# 65-CENT GAS CAN PAY PROFIT, SAYS **EXPERT'S REPORT**

Chief Dickerman Bases His Assertion on Figures From Several Cities

82 CENTS IN MILWAUKEE

privately Owned Companies Also Pay Taxes From 5 to 8 Cents a Thousand

In place of the present rate of \$1 a thouand cubic feet charged the public, the balted Gas Improvemen. Company could apply gas to consumers at 63 cents as a exply gas to profitable business proposition, according to comparisons with rates charged in other cities, made by Judson C. Dickerman, chief of th. Gas Eureau, in his current annual report on the work of that bureau

this year.

An arrangement with the United Gas improvement Company to furnish gas at feets, would give the lessess of the dirs gas works. Chief Dickerman says, and the company of the com etys gas works. Chief Dickerman says, a reasonable, ample and increasing profit, insure the proper growth and maintenance of the works, maintain and soprove the present good service at fair rates and give the City Treasury the same as other cities receive in taxes from the gas works; and, if desirable, 5 or 10 cents more could be added to the price and raid over to the city as real profit."

Arguing that a 65-cent selling price in
this city would be reasonable, Chief Dickerman said;

TABLE OF COST OF GAS.

"A table of cost of gas in 20 large dites, compiled from records of Public Service Commissions, such as should be syallable in this State in a few years, shows that the total average oper ing cost for gas delivered in Milwaukee is 22 cents a thousand cubic feet; in Boston, 41 cents; in New York and Baltimore, 42 cents, and nine other cities, mostly Eastern and all smaller cities than Philadelphia, 45 cents or less.

"It also shows that these privately owned compenies have to pay as taxes 5 to 5 cents on each thousand cubic feet of gas sold. But the United Gas Im, ovement Company in Philadelphia pays no taxes, but gives free service worth at cost a little less than 5 cents a thousand sold. "It also shows that, by comparison with the known results in other cities, if an equitable arrangement could be made TABLE OF COST OF GAS.

equitable arrangement could be made now, gas could be delivered to consumers now, gas could be delivered to consumers at 65 cents a thousand and still do the following: 5 cents on each thousand sold would pay the leasees \$500,000 a year clear cash; 40 cents n each thousand sold would pay all wages, salaries and materials for operations and repairs; 10 cents on each thousand sold would pay for all pecessary extensions, improvements and replacements; 5 cents on each thousand sold would pay the city \$500,000 either in cash or free service at cost (which would be more than it gets now); 5 cents on each thousand sold would leave a balance or surplus of \$50,000 for an emergency fund.

WORK OF THE BUREAU.

As to the work of the Gas Bureau under present conditions, Chief Dickerman says: The bureau tests at the station and elsewhere are now made without previous notice to any employe of the gas company. All except one of the employes of the bureau are trained engineers, four being college graduates. Such men are competent to make the tests and do the other work necessary to safeguard the consumers' interests in the quality of the pa for which Philadelphians are paying 10,000,000 a year. Any business man would find himself fortunate to have in his employ such intelligent and trained employes as are now doing effective work for the city at very moderate salaries.

"The bureau in the future may become a dead one, being a mere opiate for the

public, or it may continue to do live important work in studying all phases of the city's interests in the very important gas problems concerned with a \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 annual business and a property worth \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000, intimately associated with the comfort and mafety of all the citizens.

If given the opportunity for progressive work, capable trained men will seek the positions for the service they can render. If restricted to the dead letter of marrow inspection, only down-and-out-ers will want the jobs for the salaries attached. The city cannot hope to get any service of value from such employes. "The present bureau staff is very ready to co-operate with the gas company man-agement to aid as it may in maintaining good service, but it insists on being free from control or influence by the gas com-pany. It believes that anything short of the very best and most up-to-date quality and service would be little less than a crime against Philadelphia, in view of the \$1,000,000 or \$3,000,000 clear profit made each Year from the gas now sold and the larger Profits of the future."

Radnor Demands New Auto Tags

Radnor township has handed an ultimatum to motorists to the effect that they shall have their 1916 license tags by the first of the year, or there will be trouble—for the motorists. The township has also decreed that 1915 tags must be likely they want of the year, or the used until the end of the year, or the police department will be heard from.

