### MEAPER GAS PRICE S HAILED BY 20,000 USERS IN SUBURBS

Counties Gas and Electric Company, Controlled by U. G. I., Cuts 10 Cents Off Homes Rate

TESS TO BUSINESS MEN

Nearly 20,000 homes and piaces of busi-es in the suburban district west and stiewest of Philadelphia are profiting a reduction in gas rates recently made the Countles Gas and Electric Com-

at reduction of 10 cents a thousand cubic fet was made for the ordinary user of is in the home. For places of business, where a large quantity of gas is used, the resident was sweeping.

Although it costs much more to furnish is in suburban communities than in a is dit, the residents of Montgomery Cuenty pay no more now for gas than the reporte of Philadelphia.

The business men of that section are target much less than the business men of Philadelphia, for there is a minimum in ed 70 cents a thousand cubic feet large users.

DIVIDED INTO DISTRICTS. The Counties Gas Company is con-Company. Samuel T. Bodine, president of the U. G. L. is also president of the

of the U. G. I., is also president of the Counties Gas Company.
The Counties Gas Company takes in Moligomery County, and a small part of Coester and Delaware Counties. It is divided into two districts. The Main Line as far west as Malvern. The Schuyl-all district serves Norristown, Bridgeport, Conshohocken and surrounding

There are two central distributing points. The Main Line district is supplied by the plant at Ardmore, the Schuylkill district by the plant at Norristown. gistrict by the plant at Norristown.
In the Schuylkill district are about 2000 gers of gas. In the Main Line district are about 8000.
There are 395,000 homes in Philadelphia.

h almost all of these gas is used, and a addition there are countless places of usiness among the consumers of gas. Because of the concentration it costs much less to distribute gas in in the city

than in the suburbs.

The Counties Gas Company must carry as product over a sparsely settled district, it must run its mains long district, it must run its mains long dis-And the cost of operating is thereby greatly increased.

NEW SCHEDULE OF RATES. Under the new schedule of rates the average housekeper pays \$1 for a thousand cubic feet of gas in Montgomery County, providing prompt payment is In Philadelphia the same rate

For persons who use more than 10,000 cubic feet a month in Montgomery County there is a still lower rate—90 cents a thousand cubic feet—and for those who me more than 30,000 cubic feet the rate is M cents. For more than 50,000 cubic feet the rate is 70 cents. This is the fifth time in 15 years that

the Counties Gas and Electric Company has reduced its rates for gas. The last reduction was two years ago. Prior to the beginning of this year gas cost \$1.10 a thousand cubic feer up to 25,000 cubic feet, after which the race was 90 cents. The rate is still listed at \$1.10 a thou sand cubic feet, but a discount of 10 cents a thousand cubic feet is allowed if the bill is paid within 10 days. This disint is allowed to all who do business with the company.

IN EFFECT JANUARY 1.

The reduced rate, which went into effeet January 1, was announced at a time when the materials used in the manufactue of gas had advanced considerably in Brice. Coal has gone up in four months, the gau officials say, and the cost of oil has increased 59 per cent. The factor which made it possible to reduce the rates was the advance in the manufacture of gas, so that it is now possible to make this commodity for less money than for-

new which is hoped for as a result of the reduction, is expected to offset the de-crease in the revenues of the company. Although the householders' rate, both will the Counties Company and the U. G. I., is now \$1 a thousand cubic feet, the revenue of the Counties Company on each 1000 cubic feet is 20 per cent, more than that of the U. G. I.

CAUSE OF HIGH RATE HERE.

An agreement between the City of Phila-delphia and the United Gas Improvement Company is the cause of the high rate which Philadelphia pays for gas, for Phil-delphis adelphia, by comparison with other large cities of the country, has an excessively ligh rate. Almost all the large cities have 80-cent gas.

