# FOR FREE PORTS

Appear Before Tariff Commission

SHOW VALUE OF PLAN WAIT ONLY FOR MONEY

Declare Nation, as Well as Philadelphia, Will Profit by Open Door

### What Is a "Free Port"? This Explains It All

The word "free" in the phrase "a free port" or "a free zone" concerns only freedom from cus-tom duties or custom house interference, and has no reference to

port charges. A free port, or a free zone in a port, has some of the features of a bonded warehouse. Goods coming in from foreign countries enter the free port without the detail of custom inspection.

Goods exported after importation go out without payment of duty and without the complicated system of checking involved in custom house accounts and ap-

In a free sone goods may be re-exported in the original packages in which they were imported, may be repacked, may be mixed or blended with foreign or domestic goods and, in the case of the free portion of the port of Hamburg, may be manufactured. All these acts take place without

check or delay by custom officials.
All goods going out of the free zone into the interior of the country are subject to custom regulations and pay duties as though originating in foreign countries.

ciuding Mayor Smith and the officers of aix different trade organizations of the city, appeared this morning before the United States Tarisf Commission meeting in the Beard of Trade cosms in the Bourse Building, to present to the commission their views on the advisability of congressional enactment providing for establishment of Trace porter in the United Statese as a method of insuring greater trade expansion for the mation.

Nine other men of affairs, representing the same trade associations, will appear before the commission this afternoon, and eight others are scheduled.

The creation of a Federal housing amm seion for the administration of the town and towns like it near other large industrial developments prought about by the war sione of the measures new under consideration in Washington and may soon become a reality. The divectes of the plan believe good requires the plant before the commission this afternoon, and eight others are scheduled.

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William Kent and Edward P. Costkan Those who spoke this morning, in ad-dition to Mayor Smith, who warmly advocated the institution of the "freebort' system and presented orgent argu-ments for the inclusion of Philadelphia among the "free-port" cities, should the system be established, were J. S. W. among the "free-port cities, another the system be established, were J. S. W. Holton, Maritime Exchange; Dr. Emory R. Johnson, Maritime Exchange; H. K. Mulford, Chamber of Commerce; Wistam Hempetsad, Philadelphia Bourse; Philip Godley, Board of Trade; Harry B. French, Drug Exchange, and H. D. Trwin, Commercial Exchange, and H. D. Trwin, Commercial Exchange.

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Pomorrow morning the commission will be addressed by A. E. Ford, Cham-

interested in domestic and foreign commercial interested in domestic and foreign commerce, will have speakers present and other wilinesses may be confronted by will also send a delegation to listen to the views expressed. These organizations are the Philadelphia Board of back to the hospital, where his wounds Trade, Maritime Exchange, Commercial needed further attention. Exchange, Bourse, Chamber of Com-merce, Manufacturers' Club, Grocers and Importers' Exchange, Drug Ex-change and the Commercial Museum.

Director Webster, of the Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, who has made an extensive study of this ques-tion, will also appear before the com-mission and explain the advantages of Philadelphia for the establishment of such a port or free zone, should the necessary legislation be enacted by Con-grens. He will also advise the commision that his department, under acts of

been in this city for the last week, visit-ing business men and commercial or-ganizations, reports that he has found all of the business men in this section open-minded on the question of free ports, and that in many instances be has discovered that large manufacturers and importers are unqualifiedly in favor

## ROAD TO COST \$360,000

State to Be Asked by Berks County to Advance Federal Fund

READING, Pa., Jan. 22.—Representatives of the William Penn Highway Association and boroughs along the former Beries and Daughin turnglies and the Beries County Commissioners held a meeting here relative in improving twenty miles of main 'post road' from the Beries-Lebanon line to Reading at 113,000 a wills.

The county will ask the State if it will relation the Federal post roads \$18,000 a miles and bear helf of the balance. This would leave \$22,000 to be build by the relate. If Highway Commissioner G'Nell agrees to this, the road will be rebuilt this year.

## Child Seriously Scalded

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## CITY URGES PLEA | COMPLETE PLANS **FOR 3000 HOMES**

Mayor and Other Leaders City and U. S. Agree on Main Details of Housing Enterprise

> Conferences between Owen Brainard, chairman of the housing committee of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, officials of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation and Philadelphia city offi-

> cisis have resulted in virtual completion of preliminary plans for speedy erection of 2000 of the 7500 homes for Hog Island orkmen in the Portleth Ward.

