

HOG ISLAND PROBE RECORDS FINISHED

Report Will Soon Be in the President's Hands for Decision

TODD IS SUMMARIZING

Not Known Whether or Not a Clean Bill of Health Will Be Given

By a Staff Correspondent
Washington, July 27.
The Department of Justice has completed its investigation of the Hog Island shipyard. The record of the testimony taken from numerous witnesses and reports made by several special investigators are now complete.

The whole mass of papers is being gone over carefully and put in finished shape, and summarized by Assistant Attorney General Todd, who had charge of the investigation.

When Mr. Todd finishes his task, in perhaps ten days, the result will be turned over to Attorney General Gregory, who will make the report to President Wilson. No part of its contents or intimation of its conclusions will be made public until President Wilson has gone over it thoroughly.

This investigation by the Department of Justice was ordered begun by President Wilson about four months ago at the time that the air was full of reports that there had been gross profiteering in connection with the construction of the Hog Island plant and the building of the fabricated steel ships.

Charges of Extravagance
Back in last March and April, before a single ship keel had been laid at Hog Island, the air about the shipping board offices and about the Capitol was surcharged with reports that the American International Corporation, which had made the contract with the shipping board for the Hog Island shipbuilding undertaking, had squandered the \$21,000,000 which the yard was estimated to cost and had not nearly completed its construction.

The more that was said about the Hog Island yard at that time the worse the situation looked.

About the time the reports of scandal at Hog Island were being made the Senate Commerce Committee began an investigation of the whole shipbuilding program. But this investigation really simmered down to an investigation of Hog Island. Many men who knew little or nothing about shipbuilding, especially on the plane of the Hog Island yard, appeared and gave some very damaging testimony. It was said that the American International Corporation was making money hand over fist by the millions for possessing only the "know how."

The American International Corporation, it was said, had obtained a big contract from the shipping board for building the yard on a cost-plus-profit basis and had then subcontracted the work to another company who in turn subcontracted it. All these contracts were made on the cost-plus-profit basis. It was alleged, and the American International Corporation was making a profit twice and three times over.

But when the officials of the company, who were the last to appear, had given their side of the case, the situation looked a great deal different.

It was found that the American International was carrying a top-heavy payroll, however, and this was cut to pieces and put on a purely business basis by officials of the shipping board.

President Takes Hand
So serious had some of the allegations against the American International Corporation become before the Senate investigation was half completed that President Wilson felt himself called upon to take action to ease the public mind.

He directed Attorney General Gregory to make an investigation of the Hog Island yard, with a view to determining if there had been any criminal in connection with the project, and as a basis for instituting criminal proceedings if such were warranted.

Mr. Gregory at once put Mr. Todd to work on the case. Mr. Todd, who had been known as the Administration's "trust buster" for some time because of his being detailed to have charge of other big trust investigations, gathered together a corps of assistants and made an investigation that is said to be remarkable in its scope.

A good many employees of the shipping board and the American International Corporation were summoned to appear in Philadelphia and Washington, and were questioned at length regarding all the details of the carrying out of the contract.

In the pile of papers which Mr. Todd is now preparing for submission to President Wilson are copies of the contracts between the shipping board and the American International Corporation; contracts made by the corporation with the various contractors who actually performed the work; the copies of the hearings before the Senate Commerce Committee; payrolls and vouchers of the American International Corporation; testimony of scores of witnesses and piles and piles of various other documents.

It will probably be two weeks before President Wilson will have reached a conclusion in the case and make the findings public.

Not until then will it be known whether the officials of the American International Corporation are to get a clean bill of health or whether they will face criminal prosecution.

U. OF P. WILL TEACH TRADES

Gets Share of Fund to Develop Vocational Instructors

The University of Pennsylvania is one of three Pennsylvania institutions named by the Federal board for vocational education to be a teacher training school for instructors under the trades and industries item of the \$185,786 Federal fund allowed the State this year, to be duplicated by the Legislature.

The industrial school of the board of education of Philadelphia is to be one of the beneficiaries under the fund. The continuation schools of Philadelphia and the work of the schools which come under household arts are also to benefit.

