

JERSEY CITY RATE PLEA HIT AT PORT

Granting of New Schedule Would Be Vital Blow to Philadelphia

BEFORE FEDERAL BOARD

Freight Rate Case Puts Port Here at Disadvantage

1. Northern New Jersey cities ask for a rate three cents less than New York city. Hearing of application tomorrow by Interstate Commerce Commission in New

2. Philadelphia merchants and commercial bodies assert that granting of demand would be vital blow to commerce and port of Philadelphia. They say that it would give New Jersey ports equal freight rates with Philadelphia, which is a shorter haul from southern and western points.

Chamber of Commerce files a protest against application.

New York associations pro-4. test against application on grounds that it would "split" the port of New York and impair usefulness.

Baltimore Chamber of Com-5. Baltimore Chamber of Com-merce to enter complaint on same basis as Philadelphia.

Philadelphia merchants and commercia bodies declared today that an application for a readjustment of freight rates de manded by Jersey City and other New Jersey municipalities, which will be heard tomorrow in New York by the Interstate Commerce Commission, if successful, would prove a vital blow to the commerce and port of Philadelphia. An intervising pe-tition has been presented by the Chamber

The New Jersey complaint is based on the present rates because they draw no distinction between the Jersey cities and New York city. The appeal asks for a rate of three cents per hundred pounds less than New York. This amount is approximately the difference in the schedule enjoyed by Philadelphia over New York and was fixed by reason of a shorter hauling distance from southern and western points.

It is interpreted that the application would allow the New Jersey ports a decided advantage over the port of Philadelphia as well as over New York, and it is predicted by members of the Chamber of Commerce who have been actively engaged

Commerce who have been actively engage in "boosting" the port of Philadelphia that not only its shipping but local resity values along the entire water front would be considerably depreciated.

N. B. Kelly, general secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, will attend the hearing tomorrow to enter protest against the movement and explain the danger that would result to Philadelphia by favoring the appeal. Similar complaints will be entered by all the prominent business associations in New York and the Baltimore Chamber of Commerce. The latter city, it is said, would suffer on almost the same lines as Philadelphia. lines as Phündelphia.

lines as Philadelphia.

"If the appeal is favored it will vitally effect the commercial interests and port of Philadelphia, and it will be necessary to have a corresponding difference in rates between the New Jersey cities mentioned in the appeal and Philadelphia, said Mr Kelly. "The chamber is a commercial organization for the purpose of festering and promoting the commerce of the city and port of Philadelphia. The movement is of serious interest to Philadelphia."

The effect of granting the New Jersey

The effect of granting the New Jersey appeal, it is explained, would virtually "crush" the movement for the "greater port of Philadelphia," which is being urged by the merchants, exporters, manufacturers, commercial associations and the City of Philadelphia.

New York interests urge that the move-ment would divide New York harbor in two parts and thus impair its usefulness, while the New Jersey element allege unjust

The Baltimore and Ohio Baifroad, repre-senting the associated trulk lines, has been named as defendants in the case.

Pape Will Decline

to Move for Peace

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ef increasing our territory or power, or anything of the kind."

Premier Lloyd George Loomed up as the dominating figure at the great war council which has just been held in Rome, says the Daily Telegraph today. The Telegraph prints the following telegram from its Bome correspondent:

Rome correspondent:

Lloyd George is spoken of by everybody as the leading figure in the Allied conference. The newspapers publish long and flattering articles about him, and without disparaging the others, it is safe to say he is the most admired among the visitors. All the papers are agreed in saying that it is to his initiative that the holding of the Rome conference is due.

It is understood that the discussion touched three main topics;

First. The military situation, particularly in the Balkans.
Second. The economic and financial situation.

Third, The peace issues. The conference was divided into two

One dealing with military matters purely and the other with the political, economic and financial situations.

