylvania if nominated by the Progressive or any other party, in my opinion.

"Undoubtedly the tariff will be the foremost issue in the next campaign, and on this laute we cannot fail to win. The prosperity that exists in some sections of the country at this time is purely fictitious. Ordinary carpenters, for instance, are getting \$12 a day working in munitions factories. What would happen to them if the war should end?"

VIEWERS AWARD DAMAGES

Claims Arose When City Opened Percy Street

Shunk street to Porter street. At the meeting of the board, Assistant City Soicitors Mead and C. Charles Broderson appeared for the city; Maurice Rosen represented Victor Solomon and Abraham Kaplan, two of the claimants. Samuel W. Salus represented Dora L. Jacobson Edward Hopkinson, Jr., represented Ike ry B. Skversky and F the latter a tenant. B. Skervesky, 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, 224 Porter street, \$3000; Ike Yanovsky, 222 Porter street, \$3000; Victor Solomon, 225 Porter street, \$350; Mary B. Skersky, \$18 Porter street, \$350; Mary B. Skersky, \$18 Porter street, \$350; B. Skversky, \$18 Porter street, \$425. The tenant, Frank B. Skversky \$22 Porter street, was allowed \$29.

CHICAGO TO MAKE BIG CONVENTION PLANS

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 15,-Because Will Begin Preparing for Republicans Within Next Two or Three Weeks

> WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- Flans 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. Hilles, chairman of the Republican National Committee, is also head

Philadelphia's contention for the con-

Total, 2.

For San Francisco - Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Louislana, Montana, Nevada, New York, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, Total, 13. Philadelphia lost three votes that had been promised her on the first ballot— those of Virginia, New Jersey and Dela-

grees Representative Freer and Repre sentative J. Hampton Moore clashed re-peatedly. The Wisconsin Congressman today admitted that he is as much opposed to Federal acquisition now as he

Freer was one of the Republicans who fought rivers and harbors bills on the "pork barrel" basis in the last Congress, As a member of the Rivers and Harbors Committee his opposition doubtless will be more effective than that of an indi-vidual member of the House,

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issued"?

of the Committee on Arrangements. Most of the committeemen left here to day. A feeling of optimism for a Republican triumph at the polls next autumn is evident among most of them. They would not, however, discuss campaign plans, on the plea that it is too early to discione their position. The decisive triumph of Chicago in the contest for the convention was explained today by the statement that most of the committeemen felt that the Democratic convention would follow too soon after the Republican if both were held in St. Louis with their meeting dates only a week apart. Philadelphia's contention for the con-vention was overpowered by the advan-tages of central location offered by Chi-cago. The supporters of Philadelphia were humiliated by the lack of interest manifested by Senator Penrose, recog-nized as one of the three powerful lead-ers in the National Committee. The vote on the convention city was For Chicago-Alabama, Colorado, Con-For Chicago—Alabama, Colorado, Con-necticut, Delaware, District of Colum-bia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massa-chusetta Michigan, Minnesota, Missis-sippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohlo, Oklahoma, Philippines, Rhode Island, South Da-kota, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin, Total, 30. For Philadelphia-Maryland and Penn-For St. Louis-Alaska, Arkansas, Missouri, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Carolina and Tennessee, Total, 7. CHICAGO LAYS PLANS TO GET PROGRESSIVE CONVENTION CHICAGO, Dec. 15.-While Chicago chicket today were flooded with reserva-tions for the Republican National Con-vention June 7, local Progressives were laying plans to bring the Bull Moose Na-tional Convention here June 21. The Progressive National Committee will decide definitely on the convention when it meets here January 11. The Progressive convention is planned after those of the old parties in order to act on platforms and candidates of the Democrats and Republicans. Chicago hotel men were certain today they could take care of both national conventions without inconvenience. 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 House 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. When the proposition was discussed on the floor of the House in the last Con-

CONTINGENT GIFTS TO CHARITY SOUTH'S NEED OF SHIPS

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

Charitable institutions benefit largely under the will of Martin H. Stutsbach, of 611 South 48th 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 lessue.

The will, after making bequests to the testator's widow and daughter, leaves the remainder in trust, the interest to be paid to the widow and daughter during their lives, with reversion of the principal to the latter's children.

