FIGURES SHOW THIS PORT BEST FOR SHIPPERS

Comparisons Made at New Orleans Prove This Fact

CHARGES CHEAPEST ALONG ATLANTIC

Study of Expert Report Demonstrates Advantages of Philadelphia

DOES IT PAY? IT DOES

Exporters Need Only Examine Unbiased Testimony to Satisfy Themselves



VIII This is the day of the efficiency expert. The cold science of facts and figures have the center of the commercial stage. The widen text of all modern enterprise in. "Does it pay?" The plurobline and the level, the time-clock and the stop-watch die-tate the business policy of all big enter-orizes.

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the meshanions, while others are con-themselves with openly declaring sellef that all of the demands are d, but cannot be granted because at mostly is not available, and it not be fair to raise one set of wages t another.

the campaign of the city firemen of more successful than has any others. Many Finance Committee s and many members of both houses

tourcls are committed to the plan, h would cost the city in the neigh-coal of \$200,000 this year. In the gen-scramble for new places departmental

are likely to have an active part, number of them have unofficially been to come back to Councils after the

of the city are formally opened for

of Protectorate Established in

1911 Reach Successful End

thas decided. The French protectorate ever Morocco was cetablished in 1911 by a Franco-Ger-mon treaty and in 1912 by a treaty be-tween France and the Sultan.

FIGHT SALOON SIDE ROOMS

SUNBURY, Pa., Jan. 16 -- Declaring to e closing of side rooms permanently d of all bars at 11 o'clock at night, sthumberland County church people are

eparing a petition that will be presented the court when it meets to grant North-

mberland County saloon permits on Jan-ry 22, it is understood. This petition has indreds of signers.

Persons experienced with the liquor bus

After the European war is over this con-After the suropean war is over this con-dition will apply in a still scenter degree. Of what advantage would it be to show up all the good points about the port of Philadelphia if the sulpper, the experter or the importer should find that with all our the importer should find that with all our modern appliances and natural advantages, the port charges were greater thin other ports on the north Atlantic reaboard; or, in other words, that as far as their busi-pess is concerned it "Does not pay" to pa-tronize the home nort? Recently the Board of Commissioners of the nort of Nam Orleans enversed the world.

the port of New Orleans engaged the well the port at New Orbitals interface the write known firm of Ford, Baccon & Davis, effi-clency expert engineers of both nutional and international reputation, to make a com-parative estimate of port charges at New Orleans, Galveston, Mobile, Philadelphia, New York and San Francisco on a vessel of a specified draft and tonnage with a specifled cargo.

U. S. WILL RECOGNIZE Owing to the marked difference in wharf-Owing to the marked difference in wharf-age rates, dockage charges, etc., at the va-rious ports a satisfactory comparison of part charges can only be made for a hypo-thetical ship and cargo. In this case a ship that had docked at New Orleans, and was typical of the class of ships and cargoes accommodated at that port, was taken as a basis. The following facts regarding this ship red its inward-bound and autward-bound Negotiations for American Approval

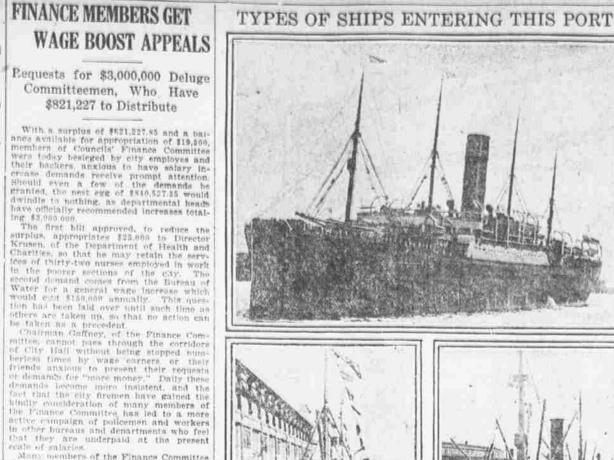
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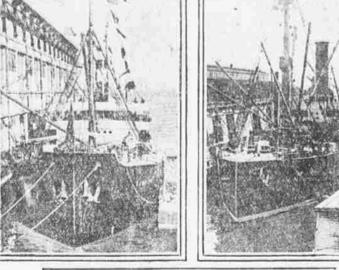
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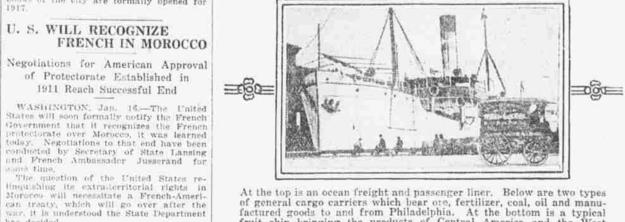
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Total, short, tons 647 Total, short into the shown the port charges computed on the above hists of facts, that would have been levied on the hypothetical ship and cargo at the ports of Galveston, Nobile, Philadelphia, New York and San Francisco and, in addition, the charges actually assessed at New Orleans under the present system of rates. ness declare that side rooms are harmful and not necessary. Conditions in the coal regions are especially criticized.









