# CAMDEN VIADUCT. \$20,000,000 PLAN, PLEA TO COUNCILS

Board to Steer Gigantic Scheme Asked in Ordinance Tomorrow

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NEW JERSEY CO-OPERATES

Designs Already Made for Great Connecting Link Between Two Cities

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Authorization of the appointment of the 200,000,000 Philadelphia-Camden Bridge Commission will be asked in Councils tomorrow in an ordinance that will be reported favorably by the Finance Com-

The bill, originally carrying an appro-The bill, originally carrying an appropriation of \$15,000, proposes a commission, consisting of Director of Wharves, Docks and Ferries Webster, Director of Public Works Datesman and Director of City Transit Twining. This board will coorate with a commission already named by Camden, Burlington and Gloucester and one to be appointed by by Camden, Burnington and Gloucester counties and one to be appointed by Governor Fielder, of New Jersey. The bill, which will be presented by Chairman Gafney, of the Finance Committee, mere-ir creates the commission, minus the appropriation.

JERSEY COUNTIES TO AID.

The three New Jersey countles, according to the plans, would bear half the estimated cost, \$20,000,000, which includes the purchase of lines of properties essential to the erection of the bridge on one of the proposed sites. Money appropriations are to follow the report of the computation, it is said, if its report is favor. ission, it is said, if its report is favor-

A great viaduct spanning the Delaware A great viaduct spanning the Delaware River has been the dream of both cities for years. After several failures to push through the project this occasion is looked upon as the most favorable for the fulspon as the history and the first fill-filment of the vision of an economic and military connecting link between Philadel-phia's great population and the fertile trial and agricultural districts of

New Jersey.
The decision to present the ordinance with the appropriation division stricken out was made by the Finance Committee on February 8 upon Select Councilman Charles Seger's suggestion. Fifteen thouand dollars has been appropriated for preliminary plans and surveys by the Boards of Freeholders of the three New Jersey counties which were appealed to by Dr. I. N. Griscom, of 5th and Cooper eets, Camden, and others, Doctor Griscom headed a movement introducing a bill in the last Pennsylvania Legislature asking \$15,000 appropriation, but it died

The necessity and the advantages of a bridge between Philadelphia and Camden have been pointed out by the advocates of such a structure. The resulting direct traffic communication between the two cities and their tributaries and the prob-ability of a great farmers' market at one end of the structure have been advanced as arguments by business men, who point the bridge connection between New

Tork and Brooklyn as an example to be followed. The military advantage of such a bridge also has ben emphasized. A bridge to span the Delaware has been designed by Walter Williams Shipley, an architect and engineer, who estimated the maximum cost of the structure at \$10,000,000. His plans are fc. a high-level, double-deck, cantilever steel bridge, over which trolley tracks, auto speedways, truck and dray deck and footways are to extend. Two columns of masonry, one at the Market street plar-head line and the other at the Cooper street, Camden, pler-head line, would support the bridge, which would be 1970 feet long between

Approaches of a 3.2 per cent, grade from 6th street, this city, and from 6th or 7th street, Camden, are planned. The drawings show that free passage of ships heneath the bridge would be permitted, the bridge being 150 feet above water. The

contemplated width is 135 feet. Designs for a bridge, drawn three years ago, were rejected by the Government because the supporting columns would have been placed in the bed of the river, obstructing navigation. The plans at that time also were for a Government appro-

## \$5,000,000 FIRE LOSS IN CARGOES FOR ALLIES

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at the scene of the conflagration when it was at its height, described it as the diggest water-front fire he had ever seen As soon as the flames were controlled an official inquiry was begun.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Federal investigation of the fires aboard the steamships Bolton Castle and Pacific will be started this morning by New York Department of Justice agents under Captain Offley and by the neutrality squad of the customs service under Special Deputy Lamb.

## COUNTRY CLUB NOMINATES

Huntingdon Valley Organization to Re-elect John W. Pepper

At the annual meeting of the Hunting-ion Valley Country Club, John W. Pep-ser, who has been the president for a sumber of years, will be re-elected for an-ther year.

Sumber of years, will be re-eleced for another year.