6575 Families Charity Wards in N. Y. NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—The annual report of the Chartry Organization Society automotion that during the year suited Paparamber 20, 2018 from 1879 to 1871 families, any five are shap, to the beautiful and paparament of the control of the

ROTAN DIGS DEEP IN COLBERT CASE

Mayor's Demands for Inquiry Into Murder Followed by Great Activity

MANY LOOK FOR KAIER

Mahanoy City Brewer Among First Witnesses to Respond to Summons

Scores of witnesses were examined by District Attorney Retan today in a deter-mined effort to solve the mystery of the murder of Masie Colbert

Clowdy following Mayor Smith's order for an investigation "to the limit," City Hall bursed with activity, and investigat-ing officials undoubtedly had their busined day since the girl's body was discovered ten

District Attorney Remn took full charge f the investment today. One of his first cts was to summer into consultation at I o'clock sil those who in any way have een commeted with or mentioned in the age. The witnesses were questioned separately in the Instrict Attorney's office, on he sixth floor of City Hall by Mr. Hotan and his first assistant, Joseph P. Tauline.

COTEMPORS JAMSED

The withcroses crowded the antercoms and the corridors literally were lamined.

Among those questioned were Charles Kaler, known as "Champagne Charles, a brewer of Mahaney City: Magistrate Harry J. Indier. (*Emery Tilman, well-known Philadelphia chabman; John and Bessic Collect, brother and elster of the slain girl: Marle Collins, betterives Totten and Färby, who were nebut to arrest Bernard W. Lowfe, in Arlantic City, when he committed quoide, Richard Berjamin, bestre amiter of the Wilton Apartmenta, and his wife; captain Tare, Police Leutemant Andrew Hamilton and all the detectives of the "murder squad".

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No information was given out as to what revelations were made by the witnesses, it was intracted however, that important ight had been thrown on several chies, storographic reports were taken of all the

Bessie Colbert, sister of the sinin model as the first to arrive. She was dressed deep mourning, and had no statement to on here mourning, and had no statement to make; she was accompanied by her brother. Spectators crowded about waiting to catch a glimpse of Charles Kaler, the brower. He arrived sharrly after 11 o'clock.

HARRY THAW RECOGNIZED

Harry K. Thaw, of Pittsburgh, passed tear the District Attorney's office, after appearing as a witness in a civil case before Judge Giller. He was soon recognized and was followed by a crowd. He told owspaper men that he did not know Lewis, at that the Lewis family was well known in fittoburgh.

ut that the Lewis family was well known in 'litchurgh.

When asked if he knew anything about he case. Thaw said, "I only know what I give read in the newspipers."

Attorney General Prancia Shonk Brown aftered the District Attorney's office during he questioning of the witnesses. His ap-earance also created a stir. Upon leaving a was asked if he represented one of the otherwise.

NEW PHASES OF CASE

First. The key ring discovered in the spartment was found to have a numbered key and ring, evidently to a safe-deposit vault. Several detectives said they did not believe Lewis would have such a key. tances financially. The number was

has named another man as a suspect. She told detectives of threats made by one of Maxio's rich admirers "to get back that diamond ring even if I have to choke the life out of her." Third John Colbert, brother of the mur-

dered model declared detectives see an easy way to close the case by accusing Lewis and appealed to Mayor Smith for further

Pourth Mayor Smith announced that Justice must be done in the Colbert case, no matter who might be involved.

MORE LETTERS DISCOVERED Fifth More letters have been found. They were written by Lewis to his wife and lawyer in Pittsburgh two weeks before the nurder. They show that he contemplated

suicide.

Sixti. The Kyle girls declare that Levis's hands showed no marks when he dired and danced with them in a downtown hotel after the murder.

Reventh. The police are searching for a woman who is said to have seen Manio Colbert alive the time Lewis is known to have registered at the Hotel Adelphia, following

registered at the Hotel Adelphia, following which all his movements are accounted for Eighth. Several detectives have admitted that if this woman can prove her statement Lewis will be cleared of the murder. Ninth Hisod tests will be made today in an effort to determine if the blood found on the suicide's clothing was that of the alain model.

An important new witness who is being sought by the police is Edith Wood, a demestic, who is said to have told several acquaintances that she saw Maste Colbert alive on Friday evening. December 29, the day the model was killed. She told friends that she saw the Colbert girl look out of her apartment window and pull down a shade.

Detectives have been given explicit orders. o find the demostic. If her statements are corroboroused, detectives said. Lewis would be cleared of the murder, as his actions since Friday afternoon have been accounted for. The model is believed to have been killed chriy Friday morning.