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LAUNDRY GIRLS HAVE CHRISTMAS DINNER SERVED IN OWN PLANT



One hundred women and twenty men, the entire factory force of the Quaker City Laundry, 48th street above Chestnut, enjoyed a Christmas dinner on Saturday as a present from their employers, Charles H. Kendrick and W. Freeland Kendrick. The dinner took place in the laundry lunchroom and consisted of a plentiful supply of luscious turkey with all the "fix'ns," preceded by soup and fish and succeeded by mince pie, pumpkin pie and various kinds of ice cream. During the dinner, at which Charles H. Kendrick presided, music was furnished from a Victrola and the entire company afterward fox-trotted and one-stepped until the shades of night began to fall. The drivers were perforce unable to be present as they were engaged in making Christmas Eve deliveries, but the Kendricks have made arrangements to duplicate the dinner for the men behind the horses on the evening of January 12, 1916.

# GRIP GERMS FLEE AS STORM CLEARS

Already City Feels Relief With Coming of Colder Weather and Clarified Atmosphere. Deaths of Week 946

#### HEALTH WARNING ISSUED

The high wind, rain and snow which drove off the springlike weather of Christmas Day also smashed the grip epidemic, according to Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, Commissioner of Health, by carrying off the dampness and humidity and replacing it with a dry atmosphere.

An immediate improvement in the con-

dition of grip sufferers was noticed yesdition of grip sufferers was noticed yes-terday by physicians, despite the fact that the total number of deaths reported was 115, making a grand total for the week of 946, or nearly double that of the corresponding week last year. Dr. Dixon attributes the unusual amount of sickness and death indirectly

to the grip, which disease, he says, weak-ens the resisting powers of its victims to the action of other disease-producing

PREVENTIVES NECESSARY.

"The increased death rate during the prevalence of grip since the 14th century makes it plain that the health authorities should give preventive measures more attention than heretofore," he said in a statement issued vesterday.

"The specific poisoning that comes from the work of the germ that causes this trouble reduces the natural resistance of the body to the action of other disease-producing organisms. Without the grip as a forerunner, that natural resistance would have waged a winning battle

"It is often in this indirect way that the epidemic influenza causes the death roll to double the length of its grip col-

"Hygroscopic statistics rather tend to show a relationship between the disease and damp weather. Foggy weather often precedes an invasion of the malady. As the facilities for rapid and more general travel and transfer of merchandise are increased the organisms that produce the

increased the organisms that produce the condition called 'grip' will be more widely and quickly distributed.

"The morbidity and morality from a great variety of diseases during the epidemic go to show its devitalizing characteristic. If great care is not taken, pneumonia, tuberculosis and other ills are likely to develop and often terminate in th. It is a disease that requires care-watching under good medical talent."

DAMAGE FROM STORM The windstorm which smashed the epidemic of grip, by suddenly clearing the atmosphere and dispersing the humidity, caused much damage throughout the States along the coast. The wind turned to rain and then to snow yesterday, followed by a temperature at about the freezing point.

In this city trees were uprooted, fences tern from their foundations, shutters damaged and telegraph and telephone wires tern down in several sections. One part of the city was in complete darkness last night. Not an arc light nor electric light was burning in the entire district between Allegheny avenue and Holmesburg and from 5th street to the Delaware River.

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At 8th and Norris atreets and 8th and Diamond streets fences were torn down, while a big sign at the northeast corner of 19th street and Columbia avenue was carried half a block before the wind and wedged in between two doorsteps.

The temperature yesterday was 43 at its highest and 31 at its lowest point. It was 30 degrees at 8 o'clock this morning.

was 30 degrees at 8 o'clock this morning, according to the Weather Bureau, with the humidity at 83.

## COW BREAKS RECORD

May Mischief Yields 48 Quarts of Milk in a Day

One more record has been broken by a native of Narberth. This time is was none other than Garciauth May Mischief, the prize-winning bovine of the Percival Roberts, Jr., Penhurst Farm. May Mischief has hung up a new record, according to her owner, of is quarts of milk in one day. For the last year she has averaged six pounds more of milk a day than the previous record-holder, which was raised on the same farm.