Other prominent Philadelphians who will be elected to official positions in the Country Club will be: Vice presidents, E. T. Stotesbury and George W. Elkins; treasurer, William A. Law; secretary. George H. Frazier; members of the board of governors, Colonel John Gribbel, Edward B. Smith, Alexander Van Rensselaer, Jay Cooke and J. Rutherford Mc-Allister, and members of the committee on the admission of new members, J. S. Gatas, H. I. Brown and Charles M. B. Mes, H. I. Brown and Charles M. B.

Oates, H. I. Brown and Charles M. B. Cadwallader.

The annual meeting, at which these sominations will be confirmed, will be held at the clubhouse on February 28.

After the meeting and election the members will be guests of Mr. Pepper at a dinner.

What Shell Shock Is

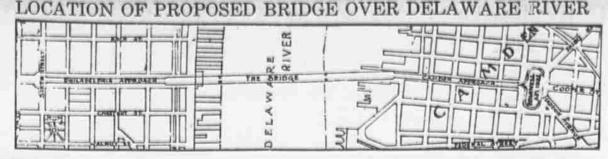
When a big shell exptodes it creates a sudden and very great pressure in the surrounding air. This pressure causes "shell shock," from which thousands of soldiers have suffered during this war. Though there is not the slightest sign of a bruise or injury in any way yet men.

a bruise or injury in any way, yet men have been completely incapacitated for months after a big shell has burst near them. Sometimes, indeed, the sudden air pressure has been so terrific that men have been killed outright from it, although no portion of the shell has hit them. Others become temporarily deaf, dumb or blind. In nearly every case, indeed, the eyesight is affected and does not become normal until months after.

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There have been a number of cases, too, sarre soldiers have lost their memory wing to shell shock, and are unable to examine any of their friends, though they are normal in every other way.

Dectors have not yet been able to exist how the shock actually affects the body though they state that the cure is thing a matter of time, the body slowly cases.



### ROOT SOUNDS BATTLE CRY OF THE CAMPAIGN

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greatest demonstration came when he re-ferred to the failure of the American Government to assert itself when Belgium was invaded. In violating the neutrality of Belgium, Mr. Root said, Germany not only shocked all liberty-loving Americans, but broke her international law contract with the United States

Whether Middle West Republicans, par ticularly those with large derman-American constituencies, will approve any reference in the Republican platform at Chicago to the Belgium affair was a subject of great speculation today.

In the prepared copy of his speech Mr. Root referred in friendly manner to Col-onel Roosevelt as one of the critics of the Wilson Administration's foreign policy. He omitted this reference to Roosevelt in his speech last night.

### REPUBLICANS' CHANCE.

Mr. Root's opening words were an avowal of the uppermost importance of the presidential campaign and of the fact that "for the first time in 20 years we enter the field as the party opposition."

It was, however, to the diplomatic record of the Wilson Administration that the former Secretary of State addressed himself at greater length.

"We have begun to realize." he said "that America is no longer isolated; that our nation can no longer live unto itself alone or stand aloof from the rest of mankind; that we must play some part in the progress of civilization, recognize some duties as correlative to our rights. For the first time within the memory of men now living the international relations of the United States, long deemed of trifling consequence, are recognized as vital."

"How shall we play our part in the world? Have selfish living and factional quarreling and easy prosperity obscured the spiritual vision of our country? Have we still national ideas? Will anybody live for them? Would anybody die for Or are we all for ease and com fort and wealth at any price?

### THE MEXICAN POLICY. Concerning President Wilson's Mexican

policy, Mr. Root said: "He intervened in Mexico to ald one faction in civil strife against another. He undertook to pull down Huerta and

set Carranza up in his place. "And," he added, "for the death and outrage, the suffering and ruin of our own brethren, the hatred and contempt for our country, and the dishonor of our name in that land, the Administration at Washington shares responsibility with the inhuman brutes w'th whom it made

### THE WAR IN EUROPE. Referring to the war in Europe, the for-

er Senator said in part: "A study of the Administration": policy toward Europe since July, 1914, reveals three fundamental errors. First, the lack of foresight to make timely provision for backing up American diplo-macy by actual or assured military and naval force. Second, the forfeiture of the world's respect for our assertion of rights by pursuing the policy of making threats and failing to make them good. Third, a loss of the moral forces of the civilized world through failure truly to interpret to the world the spirit of the American democracy in its attitude toward the terrible events which accompanied the early stages

of the war. Finally the President, not leading, but following, has shifted his ground, has reversed his position, and asks the country to prepare against war. God grant that he be not too late."