Under the agreement between the city and the U. G. 1. 20 cents of every dollar paid to the U. G. 1. by the consumer goes to the city. So that actually as far as ia, by comparison with other large

to the city. So that actually, as far as the finances of the company are con-escued, an 80-cent gas rate exists at pres-

The city of Philadelphia owns the gas works. The U. G. I. leases them. One of the platform promises of Mayor Blankenthe platform promises of Mayor Blanken-ture was to give the city 80-cent gas. An ordinance establishing 50-cent gas was in-troduced into Councils and passed during his administration, but it was vetoed by the Mayor. The reason he gave was that Councils had failed to provide any other way in which the city could be compen-tated for the revenue lost by reducing the pies of gas to the consumer and releas-ing the gas company from its agreement. NO COUNTY BURDENS. NO COUNTY BURDENS.

The Counties Gas and Electric Company is not burdened by local or municipal tax, but pays only the State corporation tax. by which the United Gas Improvement Company is also affected.

The Counties Gas and Electric Company tame under the control of the U. G. I shout two years ago. The affairs of the company tame to be affaired to the time. any were reorganized at that time. their object to furnish gas to the people, they serve at as low a figure as possible, and that their engineers and chemists will continue to study the plan and experiment in the hope that the cost of operations can be reduced.

D'ANNUNZIO ANGERS VATICAN

Pope to Condemn Poet's Writings as "Blasphemous"

ROME, Feb. 3.—The recent writings of Cabriele d'Annunzio, the Italian war poet, ate to be placed upon the index of the licred Congregation as "blasphemoua." The decree is now being prepared at the Vatican, it was learned today.

The writings which gave the greatest excess to the Pope were a series of balfootic prayers written by D'Annunzio.

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WOMAN SHOOTS LOVER Louise Moreno, 1033 Morris street. when her sweetheart, Samuel Moreno, 830 Dickinson street, refused to marry her, shot him. He is in the St. Agnes' Hospital. Despite the similarity in names, Miss Moreno is not related to the man she shot.

### 'MARRY ME OR DIE," WAS GIRL'S ULTIMATUM

Louise Mareno Shoots Lover Who, She Says, Broke Promise to Wed

According to the code of Miss Louise Moreno, of South Philadelphia, a man's promise to marry a woman must be made good, with death as an alternative. Miss Moreno is 23 and lives at 1023 Morris street. She acted in accordance

with her beliefs last night and shot Sam-uel Moreno, \$30 Dickinson street. He is in St. Agnes' Hospital and will recover from the chest wound she inflicted. They are not related.

The girl voiced her philosophy when Pollesson, Graham exerted her into the

Policeman Graham escorted her into the station house. She had been explaining the circumstances of the shooting and as she entered the building she said:
"When a man promises to marry a girl
he must keep his promise or die." The

news that Moreno would recover was received by her without comment or any indication to show whether she was glad

or sorry.
The shooting was at 9th and Dickinson streets, said the girl. They had been friends, had been "going together" two years and recently he cast her aside, she years and recently he cast her asset, and said, regardless of his promise to marry her. She bought a revolver and last night asked him to meet her at 9th and Dick-inson atreets. He met her, refused her request that he make good his promise and when he started to walk away she shot him. The woman was silent today at the ar-

raignment before Magistrate Baker, in the 3d and Dickinson streets police station. After the story was told by Mrs. Pattista Leoni, a sister of the wounded man, who was walking with him when the shot was fired, Magistrate Baker fixed ball at \$1000, pending a further hearing.

### TEN FAMILIES FLEE FIRE IN TENEMENT

Mother Braves Blaze and Saves Her Twins-Downtown School Children Frightened

Ten Jewish families fought and pushed their way down steep stairways and through narrow halls in a tenement this morning at 225 Queen street, when fire was discovered on the third floor.

About 800 children in the Henry Burk Public School, Christian above 3rd street, became confused at sight of the flames and smoke. They were quieted by the teachers.

The fire was caused by a defective stovepipe. Soot collected and a spark set fire to the walls. A section of the roof was destroyed. The fire started in the

was destroyed. The fire started in the room of Joseph Rosenberg.
Twins. Fanny and Dorothy, 3 years old, were alone in the room, while their mother, Sarah Rosenberg, was in the courtyard downstairs doing the washing. When she saw the smoke pouring from her room she grabbed a wet sheet and the total to some the stairs. By this time her room she grabbed a wet sheet and started to run up the stairs. By this time the halls and stairs were jammed with the other families. Some were dragging old women, so crippled they could scarcely walk, others were trying to carry trunks and furniture as they struggled to get out. Mrs. Rosenberg fought her way to the third floor where she found the twins after she had crawled on her knees to the bed with the wet sheet about her head.

