## SCHUYLKILL COAL **TO LAST 900 YEARS**

Senators at Pottsville Learn 20 Billion Tons Are Still Untouched

Girard Estate Royalties Al-

most Repay \$2,000,000 Investment in Five Years

By a Stag Correspondent

Pottsville, Pa., Jan 24.—That the coal operators are scarcely scratching the surface of the huge coal deposits in Schuykill County was emphasized to day, when T. Ellsworth Davies, an old mining engineer, informed the Federal coal investigating committee that more than 20,000,000,000 tons of hard coal lies under the surface, enough to last lies under the surface, enough to last 900 years.

"In the Schuylkill County region." said the witness, "we have mined about 700,000,000 tons of coal in the last seventy years and more than 22,000,000,000 tons are left. This ought to be taxed for no less than \$1,000,000,000, but the present assessment is only \$24,000,000.

The testimony of Davies proved to be the big feature at today's session and caused much uneasiness to those who are hostile toward the investigation Attorneys for the coal operators sold that, if given the opportunity, they would introduce evidence to reful? the estimates submitted by Davies concernestimates submitted by Davies concern-ing the extent of the remaining coal de-posits and their value.

DENIES BANK JUGGLERY that the casualties in the Argonne alone

Says Operators' Taxes Are Low

Senator Vardaman, of Mississippi in charge of the senatorial committee that is endeavoring to determine whether the coal operators are limiting production and whether the alleged restriction of production is responsible for high prices, was in fine mettle, when Davies was on the stand and requested the witness to restate his testimony in regard to Schuyikill county's vast treasurs of black diamonds. Davies wanted to make it clear that coal operators were not paying their proportion of taxes and to prove his assertion cited the case of

prove his assertion cited the case of Lackawanna county.
"In that county we have 400,000,000 tons of coal that is minable." said the witness. "The courts have assessed the cost at twenty-five cents per ton, so the total assessment is \$100,000,000."

after reviewing figures in regard to the extent of the deposits, asserted that they should be assessed for either one billion or a billion and a quarter dollars.

"How would these taxes after the profit on coals" asked Schator Varda.

"On the basis of the Lackawanna County assessment, if would take see the county assessment and the county assessm

## DUTCHMEN HERE REGRET ASYLUM

Should Have Been Turned Away and Shot, Says Netherlands

Society Speaker Americans of Dutch descent believe the former Ka'ser and his son, the forner Crown Prince, should never have PROFIT \$2.50 PER TON been permitted to enter the land of their ancestors, according to the sentiment expressed by Chancellor Edwin Robert Walker, of the Court of Chancery of New Jersey, at the annual dinner of The Netherlands Society, in the Belle-

## U.S. PRICE-FIXING **URGED BY SWIFT**

Head of Packing Firm Ad- at vocates Permanent Federal Stabilizing Power

By the Associated Press

Washington, Jan. 24.-Whether it is

made yesterday that disastrous condi-tions would result unless the food ad-

entire anthracite coul region, and the witness replied that it didn.

"Un Schuylkill County," he said, "the teachers and others are threatening to strike and I am told that many school doistricts are actually bankrunt."

Says Coal is Undervalued

"Now," said Senator Vardaman, "will be resulted in the packing pending legislation affecting six hours, one in twelve hours and one in twelve-four hours, indicating, he pointed newspapers and other adjuncts of the newspapers and other adjuncts of the packing industry were not used to control shapements or prices of livestock.

The figure 1269 corresponds with nothing we have," General March said. you tell us what would be a fair esti-mate of the taxable value of the coal fields in Schuylkill County? the wilness, after reviewing figures in regard to the Benying to Remember Fillon of

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## BAKER DENIES GIVEN TO KAISER EXCESSIVE LOSSES

Total Sustained by Kansas and Missouri Guard Division 827 Men

MARCH SUSTAINS CHIEF

Corroborates War Secretary in

Rules Committee today in connection with a resolution by Representative Campbell, of Kansas, calling for congressional investigation of reported excessive losses in this division.

The Secretary and General March, who also testified, said the War Department would welcome a congressional investigation either into the affairs of the department or the conduct of the war. If this action is taken Baker promised full information and that testimony of officers who have been in France would be made available.

