

Shall America's prosperity continue? Thomas W. Lamont, of J. P. Morgan & Co., believes that it will, if we act wisely, and tells how we can safeguard it, in this week's

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COMMISSION MEN HERE FOR BIG BUSY MEETING

National League of Merchants Will Hold 25th Annual Session This Week

VARIED ENTERTAINMENT

Facts About National Commission League

Time—January 9 to 12. Place—Headquarters, Bellevue-Stratford. Attendance—Commission merchants of the United States and their wives.

All cities giving way to Chicago for 1918 meeting, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the organization in that city. Standardization of weights and measures, legislative and transportation problems will be discussed.

Philadelphia branch of the National League of Commission Merchants of the United States hosts.

More than 1000 persons from forty-five cities are arriving today to attend the twenty-fifth annual session of the National League of Commission Merchants of the United States.

The key to the city is not a myth in this case. It is a four-foot key covered with gold leaf and bearing the seal of the National League and a big bow of blue and gold.

The opening meeting tonight is a "get-together" event for the delegates, their wives and daughters and the Philadelphia hosts.

Formal opening of the convention takes place tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock, with President A. D. Hitz, Indianapolis, presiding. The Rev. G. Hickley Burns, district superintendent of the west district of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, will make the invocation.

NELSON MYSTERY DEEPENS

Tunkhannock's Convicted Slayer Now Believed to Be New York Man

TUNKHANNOCK, Pa., Jan. 9.—John Nelson, Tunkhannock's man of mystery, convicted of the murder of L. M. Sickler at Mill City, Pa., and who refused to divulge any facts concerning his life, is believed to be a New York man of another name.

Word has been received from Syracuse from a woman well known there, that Nelson is none other than a New York man whom she knows. This woman believes the skin the man she suspects as Nelson gradually grew darker until he resembled a negro. He has relatives now living in New York city.



THERE is real comfort in being assured by the physician in whom you have every confidence that the inner man is all right.

The same thing applies to a master tailor's approval of the "outer man." We feel it no small honor that so many Philadelphians of prominence for so many years have considered Hughes & Muller the leading authority on matters of men's dress.

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LAWMAKERS BEGIN WORK AT TRENTON

Republicans Have Joint Majority of 36 in Two Houses

NEW SENATORS SWORN IN

State Chairman Bugbee Is Slated for Comptrollership to Succeed Edward I. Edwards

TRENTON, Jan. 9.—The 141st session of the New Jersey Legislature convened at the State House today. The Legislature, in both of its branches, is Republican this year, the same as in 1916, while the Governor is also of that party.

The Senate organized with fourteen Republicans and six Democrats. The former would have had fifteen members if it were not for the death of Senator William W. Small of Somerset. The last election gave the Republicans a gain of two members in the Senate.

GAIN AMONG HOUSE MEMBERS

The House for the present session has forty-four Republicans and sixteen Democrats, which is a gain for the former party of eight over that of 1916.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES READ

The remaining details of the Assembly's organization were then quickly completed. A committee was sent to notify Governor Bowden that the House was ready to act.

FIELDER'S MESSAGE ASKS CUT IN APPROPRIATIONS

TRENTON, Jan. 9.—Governor Fielder today transmitted the first budget message to the Legislature making recommendations for the State budget under the law passed last winter.

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Solid 14-kt. gold, plain open-face case, thin model, high grade American movement.

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months be allowed; but in order to do this, points out, the State's fiscal year must close a month earlier, or instead of closing October 31 as at present, it should close September 30.

The message shows the amounts appropriated or expended by each board in relation to the department for the year 1916-17, the amounts appropriated to them for 1917-18, the appropriations they request for the year 1917-18 and the amounts recommended by the Governor.

The sum of \$106,233.23 is recommended as the appropriation for the incoming Legislature, divided as follows: Members' salaries, \$40,823.22; employed compensation, \$48,450; legislative manuals, \$2000; minutes, incidental and contingent expenses, \$13,000; supplies, \$1000; other recommendations, including for maintaining, heating and lighting Patterson regimental armory, \$4500; for battalion armories at Newark, East Orange, Camden, Elizabeth, Red Bank, and Orange, total \$23,000; for field hospital and ambulance company at Elizabeth and Red Bank, \$1140; for furnishing and equipping the armory of Company K, Second Infantry, at Plainfield, \$2000; for district ambulance guard apparatus, \$225.387; which includes pay, maintenance and other expenses.