The one big problem that remains is financing the city's part of the agree-ment, which involves laying water and sewer majors and making offer extensive nunicipal Improvements.

municipal improvements. The Government will furnish all material for the building operations and will undertake to get it on the ground promptly. Labor organizations will be urged to furnish men and every contractor in Pulladelphia will be invited to aid in erection of the buildings.

The Government will put up the maney for the street and other improvements, but this purpose to be retired.

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The material to be used probably will be studen and brick. The insterial will be of a substantial and personnent character and considerable variety will be implayed to avoid the uniform and monetonious long rows of houses which have become everyones in some of our neighborhoods. It would be a mistake not to ravide a picading effect in the layout of the town.

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# T. ROOSEVELT BRINGS

Tickled Half to Death Over Row in Congress, He Will Answer Stone Later

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Colonel ming press agent.
Theodore Itoosevelt arrived in the capital today—at the height of the worst bliggard of the winter—ready and applications of the winter—ready and applications of the winter—ready and applications. amenthly, has the lower to construct again to such a free zone, should the Federal the political Donnybrook fair Senator press agent, discovered that every take Stone started with his speech in the Sentance of the Tariff Commission, who has when his train nowed no trace to indinate the same of the sentance of the sentance of the same of ed him by persons in the station. He immediately proceeded to the home of his son-in-law, Representative Nicholas

## Lodger Is Asphyxiated

Edward Taylor, aged sixty years, was found dead in bed at his boarding house, but Columbia avenue, this morning by his fandlady. Mrs. Fridley, and another boarder, who smelled gas and traced it to the room was broken in and the to the room was broken in and the room, aroused them.

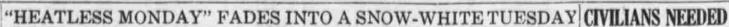
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Detective Frozen to Death

PITTHBURGH. Jan. 22. — Richard Conley, fifty years old, a widely known detective of western Pennsylvania, was freeze to death while searching for bootleggers near McDonald. He had been missing since Saturday and his loody was found yesterlay. Conicy had other charges. George Gaskin, John Frazier and John Davis, arrested with McGongie, were given sentences ranging from two to five years.

Find Missing Man at Camden The number of stechholders of the first The number of stechholders of the first The fine hased he 100,000 mark, according leases to the has two thing statement of the hase company, the axact marches being 100.

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As though King Winter were determined that no relief from the fuel famine and freight tie-up should result from the first of the "heatless Mondays, a blinding snowstorm whirled down on Philadelphia today and threatened to undo the accomplishments of yesterday. Still, coal deliveries to needful consumers are being continued, as one othe photographs shows, in the midst of the storm. Snowplows wrought some relief to pedestrians, as witness the upper scene in Washington Square

# SALUS OUT AGAINST

Vare Lieutenant Plans Hot Union Adopts Resolution Freight Movement Almost Fight for Seat in Third

State Senator Samuel W. Sains has been put forth as a can bate against Congressman J. Hampton Moore for Congressman J. Hampton Moore for Congressman J. Hampton Moore for Congress in the Third District, which compared the Third District, which concentrations are trued. Sains's candidacy was made calling upon these public officials and calling upon the congent of trains and obstructed the warmony is appropriated to carry out the provisions of the United States will be given that the provisions of the Congression at the congent of trains and obstructed the warmony is appropriated to carry out the provisions of the Congression at the congent of trains and obstructed the warmony is appropriated to carry out the provisions of the Congression at the congent of the Congression at the congent of the Congression at the congent of the Congression at the congre other side of the Delaware. The attitude of land owners, who ask problinitive prices for their tracts, has thus far frustrated plans to build the houses in one area in the Fortieth Ward fevelopment. The passage of a bill now in Congress authorizing the requisitioning of lands needed will remedy this condition and provent further delays through properlations of \$50.000,000, or each \$10.000,000 is for the klog Island colony.

Smith forces, but it was not definitely known who would be selected to oppose the firemen of Philachem who would be selected to oppose the firemen of the butter who plant the principal appointment.

## PRESS AGENT TURNS TRICK

Book Mutilation Story Proves to Be Clever Advertisement

BLIZZARD TO CAPITAL magazines and other publications to the effect that many books on chemistry—the Half to Death Over Row in the one big weapon of all the nations participating in the world war— in ibraries throughout the country had been mutilated, presumably by Ger-man agents, have been traced to a cun-

his son-in-law, Representative Nicholas Longworth.