At the top is an ocean freight and passenger liner. Below are two types of general cargo carriers which bear ore, fertilizer, coal, oil and manu-factured goods to and from Philadelphia. At the bottom is a typical fruit ship bringing the products of Central America and the West Indies to this port for distribution.

DEMOCRATS PLAN TAX TO RAISE \$525,000,000

Inheritance and Excess Profits Levy With Bond Issue New Revenue Scheme

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 .- Revenues, in cluding bond Issues, totaling \$525,000,000 will be raised by means of an additional inheritance tax, an excess profits tax of

ight per cent on corporations and copartnerships, and by bonds, Democrats of the House Ways and Means Committee decided today. has the approval of th

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The decision

PRINTER OF COAL PRICE CARD FOUND "Never." "Do you know Mr. Cohn?" "T never heard of the gentleman before." "Hut don't you think that it is at least interesting when it is discovered that prior to the December 20 price boost a cortain number of dealers received cards with the

M. J. McCullough Asserts He Did Work for "Exchange" Member

CONTAINED BOOST PRICES

M. J. McCullough, proprietor of a print shop at 1511 Federal street, printed the orice cards which were distributed among any coal dealers prior to the December 20 of twenty-five cents in the retail price of coal.

Mr. McCullough said that the cards were refered last fall by A. L. Cohn, a member of the Coal Exchange, and McCullough tated that when Cohn ordered the cards to be printed he said they were for the Coal Deslers' Association. The informa-ion offered by McCullough is in the hands of United States Attorney Francis Fibler Kasie, and Mr. Kane will place it at the disposal of District Aftorney Samuel P. Rotan, McCullough was questloned as fol-lows by a representative of the Evgained

EDURR: "Did you print some cards with coal rices last fall?"

"Yest I got out between 200 and 300 for

he Coal Dealers' Association. "Who ordered those cards and to whom deliver then

To Mr. Cohn. of the Coal Dealers' As-

Have you been doing much work for

"Anve you used doing allow work for he Coal Deniers' Association" "Quite a little off and on. The last time printed a big bunch all together with hanges in the price by the month. One nonth, for example, the price would be

month, for example, the price would be \$6.25, and on another batch of cards the price would be raised twenty-five cents." A. L. Cohn, who, it is alleged, left one of the cards in the coal office of Frederick (detts, 122) Washington avenue, with the information that the card was from the Coal Exchange, was quizzed as follows: "Are you a director of the Coal Ex-change." "No Law not."

No. I am not? "Are you a member of the Coal Ex-

hange "Yes "Tild you distribute for the Coal Exhange cards bearing the December 20

TICAN "I did not." "You had one of the cards posted in

"Yes." "Where did you get it?"

"I bought my card." "Where did you buy it?" "I don't have to say." "Did you not visit the office of a printer at 1511 Federal street and have those cards

did not; I don't know any printer at address, and certainly never patronized one.

"Then you are not willing to say where you obtained the card?"

No, I am not

ANOTHER DEALER GRILLED Frank Mathers a coal dealer at Wash-ington avenue and Tenth street, accused of having left one of the cards in the office of Baldl Brothers, 1220 Washington avenue. is a director of the Coal Exchange. He was questioned as follows regarding the part he is alleged to have played in the card incident:

card incident: "Did you distribute these cards for the Coal Exchange, Mr. Mathers?" "No, I did not." For whom did you distribute them?" Ut didt: distribute set

For whom did you distribute them?" "I didn't distribute any." "But other deaders in your vicinity say you left the cards in their offices last fall. They say you told them the cards were from the coal exchange." "I did not distribute any cards "How does it happen that you have one of those cards in your own office?" "That is my business card—a card to ad-vertise my business card—a card to ad-vertise my business and my prices." "But there is no name on the card; where did you get it; who printed it?" "I refuse to answer the question where I got the card, for I consider that my business. I have a right to go out and buy a card if I want to."