LEWIS FAMILY CONFERS A conference of members of the family of Bernard W Lewis, the suicide, accused of complicity in the murder of Mazie Colbert, and Atterney Robert J. Dodd, will be held at the Lewis home in Pittsburgh late today to determine whether a representative of the family will go to Philadelphia immediately to assist the parents of the murderest suit in conducting an investigation. he murdered girl in conducting an investi

phia immediately to assist the parents of the murdered girl in conducting an investigation.

It was announced by the members of the family this mornly, that by no stretch of imagination could the abrasions which appeared on the fingers of young Lewis be called teeth marks.

Immediate relatives of young Lewis make no servet of the fact that they expect to prove that there was another man in the Colbert girl's apartment on the night also was murdered. This fact they state has afready been established.

Convinced that the man who visited Attorney Fox in Norristown on Sunday svening following the mirder of Maxic Colbert was Bernard Lewis, detectives are now following the trail be took to Reading in the hope of luming up a cine to the missing diament ring which disappeared from the Colbert susytment after the orine.

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Gray Justifies Act as Patriotic

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est degree, the effect of the enlended and
impressive meeting in the Academy of
Music in Philadelphia yesterlay afternoon, called to give voice to the abborrence and after the protest of American
efficient against the deportations of the male
civil population of Belgium, to work in
slavery in Herman workshops and fields."
he said "I sympathized deeply with the
purpose of this meeting, and had willingly
responded to the invitation to participate
I could not however, do so when the keynote of the principal speaker of the avening
was a partism attack upon the President
of the United States. I have always conserved it to be a participate duty of good elitzenship. In times of stress and crisis in
our international relations, aimost as exigent as in time of war, to present a united
front to the world.

STAND BY THE DRESHIENT

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"Although I have been a Democrat of many years standing and have served in the United States Secute as a Democrat, I would have refused for speak just the Same If a Republican President was being attacked," continued Judic Gray, "I do not agree with all of President Wisson's policies, but I do believe that indees he had been found guilty of some severe dereliction of duty he should not be attacked." I am firmly convinced that President Wilson has been confirmed that are great remeasibilities than any Tresident since Lincoln. He has held a meady hand at the bein, and should have the support of and should have the support of

I heads, the being and should have a united ground william Howard Taft empty. Provident William Howard Taft empty, by beginning of the war the beginning of the war.

American people by particular attories mainthe President of the United States. Such
partisan attacks as expressed by Mr. Beck
make our neutrality a loke and play into
the hands of the German Government.
Such attacks reveal to the German Govsenment that we are a divided people.
They give the temperation that we are not
bothed our President.

"I went to that meeting repeared to hear
the German Kaiser consisted for the inhuman deportation of the Belgians. My
position was that if we here in America are
to save our souls we must not remain elienupon this great, issue affecting lumanity.
We must crystallize all of our public sentment against the enslaving of a free people
but I beard our President attacked as well
well as the German Emperor. Under the
effective states of that I could not speak.
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efrequentarizes I felt that I could not speak. I agreed with nearly everything else that was said, but my patriotism would not nertain me to join verbally in that meeting after what Mr. Deck said.

"The election is over and if we are johave a united people in this country we must stand solidly back of the President and give him every angle of our moral support."

CADAWALADERS CRITICISM

John Cadwalader, chairman of the meet-g, today intimated that it was partisan-ap that prevented Judge Gray from speak-

the questioning of the witnesses His appearance also created a stir. Upon leaving he was asked if he represented one of the witnesses.

"No." he said as he shook his head. "I know nothing of the case. I merely went in to see my heather. Finlay Brown, who is connected with Mr. Rotan's office."

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The meeting was the most nonpartison I have ever attended in Philadolphia, and I have attended many in my time, 'continued Mr. a' advandader. The invitations of several days, and that she might throw additional light on several important clues. It became known today that a man's reduced her needitie was found in the murchined her needitie was found in the murchined her according to the control of the washing and every effort will be made, detectives and every effort will be made, detectives. had located her and located he

test effective."

Miss Agnes Repplier, who spoke at the meeting yesterday, said this morning the speech of Mr. Book was, in her opinion, not at all partisan. "No doubt be was intensely enflusinstic about his saidject and he certainly presented it most equipment."

manner "A million graphies were there and they all tabled," raid Jacob Sinner, who lives near the malour camp on Poplay strest. First thing I know two men came sprinting out of the place and following them men, women to certainly presented it most equipment.

sen to rise, as if to leave the Academy of the Reck's speech was received with prompted appliance. He expressed the opinion that all the evils which had befallen fletsiguing could have been prevented in the United States, and prevented by one manipred called in the resident Wilson. He suggested that one final note, requiring one single piece of paper, one pen and the value of one-thoughing one pen and the value of one-thoughing one pen and the value of one-thoughing the design of a penny of link could be dispatched.