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May Mischief's record for the year was 25,325 pounds of milk, or 69½ pounds a day. She is a 7-year-old Ayershire and Mr. Roberts selected her himself in Scotland. The previous high record at Narberth for milk, according to Mr. Roberts, is 23,022 pounds of milk in a year.

Like Finding Money U. S. LOAN SOCIETY DIAMONDS AND JEWELBY

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## IMMIGRATION SHOWS **BIG DECLINE HERE**

AWAY DAMPNESS Only 20 Aliens Have Arrived in Connelly Plans to Make "Clean Port in Past Month. War the Cause

> Jumigration at this port has diminished to the extent that 756 more aliens left port than have arrived during the year. Since the war began the number of immigrants has been steadily decreasing, until during this month only 20 arrived, as compared with 372 for the same period last year. During 1915 only 1379 immi-grants came to Philadelphia, as compared to 32,391 for 1914. Most of these were brought by the Italian steamship Ancona, which was recently submarined.

During the year 2165 allens left here, nost of them being Italians going to enter the war.

The statistics on immigrants arriving in 1915 and 1914, by months, are

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Only three persons are in the Immigration Detention House, whereas ordinarily there are from 100 to 300 there daily Most of the immigration officers are working in of the immigration officers are working in the Labor Distribution Bureau or on war

rant cases.
The person hardest hit in Philadelphia by the decrease in immigration is Mrs Anna Palmer, who has a contract to feed

## \$22,500 LEFT TO BAPTISTS

Contingent Upon Death of Brother and Sisters of Testatrix

Contingent upon the death of a brother and two sisters, Hannah Thomas, late of 1932 Mount Vernon street, by her will, probated today, left an estate valued at \$22,-500 in equal shares to the Baptist Home at 17th and Morris streets and the Baptist

Orphanage at Angora, Philadelphia. An estate valued at \$29,000 is disposed of An estate valued at \$2,000 is disposed of by the will of Patrick Dougherty, \$25 Spruce street. Mr. Dougherty, who died at the Stetson Hospital on December 15, left his estate, which consists mainly of stock in local traction companies, to a brother, nephew and niece.

Other wills probated today were those of Mary T. Sorner, Washington lane and Greenland avenue. Jenkintown, who left effects valued at \$3306; Emma B. Thomas, 3712 Hamilton street, \$159): Sarah Entrekin, 203 Queen street, \$5500; Katharine A. Toner, 4661 Lancaster avenue, \$7000, and William J. McCullum, 2708 East Indiana avenue,

## CITY SOLICITOR-ELECT PLANS MANY CHANGES

Sweep" in Legal Department Staff

Wholesale changes in the City Solicitor's office will be virtually the only appointments to be made in City Hall at this time by the incoming administra-

Nearly the entire staff of assistants to

the City Solicitor will be changed by City Solicitor-elect John P. Connelly, who expects to announce his appointments before he goes into office next Monday.

Although Vare followers have been elected Sheriff and Recorder of Deeds, displacing McNichol Heutenants, no changes are expected to be made in these departments until the new department heads "have looked around." Mayor-elect Thomas B. Smith will leave Philadelphia tomorrow for a few days' rest, without announcing his transit director or his appointments to the Civil

Service Commission. These are the only

principal appointments that the Mayor-elect still has to make. All of the departments in City Hall, with the exception of the Sheriff, Recorder of Deeds and the County Commisioners, remain in the control of the same political factions as before and virtually no changes in the office forces are looked for

looked for.

# **UNCLE SAM NURSES** BUSINESS, NOT BABIES

High Death Rate Among Overworked Mothers Noted by Children's Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 .- This nation is more interested in nursing its business than its babies, said a special report today by the Chidren's Bureau regarding the high death rate among bables of overworked mothers. The report pointed out that the Government authorizes comprebensive information from the Census Bureau every five years regarding American manufactures, but none regarding the "human facts" of bables' mortality.