In recommending institutions for part of the Federal fund, no Philadelphia schools were named under the home economics, or the vocational school of agriculture. The Pennsylvania State College is to be teacher training school for all sections of the program except for trades and industries.

Three Hurt as Cars Collide

Three persons were injured when a northbound Fifth street car struck a westbound Lehigh avenue car today. The injured are Joseph Salmo, 2117 Fifth street; Neal McLesse, 2811 East Seltzer street; and George Schultz, 411 East Homewood street. The injuries were treated at the Episcopal Hospital.

Store Closed All Day Today

WANAMAKER'S WANAMAKER'S WANAMAKER'S WANAMAKER'S

Weather Fair

EVERY ARTICLE IN THIS ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DOWN STAIRS STORE IS MARKED AT A SPECIAL PRICE, OFFERING WISE ECONOMIES IN NEEDED SUMMER MERCHANDISE OF MANY DEPENDABLE KINDS

SMOCKS, \$1.45

250 smocks of line and striped voile in rose, green and blue with white collars, many of which are embroidered.

(Market)

Women's Sweaters \$4.25

Shetland wool coat sweaters in rose, Nile green, emerald green and salmon. They all have brushed wool collars and cuffs and long tie grille. There is not every size in every color, but there are plenty of sizes in the lot. Originally much more in price.

(Central)

Women's Linene Motor Dusters \$1.85

No doubt you've been needing one for week-end motor trips. These are belted all around, have generous pockets and a collar which buttons high enough to protect you from the dust.

(Market)

Women's Taffeta Suits Reduced to \$15

In black or navy blue, made in pretty, pleated styles, some with silk poplin collars.

Cloth Suits Reduced

Lightweight serges, gabardines and poplins now marked at \$7.50, \$10, \$16.50 and \$25.

Wool Jersey Suits, \$16.50

Sports models in light, gay colorings.

(Market)

Crepe de Chine Nightgowns, \$3.25

Pink crepe de chine slip-over nightgowns with cream-color lace in filet pattern forming the top and short sleeves. The neck is square back and front.

(Central)

Satin-top Pink Nightgowns, \$2

The body of this nightgown is formed of soft pink batiste, while the Empire top is of pink wash satin edged with creamy lace. A blue knot catches the points at the shoulders and a blue ribbon encircles the waist.

(Central)

Girls' Play Oxfords, \$1

Of tan leather in sizes 2½ to 6. Wide comfortable toe shapes.

(Chestnut)

Patent Leather Pumps, \$2.80 Pair

They have welted soles and curved heels and a little leather bow in front. And all sizes for women.

(Chestnut)

100 Pairs of Cotton Blankets, \$3.50

Less than the manufacturer's price on these good, heavy white cotton blankets which measure 66x 80 inches.

Comfortables, \$3.50

A hundred of these substantial, cotton-filled comfortables marked at a special price.

(Chestnut)

Vacation Blankets

Cotton throws in Indian designs and many colorings—splendid for canoeing and for seashore porches. \$2.85 each.

(Chestnut)



\$7.50 \$7.50 \$15 \$7.50 \$7.50 \$6.75 \$5 \$15

A Highly Unusual Sale of Several Hundred Distinguished New Summer Frocks for Women — Many Marked at Half Price and Less

A lovelier lot of summer frocks of moderate price has never come to the Down Stairs Store! They are from one of the best makers of summer frocks and not a few are copies of the latest models to come from Paris. You, who know French clothes, will distinguish the lines that are typical of Lanvin among several of these dresses.

The frocks are fresh and new and each one has that

touch which distinguishes it from other summer frocks. The materials include organdies, sheer voiles, real Japanese cotton crepes, foulards and fine taffetas. The prices, in each instance, are much below regular, and in many cases they are half or less than half the prices usually asked for such qualities.

We cannot overestimate the freshness, the beauty and the charm of these beautiful frocks.