The budget act is intended to replace the usual annual supplemental and incidental appropriations bills, passed at each session, but it is believed an effort will be made to take a supplemental bill to take care of appropriations omitted in the budget.

JERSEY ELECTORAL VOTE FIRST TO BE RECORDED

Harry B. Salter Arrives at Washington at 1 o'clock in the Morning

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Harry B. Salter of Trenton, N. J., was the first messenger to carry to Washington the electoral vote of his state. He arrived here last night and called upon Marie Thibault, secretary to Vice President Marshall, at 1 o'clock this morning.

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Cuba Withdraws North Carolina Claim

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Cuba's suit in the Supreme Court against North Carolina to collect \$2,186,000 on State bonds issued during the reconstruction period and repudiated as fraudulent has been withdrawn.

BRIAND PARLA DELLA CONFERENZA DI ROMA

Afferma Che il Convegno Ha Dissipato Tutte le Nubi Che Altri Avevano Fatto Sorgere

L'ACCORDO E' COMPLETO

Il Cappellano del Papa Implicato nel Complotto per Far Saltare la Leonardo da Vinci

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Fierce Battle Rages Along Drina Front

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ALLIES DEMAND GREECE YIELD IN 48 HOURS

LONDON, Jan. 9.—The Greek situation approached another crisis today. The Times today declared the Allies' conference in Rome formulated and dispatched another note to Greece—this time equivalent to an ultimatum, demanding compliance with all previous requests as to disarmament and neutrality within forty-eight hours.

Dispatches from Athens indicated that King Constantine is once again playing for time, having returned another answer to the original Allied demand, which was said to be an "evasive" reply. In it the King was reported to have listed the difficulties in the way of immediate compliance with the Entente's demands.

Other dispatches from Greece today indicated serious food shortage due to continuation of the Allies' strict blockade of Greece. King Constantine personally set the example to his people by applying for and receiving a bread card. A number of small riots, due to food shortage as well as demonstrations against the Entente by Greek reservists, were reported from Piræus, the port of Athens.

Armed women are being put into the field by the Greek Government to act as guards, says a press dispatch from Athens today. These women are supplying the Greek villages that have been withdrawn from the Allies' demand of the Allies. They are being used to watch railroads and bridges.

Following a brisk bombardment, the Germans tried to raid French trenches in the sector of Ribcourt last night, but were repulsed, the French War Office announced today. Ribcourt is north of the Oise River. Elsewhere the night was calm.

Clearer weather has resulted in livelier artillery firing on both sides at many points on the western front, the German War Office announced today.

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And it is to those who take thought that I wish to speak, glad of the opportunity to present these points to their well-poised judgment.

It is not that the facts are today any different than they ever were. But their consideration now has an especial timeliness.

Statistics, particularly of the past two years, have shown something that many have not been prompt to comprehend—the basic good faith of Armour and Company to consumers.

To fully realize all that this implies, you must understand the economic conditions on which this business is based.

The preparation of foods for human consumption is the oldest business on earth.

It goes back to the very foundation of history. As a consequence, although people do not always appreciate it, this is the most competitive of ALL industries.

Our function is to collect, prepare, transport and distribute foods more capably and at less expense than the ever-present competitor can do it.

The work of preparing food stuffs is a business of natural competition. It always has been. It always will be.

This competition forces two things—operation at the lowest profit, and the giving of the utmost in service. For, if profits were excessive, concerns able to operate at lower cost would quickly capture trade. And if service were inadequate, those with better service would win.

Thus, the amount of production in a field so highly competitive, must be very significant.

When you find a business in staples attaining size, you may be sure that in some broad, economic way, it makes for increased efficiency and gives a fundamental service to consumers. In no other way could it continue to exist.

(Signed) J. Ogden Armour