## THE LUSITANIA EPISODE

Reviewing at length the Lusitania epi-sode, which he described as the "very thing our Government had warned Germany she must not do," but which, he said, "Germany did of set purpose, and in the most contemptuous and shocking way." Mr. Root continued:

"The later correspondence has been conducted by our State Department with dignity, but it has been futile. An admission of liability for damages has been secured, but the time for real protection to American rights has long since passed, and throughout the world the phrase 'too proud to fight' became a byword of deof the United States.

# WRONG DONE IN BELGIUM.

"The American people were entitled not merely to feel but to speak concerning the wrong done to Belgium. It was not like interference in the internal affairs of Mexico or any other nation, for this was an international wrong. The law protecting Belgium which was violated was our law and the law of every other civiour law and the law of every other civilized country.

"DANGEROUS POLICIES." "Such policies as I have described are doubly dangerous in their effect upon foreign nations and in their effect at home. It is a matter of universal experience that weak and apprehensive treatment of foreign affairs invites encroachments upon rights and leads to situations in which it is difficult to prevent war, while a firm and frank policy at the outset prevents difficult situations from arising and tends most strongly to preserve peace. On the other hand, if a Government is to be strong in its diplomacy its own people must be ranged in its support by leadership of opinion in a national cause worthy to awaken their patriotism and devotion.

"We have not been following the path "Such policies as I have described are

"We have not been following the path of peace. We have been blindly stumbling

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along the road that continued will lead MASKED WIDOW GIVES

### REPUBLICANS HERE SAY ROOT'S SPEECH IS CAMPAIGN KEYNOTE

Stuart, Carson, Gribbel and Todd Call It Masterpiece

York State Republican Convention in Car-negle Hall, New York, last night, was looked upon in Philadelphia today as a stirring campaign document. As former Governor Edwin S. Stuart put it, "It will e the keynote of the coming presidential ampaign."

George W. Norris, former Director of to Mr. Root, but outside of this e instance all the comments praised the address.

In places like the Union League and the Manufacturers' Club, where the best ele-ments of the Republican strength are rep-resented, the address was the general topic of conversation, and admiration for the speechmaker was as often expressed as was admiration for the speech. Nearly every one placed him superlatively at the head of the country's public men.

### PRAISED BY STUART Governor Stuart was enthusiastic over he fine start the speech gave the Re-

publican campaign. "Of course," he said, "the speech expressed my sentiments, as it did those of Republican partisans. Jut the big thing is that coming from a man like Senator Root, whom I consider, by reaion of his native ability and wide experience, the most competent man in public life today, the speech last night will furnish the keynote for the Republican

ampaign. Hampton L. Carson, ex-Attorney General of Pennsylvania, said:
"Senator Root is a man of most commanding ability, and anything coming from him commands attention."

John Gribjel's comment was equally admiring. He said:
"Senator Root's arrangle is a recognition of the comment was equally admiring.

'Senator Root's speech is a very strong deliverance and clearcut statement of the actual facts, and the sconer the country realizes the situation as he pictures it, the better off it will be for the coun-

Mr. Hampton Todd, ex-Attorney General Pennsylvania: "Senator Root's speech is a very temperate statement of the Republican point

### NORRIS ASSAILS SPEECH

George W. Norris said: "Mr. Root's speech is frankly stated to be an indictment—an attempt to 'bring the Democratic party to the bar of public judgment.' Framed as it is, with all of Mr. Root's great skill, and including long arguments on each point, it is impossible to answer in a few paragraphs. A casual reading of it, however, shows it is founded on assumptions, some of which are accepted by a few and all of which will be denied by many.