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a card if I want to." "But how does it happen that all the other dealers in your vicinity have the same sort of card with the same prices?" "How do I know? I suppose they have same privilege of going out and buying

the same privilege of some out and boying cards as I have." "Then you will not tell where you got the card, or where it was printed?"

antion the price of coal would be from a conference with Mr. Kane is the near afty to seventy-five cents higher than the future. prices today. "Then you have never seen of heard these price cards?"

ost prices?" "I don't believe there were any such

"The United States Attorney is in pos-

"Well, I don't care to have my name connected with this thing. I know nothing about the cards. And before dragging my name in again consult me. Ask me about the coal situation, and I will put you would be for (how the situation to this.

istler from United States Attorney Kane in which Mr. Kane stated that his repre-sentative would call upon Mr. Rotan and

"Never."

cards.

"I have been conducting a quiet investi-gation the last few days into the coal situ-ation here. A man just left my office who is interested in the situation. If the evi-dence is sufficient I shall certainly insue warrants for the arrest of the guilty par-ties, if there are any guilty ones."

PERMITS ELECTRIC CO. TO MERGE ITS HOLDINGS

Public Service Board Approves Plans to Consolidate Subsidiaries.

To Increase Bonds

The Philadelphia Electric Company is permitted to merge its fourteen subsidiary companies and proceed with its plan of financial readjustment, through a decision of the State Public Service Commission. Approval of the plan by the commission followed the company's agreement to put the cost of readjustment on stockhoiders and not pay for it by increasing rates. By the new plan all the subsidiaries, including a number of suburban properties, will be merged with the Philadelphia Elec-tric Company, and h. order to finance all

name in again consult one. Ask me about the coal situation, and I will put you straight, for I know, the situation in Phila-delphis. Don't so around to a lot of irre-sponshie coal dealers who are not husi-ness men. If you want the truth, come to me. We are, to a certain extent, de-pendent upon public opinion, and it is shameful to give the public the idea we are gouging it. The Coal Exchange represents n big industry, and such reports are dam-aking. Why don't you get after the De-partment of Seals, Weights and Measures and have it arrest dealers who are giving short weight in coal? No wonder a lot of these dealers are able to underprice us at least sixty cents when they are giving short weight in conl." Disiriet Attorney Rotan has received a ietter from United States Attorney Kane will be merged with the Philadephia piec-tric Company, and h. order to finance all in the new organization stock and bond issues will be increased from \$57,000,009 for the present Philadelphia Electric Com-pany to \$110,000,000.

Santiago to Aid of Stranded Milwankee WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 .- Admiral Cap which Mr. Kane stated that his repre-entative would call upon Mr. Rotan and onfer with him concerning the coal gouge "I expect also," said Mr. Rotan, "to have



Total expenses, ship and cargo..... \$3705.19 \$1004.39 \$5407.06 \$5903.05 \$4234.04 \$5475.31

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San Francisco may be eliminated alto rether in this comparison, as it is not an Atlantic port, and very different conditions prevail on the Pacific.

THIS FORT CAN DO EVEN BETTER.

THIS PORT CAN DO EVEN BETTER No one can say that this report, made by hispendent experts, was intended to favor the port of Philadelphia. Yet that is what it truthfully had to show, based on hard in-ountroverlible facts and figures. Experts wonseted with the port of Philadelphia who have examined this report, claim that the made still more so, that the figures for fa-brade still more so, the beard of the charges find coats at various ports is taken 'com fouriement. Its unblased origin with the board of Commissioners of the Port of New fields to their own port, places it be-ter duct by the the second still be

favorable to their own port, places it be-pond the range of criticism. In view of all this, and of the statements

already published, showing that railread freight rates from a majority of interior points to Philadelphia are lower than to any other north Atlantic port, and that crean freight rates from this port to foreign even freight rates from this port to foreight ports are not greater, there remains but one conclusion, namely: that in every re-spect the port of Philadelphia is the most conomical for shippers of any eastern port in the country.

Obituaries

Joseph Elverson

Joseph Elverson died yesterday at his anme, 506 Linden street, Camden, N. J. the was a native of London, England, and cams to this country when he was eight Fars old, settling first in Newark, N. J., but later moving to Camden.

Mr. Elverson, who was eighty-two years aid, was a hatter by trade. About fifty years ago he became connected with the business department of the Saturday Night. a popular periodical, and continued with it until it suspended publication. This, and istar the Golden Days, were published by the late James Elverson, a brother of the He late James Elverson, a brother of the

Mr. Eliverson for many years was a trus-ies of the Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church of Camden, and was superintendent ef Ha Sunday school for twenty-five years. He had two children, Alice and J. Sketchley Efferted, of Catassauqua, Pa., the latter surviving him.

