#### ILLNESS HERE LAID TO DUSTY STREETS

Dr. Howard S. Anders Declares Cleaning System Intolerable

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#### Results of Dusty Streets as Seen by an Expert

DUST of city streets called "pulverised poison" by Dr. Howard

Archaic street cleaning system re-

ponsible for condition.
Micro-organisms by thousands, clinging to dust particles, cause all forms of diseases.

forms of diseases.

Tuberculosis, infantile paralysis, pneumonia, grip, erysipelas and rheumatism traceable to inhalation of germ-ridden dust.

Says Street Cleaning Department should be divorced from Highway Bureau and placed in charge of efficient sanitary engineer.

The prevalence of pneumonia and grip in Philadelphia is due to the insanitary condition of the streets, which, through an archaic contract system, is constantly such as to constitute a serious menace to public health, according to Dr. Heward S. Anders, physician, author and authority on disasses of the pulmonary organs.

"It is common knowledge among medical men that dust or dirt in any form is the breeding ground of germs, and once these particles of dust or dirt, with hundreds of thousands of micro-organisms clinging to each particle, get into the nose, throat or lings, they are bound to cause a disorder of some kind," said Doctor Anders.

"The streets of Philadelphia in their present condition are germ-ridden. I can, use no other word better suited for the purpose.

"To compare the thoroughfares of this effy with those of Berlin, Paris or even some cities in the United States, from a sanitary standpoint, would be like comparing a dirty kitchen with palatial cuisine like that of the Ritz-Cariton or other strictly modern hostelries.

WHERE DUST GOES WHERE DUST GOES

Take Broad street between Chestnut and Walnut streets. There is probably three hundred pounds of dust lying on the street and sidewalks within that block. At least twenty-five per cent of this dust is blown into the air with each strong gust of wind. Ten per cent of this amount, every particle of which contains hundreds of thousands of germs, is inhaled by the passersby. Now if this condition exists, as it does throughout the city, how can you expect to have a healthy community?

eut the city, how can you expect to have a healthy community?
"But the source of infection does not end here by any means," emphasized Doctor Anders. "At least ten per cent more of this blown dust settles on the clothing of pedestrians, and is carried into homes and effices. The heat of such buildings acts as an incubator, so to speak, and the number of germs naturally increases.

"The bacteria as contained in the dust particles belong, for the most part, to the vegetable kingdom and constitute the lowest orders of fungi. They are divided into two families, one of staphylococci, or ordinary germs; the other the streptoseci, or malignant form of gerius."

Doctor Anders said that while the former family of germs was not considered as being as infectious as the streptococci, they were, realthy community

family of germs was not conserved as sinfectious as the streptococci, they were as infectious as the streptococci, they were nevertheless, feared because of the fact that disorders originating from infection caused by them might soon reach the proportion of those caused by the latter.

DISEASES LAID TO DUST Tuberculosis, diseases of the heart, dip "Tuberculosis, diseases of the heart, dip-theria, erysipelas, paralysis, pneumonia, grip, certain forms of scarlet fever, tonsi-litis, laryngitis, rheumatism, carbuncles, bells and even infantile paralysis, are forms of malignant disorders which are traced directly to the inhalation of dust," said Dector Anders. The ordinary germs, or staphylococci, are also pus-producing germs,

as the other because a person whose vitality may be lowered for every so short a time. a fertile field for the operations of

n of the medical world that even tuber-

culests rould be caused by dust, while infantic paralysis could be classed in the same terms."

As an illustration, Poctor Anders pointed the fact that particles of dust settling a man's collars could be rabbed into the pores of his neck, and the staphylocosci or streptecosci, whichever they night be implant themselves and immediately beging pur-producing element which invariably develops into a boil or carpiancle.

develops into a boil or carbinele.

Doctor Anders called attention to the fact Doctor Anders called attention to the fact that the dust, which he before to as "pul-verized poison," could be climinated easily if the present contract system were abou-labed, and a street cleaning department based on scientific, sanitary methods in-

"The Department of Street Cleaning has no more right to be under the control of the Bureau of Highways than it has to be controlled by the Board of Education.

controlled by the Board of Education.