The former President had no comment to make on the war that has finally broken out between the Administration and certain elements of Congress, but he intimated he would have something to say later. Fe did not conceal his satisfaction with events in the Senate, and it was understood he was preparing a hot reply to Senator Stone.

## Catherine F. Wurster, twenty-nine years old, of 2411 Sheridan street, and

Four Saved From Asphyxiation

Bandit Leader Gets Long Term

"Hig John" McGonigle, alleged leader

# PRINTERS ADD VOICE MOORE FOR CONGRESS TO TWO-PLATOON CRY

Protesting Attitude of District Mayor to Plan

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Motions filed by the defendants to quasi the writ, which was returnable regist in order to clear the raits for recipitally, are responsible for the application for hearing. In the ordinary boards had satisfactory results. It was day, which will be in February, but on a showing that the case is urgent it is in the power of the court to fix an

Anniston Chaplain Dismissed

HEADQUARTERS BLUE AND GRAT DIVISION. Camp McCle'ian, Anniston, Ma., Jan. 21.—Chaplain Chas. W. Gul'ck of Dumont, N. J., assigned to the 114th freight in the yards. Infantry, was d'scharged from the army Summed up, the esterday for physical examination taken while somewhat improvements of the property of the 'infantry, was d'scharged from the army esterday for physical examination taken in September. Chaplain Gulick, prior to being placed with the 114th, had been with the Fifth New Jersey Infantry fifmenaces the prosperity of the country with the Fifth New Jersey Infantry fif-teen years.

K. of C. \$50,000 Fund Grows The campaign to raise \$50,000 in Camden County for the war work of the Knights of Columbus is well under way and substantial progress is reported by the Federal authorities. New menths committee in charge of the work.

## SHIPPERS FEARFUL OF "HUN" WEATHER

Normal Despite Snow, and Railroad Men Are Hopeful

portation question in the eastern States at this time.

yesterday, are responsible for the application for hearing. In the ordinary course of court procedure the case would not be heard until the next list of the court of the cour of loaded coal trains moved in a steady stream from the mines of Pennsy'vania to the seaboard. Today ships are being in the power of the court to fix an carlier date.

JAMES E. HOLME DIES

Was Executive of Big Leather Industry for Thirty-eight Years

To the seaboard. Today ships are being bunkered, hemes supplied with the fuel necessary for creature comfort and easential industrial plants furnished with the coal that they must have to enable them to turn out the munitions and supplies demanded for war purposes.

More than 10,000 cars of loaded freight are tied up on tracks in Philadelphia and solds for the coal that they must have to enable them.

James E. Helme, for thirty-eight years an executive of the big leather industry of the England-Walton Company, Inc. died late last night at his home, 411 North Fifth street. Camden. He was sixty-nine years old.

Mr. Holme, who was a native of New York, was one of the oldest members of the Second Baptist Chuer. Philadelphia. He is survived by his wife. Arrangements are being made for the funeral. He is survived by his wife. Arrangements are being made for the funeral, which will be held Thursday, with burial in New York.

Least Ladder

all in common a arrangement, it is urged, would release thousands of cars now held here for tack of ability to get them out of the yards.

The situation at How Island is said by those in a position to know to be due

those in a position to know to be due orimarily to the fact that large quan-Ladder

John Brayman, forty-two years old, of 2258 Howard street, and ensineer at the brickyard of Joseph Byrne, at Twenty-ninth and Clearfield streets, fell from a ladder while at work this morning in the boiler room and was badly cut about the head. He was removed to be Samaritan Hospital in the patrol wagon from the "Livriy-sight district station where it is said he will recover.

signess in moving freight from the yards is still urged by railroads and govern ment officials. The increase of demur-rage rates, which is now in effect, it is believed will furnish a strong induce-ment to quick freight handling by penalizing the consignee who leaves