'For example, he assumes there was 'a steady decrease in American production, in exports and in revenues, and a steady increase in imports and expenditures' during the 18 months preceding the war. and that this was due to 'Democratic

facts are true at all, they were due principaly to world-wide conditions and to a limited extent to temporary unsettlement of business necessarily resulting from the tariff change.

"Mr. Root further assumes our present prosperity is wholly deu to the European war, while the fact is that that property exists in many lines of business not af-fected by the war, and may just as well be credited to the sane tariff under which we

## NO CREDIT GIVEN DEMOCRATS.

to the Democratic party for the efforts which it has already inaugurated to meet ose conditions whatever they may prove

to be.

"He criticises the lack of timely provision for backing up American diplomacy by military and naval force, ignoring the fact that neither time nor public sentiment permitted the Administration to act more promptly than they did.

"As to Helgium, he voices with elequence the feeling which, undoubtedly, ani-

mates a large part of the American peo-ple, but he again ignores international dif-ficulties in the way of a protest which are freely recognized both in England and France, and even among the Belgians themselves. He critises the Fresident for having undertaken, as he puts it, to pull down Huerta and set Carranza up in his place. It would seem a little inconsistent for him to urge in the same address that ws should protest against murder and de-struction in Belgium and give our assent and approval to the rule in a neighboring country as a man who secured power solely by treachery and assassination."

"Yes, I told father that white poker chip I dropped was a peppermint tablet." "Did he swallow it?"

# CHESTNUT ST. THRILL

the mask and her attentive brother seemed annoyed. Finally they permitted them-selves to be interviewed, but it appeared distasteful to both

"Dorothy Kensington" wore a light, filmy waist and a close-fitting blue skirt. There was not a jewel in evidence.

In somewhat distressed tones she ex-dained that she wore the mask to avoid ocial annoyances. "I belong to an American family of high

social standing in this country," she said.
"A few years ago when we were in London I met a young English officer. He was poor but manly and although my father, who is well established in business in this ountry, objected, I married him. We were happy until the great war started. He went to the front with his regiment. Sev-eral months ago I received word that he had fallen while fighting bravely at Ypres. was heart-broken, yet I feared to let my parents here know of the trouble. I cabled my brother and he joined me in London. my brother and ne joined the ever since He has acted as my protector ever since because he is of the same independent spirit as I. We will not ask help of my

"You wonder why I wear the mask?
Well, I cannot bear the sneers of those
who knew me when I was better situated.
"I concluded, and my brother agreed
with me, that the mask would be the best
thing to hide my identity. I want no aid
from any one. Of course, we need tunds; would work as a waitress or in a mill in fact, at anything which would enable us to exist."

The masked widow's brother, who watched her closely as she unfolded the story, nodded his head in approval.
"I am of the same spirit," he declared.
"I would work as a street-cleaner or a walter or in any way that will bring me enough to set and a place to sier." Mr. Kensington could not remember the name of the church in which his sister was married, but declared that it was of the Protestant Episcopal faith.

"My sister cannot tell all," as we cannot take any risk which would lisclose her identity." The loyal brother admitted that his

widowed sister had considerable ability as a singer. This statement seemed to revive the spirit of the masked widow, and she said she would be glad to volunteer at my musical or affair which the state of the sheet might be given for charity. She insisted, however, that she would have to wear the mask on such an occasion. Early this afternoon the pair suddenly decided to leave the Adelphia. The brother

rushed to the clerk, paid the bill out of a big roll of notes and left the hotel in a taxi. After a hurried trip through the central section of the city they eventuilly landed at the Continental Hotel, where they registered and were assigned to modest rooms.