Mrs. Anna Lee

Mrs. Anna Lee Air, Anna Lee, of 72 Church lans, a weikamown resident of Germantown, died at the home of her son, Henry W. Lee, if East Price street, Germantown, early peterinay morning. A short time before a mother died, Lee, who is postmaster at the Mount Airy station, was removed to the same thospital with a severa attack in Mount Airy station, was removed to the same of the street of the severa mount Hospital with a severa attack in an Mount Airy at the severa attack in an Mount Airy station, was removed to the same of the severa attack in a several to be and a daughter. Mrs. Henry Wagner, Mrs. Lee was a member of the Anter Romary of St. Vincent's Church marking and interment will be held marking and interment will be made in a New Ustnesized Conseters.

JESUITS HOLD MISSION AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Morning and Evening Programs Arranged-Children From School Provide Music

A mission is being held this week and next by the Jesuit Fathers at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Fourth street and Willings alley. Programs for mornings and nights have been arranged. There will also be noon talks by Father Walsh, which will be followed by the benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The music will be by the children of the parochial school, who narch from the school to the church each day

day Father Walsh at noon today spoke on "The Temple of the Holy Ghost." The subjects of his talks for the remaining days of the mission follow: January 17, "Wounded Unto Death". January 18, "Pit-falls of Pride"; January 19 and 26, "The Devotion of the Way of the Cross"; January 20, "The Root of Evil"; January 22, "In-chean! Unclean!"; January 23, "Revenge Is the Lords"; January 24, "Be Not Greedy"; January 25, "The Soul That Is Small"; January 25, "The Soul That Is Small"; January 27, "Slumber and Sleep." The raiks been at 12.056 oclock and last The talks begin at 12:05 o'clock and last until 12:30.

ARRESTED IN HIS CELL ON NEW ACCUSATION

Prisoner Awaiting Extradition Faced With Charge of Swindling New

Jersey Man

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 16 -- A aptive in default of \$2000 ball, awaiting califie in the Pennsylvania to answer a charge of seiling worthless stocks to well-to-do residents of Norristown, C. S. Baker, fifty-sity years old, a nattily dressed pro-moter, was arrested on a new charge this morning in his cell in the city prison.

Baker was stunned when a constable ap-peared at the grated door of his cell and told him he was wanted also for selling \$600 worth of the stock of the Automatic funical Company, a New York concern, it is said, to Sherman Bowen, one of the lead-

ing citizens of Minatola, this county, a pros-perous giass town, where a great deal of boom money is said to have been invested in stocks of a doubtful variety.

In shores of a construct variety. Baker was taken before Magistrate Mariz of Pleasantville, sitting in the City Hall Court, and was held in \$1000 buil to await trial on the charge preferred by Bowen, who is a member of the Grand Jury now sitting. This action means that Penn-sylvania's claim to the prisoner will have to wait until that of New Jersey has been dupnesed of

disposed of. Licenses Up in Clearfield Court Licenses Up in Clearneid Court CLEARFIELD, Pa. Jan 16 --Judge Bell heard remonstrances against nearly all of the thirty applicants whose cause were called. Few: violations were reported. The hotels of Hoursdale received the most asvers handling at the hands of the 'drys.' Tomorrow a big delegation will be here from deflection County to samlat in the fight against the Dubois House.

the Kirzchbaum firm to join them for sev the Kirzelibaum firm to join them for sev-eral. There have been several small fights and near-riots near the plant in the last few weeks. Police and (ity Hall and special detectives have been on duty there for the last week. McAdoo. Chairman Elitchin was authorized to draft a bill incorporating the decisi Inheritance taxes will be increased by total of \$22,000,000

The efforts of the Amaignmated Gar-nent Workers to influence the Kirschbaum employes evidently met with little success The Kirschbaum firm is one of the largest manufacturers of clothing in the country Its eight-story building occupies the block on Broad street from Carpenter street to Washington avenue. The engine room is

Explosion in Factory

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a gas, machine, they said.

treatment

Called Bomb Outrage

police think he may know something of the affair. He was burned about the hands and body, and went to the hospital for treatment.