"Mama, mama," the twins sobbed "Mama, mama," the twins soosen feebly, and this was the only guide their mother had as to where they were. The mother was groping about in the hall, nearly exhausted, when she was found by Patrolman Nealon, of the Ind and Christian streets station, who assisted her to the street. The twins were soon received.

The tenement is the property of Mrs. Annis Waxler, 617 Manton street.

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### "FIGHT" AS A VETERAN SAYS MINE WORKERS DON'T WANT DEFENSE

Statement Unworthy of Man Who Has Served Under Flag," Cries Representative Crago

WOMEN JOIN IN PLEA

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.- With the dec laration, "Your statement is unworthy of American flag," Representative Thomas H. Crago, of Waynesburg, Pa., today bitterly denounced Percy Teilow, formerly of Wampum, Pa., who appeared before the House Military Affairs Committee with a delegation of men and women who are opposed to preparedness. Tetlow told the committee that he appeared for 100,000 members of the United Mine Workers of America, and declared that they mously opposed any step toward militar

After Tellow had been vigorously criticised by several members of the committee, he contradicted the statements he had made which drew fire from those who are in favor of preparedness. The controversy grew out of a reference made by Tetlow to his service in the Spanish-American War. He said he served in the 18th Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment, and was convinced that the volunteers rendered just as good service as the egulars.

"You had an old Springfield rifle, didn't ou?" asked Representative Crago.

"Yes," replied Tetlow. "The enemy had the best modern rifles, You were up against an enemy better

"Would your organization be opposed to quipping the forces of the United States with the best rifles available?"

PLAYING TO GALLERIES. PLAYING TO GALLERIES.
"I will answer that by telling you that I was one of those who was criticising McKinley for holding Congress back. I went to Cuba on a transport, sleeping on a concrete floor, because we did not even have hammocks; we did not have water for our coffee even. We got to Cuba, and I saw our men dying all around. When we reached the island I found we were not prepared. I would rather go through all that and suffer as I did then than to plunge this Government into than to plunge this Government into militarism."

The committee room was packed with untipreparedness devotees, and they applauded vigorously.

"That is only playing to the galleries and isn't worthy of a man who has served under the flag of his country," said Rep-resentative Crago. "This committee has as much patriotism as you or any one

"That is true," agreed Tetlow. "Do you think it would bring about miltarism to have arms and ammunitions equal to those of the enemy?"
"Absolutely not," said Tetlow. "We

are not opposed to this Government hav-ing the best arms and ammunition and the mobility of these things." WHAT TETLOW SAID.

In beginning his statement, Tetlow "We are opposed to advancing on step toward fastening on the people of this country a military system that will crush them. You cannot safeguard democracy by establishing a military system other than that necessary to protect the system for which we contended when we established this Government. "We feel that the question of arma ment and ammunition is such that the Government ought to control every avenue from which these tools and muni-tions must come. If you eliminate the profit desire, we will move along sane

"The reasons why the workers are op The reasons why the workers are op-posed to the National Guard is that they are called on to exercise police powers and put down strikes. In Colorado armed gunnen were employed to crush the very ideals of liberty ideals of liberty.

"We don't want any preparedness at all that increases the number of pr fessional soldiers. If any progress is to be made you must reform the National Guard and make it more democratic."

Representative Nichols, of South Caro-"You are not opposed to having arms

and ammunitions, but you are opposed to putting down strikes."
"Not at all," said Tetlow.

Holland Has New Finance Minister THE HAGUE, Feb. 9.-Dr. Anton Vud Jijn has been app Finance for Holland.



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### MAN'S FRAILTIES TO BE EXPOSED IN 1916 STYLES; NEW DRESS SUIT



Evening Dress Will Sparkle Like Champagne, Padding Is Taboo and the Tailors Are Thinking of Perpetrating Corsets

If you spill wine on your dress suit, you | American men this year will wear drap-need not bother about it; that is, if you | ery over their hips when they put on the new single-breasted two-button sack coat. are in the latest fashion. Merely brush it off and smile.