An infant death rate of 134 of every 1000 in a steel-making and coal-mining town, where mothers work out, against \$4 h 1000, in a residential suburb, was declared to indicate a higher mortality when others are overworked.

Fell Unconscious on Street; Dead Harry Carnahan, connected with the divertising department of the Broadway Theatre, proud street and Snyder avenue, died in the St. Agnes Hospital at noon today, after falling unconscious at 15th street and Washington avenue. Carnahan, it is said, was suffering from ptemaine poisoning. He was found on the pave-ment and rushed to the hospital in a patrol wagon, but before anything could be done he died. Carnahan was 38 years old and lived at 934 North 8th street

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## FREIGHT TO NEW YORK SHIPPED BY MOTOR

Service Established for Accommodation of Philadelphia Manufacturers

Philadelphia manufacturers who have een handleapped in their shipments to New York city by the freight embarge of the Pennsylvania Rallroad, find a new method of shipment offered to them by George W. Mink, Jr., 1400 Arch street. Mr. Mink is operating big five-ton motor trucks between New York and Philadelphia, which will he believes, enable shippers here to overcome the obstacle thrown in the path of their business by the announcement of the railroad that it could not carry goods to New York because of the congested condition of the line and the

Mr. Mink mays he started his line of inter-city freight trucks because of a desire to help out shippers affected by the embargo and because he saw an opportunity to put his trucks at work profitably at a time when he found the use for them was not so pressing as usual. He asserts that it is a big saving in time and is more satisfactory than shipping by rail.

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Among firms expected to take advantage of Mr. Mink's proposition are makers of munitions of war here, who are likely to have difficulty filling their contracts with foreign Governments because of the railroad embargo. Thus far, no munitions of war have been carried.

The firms manufacturing war muni-tions on the largest scale, such as the du Pont Power Company, are shipping to New York by water, but many of the smaller firms are dependent on the rail-road, and it is thought that they will shortly have recourse to Mr. Mink's motor line.

motor line.

A flat rate per truck load has been established by Mr. Mink. He charges \$70 a load for shipments to Manhattan, \$5 extra if the destination is in the Bronx. and still another \$5 more if it is Brooklyn. If the shipper wants to se a load over and bring another back

a load over and bring another back he will find a greatly reduced rate—perhaps only \$50 for the return trip.

Mr. Mink contends that shippers have a great advantage in sending their goods via his trucks, for the automobiles call at the factory and take the goods direct to the point of destination, saving the loading and unleading at the train.

## U.S. CONSUL REPORTS JAPANESE LINER SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

Official Confirmation of Attack on Yasaka Received-One American Aboard-All Saved

FRENCH SHIP TO RESCUE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.

The State Department today announced the receipt of a cable from Consul Bristow at Port Sald, announcing that the Japanese liper Yasaka was sunk without warning. Consul Bristow's cable reached the department Christmes day, but was ot given out until Secretary Lansing had

een it: Consul Bristow stated that the 120 pas-Consul Bristow stated that the 130 passengers and 182 members of the crew picked up by a French sunboat, were landed at Port Said. W. J. Leigh, an American, was among the passengers. Bristow's message stated that the periscope of the submarine was not seen until the liner was sinking. The vessel sank just 22 minutes after being torpedoed. The nationality of the submarine is not known. not known.
Following is the text of Consul Bris-

"The Yasaka Maru was sunk without warning. No attempt was made to es-cape. Periscope was not seen until after torpedo struck vessel. She sank in 3 minutes. One hundred and twenty pas-sengers, one American, W. J. Leigh, and 162 crew, took to boats and were followed by submarine, nationality unknown, until each gunboat approached. No lives

No Skating on Park Lakes

Guards in Fairmount and Hunting Parks refused to allow skaters on the ice today. The ice looked good, but the guards tested it and found it was not

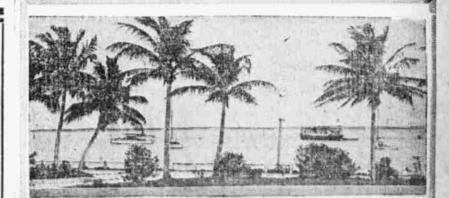
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