and successful prosecution of the war U. S. Interns Austrian Sailors

# FOR ORDNANCE WORK

Chamber of Commerce Asked to Aid Campaign for Several Thousand Men

The ordnance department of the United tates nrmy urgently needs several thousand civilian workers and is con Service Commission an extensive camoaign. To obtain this needed help the hamber of Commerce has been apsealed to by John A. McIlhenny, presitent of the United States Civil Service ommission, to canvass its members and there for available workers necessary to the nation for warting emergencies.
Mr. Mclibenny said the actual fighting forces would be poweriess without on efficient civilian array behind them.
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Mr. McInemy said the active and though the forces would be powerices without on efficient civilian army behind them. The needs for the navy yards are also by the civil Service formulation. In the navy yard at Brooklyn N. A. In the navy yard at the could be and the navy yard at the could be and manuaged to the task of resouling the national the discount of the Dulliders in the Mayor's request particular the gason at the gason the was an acting detective wi League Island needs forty-two boat-uilders, twenty-seven shipfitters, fifteen oppersmiths, fourteen riggers, seven ailmakers, three drillers, one shipsmith. Norfolk, Va., needs shipfitters, nine-sen salimakers, sixteen shipsmith, three oppersmiths.

In elected resitions, 2000 stenogra-

nd women), \$1400 to \$1600 a year.

Three hundred production cierks, not more than \$1500 a year.
Two hundred cierks qualified in statistics or accounting, \$1100 to \$1500 a year.
One hundred statisticians, \$1500 a

One hundred multigraph operators (men and women), \$1000 to \$1200 a

## Political Dopesters Watch AUTOMOBILE TRUCKS BURN IN GARAGE FIRE

fucting through the United States Civil Blaze in American Express Co. Building Causes Loss of

Company at Twenty-second and Architecta, was badly damaged by fire last night and forty-six of the fifty automobile trucks stored in the building were destroyed. The loss was about \$250 000. The fire, which started near the gaso-

The garage of the American Express

### FOOD LADEN AUTOTRUCK IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

on Street

ever, Mayor Softh was in consultation with Senator Edwin H. Vary about the time he sent Benz around to be elevated full detactiveship. The statement by there and typewriters (men and womm), salaries ranging from \$1100 to
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**NEW CLUES SOUGHT** 

IN BENZ "MYSTERY"

With Interest Smith-Wilson

Contest Over Bodyguard

Particul dopesters are watching win-

much interest the silent contest be-

tween Mayor Smath and his Director of

Public Safety, William H. Wilson, The most recent act of the quiet contest way

most recent act of the quiet contest was witnessed yesterdry when Mayor Smidsent his personal bodyguard. Georg Benz, around to the office of the directato be sworn in as a detective by Assistant Director Harry C. Davis in the absence of Director Wilson. Benz was worn in thereby rising from the po-

sworn in the real rates from the po-sition of patrolinan at \$3.25 a day to the dignity of a City Hall detective at \$1800 a year. It was said yesterday that Director Wilson was asked to clevate flenz, who

men and women). It the same salary, are also required.

The list also states that the following are urgently needed:

Two thousand general clerks (men and women), at \$1100 a year.

Five hundred index and catalogue lerks (men and women), \$1100 to \$1200 a year.

Two hindred clerks qualified in business administration, \$1200 to \$1500 a year.

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# STRAWBRIDGE & CLOTHIER

Announcement for To-day-Tuesday

# Golden Values in Women's Fine Furs

Coats of all kinds and styles, from the \$82.50 Fur-lined Motor Coat at \$60.00, to the \$2,500.00 Hudson Bay Sable Coat, at \$1,800.00. No woman who wants a Fur Coat should let this opportunity pass-the prices are remarkably low-and who can say when such values will be obtainable again? Sets and Neck Furs also reduced:

\$375.00 Japanese Mink Coat-now \$300.00 | \$275 Handsome Hudson Seal Coat, now \$225 \$200.00 Natural Muskrat Coat-now \$160.00 \$82.50 Fur-lined Motor Coat, fur collar, \$60 \$235 Leopard Coat, opossum trimming, \$180 \$500 Caracul Coat, deep self-horder-\$ 00.00 \$750 Scotch Mole-&-Hudson Seal Coat, \$500 \$265.00 Gray Squirrel Coat. trimmed-\$220 \$100.00 White Coney Coat, opossum trim- \$325 Nutria Coat, Jap. mink trimming, \$250

now \$300.00 \$750 Baby Caracul Coat, trimmed-\$500.00 \$400.00 Russian Sable Stole, 8 skins-\$275.00 \$125 00 White Coney Evening Coat-\$75.00 \$120 Black Fox Set. ermine trimming-\$95

ming—now \$60.00 \$2500 Hudson Bay Sable Coat—now \$1800 \$400 Hudson Seal Coat, kolinsky-trimmed— \$300 Natural Hudson Pay Sable Set—\$210 \$135.00 Blended Baum Marten Scarf-\$90.00 \$200 Hudson Seal Coat, ermine collar-\$150 \$135 Blended Muskrat Pelerine-now \$100 \$190 Hudson Seal Coat, squirrel collar, \$150 \$115 Large Stole of Colden Nutria-\$85.00 \$400 Coat of Hudson Seal and Mole-\$295 \$125 Kolinsky Cape, long ends-now \$85.00