They were traced there with much dif-

The masked widow's brother said n a hoarse whisper, "We cannot talk at the present moment." The woman denied she was an actress

or engaged in a curiosity advertising ampaign. The man denied that he was

### BIG OPERATION FOR CAMDEN Real Estate Firm Will Build 75

Dwellings Schwenk & Kausel, real estate brokers, of Camden, so soon as weather conditions permit, will build 75 dwellings on Princess

venue, from Park boulevard to Walnut street. Both sides of the avenue are to be used. Negotiations for the purchase of the ground have been completed and it is unerstood the price was more than \$20,000. The houses are to contain six rooms and bath, cemented cellars, heaters and

"In his discussion of conditions likely to exist after the war, he assumes what most offer them for rent at about \$16 a month. As work is to be started just so soon as the ground in in condition for excavating it is expected they will be ready for occupancy by May. The continuous demand for \$16 and \$17 houses, in the Parkside sec-tion, convinced Schwenk & Kausel of the wisdom of an operation of this magnitude

"West Philadelphia Night" in Darby Churches in Paschalville, Kingsessing, Clearview and other sections of south-western Philadelphia observed "West Philadelphia Night" at the Nicholson-Heminger evangelistic meetings in Darby last night. The Rev. William P. Nichol-son preached the sermon, and startled his hearers with the statement that "some of you men and women have tried to be Christians for 30 years and have not yet reached true salvation."

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## DUE FERITI A RIMINI

ROMA, 16 Febbralo, Una maggiore intensita' dell'azione di rtigileria sulla fronte dell'Isonzo e' segnalata oggi nel rapporto del generale Cadorna. Le batterie italiane hanno ripreso a bombardare violentemente le posizioni austriache. Ecco il testo del rapporto del generale Cadorna come e' stato pubblicato questa mattina dal Ministero della Guerra:

"Nella zona dell'alto Isonzo e' continuata l'intenza szione di artiglieria. Nei settori dei monte Mrzli e dei monte Vodil ed in quello del Monte Nero, a nord di Tolmino, noi abbiamo distrutto col nostro soco di artiglieria trincee e gallerie sotterrance del nemi-

"Nella zona del Podgora alcuni nostri parti hanno attaccato le posizioni nemiche con granate a mano.
"Sull'altopiano del Carso le nostre bat-terie hanno distrutto una parte delle opere ampali (trinceramento) del nemico, dis-

perdendone le truppe che le occupavano. "Alcuni aeropiani nemici hanno volato sopra Brentonico, in Val d'Adige, e sopra Latizana, sul Tagliamento. I danni cau-sati dalle bombe gettate da questi aero-plani sono stati lievi e le poche vittime in gran parte borghesi. L'attacco degli aero plani nemici au Schio fu arregtato dal l'atrivo di una nostra squadriglia di aviatori. Nelle vicinanze di Gorizia un aviatore nostro attacco' un aeroplano nemico mettendolo in fuga."

ANCHE RIMINI ATTACCATA. Gli aviatori austriaci hanno bombardato dall'alto altre due citta' dell'Alta Italia. Nella giornata di lunedi' bombardarono, come fu annunciato ieri, la cittadina industriale di Schlo, dove si trovano i grandi stabilimenti Rissi per la tessitura della lana e che e' vicina at confl

una quindicina di miglia da Vicenza inquanta da Venezia. All'alba di ieri alcuni aeropiani austrid, partiti evidentemente dalla base di ola, volarono su Rimini e bombardarono dall'alto quella citta' che non ha alcuna opera di fortificazione. Attaccati pero' dai camoni speciali italiani, gli aeropiani nemici volarono subito n di rezione nord-est. Le bombe gettate dagli aeroplani su Rimini fecero pochi e llevi danni e ferirono due persone, borghesi, si intende.

Rimini e' a breve distanza da Forli', sul Mare Adriatico, ed e' una delle piu' elegnanti stazioni balneari italiane, oltre ad avere parecchi magnifici edifizii storici

edicevali. Telegrammi da Ginevra, Svizzera, ono che delle squadriglie di velivoli ono che delle squadriglie di velivoli che sombardarono Ravenna e Milano, una volo' assai vicina al confine svizzero giacche proveniva probalimente da Riva Una di queste macchine tocco quasi i territorio svizzero nelle vicinanze del Passo delle Stelvio.