Officials of the company say the ex-

plosion was crused by crossed whes on a switchboard. The spark caused by the blowing out of the whes ignited gas from

POLICE SKEPTICAL

The police, however, are skeptical of this explanation. Detective Ralph Gold said he believed it was caused by a homb. Several policemen expressed the same opinion.

The police say efforts have been made y striking members of the American Gar-

workers to induce the empl

in a building in the rear, which faces Watta street The first intimation that the employes had of the explosion today was a shock which was distinctly felt. Then came the terrific blast. Women screamed and the workers rushed for the exits. Overseers and in excess of \$560.

workers runned for the exits, Oversers and the firm officials successed in quieting them, though several became hystarical. Israel Senderoff, 1420 North Lawrence street, became so hystarical that he had to be taken to the Howard Hospital far treatment. He said he thought strikers had at-tacked the plant.

INJURED MAN UNCONSCIOUS

When the debris in the engine room had een partly cleared, Chosh was found un-onscious with his face, hands, body and in his shop. conscious with his face, hands, body and clothing burned. He works as a presser on the second floor. He told the police he went to the engine room to have an iron repaired and noticed a small blaze in a corner. When he tried to put it out, he remembers a big flare and nothing else. The presser's explanation of the explo-sion differs from that of the firm. Doctors said there was an odor of powder on his clothes.

Detective Gold said he had learned that Chosh came to Philadelphia from Milwau-

there has June. "Chosh's injuries, that is, his burns, are not serious," the detective explained. "It may be that he is injured internally and for that reason he is being kept at the hospital. When he recovers sufficiently, he will be photographed and copies of the photographs will be sent broadcast in an effort to find out if he is known by the police in other clites." According to distectives, the injured man's explanation for going to the singths room is a plausible one. froms are repaired thore several times daily, it was said. A preliminary examination showed that kee last June.

A preliminary examination showed that A preliminary examination showed that a hole two fact in diameter had been torn in the concrete floor; the machinery was crippled. Doors and windows also were shattered. One large and heavy door was blown more than thirty feet and over a high fence. Parts of the fence also were blown away

blown away. Many of the employes were sont home after the accident. Part of the plant, the police say, was closed for the day.

PASTOR TO FACE TRIAL Rev. G. A. Cooks Refuses to Withdraw

From Ministry

WILMINGTON, Dol., Jan. 16. WILMINGTON, Del. Jan 16. — There were more developments in the Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church troubles. A committee of ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church called the Rev. G. A. Cooke, pastor of the durch before them and offered to drop charges to be made against him provided he would withdraw from the ministry. Cooke refused and was multied that charges would be preferred inday. President and Secretary of the Treasury "No. I will not.

"No. I will not." "Don't you think it would help to clear up matters if you did?" "No. I don't." One of the dealers in the South Philadel-One of the dealers in the South Failade-phia section, who received one of the price cards, stated that it was brought to him by a measenger from the Coal Exchange, He also stated that he was given to under-stand that the prices quoted on the card were arranged by a "price educational com-mittee," of which J. Ernest Richards, presi-A special tax of from one-half per cent

A special tax of from one-half per cent on \$50,000 estates to 14 and 15 per cent on huge estates will be levied. The excess profits tax will be an eight per cent levy on not incomes of corpora-tions and copartnerships of more than \$5000, and after eight per cent normal profits on capital invested has been de-ducted. For instance, if a firm makes \$15,000 a year on a capital of \$100,000, \$5000, or eight per cent of the capitalian-tion, will be regarded as normal profits. A tax of eight per cent will be imposed on the excess \$7000 of the \$15,000 profit, an excess of \$560.

were arranged by a Ernest Richards, presi-dent of the Newton Coal Company, was al-leged to be chairman. Mr. Richards in a statement to the EVENING LEDGER denied with considerable emotion that any such committee existed in the Coal Exchange. He stated further, and with much excitement, that he knew of no one connected with the exchange or anywhere else who had distributed such cards.

anywhere else who had distributed such cards. "There is no such committee in the coal exchange as the 'price educational com-mittee," is declared, "and I know nothing of any such card. I have talked with John Lloyd, president of the Coal Exchange, and he says he has never heard of any such card. "The prices that are enforced by this company are calculated by its own or-ganization. If the retail coal dealers today were receiving their just compen-Hand Mangled, Drives to Hospital SCRANTON, Pa., Jan 16.-With his left hand hanging by a mere thread, Louis Er-hen, general manager of the Scranton Box Company, coolly wrapped a handkerchlef about the maimed member, leaped into his automobile and drove to a hospital, where the hand was amputated. Erhen met with the accident while working about a machine in his abop.