# News of the Wonderful Sale of Silks

Now for another record-breaking week-for, unless all indications fail, this week's selling will be as intensely active as at the very beginning of this worderful Sale. New lots of beautiful Silks ready for to-day, and values which are not being matched anywhere. We are ready for the expected enthusiastic throng:

\$1.50 Ecru Chinese Shantung, 33-inch \$3.50 Plack Costume Velveteen—\$2.50

-now \$1.10 \$2.25 Colored Satin Souple, 36-in., \$1.65 \$2.25 Black Satin Souple—now \$1.65 \$3.00 Heavy Black Crepe Meteor, \$2.25 \$3.00 Heavy White and Colored Crepe \$3.00 Colored Satin Superior, 36-in., \$2 de Chine, 40 inches wide—now \$2.25 \$1.25 Colored Velvet Corduroy-85c \$2.00 Italian Flack Taffeta-now \$1.65

\$3.00 Plack Shantung, 36-inch-\$2.00

\$1.65 Fancy Suiting Silks—now \$1.35 \$1.50 Satin-stripe Shirting Silks, \$1.10 \$1.25 White Japanese Wash Silk—85c \$2.50 Colored & Black Crepe Meteor,\$2 \$2.25 White Washable Satin, 36-in.— \$2.00 Pure-dye Elack or White Crepe Georgette, 40 inches wide-\$1.50

Thousands of Remnants of All Kinds of Silks, Attractive Styles, Good Colors, at Half and Less Than Half Price

Extra Special—\$3.00 Satin Superior, 36 inches wide—now \$2.00 Another case just received of this lovely Silk. Black, white and newest spring shades included.

# Golden Year January Sale of Linens the Most Remarkable in Fifty Years

One day early this month the Linen Store exceeded all former one-day selling records, and that wonderful high record was exceeded last Monday! THE VALUES ARE IRRESISTIBLE. Of special importance to-day will be the second lot of a special under-price purchase of excellent heavy Irish Linen Damask Table Cloths and Napkins to match; also very exceptional values in Decorative Linens, Towels, Toweling and Dress Linen. Every housewife should be interested in these:

2400 Irish Table Cloths With Napkins to Match Bleached Irish Linen, in floral designs-

\$5.00 Table Cloths, 70x70 inches—\$3.90 \$6.25 Table Cloths, 70x88 inches—\$4.90 \$6.00 Napkins, 22-inch-now \$4.90 dozen

by the dozen-

\$6.00 Napkins, 22-in., \$4.80

\$9.00 Napkins, 21-in., \$7.00

800 Yards of Table Damask With Napkins to Match Full-bleached double Damask, in handsome designs. Better see these early-\$3.50 Damask, 72-inch-\$3.00 a yard

\$12.00 Napkins, 21-inch-\$10.00 a dozen

800 Dozen Napkins 2200 Linen Scarfs Good linen damask, in vari-ous handsome patterns. Priced \$4.50 Napkins, 21-in., \$3.50

Some with linen centre and lace edge, others richly embroidered and finished with buttonhole scalloped edge. Three sizes—for bureau chiffonier and dressing table— \$1.50 to \$2.25 Searfs, \$1.20

\$5.00 Towels at \$3.60 \$6.00 Towels at \$4.80 These prices are for one dozen hemstitched Towels of union huck—first run of an American mill, and not perfect weave, nothing to impair dura-bility. Very exceptional values.

\$1.50 White Irish Dress Linen—now \$1.10 a yard In this notable lot are 1500 yards of the most desirable medium-weight, soft ahrunken-finish Sulting Linen, one yard wide, at less than the manufacturer's price for 1918—\$1.10 a yard.

Irish Linen Pillow Cases—now \$2.90 a pair

Three hundred pairs of fine hemstitched Pillow Cases, size 22½x36 inches. Could not be bought to-day to sell at less than \$3.50 a pair.

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