For the newest dress suit which tallors have conceived is wine-colored. Under the glow of lights it sparkles and beams like champagne or claret. By daylight its rich hue darkens until it is almost as dark as the customary black. It has a layender waistcoat. avender waistcoat.

But that is not the only revolutionary

ostume which men will wear this spring. The National Association of Merchant Tailors of America has decided that

new single-breasted two-button sack coat.
And, worse or better than that, there will be many a disillusionment when Mary and Jane discover that their heroes' magnificent shoulders were composed of pads and that, in reality, Charlie's and Bill's clavicles and scapulas are nothing to brag about. There'll be very little padding. And their legs—trousers will be tighter this spring. So will the coats.
Coat sleeve cuffs, peaked lapels, Scotch plaids and ball buttons, also, are offered for consideration. And—sh-h-h-they're for consideration. And-sh-h-h!-they're talking about corsets for men.

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#### INDICT SOCIETY WOMAN STRIKING MACHINISTS TAKE GRAY AS UMPIRE FOR CUSTOMS FRAUD

Workers Accept Wilmington Mrs. Whitney Warren to Be Mayor's Plan to Settle Dispute

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 9.—The Wilmington Lodge of Machinists, through its secretary, today sent a letter to Mayor Price in reply to one received from the Mayor yesterday, thanking him for the suggestion that the machinists, who have een on strike since last summer, agree to ubmit their cause to arbitration, with

Judge George Gray as umpire.

The letter also states that the union, at a meeting tomorrow night, will probably appoint a committee of one from each of the eight establishments where the men are on strike to call on Judge

Gray and ask him to serve.

Though the employers also received a letter from the Mayor yesterday, embodying the same suggestion, they have taken no action. They will probably hold a meeting before doing so.

When the strike was called last summer 750 machinists went out. According to the ion, 400 have secured work elsewhere and most of the others are working here in plants where the workers' terms have been accepted. Judge Gray acted as arbitrator on the

commission appointed by President Roose-relt to settle the great anthracite coal strike in 1902. Woman Picking Coal Killed by Train

Failure to see an approaching express train was responsible for the death of Mrs. Sarah Earle, a negress, who was struck and instantly killed by a Pennsyl-vania Rallroad train at Sharon Hill today as she was picking coal from the

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### WOMEN HEAR APPEAL FOR IDEALS IN HOME

Housekeeping as Profession Urged by Speaker at Country Life Meeting

"Women in the country need a vision of life. They must see their home and family and the community in which they live in the wider sense, Especially should they realize that housekeeping is the most broadening of all professions for women."

This was the keynote of the morning session of the Four-State-Country-Life Conference sounded today by Miss Pearl McDonald, of Pennsylvania State College, who delivered an address on "Extension Work Among the Farm Women." Miss McDonald dwelt at some length on the necessity of farm women adopting laborsaving devices if they are to prevent housekeeping from becoming drudgery.

Miss Edith Elliott Smith presided at the first session, where problems of women the first session, where problems of wor alone were discussed. Miss Caroline Harry, chief probation officer of Chester County's Juvenile Court, reported some of her findings; Edwin D. Solenberger, soc-retary of the Pennsylvania Children's Aid Society, told of children's work in the country; Mrs. Jean Kane Foulke, of the State Department of Agriculture, spoke

State Department of Agriculture, spoke on "Farm, Women and Girls."

This afternoon marketing and keeping house will be the principal topics under discussion, and tonight they will talk about the rural school building. Among tonight's speakers will be Mrs. Percy V. Pennypacker, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Tomorrow is the last day of the meet-ing, and Gifford Pinchot will preside at the morning session.

The sessions are being largely attended, both by teachers and men and women from the business world.

John Wanamaker Sails for Colon John Wanamaker, who has been visit-ing Jamaica in the United steamship Pastores, sailed from Kingston for Colon with other American tourists late yester-day afternoon.



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