"It should be a separate department under the city government, or at least under the supervision of the Board of Health. It should be directed by a sanitary engineer. The Bureau of Highways has snough to do looking after the repairs to the streets. Yet the cleanliness of the theroughfares is just about 100 times more important than their repair.

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important than their repair.

"The present system may easily lead to corruption. People admit the streets are dirty, but shrug their shoulders and may they cannot help it. But they were never more mistaken in their lives. They can help it. I have been asked not to 'knock'. Philadelphia because it hurts business, yet I am sure we could bring more laisiness here by keening our streets adopted. here by keeping our atrects absolutely clean.

clean.

"If the public would only realize what an important part they could play in remadying the conditions I am sure they would act I will admit that the rules governing the cleaning of strests for the year 1917 are much better than last year. Fines are provided for various violations of the department's rules, which were not mentioned in last year's specifications. And here is where the public are given an opportunity to co-operate.

"For instance, specification No. 26 pro-

Portunity to co-operate

"For instance, specification No. 96 provides a fine of \$1 where any of the sweeping machines throws dust upon the sidewall; \$1 for each block.

"Specification No. 97 provides that neglect to remove dirt within fifteen minutes after pile is made by street cleaners will cause a fine of \$1 for each block in tach case.

"Specification No. 53 provides that the Highway Bureau has jurisdiction from house line, and therefore contractors should be made to remove papers and other refuse from sidewalks.

"Specification No. 93 provides that the

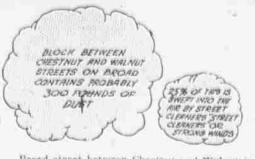
"Specification No. 25 provides that the failure to operate a sprinkler wagon within one block of the sweeper or for the failure of disaming gang to follow machine brooms within two squares is subject to a fine of \$i\$ in each case.

"If the public would only come to realize that they can materially assist in keeping the community clean of disease by insping the streets clean of dust, conditions would change very quickly."

Whenever a person witnesses a violation of any of the above rules of the Highway Bursau he or she should report the same immediately. This, at least would have a landency to make the contractors more sareful in their work.

We will have to abide by the contract of its long as it has been made a State stole, but conditions at present are in-

DUST A GROWING MENACE \*



Broad street between Chestnut and Walnut is estimated to contain 300

# Dealers' Pact on Coal

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Washington avenue, exhibited one of the cards to a representative of the Evening

LEDGER:
"It was brought into my office." he suid.
"by a messanger from the Coal Exchange.
I was given to understand that the prices on the card were gotten up by the "price educational committee" of the Unit Exchange, of which J. Ernent Richards, president of the Newton Coal Company, is chairman. I brought up my prices to meet those

REGAL TANGLE GROWS

In the office of Frederick Gettz, coal dealer, at 1321 Washington avenue, one of the cards was tacked on the east wall just in front of a counter, where coal orders are

Asked where he obtained the card, Mr. Gettz said: "It was left in my office last rapidly coming to a crose, but no move has fall by Mr. Cohn, of the Victor Coal Com-

change."
"Are you a member of the exchange."
"No I am not, but I get about as many benefits as if I were. For instance, that eard told me what the standard price for roal was going to be in Philadelphia and as soon as I received the card. I raised my prices to meet the prices quoted on the

"So the prices quoted on the card are

One of the price cards was in a prominen position on the south wall of the coal office of Baldi Brothers, 1220 Washington avenue. Asked if the figures on the card course-sented the present prices of coal of Baldi Brothers, V. A. Baldi replied, "Yes those are

"Where did you get that card?"
"Where did you get that card?"
"From the Coal Exchange,"
"Did you go to the Coal Exchange after
or was it brought to your office?"
"It was brought to my office."
"By whom?"
"The Mr. Frank Mathers of the Mathers

"By Mr. Frank Mathers, of the Mathers Coal Company. Washington avenue and Fenth street. He is a member of the Coal Frank Mathers was out when an Evening LEDGER representative called at the office of the Mathers Coal Company, but his brother, J. W. Mathers, also a member of

the firm, was there. the firm, was there.