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In the event of her leaving no issue, the money is to be divided in equal parts to the Home for Incurables, Sunday Breakfast Association, Episcopal Hospital, the city of Eng Harbor, N. J., the income to be for the use of the poor of that city; Tressler Orphan Home of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Pas-Fund Society of the Lutheran

WAR TAX EXTENSION PLEA GOES TO HOUSE

Democrats Point to Slump in Revenues as Reason for Continuation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Democratic members of the Ways and Means Com-mittee today submitted to the House, through Leader Kitchin, their plea for an extension of the present emergency war tax measure for another year, They pointed to a customs revenue loss of \$82,-000,000 chargeable to the war, a slump of \$25,000,000 in tobacco and liquor taxes, a crease in value of importations of \$219, 755,917 for the fiscal year and a loss of \$262,000,000 in imports from European countries now at war.

Taxation of incomes alone, mostly those of rich men, to obtain national defense revenues, was the plan to which the Ways and Means Committee was turning today. Vigorous sentiment against the proposals to raise funds by taxing bank checks, automobile horse-power, gasoline, etc., is growing. Enough Democrats are reported pledged defeat the proposals,

Another large faction of Democrats threatens to oppose any taxes for pre-paredness, except increased income and inheritance taxes on large fortunes un less a Government monopoly of muni-tions manufacture is also ordered.

Boys Good as Christmas Draws Near Chief Probation Officer Harris, of the House of Detention, remarked wondering-ly today that no boys had been arrested or sent in his charge for more than a 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 boyses.

SHOWN BY DANIELS

Strong Navy Also Required, Secretary Tells Commercial Congress Delegates

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

"When the war opened," he said. "freight on a bale of cotton ranged from \$1.50 to \$2.50. Now the planter must pay from \$5 to \$15-the highest rate ever imposed. And even at this price, there is not enough of a merchant marine to care for shipments. "The South cannot raise cotton and to

bacco if America is not to acquire and maintain an efficient mrechant marine, and protect it with an adequate navy. For the bulk of the South's crops must find its market overseas.

"Our own navy and our own merchant marine have suffered because of indiffer-ence. But the present war should have shown us both the necessity for an efficient marine and for a navy." The South should be part rularly inter-

cated in the may as a defense instru-ment, Secretary Daniels said, because of its 200-mile coast line, and because of the treasures of cotton, lumber, corn, iron and oil which an enemy might attempt

Southern naval heroes and southern unval exploits were praised by the Sec retary.



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

Gompers and Morrison Ask The family of Charles Engel, probably aved from suffocation by the barking of their dog "Rover," fought a fire in their home, at 1261 North Jessaup street,

early today until firemen arrived. Eighteen-year-old Julia Engel, who was awakened by the spaniel's tarking, was slightly burned when her nightgown became ignited as she was dragging her brother Charles, 14 years old, from his blazing bed. She refused to go to a hospital. The family, consisting of the parents, two boys and two girls, was ared for by neighbors.

The howls and barks of the dog in the ellar awakened Julia, who roused the other members of the family. They formed a bucket brigade, passing water up from the kitchen. An overturned candle is thought to have caused the fire, which did about \$500 damage.

LABOR WANTS TO HELP PROBE THE RAILROADS

Wilson to Put Representative

on Proposed Commission By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Secretary of Labor Wilson, Samuel Gompers and Frank Morrison, officials of the American Federation of Labor, had a talk with President Wilson today on the part laber should be accorded in public life. The visitors referred to the action of the foreign governments in recognizing labor, and argued that labor should be top-resented in commission and other Governmental places.

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It is understood that the visit has as its real purpose the recommendation of a place for a representative of organization on the proposed commission to investigate railroads, recommended in the President's message.



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"Waldorf" Special Boxes of 12 for 50c Special Boxes of 25 for \$1.00

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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 revela-tion 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 sc 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

volume—but επίγ a greater volume—Miss Verlet joined her voice with the singing of the Edison Diamond Disc. Two voices - exactly the same two - were singing together. No one among the 300 could tell which was the more clear or distinct, or more full of feeling. The song volume decreased. The ear heard but one voice. The eye must tell again. Miss Verlet's lips were moving. It was she who was singing. Faces were lit

up with surprise — even with amazement — a medern miracle was happening just before them. The phonograph and the lady continued their duet to the end. Enthusiasm, almost unbounded, ran through

The supreme test was passed. Quickly these men realized that there had been given to the world a new instrument which years of endeavor had made so complete that even "perfect" failed as a

descriptive word. They could not describe the tone of the New Edison. It was not enough to call it "human, life-like, natural." No more could they describe a beautiful rose as "true to nature." This New Edison was nature itself.

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