

DEFINITE PLANS FOR PORT URGED

Architect Would Have Sproul Appoint Commission for Purpose

NEW LINES COMING

Proposal Outlined by John Irwin Bright in Address to Rotary Club

A special commission should be appointed by Governor-elect Sproul when he takes office to study and make a definite plan for the development of Philadelphia's port.

This was urged by John Irwin Bright, chairman of the committee of municipal plans of the American Institute of Architects, when he addressed the members of the Rotary Club this afternoon in the Philadelphia Hotel.

"There is a constant cry for action in the port development work," asserted the speaker. "But I cannot see how it is possible to do this unless you have a definite plan."

Governor-elect Sproul should be asked to appoint a technical commission to study the matter and report at the earliest moment. It need not be a large body. The money spent would be more than repaid by putting before the public and business world a real plan to handle a volume of tonnage.

Should He State Project He counseled against the "port of Philadelphia" idea, urging that this slogan should be changed to the "port of Pennsylvania," and that every community throughout the State should be taught to regard the port here as their own, otherwise its success would be limited.

Mr. Bright told the Rotarians that the port improvement work should be done by the State as it should not be a municipal undertaking.

Need for careful study of the port in order to plan a big, comprehensive program on an economical basis was emphasized by the speaker. He then outlined in a general way a number of big projects that should be included in a port development scheme.

"A tunnel under the Delaware, if an engineering possibility, would link both sides of the river into one big port," said Mr. Bright. "Our society suggested Hog Island as a big central point for shipping."

New Lines Coming Director Webster, of the Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, announced today that the Italian Navigation Society, operating steamships between this country and Italy, will establish a permanent line from this city to Genoa. The society has been shipping war material through this port for several months.

Pier 46, South Wharves, has been leased as the Philadelphia terminus of the new line.

Coincident with this move came the announcement that Pusey, Withy & Co. steamships will establish a regular transatlantic line. The Dundee line is new to this port.

The Cunard line also announces the sailing of the steamship Pinterello from Bristol, England, to Philadelphia. This action is accepted in shipping circles as a forerunner to a regular transatlantic line. The Pinterello is expected inside the Delaware Capes within a week.

P. F. Young, manager of the International Mercantile Marine office here, declared that the company was arranging to bring back steamers from war service and open lines from Philadelphia to Liverpool, London, Antwerp and Rotterdam. He made known the fact that the steamer Haverford will sail from Liverpool to this port on January 1.

New Spanish Trade A new venture in Spanish trade is the coming of the steamer Urkioia Mendi, of the Mendi line. According to Galley, Davis & Co., agents for the Spanish line, much will depend on the encouragement given by shippers here for a return cargo as to whether the steamship concern will establish regular service to this port. The Urkioia Mendi will return about January 6 with a general cargo for Barcelona and Cadiz.

A possible withdrawal by the Merchants and Miners Transportation Company of its coastwise steamship service to and from this port is hinted in a message sent to port boosters here by Director General of Railroads McAdoo.

Mr. McAdoo has indicated that the Government will not reverse its recent action in giving up control of the non-railroad owned coastwise steamship lines entering Philadelphia.

SOLDIER ABROAD MISSES CHESTNUT STREET GIRLS

English Ones All Right, of Course, Writes Corporal John C. Riley

American Range Finder Tells How Americans Were Received in London

HOW the English greeted the American soldiers is described in a letter from Corporal John C. Riley, a range finder in the 312th Field Artillery, written to a friend here:

"We landed in one of the biggest cities in England," he writes, "and marched through virtually the whole length of the city to a rest camp, where we stayed two days. Thousands of children and young and old women lined the streets as we passed through. But very few men were seen—reason obvious."

"The kids kept pestering the fellows for coins and all kinds of trinkets, and insisting on having the boys sing 'Over There'—they all know it over here—that is, the natives."

"We rested for ten-minute intervals in the streets, and the girls passed out cigarettes and drinking water. At one point I saw a girl step out of a door with a cake that looked like corn bread covered with jelly. As I was the first one on the job, I proceeded to select the biggest piece on the plate. 'Manners!' Well, hardly. The first man there got his in this man's army, and I don't lose any time when it comes to greeting the natives."

"You would have laughed yourself sick had you seen the fellows trying to figure out English money. I had a bill changed and then the fun started. It required an average of fifteen minutes."