When questioned about the price card,
Mr. Mathers resurrected from a pile of
papers an exact duplicate of the cards,
which were posted in the offices of Frederick Gettz and Baid) Brothers.

"Is that the card you mean?" he inmixed.

When told that it was the identical card. he said. "I don't know anything about it; you'll have to see my brother Frank. He attends to such things. I only do the out-

"Are you and your brother members of he coal Exchange?" "Did those cards come from the Coal Ex-

"No, we coal dealers got legether and had them printed. You had better see my broth-er Frank; he knows more about it than I

of an understanding among certain dealers. While this is a matter that needs the attention of the State's attorney, yet the Federal flovernment is interested in any matter concerning a conspiracy to boost the price of the necessities of life, and we shall enoperate further in the investigation. We shall also been a sharp eye on any interstate commerce features that may develop. An official of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company said today. "Although dealers all over the city have raised the relial price of coal, we have made no nilvance in the wayresale price since September 1, and there is little likelihood that we will raise the price this winter. We that we will raise the price this winter. We are about the largest producers of coal in the country, loo, our annual production being 15,000,000 tons."

Fair Managers Issue Reports

TRENTON, Jan. 15.—Ex-Senator Jona-than H. Blackwell, of this city, was re-elected president of the Interstate Fair As-sociation. Colonel Mahlon R. Margerim, the secretary, presented a financial report showing that the receipts for 1916 amounted to \$150,850, disburauments \$50,345.42 and that the association has assets of \$143,794 over liabilities.

## Gauge Seen in Cards JERSEY TO CLOSE RATE CASE SOON

Cities Indicate They Are

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 .- The first episode of the lighterage case," the New Jersey nide of the present freight rate struggle, is "Did Mr. Cohn say where he got the Philadelphia trade bodies which might indicate that they are willing to accept the "Yes, he said he produced it from the fight of the northern New Jersey vities to "Yes, he said he procured it from the prices quoted separate the lighterage costs from the rail on the card had been adopted by the exed | neparate the lighterage costs from the rail

Street the Saw Jersey cities have p Since the New Jersey cities have pre-sented testimony endeavoring to show that they are entitled to the same zone rates as Philadelphia, they have been greeted with antigonism by the Philadelphians. The latter have cross-examined the New Jersey witnesses to show that they did not con-sider the relative position of Philadelphia in the fight.

In the fight.

It is understood that the Philadelphians believe that New Jersey's demands would entirely upset the present differential system, which has existed for forty years, and that in the event of such demands being granted the future position of Philadelphia would be more or less uncertain.

Philadelphia now enjoys a two-cent per control of the control of

full delphia now enjoys a two-cen per-hundred pounds differential over New York and northern New Jersey. The Philadel-phia representatives say they are content to "let well enough alone." They express the belief that New York Jersey City and other New Jersey port towns situated on New York harbor are as one to Philadelphia in the zone question.

QUOTE CAMDEN AS EXAMPLE The Philadelphians defend their position The Philadelphians determ their position by calling attention to the relative location of Philadelphia and Camden. They say if Jersey City is entitled to a lower rate than New York because they are separated by a river, it would only be fair that such a differential exist between the two

ports first mentioned.

A different viewpoint is taken by other A different viewpoint is taken by other Philadephia interests who bedove that the lighterage charges now considered as part of the present freight rates governing the New York zone constitute a "bug-bear" that has allowed Manhattan to have a "visethat has allowed Mannatton to have a vise-like" grip on the exports of the East. They feel that the New Jersey strungle to make New York pay for its own lighterage, witn-out imposing it on the remainder of the zone, would give other ports, including Philadelphia, a just and wider opportunity to attain their proper rank in the shipping world.