Japanese Crepe Dresses

Four different styles in these lovely frocks and every one distinctly French. The lines are as simple as they are charming and the colorings are soft tints of shell pink, light blue, Nile green and amethyst. Sheer white organdie is used in totally different ways for trimming. Less than half price at

\$7.50

Colored Voile Dresses

Very fine voile that is almost likeorgetto crepe is made into some pretty frocks with a panel overskirt outlined with hemstitching. On the bodice is much hemstitching and an odd scalloping for trimming. Special at

\$7.50

Blue and peach color voiles embroidered with big white circles and cafe au lait voiles embroidered in pink and blue are special at

\$8.25

White Voile Dresses

Three styles in white voile dresses are trimmed with deep or narrow tucks and much embroidery. These are half price at

\$6.75

Five styles are made with much embroidery on the skirts and deep hemstitched hems, or with oddly printed designs forming borders of blue, black or color. Some have colored velvet girdles and all are half price at

\$7.50

Here are more sheer, white cool things, some all white with self embroidery, some with square figured designs done in colors and placed at irregular intervals. Half price at

\$8.25

Organdie Frocks

Plain colors—Nile green, flesh pink, rose, white and black—are in several styles with pleated frills, deep tucks and deep hems. These are

\$5

Silk Dresses

Unusual, too, are these black-and-white, blue-and-white and green-and-white checked dresses with sheerest white organdie used in the square necks and to form the puffy little undersleeves, whose inspiration could have come only from Paris. Many pearl buttons of lustrous quality form the only other trimming.

Foulard dresses in dark combinations of colorings are made with three accordion pleated tiers in the skirts—green-and-navy, red-and-navy and gold-and-navy.

A number of fine sample frocks are also in this group; these are of navy blue taffeta and crepe de chine and of white crepes de chine and tub silks. The silks used are of the finest qualities and the styles are varied.

All of these silk dresses are marked at considerably less than half price at

\$15

Checked Organdie Frocks

Checked organdies in pink, lavender, green and rose with wide white collars and deep tucks and sash piped with plain colors are marked

\$6.75

Women's Short Silk Gloves, 50c pair

A special reduction on 400 pairs of fine Milanese silk gloves in two-class style. These are in black or white with self or contrasting Paris point stitching on the backs. All sizes are in the group.

(Central)

Girls' Sample White Frocks, \$3

Just a few of a kind in these pretty white frocks of lawn, organdie or voile. Some show touches of embroidery, some are lace and others are made high-waisted with hemstitched yokes. Sizes 6 to 14 in the group.

Voiles for Junior Girls

Two new models have just arrived. One is a two-piece frock with collar, cuffs and belt embroidered with colored silks. The other is trimmed with white organdie. \$6.75 and \$8.50.

(Central)

July Clearance of Good Rugs

Prices have been much lowered on lines, which we will not be able to obtain for next season, since so many manufacturers have had to curtail their output. In the lot are Wiltons, Axminsters, Velvet, Wilton Velvets and Wool-and-Fiber rugs. The prices on these room-size rugs will give you an idea of the savings, as the smaller sizes are priced in proportion.

Kind	Size	Price
Axminster	8.3x10.6 feet	\$31.50
Axminster	9x12 feet	\$35
Velvet	8.3x10.6 feet	\$29
Velvet	9x12 feet	\$31.50
Wool-and-Fiber	8.3x10.6 feet	\$9
Wool-and-Fiber	9x12 feet	\$10

(Chestnut)

1000 Special Sheets

Snow white, seamless sheets of good muslin are in two sizes—

72x90 inches, \$1.50 each.
81x90 inches, \$1.65 each.

(Chestnut)

Scotch Madras 25c Yard

which has regularly sold for a good deal more—and it could not be bought to sell for its former price today. White or ecru in numerous designs, 36 inches wide.

(Chestnut)

Writing Paper 35c Pound

White linen finish writing paper of good quality.

Envelopes to Match 40c Hundred

(Commercial Stationery, Central)

Boys' Shirts Lowered to 75c

Of good printed percale or madras in many color combinations and for boys 12 to 14. Some are slightly soiled or mused, but a tubbing will make any one as good as new.