OFFENDER AND OFFENDED

Above is James M. Beck, former Assistant United States Attorney General, whose denunciation of President Wilson's attitude toward the Germans at the protest meet-ing against Belgian deportation in the Academy of Music yesterday so offended former Judge George Gray, of Delaware (below), that the jurist refused to address the meeting. Judge Gray declared "I cannot be a party to this."

portations stopped and that unless assur-ance was received that they had thus been stopped Count on Bernstoff should be given his passisate.

Told by Gypsy

tensely enthusins the about his subject and the certainly presented it most eloquently. I thing Judge Gray is a very strong Democrat," said Mrs. Reppler.

JUDGE GRAY LEAVES MEETING

As Mr. Beck, at the close of his address, returned to his chair beside Judge Gray, the former Federal jurist did not notice him. During Mr. Beck's speech Judge Gray was seen to rise, as if to leave the Academy.

Mr. Beck's apeech was received with prolonged applause. He expressed the opinion. me with outle a bit of blood on her hand.

"The truth of the trial is this," said Attorney Salus, "the father and mother of the mid not Henry John on from Chicago thinking that he was worth amach money. After John had seen ally wife he became enumerical of her anew and despite her parents objection he fixed up an another trial. When this didn't me right for them the process collection to fixed up an another trial.

GREECE AWAITS BERLIN LA RIUNIONE DI ROMA ORDERS, DIOMEDE SAYS

Hint From Germany May Mean Attack on Allies, Venizelist Asserts

PARIS, Jan. 8.

visional Greek Government.

The Greek General Staff, added M. Diomede, was from the outset of the war constantly directed by Major von Falkenhausen, military attache of the terman Lagation and a sealing of the terman Lagation and a sealing the royal army has been carrying out since he himself was expelled from the country. It was he who established the plan for the distribution of printlers multiples.

The assured communications between Athens and Berlin and Turnobed the Germing Clencral Staff with information concerning the movements of General Sarrall's army, supplied to sim by the Greek staff, it was he who organized the telephone line between Athens and Terat, by which the King is still in dolly communication with the German Government. It was he who organized the plan for the mobilization of the reservoir.

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"No more than 4000 troops thus far have been sent to Peloponnesis, while the King-hus now in hard 45,000 ness. With the re-servists, he can raise an army of 75,000,"

LEHIGH COUNTY HOSPITAL ASKS AMENDED CHARTER

St. Luke's Files Petition Making Institution Nonsectarian Instead of Protestant Episcopal.

ALLENTOWN, Jan 5 - Amendments to the charter of St. Lanc's Hospital, located at South Bethlehem, but in Lethith County, which were filed in Fourt here today by Altonney Francis II. Lewis, charge it from

Althoney Francis G. Lewis, charge II from an Episcomi to a monscription mathration. St. Lake's was built by one Procker in monocitim with the leibigh visitely Halleand and Leibigh University. The shief charge girleken out is that the Loiscopalian Bishop of Delibebian shall always be president of the board of trustees and that a majority of the members of the board shall be Episcopalians.

New non-Episcopal trustees named in the amendment are Volonel Harry C. Trexter, Harrison R. Felir and John W. Eckert, of Allentown.

CITY BUSINESS CLUB TO DINE Annual Meeting Will Present Gift to

Energetic President

The annual meeting and dinner of the City Business Club will be held tought at the Adelphia Hetel.

Efforts have been made by the committee in charge to make the dinner meanwable, and to this end Judge Raymond MacNelle, of the Municipal Court, has premised to speak. Charles II. Grakelow, president of the club, retires tought and in recognition of his services in building up the club members have signified their intention of presenting him with a suitable gift.

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DA' GRANDI RISULTATI

Questo Afferma il Giornale d'Italia in Un Comunicato Che E' Considerato Ufficioso

ROMA, 8 Gennals.