Mr. Baker declared, however, that an

Mr. Baker declared, however, that an returnte investigation such as called for the Campbell resolution was difficult this time because the officers who ad information, as well as documents. were all oversons.

Total replacements of the divisions at last reports were 19,065, which included

all rick, wounded and men removed from duty for any cause, Secretary Baker said

March Sustains His Chief

Charges that the division had not Washington, Jan. 24.—Whether it is proper artillery support were answered advisable to continue price control meas-by General March's statement that at ures on food after peace is declared for-mally was discussed at length today by the House Interstate Commerce Committhe House Interstate Commerce Committee with Levs F. Swift, president of Swift & Co.

The witness reiterated his statement that witness reiterated his statement conditions are conditionally to the condition of the condition of

ions would result unless the food administration's control over the price of livestock were continued until normal conditions were restored. He said that prices would go down, causing a decrease in production and then would go up. "I think we ought to have some government agency to fix prices, irrespective of war." Representative Stephens, of all these violent fluctuations after the war?"

Price Stabilization Needed Badly
"Control is practicable during war into the battle until the day before it began, Their removal was up to General March, and the practicable during war began. Their removal was up to General Pershing, said General March, and the price of the battle until the day before it began. Their removal was up to General Pershing, said General March. Then he told how Luckawanna County of war." Representative Stephens, of the battle" and that to emphasize the financial condition of that coal region, asserted that, in one town, a fund of \$10,000 had been set war?"

Senktor Vardaman inquired whether that condition prevailed throughout the entire anthracite coal region, and the

On Campbell's other charges, including once that the men lacked food and

County assessment, it would take san years for the taxes to ext up the profit on a ton of coaff, replied Davis.

"What is the profit on each ton of the control of the cont

## WANT TO ADOPT THESE STURDY BOYS? WINTER IN LIGHT ATTIRE



These youngsters are Thomas and Charles Goodwin, of 1022 Marlborough street. At the left is Thomas, four years old; at the right, Charles, five years old. The mother of the children is dead. The father works at the Hog Island shippard. He says he cannot give the children the care they should have. Accordingly, he has advertised the boys "for adoption"

### STATE WILL TEST U. S. 5100 MORE TROOPS POWER OVER PHONES

Governor Sproul Directs At- Battleships Louisiana and New torney General to Resist New Wire Rates

Authority of the Federal governmen to regulate telephone rates within Pennrylvania will be questioned by Attorney General Schaffer.

At the request of Covernor Sprout, be teachers and others are threatening to strike and I am told that many school doistricts are actually bankupt."

To give added authority to the testimony of Pavics, it was made clear by Senator Vardaman that he had been employed by Lackawanna County to survey the coal situation for the purpose of reassessing the coal lands.

The Swift in resuming his testimony over buying for the Allied governments market.

If would be a good thing if we could had not proper aerial support, and that the Public Service Commission in an action to test the legality of the new for a given length of time is better than the same price arrived at through wide the same price arrived at through wide real March said he had reports of three services who had returned to this commission in every possible way. He sent the following letter to the will take stens immediately to defend

Attorney General: I feel that the State should us every legal power and authority possesses to support the Public Scr-ice Commission of the Commonwealth

in its insistence upon its full rights of review and approval of the proposed changes in intrastate telephane rates. While, if true that the Federal tlov-erment has assumed authority over the telegraph and telephane facilities of the country as a "war measure," I believe that the authority of the State in these matters about of the

compared with 3.1.3 at Local Mourtain.

Senator Jones, of New Mexico, arrived in Pottsville on Thurselfunding of the Service Action of the Service Action

# LAND AT NEW YORK

Hampshire and Three Other Vessels in Port

By the Associated Press New York, Jan. 24 .- More than 5100

f C, of the Fifty-ninth Coast Artitlery E. J. lorps-lu all thirty-three officers and \$57 men—together with three casual offi-cers and five casual civilians. Members of the Fifty-ninth also were on the New Hampshire—Batteries D. E and part of comprising twenty-four officers and 874 men, together with two officers and sixteen men of a medical detachment of the Fifty-ninth and fourteen casual offiers and civilians.