(Gallery, Market)

Junior Norfolk Suits for Boys \$1.35

Attractive little tailored suits of chambray, galatea, percale and gingham in plain colors and many striped patterns. The little collars and cuffs are of contrasting material. Sizes 2½ to 8 years.

(Gallery, Market)

Straightline House Dresses \$2.25

Gray, blue, pink or lavender striped percale house dresses, pleated from a yoke and loosely belted. The collar and cuffs are of white pique.

(Central)

Half Linen Kitchen Crash, 25c

Bleached white crash, 17 inches wide, with a blue border.

(Chestnut)

Pillow Tubing, 28c

Standard quality, full-bleached pillow tubing, 36 inches wide.

(Chestnut)

Men's Cool Cloth and 2-piece Wool Suits Reduced to \$8.75

The Cool Cloth suits are in gray mixed patterns, and are about the coolest, lightest clothes a man can wear.

The 2-piece wool suits are all wool, though very light in weight, and are excellent for wear at the Summer resorts.

All regular sizes in each style.

(Gallery, Market)

Women's Fresh White Skirts, \$1

Made in a good style—of white rep with a gathered back, wide belt and flap pockets. Skirts that have been much higher until now.

(Market)

Opera-Length Pearl Beads, 50c and \$1

Lustrous beads in 24-inch lengths.

(Central)

White Strap Books

for women to carry with their light frocks and suits. Of enameled cloth with inside frames and the handle on the top or back. 65c and \$1.

(Central)

Lowered Prices on Bathing Suits

Good-looking suits of cotton serge, surf satin or mohair are now marked \$2.50 to \$6.50.

A few individual-looking silk suits are now \$15.

Shoes

for swimming are in many styles, priced from 25c to \$2.

Pink Crepe Nightgowns, \$1.50

Simple slipover nightgowns that require no ironing. They are stitched with blue and have a pocket.

(Central)

Little Boys' Suits, \$1

Of striped gingham or plain chambray with a contrasting collar and cuffs. 2 to 6 year sizes.

(Central)

Organdie Neckwear, 50c—Half Price

Ruffy collar and cuff sets of sheer organdie in white, flesh, lavender, Copenhagen and light blue and coral, made in a pretty tucked and frilled style. Also dainty white organdie vestees with hand-embroidered dots, tiny ruffles, cord collars—most all showing round necks.

(Central)

Pretty Pleatings 35c Yard

Of organdie or net in many styles for fichus, collars and the like. The organdies are in white, white with colored ruffles or solid colors, and the nets are all white.

(Central)

Net Flouncings \$1.50 a Yard

Are 36 and 40 inches wide. They are tucked in various ways or have row after row of ruffles to adorn them. All white and lovely for summer frocks.

(Central)

Striped Ribbons 25c Yard

They are of white taffeta striped with satin in rose, pink, blue, both dark and light, maize and Nile green. 5 inches wide.

(Central)

Large Laundry Bags, 40c

Good-sized bags—quite large enough to hold several dozen soiled garments—of gayly colored cottons in pretty designs. They draw together with a cord and are headed with a ruffle.

(Central)

Satin and Lace Brassieres, \$1.10

They are well-shaped brassieres of imitation cluny lace and pink satin. V-neck back and front and a wee rosebud in the front.

(Central)

300 Corsets, \$1

They are light summer corsets of light-weight white coutil, lightly boned, with a medium high bust and long skirt. For slender and average figures. Corsets that would usually sell for higher prices.

(Central)

3000 Yards of Mercerized Chambray, 35c

In pink, lavender, yellow and four shades of blue, also many sorts of stripes. 27 inches wide.

(Chestnut)

Cushion-Back Hair Brushes \$1.10

These are good durable brushes with double bristles.

(Central)

White Voile, 25c

Plain white mercerized voile, 39 inches wide and of an even quality.

(Chestnut)

Percale Petticoats, 75c

Black-and-white and blue-and-white percale petticoats with a deep tucked flounce and underlay.

(Central)

500 Corsets, \$1.35

They are of pink or white coutil for figures from the slight to the stout. They are toppers models or low-medium-bust models, some inset with elastic. Some are well boned—for stouter figures—others are very lightly boned.

(Central)