The Greek royal army is only awaiting orders from Germany to attack the Allies."
Faild M. Diomede, former Greek Minister of Finance, to the Teupe. M. Diomede is now in Paris on a special mission for now in Paris on a special mission for Elemberica Venizion, head of the provisional Greek Government.

Nulla di positivo e di ufficiale si sa interna alla conferenza degli alleati dell'Interna ha luoto a Roma, e certamente arrebbe puerite attendere che un cumunicato ufficiale venua a dire quello che i ministri dell'Interna hampe discusso e docisso. Non-Nulla di positivo e di ufficiale si sa ludimeno il Giornia d'Dalla organo del ministro degii Esteri, on Sonnino, publi blicava jeri la seguente nota che puo' essere

> considerara come officiosa: considerata come officiosa:
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> "La terza seduta della conferenza dei ministri dell'intera o' stata ismuta questa mattina sotto in presidenza del presidente del Consiglio italiane, on. Begelli. Nella giornata di ieri, sabato, le delegazioni politiche e militari degli alleati si riunirono prima in assomblea generale e quindi tentero acdute separate. Degl questo ordine e' state invertito, le delegazioni si sono riunite prima separatamente e quindi in assemblea generale, verso mezzogiorno.
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"Possiamo affermare che i rimitati di queste sedute mon gia" atati della massima importanza e favorevollasimi, cio che si vulta" quando le decisioni prese nella con-ferenza saranno messe in esecuzione.

"La confermita non ha messo alcun limite li tempo alle discussioni, me casa siedera" duo a che il programma din' tracciato sara' completamente caurito e tutte le quistioni saranno risolie sodiefacentemente."

Quali siano i teni portati in discussioni rella conferenza di Roma nessuno pino ra sere con certezza, ma sembra certo che i ema principale e quello di organizzare fe orre alleate per una più victorea prose-uzione della stierra. I'n tema di grande importanza certamente e' quello della situ-gione inilitare degli allosti nella Ponisola. natone militare degli alleati nella l'enisola Racanica, shuazione creata darii avveni-menti di Rumania e dalla crisi greca. La atuopa staliana gio da parecchio tempo avven messo in rillevo la necosattà di una più stretta e maggiore cooperazione degli affeati in rutti i beatri della rugra, e sem-bra che questo appanto sia il tema princi-pale delle discundani di Roma

Un rapporto dei generale Cadorna circa la situazione militare sila fronte di bat-

taglia italu-austriaca, pubblicato ieri sea dai Ministero della Guerra, dice;

al Ministero della Guerra, dice;
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mu abbianno potuto avanzare per circa
con metri nolle vicinanze della Quota
20%. Abbianno indice rettificato na
punto della nostra fronte sui Carso. BISSOLATI DECORATO

L'on Leonida Busolati - Bergamas ministro senza poniziogli nel gabin Boselli e leader del partiro socialista formicza, e stato decorato della meda al valore militare. La concessione d edaglia e' circostanziata nella man

eguente:

"Quando l'offensiva austriaca incomices nel Trentino il sianor Biscilati era in musicone speciale preseo il generale Pensalia forge italiane erano seriamente misseciate, ed il comandante italiano, che esi in prima linea, grido ai ufficiali. He ussola cosa da domandarvi, prendere in fucile e morire coi nostri soldati per l'oma d'Italia.

d'Italia.

"Il signor Bissolati, che era presente, e voise al comandante e gli disse. Generale domando di aver l'onore di combattera fianco del nostri valorosi sulfati. E infan DISSIDII AUSTRO-TEDESCHI

Un dispaccio da Berna al jondinese Dany Sewa dice:

"Se le notisie che giungono qui so accurate, l'Austriu-Ungheria e alla vigi del collanzo. Non si coren più di mate dere le divergenze che somo sorte tra i d dere le divergenze che some sorte tra l'd imperatori teutonici, e si dice che il ca Gonzchowski, ex ministro degli esteri de Impice Monarchia, abbia detto che dissidio tra Guglielmo e Carlo e' anda troppo avanti per essere accommodate.

"L'Austria na obbligato la Cermania a deconciarsi all'idea di eNvive la paca, pra che l'offeria e' stata respinta si da che avvenimenti di carattere assati più se sazionale petranno verificarsi nelle prossisettinane. In alcuni circoli berneti tiene che la liberta' accordinta ai sion nel tenu della face indica che il goven austriare y vuole avere la scina de dalla lotta."

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