Parigi, 17 dicembre. La questione economica formata oggetto di importanti discussioni preliminari nell'assemblea interalleata e nel congresso della pace. Mr. Herbert C. Hoover, l'amministratore americano per i viveri, sarà nominato Direttore Generale del Soccorso per tutti gli Alleati e per gli Stati Uniti.

Nel pomeriggio il Presidente Wilson parlò con il Conte Macchi di Cellere, l'Alto Commissario d'Italia per l'America, con il quale ebbe parecchie importanti conferenze sul vapore "Giorgio Washington" durante il viaggio dagli Stati Uniti in Francia.

Si apprende che Wilson sente una viva simpatia per l'Italia e per i diritti che le derivano dalla guerra ed ha assicurato il Conte Macchi di Cellere che egli sosterrà tutti i diritti nelle conferenze che avranno luogo quanto prima con i primi ministri del governo dell'Intesa.

Londra, 17 dicembre. Un dispaccio da Roma al Daily News, in data 12 dicembre, dice: "Vi è ragione di credere che s'egli negoziati per una conciliazione tra il Papa ed il Governo Italiano abbiano raggiunto con successo una soddisfacente sistemazione basata sulla rinuncia del Papa al potere temporale. Nonostante che nessun dettaglio si conosca al riguardo, pur tuttavia è stato rapportato da un'alta autorità che la conciliazione è stata raggiunta e che il compromesso è stato accettato dal Governo non sono incompatibili con l'unità territoriale italiana e quindi non include la concessione al Papa di uno sbocco al mare, mediante la cessione di una striscia di terreno che connetta i palazzi apostolici alla spiaggia marittima."

"Il Papa ha richiesto il Presidente Wilson di notificare ai rappresentanti dei Governi Alleati, nelle prossime conferenze preliminari per la pace, la proposta sistemazione della questione romana. Tale notificazione è giustificata dal fatto che la conciliazione tra il Papa e l'Italia implicherà l'internazionalizzazione del Papato, nel quale, in futuro, gli elementi italiani non dovranno predominare, come finora che la chiesa veniva considerata più italiana che cattolica."



CORPORAL JOHN C. RILEY A range finder in the 312th Field Artillery writes of the difficulties Yanks had figuring out English money.

to make a purchase of common toilet articles.

Describing the girls he has seen in England and France, he says: "They don't compare with the typical Yankee girl in any respect. No similarity of looks and dress, though the English girl sports a wonderful complexion."

"As to dress—well, I haven't seen any girl yet that comes within a hundred miles of the kind that trots up and down Chestnut street on a Saturday afternoon."

MIDVALE RIFLE PLANT DROPS 2000 WORKERS

Action at Eddystone Follows Government Order to Close Works January 11

Two thousand employees of the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company, at Eddystone, have been dismissed since last Friday.

This is a result of the Government order to cut down production preparatory to closing the great rifle works January 11.

The plant made rifles first for the British and then for the American armies, and at the height of its production employed 15,000 men and women. Recently the working force has been between 8000 and 10,000.

Charles H. Schacka, general manager, said today the employees would be dismissed gradually until the plant closed.

Some of the workers who have lost their jobs complain they received no notice other than the posting of the Government order when it was received. The Federal Employment Bureau has promised to make a labor survey of the plant and provide new jobs for all former employees.

WATCH MERCHANTS' SCALES This Is Warning of Bureau of Weights and Measures

Keep your eyes on the scale these days when buying Christmas supplies and do not be affected by the weight of a dealer's argument.

This is one of the points brought out today by the Bureau of Weights and Measures, in a warning given housekeepers that unscrupulous butchers are going along with the beef they buy.

Here are some of the "don'ts" issued by the bureau: "Don't buy poultry by the tagged weight. Make the merchant put the fowl on the scale and weigh it."

"Don't ask for a basket, box or package of anything. Ask for a definite quantity and have the merchant have a definite price per pound."

"Don't buy candy by the box unless the weight of the contents is marked on the outside."

"Don't allow paper and wooden dishes to be weighed in with your commodity."

"Watch for hucksters disguised as farmers who sell potatoes. Many have fake names on the sides of their wagons, so that they cannot be traced."