### Needs a Diagram

Allen Hager, who got his shoulder blade knocked out of place last week one day when he got out of the buggy to unfasten the ling, which had gotten under the end of the shaft, and the horse beoming frightened, was in town Saturlay and reported as getting along fine .-

## Allies Renew Pledge to Liberate Belgium

HAVRE, Feb. 16 .- The Allies today formally renewed to Belgium the solemn pledge that they will never consent to peace until Belgium's political and economical inlependence is completely estab

The message was conveyed with some ceremony by the Ministers of the Allies to the Belgian Govern-ment, established here. The En-tente diplomats went to the For-eign Office in a body to present the joint message from their Govern-

Though Premier Asquith and French Ministers have reiterated at frequent intervals that the lies would consider no peace that failed to guarantee Belgium's restoration, today's formal statement is thought to have been made as a direct answer to recent talk in Germany of a peace between Germany and Belgium.

### JOHN C. GRADY STRICKEN

### Retired Politician Taken to Hospital as Result of Apoplexy

John C. Grady, former State Senator and Director of Wharves, Docks and Ferries in the Reyburn Administration, was stricken with apoplexy while reading a newspaper last Sunday and has since been in the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, where his condition is considered serious. He is 68 years old. His home is at 1810 Chestnut

For many years Senator Grady was striking figure in Pennsylvania politics In 1876 he was elected to the State Senate serving in that body for 23 years, one of the longest periods of service on record. For 12 years he was chairman of the Judiciary General Committee, and for 14 years he was chairman of the Finance Committee. His senatorial career was ended in 1984. Mr. Grady is a native of Eastport, Me. He came to this city in the early 60s. He was educated in the Central High School and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Brick Throws Driver From Wagon A pleasant day dream which Bruce Thorton experienced while sleeping on the seat of his wagon was rudely interupted by an ice-covered brick. It jarred he wagon, threw it out of its course and the wagon, thew to all of the street. When he awoke he found himself sitting on the asphalt and the wagon was still going. Even the horse didn't stop to sympathize. After stopping the wagon a policeman bundled Thorton into the vehicle and drove to the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital. There it was found that his left leg was fractured. Thorton lives at 55th and Ludlow streets.

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## 4000 ATTEND JERSEY JITNEY BILL HEARING

Assemblymen Representing Street Railway Company Boldly Defend Client

TRENTON, Feb. 16 .- The House Municipal Corporations Committee today held a hearing on the Kates Jitney bill, which is being fought by nearly 4000 drivers and owners of litneys in the State. While the galleries were filled with persons interested in the matter, Assemblyman West, of Gloucester, chairman of the committee, said there was no desire to have the bill rushed through the House, Assemblyman Kates, of Camden, father of the measure, said he did not care whether or not it affected the Public Bervice Street Rallway. Ite is the introducer of the measure. The hearing was the result of the coming of 1500 jitney men to the State House two weeks ago and de-manding the recommitting of the bill and the allowing of a hearing on it. uprising caused the return of the measure to committee last Monday night.

to committee last Monday night.

The Jitney men were represented by speakers in the persons of George T. Cassidy, of Jersey City, president of the New Jersey Jitney Association; Charles P. Gillen, Commissioner of Public Works of Newark; Assemblymen Kulke, of Hudson, and Dadley, of Passale; Paul J. O'Neil, president of the Atlantic City Jitney Men's Association; Lee Washington, a lawyer, of Atlantic City, and Dr. Underwood Corcorna, also City, and Dr. Underwood Corcoran, also of that resort.

Ex-Senator Edmund W. Wakelee, of Bergen County, was the main exponent of the virtues of the measure. He is counsel for the Public Service Railway Company. There were other representa-tives of the same traction corporation who favored the bill on the ground that jitneys were taking away their



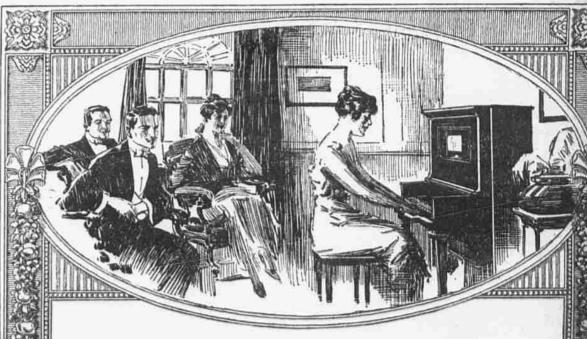
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