On the Chicago were the \$14th Pioneer Infantry, made up of seventeen white officers and 214 negroes; casual combanies Nos. 15, 17 and 18, comprising six officers and 270 men, twenty-five casual officers and men.

The Goenteer brought home forty officers of the complete of the combanies of the c Infantry, made up of seventeen white officers and 314 negroes; casual companies Nos. 15, 17 and 18, comprising six officers and 376 men, twenty-five casual officers and men.

The Goenteer brought home forty officers and 653 men of the Fortieth Regiment of Engineers—headquarters declaiment, medical detachment, headquar-five attachment of first battalion, respectively. The claimants owned a country estate item and a large of land and a large of land and a large of land and a large.

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# TAMEST HERE IN 30 YEARS

Only Half an Inch of Snow and Average Temperature More Than 8 Degrees Above Freezing in December and January, Bureau Records Show

Frigid old Mr. Winter, who used to furries on the 6th, 26th-just too late blow into these parts early in December for Christmas-28th and 29th. The with icicles in his whiskers, is wearing traces were too slight to be recorded a nifty disguise this year. He has got even by the Weather Bureau's delicate imself a clean shave and a haircut and a natty spring suit and light overcoat.

For this winter—what we have seen of it, anyway—is a recordbreaker. There have been warmer winters—one or two—and winters when there was just a —and winters when there was just a trifle less snow on the ground. But take together absence of snow and absence of cold and December and January of this so-called "frigid term" run neck and neck with the mildest corresponding

months on record.

Mr. Bliss, the weather forecaster here
pointed out today that the average temperature last month was 40 9-10 degrees, shout five and two-tenths above normal

instruments. In the current month two tenths of an inch fell on the 6th and three-tenths on the 8th. That is to say. we have bad half an inch of snow so far his winter.

Back in the winter of 1889-1890 there was only one-tenth of an inch of snow in January and none in December. The temperatures were likewise a little lower, on the average, than this year—43 8-10 in December and 41 8-10 in January.

Just thirty years ago, therefore, winter was a bit tamer than it has been this the Holshevists by the Esthonians but

Mr. Bliss won't say what is likely to happen a few weeks from now. For tomorrow, however, he looks for continued fair weather, with temperatures that, owing to the intervention of Fin-

## MADMAN IN NIGHT STOLEN: DRIVER HELD RAID SHOOTS 3 WOMEN

ing Motorcar-\$400 Diamond Missing

**SUGAR WORTH \$745** 

Accused of stealing twenty-five bartoday by Magistrate Pennock, Gallagher, according to the police, was employed by the Franklin Sugar Refinery Company as a driver and disappeared with the load of sugar which was consigned to J. Strohmeyer, of 431 North Third

When Harold Mitchell, of Nectarine street, attempted to sell an expensive

American troops arrived here today on six vessels—the battleships Louisiana and New Hampshire, the French line steamship Chicago, the American transports Goentoer and Calamaes, and the ports Goentoer and Calamaes, and the street and Smith drove it away.

The maniac made his first appearance of Narva has become company, backed the machine out on the street and Smith drove it away.

On the Louisiana were the headquarers and supply companies, a medical letachment and Batteries A, B and part valued at \$23 from the establishment of a my someone moving the supply companies.

CITY MUST PAY DAMAGES Jury Awards \$10,430 to Owners of Bustleton Estate

York: fifteen casual efficers and six naval officers.

The transport Samarinda is due at New York January 31 with two casual companies (Georgia and New York) and thirteen officer casuals.

The War Department was advised today that the following units in France have been assigned to early convoy home: Base Hospital No. 42, Aero Squadrons Nos. 11, 20, 161, 18, 246.

LUCAS SERIOUSLY ILL

Attorney for Craig in Delk Case Has Pneumonia W. W. Lucas, who represented I Lieutenant Craig in the lieutenant's libel suit against the Rev. Edwin Heyl Delk, is seriously ill with pneumonia at his home, 725 South Twenty-fourth street. Mr. Lucas is forty-two years old.