If New Jersey wins, they say, Philadel tween Philadelphia and the New Jersey ports. Philadelphia's plea for the existence of a differential is primarily its geographical position, its modern port facilities, and the short rail haul from western ponts.

In explaining his plan to co-operate with District Attorney Rotan in the latest development in the alleged retail coal going in Philadelphia, Mr. Kane said:
"Because this is not an interstate matter we shall be obliged to place the evidence in our possession at the disposal of District Attorney Rotan, and ask him to take action. We have no doubt that he will call an investigation. I feel that the will call an investigation. I feel that the matter of the cards and circumstances attending their distribution show that there was some sort of an understanding among certain dealers. While this is a matter that needs the at-

\*STEALS TO AID STARVING

"If That Is Wrong, I Am Willing to Go to Jail," Man Says

CHICAGO, Jan. 15. - Frank Wilson turned thief today to succor a starying couple and stole eleven eggs and a pound of coffee from the restaurant where he is employed.

"Those people were hungry and I didn't have the money to help them, so I took the food," said Wilson "If that is wrong, I am willing to go to jail." He was arrested.

Police Sergeant Fenn Seriously III Street Sergeant Theodore S. Fenn, known as Dory the Dancing Muster, from his position as censor of public dances on city position as censor of public dates of the streets during the last few summers, collapsed suddenly in the Fifteenth and Vine streets station house this morning. Police Surgeon John Egan, of 1930 Race street, diagnosed Fenn's complaint as a serious kidney disease, and he was rushed to Jufferson Hospital.

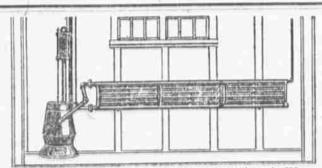
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#### REALTY BROKERS DENY RENT BOOST

North Philadelphia Association Assails "Tax Increase Dope"

COUNCILS ARE BLAMED

An Indignant repudiation of the accuma-tions made by Joseph P Gaffney, chairman of the Finance Committee of Councils, that call estate men have used the tax in-creme to raise revis disproportionately, has been launched by the Tax Protest Commit-ies of the North Philadelphia Real Estate Protests' Association. The committee char-acterizes the tax rate increase dope, as

Councils, and Councils only, are respon-tible, this committee declares, and the peo-ple—the home-owners and rent-payers— will not be decessed, they present, by the at-impt of the Finance Committee to shift the

This attempt to place the responsibility for the increase of rents on the real estate brokers," their protest reads, in part, "came out many times during the various arguments on the subject before the Finance Committee and the body of Councils, but we can say authoritatively that no rent is sening raised by any member of the North Philadelphia Real Entate Brokers' Association except when a written order is received from the property owner.

The action of Councils in increasing the tax rate was not taken without their first having received due warning of the scone-mic consequences that would result. The chairman of this Protest Committee that the investment purchaser, the man who owns properly and rents the same, would take care of himself and increase the rents. Now they are accused of increasing the rents in excess of the tax increase. But these property owners possibly are assuming the position that the chairman of the Finance Committee ansumed and have put their rent increase on the flexible basis, just as the tax was so pur. Perhaps if remedial legislation is passed in 1918, the rents will be decreased. ints will be decreased.

"It is a prime rule of business that any action which decreases the return upon an investment, also decreases the value of the investment and the Chairman of the Finance annot blaine the property owner for pro-cetting his investment in real estate.

recting his investment in real estate.
"It is asking too much of the property owners of Philadelphia to permit themneives to become the butt of every increase in income that the city of Philadelphia requires when there are so many other ways of raising money by taxing subjects other than real estate. No calling of names ar 
visification of the property owners will deter 
them from protecting the money—sometimes 
the saving of a lifetime—that was invested 
in real calate because of its former stability. real estate because of its former stability

avision of the system of assessing properly a Philadelphia and the passing of legislation permitting subjects other than real state to be taxed. The committee which stand the protest stomposed of Charles II, you Tagen, chair-

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