ALLEGES SELF-DEFENSE Johnson Says He Killed King to Save His Own Life

Elkton, Md., Dec. 18.—Declaring that he acted only because Major King was trying to break his neck, Charles Hal Johnson, the alleged murderer of the provost ground commander, was on the stand this morning for three hours, telling of the incidents in his home life which led up to the shooting.

Johnson said that the army officer's presence in his home was distasteful, but when told to leave he refused. The accused said that it was for the protection and welfare of his home that he wanted the army officer to leave.

"I went to the second story and closed King's door. As I walked away the door was opened and I told King to leave the house, but he refused. I got part way down the hall when he rushed out and said he would get me. He grabbed my neck and was choking me when I shot."

"My wife," continued Johnson, "with Turner, rushed out and grabbed the pistol away from me. I stayed in the house until an officer came. I shot only to save my own life."

TO RETAIN WOUNDED MARINES Men Injured in Fighting to Be Kept in Service

The marine corps will take care of its wounded. Every wounded marine will be retained in the service in spite of his injuries, the plan announced by Major General L. W. T. Waller, commander of the advanced base forces and commander of the navy yards here.

The men will be given industrial training and those who are not fit for active service will be kept in the barracks and navy yards for naval construction work, "scrubbing and other duties which they may be able to perform. Some of them are already being cared for in this manner at the navy yard here."

The marines suffered casualties in the fighting in which they participated amounting to 25 per cent of the total number involved. General Waller expects the marines to be among the last to return home, as they are largely represented in the Second Division, now in Germany.

KELLER HELD IN BAIL Inures Appearance to Answer Boarding Charge

Paul S. Keller, thirty-three years old, Haverford avenue near Thirty-ninth street, was held in \$300 bail by Magistrate McCleary today to insure his appearance for a hearing in Lancaster on January 20.

The local police were told that Keller was wanted in Lancaster to answer charges of beating a board bill and passing an alleged worthless draft.

BALDWIN OFFICIAL PRAISES U. S. ARMY

Turned Course of War at Chateau-Thierry, Says Francois de St. Phalle

The American army "delivered the goods" at the battle of Chateau-Thierry, turning the whole course of the war till it ended in the signing of the armistice, said Francois de St. Phalle, superintendent of the manufacture of munitions at the Baldwin Locomotive Works, in an address before the Melrose Park Improvement Association last evening.

The association met at the residence of Joseph C. Emley.

Mr. St. Phalle's information was derived in first hand, as his duties brought him in contact with all three battle fronts—English, French and American—and from close personal intimacy with Marshal Foch, Generals Haig, Petain and Pershing.

He also had access to the private papers of Ludendorff, which were captured, and which gave in detail the strategic plans of the German high command, including the treaty of Brest-Litovsk, when the Russian army collapsed, and subsequently.

From that stage of the world war Mr. St. Phalle led step by step over all the strategic moves on both sides till the final debacle of the Germans and the signing of the armistice, which he maintains is much more than an unconditional surrender.

Mr. St. Phalle described in a most vivid manner the employment of the various means of offense and defense on each side from tanks to Zeppelins. His description of the gas attacks, which he considers the most destructive agent employed during the whole war, was unique.

But what stirred his audience most was his description of the breathless suspense with which all the Allied armies, and especially the whole of France, waited to find if these untried Americans could and would stand up against the picked fighting men of the German army. How, to the astonishment of the world, they not only stood against them, but pushed them back and almost annihilated them with a fierceness which surpassed that of the Germans themselves, will go down in history. "They delivered the goods," said Mr. St. Phalle.

PRIVATE MacGUGAN DEAD Mother Officially Notified That His Wounds Were Fatal

Mrs. Madeline MacGugan, 1127 South Sixty-first street, was just notified of the death of her son, Private Eugene L. MacGugan, of Company M, 328th Infantry. He was wounded October 15 and died October 26.

Mrs. MacGugan had already received word from her father, James S. Horton, captain of the regiment, Private MacGugan, who was twenty-two years old, was buried in a French military cemetery.

Private MacGugan was a brother of Miss Madeline MacGugan, the violinist, and Miss Mary MacGugan, who is employed by the Public Ledger.

Red Cross Drive Disappointing

Francis Farquhar, Pennsylvania-Delaware chairman of the Christmas membership drive for the Red Cross, told a meeting at York Pa., this afternoon that the two States are not doing what was expected of them. He announced that the membership secured so far was 205,611.

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