Oppose Seating Berger Washington, Jan. 24.—The first open opposition to seating Victor Berger of Wisconsin, as a member of the House, came today in a statement from Representative Gillett, of Massachusetts, candidate for speakership in the next Congress. Gillett said that the refusal to seat Berger should be the very first before the next House because Bewas found guilty of charges of a loyalty.

with an accumulated surplus temperature accumulated surplus temperature of 161 degrees. In January, so far, the daily temperature has run near the same average, with about five degrees daily above normal, or 104 degrees for the month.

As for snow! In December there were

### Three Men Accused of Steal- Invades Their Bedrooms and Uses Pistol With Dire Effect

Washington, Jan. 24 - Three women, The third was choked.

The victims are: Miss Lillian Hood, shot in the ab-

domen; condition critical. Miss Martha Geagan, shot in left Miss Florence Powler, choked un-

"I just shot a weman and I'm going

The maniac made his first appearance at the home of Miss Martha Geagan, plete,



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of Bolshevist forces.

REPORT TROTSKY

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Leader Is Prisoner of

Esthonian Troops

BOLSHEVIKI DEFEATED

Lithuanians Win Victory Near

Kovna and Capture 6500

Soviet Soldiers

By the Associated Press

Lithuanian troops have inflicted a defeat upon the Boisheviki near Kosze dary, about midway between Kovne an Vilna, according to reports from Kovne today. The casualties of the Boisheviki were heavy and they are reported to have lost 6500 men in prisoners. The Lithuanians are said to be advancing oward Vilna.

The losses of the Lithuanians are declared to have been slight.

An Esthonian official report on the capture of Narva by Esthonian and Pin-nish troops, reviewed Tuesday, announc-ed that Leon Trotsky, who had been present at Narva during the fighting. Accused of stealing twenty-five bar-rels of sugar, valued at \$745, Edward Gallagher, alias Connors, of Pennsgrove. N. J., was held under \$800 bail for court

Washington, Jan. 24.—Three women, present at Narva during the fighting, had escaped from the city after the Bol-shevik defeat. Disputches of January 23 from Copenhagen appeared to con-lay in their beds at their various homes. Two were shot, one probably fatally, transferring his headquarters as minister of war to Nighni-Novgorod,

London, Jan. 24.—(By A. P.)-Nikolal Lenine, the Bolshovist Premier of Russia, and Leon Trotsky, Minister of War and Marine, speaking recently be-fore the Moseow Soviet, confessed that the Bolshevist, regime is bankrupt especially regarding industrial produc-tion, finance and food, according to a Heisingfers dispatch to the Mail.

"I just shot a weman and I'm going automobile for \$300 at a garage near Eighteenth and Poplar streets today, the proprietor became suspicious and notified the police. The car belonged to Lesile McCurran, 611 Harrison Building, and had been stolen from in front of St. Joseph's Hospital. Mitchell was arrested and held for a further hearing by Magistrate Pennock.

Two negroes, Eugene Washington, of Eighteenth and Reed streets, and Orbital Smith, of Eighteenth and Reed streets, were held under \$800 bail each for court today by Magistrate Pennock, accused of stealing an automobile of the streets were held under \$800 bail each for court today by Magistrate Pennock, accused of stealing an automobile.

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Weakened by the wound M'ss Hood continued her grapple with the man who dragged her to the window. He finally the country, Trotsky is reported to have continued her grapple with the man who dragged her to the window. He finally the country, Trotsky is reported to have seed himself, leaving her lying in a semi-conscious condition.

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court, accused of stealing jewelery valued at \$23 from the establishment of E. J. Hertz, 101 South Thirteenth street.

The home of Harry Wexler, 5840 Pine street, was robbed last evening of a diamond ring valued at \$400 and \$2 in cash.

boardinghouse keeper.

Miss Geagan was awakened about 3 a.m. by someone moving about in her room. She saw a light flicker, then go out. Believing a robber had gained entrance to her room the woman remained quiet. Again a flash. By the light of a match she saw a man with a revolver she screamed.

The madman rushed to her bedside.

He seized Miss Geagan's arm. He warned her to be quiet or he would kill before Petrograd is reached, which will her.

"Who are you?" shricked the woman.

"It's me," the demented one grimmed.

Deliberately he placed the barrel of the gun against the woman, the will be been to consider the property of the gun against the woman.

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