

**7 Ships in 8 Days,
Phila. Yards' Output**

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continent and by ocean steamship and dogged to the outposts of civilization wherever the English tongue is heard. Philadelphia trolley cars are known in every land of the western hemisphere, from the Saskatchewan to the Rio Plate.
It is only possible to hit the high spots in any enumeration of this city's industrial achievements.
The present city administration, which has already outlined its purpose, has opportunities at hand to accomplish or at least initiate a greater work than any of its predecessors.
The expansion of the port as such must contemplate ultimately a succession of piers from Bristol to Marcus Hook. Remarkable work has already been achieved on the city's waterfront within the last few years as a result of the stimulus of the world war. It is only a beginning, though.

Belt Line Greatest Need
Of three men familiar with the port and its facilities for years, each possessing a remarkable clarity of vision for its future needs, I asked the question, "What is the greatest need of the port of Philadelphia?"
"A belt line railroad," was the answer in each case.

"But we already have a belt line railroad." And two of them replied, "A belt line railroad," with emphasis on the "A," again was the reply. Philadelphia owns a belt line railroad for the service of the port. It is organized under the laws of the state and 51 per cent of its capital stock is owned by the Board of Trade and the Commercial Exchange in trust for the city. But its further extension is handicapped by lack of money, which the city cannot supply.

About one-third of it is in operation. The Reading and Baltimore and Ohio Railroads are using it in return for paying its operating expenses.
The next Legislature must be asked to clear the way and by proper enactments make it possible for the city to supply the funds to complete this greatest asset of the port.

When finished this Belt Line railroad will be eighteen miles long, double-tracked and run from Point Breeze to the Schuylkill up to Tacony on the Delaware. Once it is completed, ships coming to this port will be able to load directly from freight cars on tracks extending along the pier.
What is known as the South Philadelphia agreement provides for still greater port facilities. South Philadelphia particularly is interested in it.

Railroads Made Pact
In 1914 the city entered into an agreement with the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore and Ohio and the Reading and the Belt Line Railroads for the abolition of grade crossings, the relocation of tracks and the improvement of the water front from Christian street south.

Six tracks, under this agreement, are to be laid, two for each railroad. They can be used jointly. With all these agencies carrying freight to and from the steamship piers, the benefit to Philadelphia commerce will be of immeasurable value.

I have referred to the proposition now pending for the purchase of Hog Island. It is a great immediate stride forward proposed for a greater Philadelphia and a greater port.

GUEST AT MOORE FETE

Luncheon for Mrs. Frank Seiberling, Head of Musical Club Body.

Mrs. Frank A. Seiberling, president of the National Federation of Musical Clubs, will be the guest of honor, with Mr. and Mrs. J. Hampton Moore, at a luncheon which the Philadelphia Musical Club will give March 9 at the Bellevue-Stratford.

The luncheon will be at 1 o'clock. Preceding it will be a reception to Mrs. Seiberling and the State Federation of Clubs, which will be given by the Musical Club under the direction of Miss Marion Spangler. A trio, consisting of Dorothy Goldsmith Netter, piano; Florence Haule, violin; and Maynard Haggenbuch, cello, will give two numbers.

The concert scheduled for March 9, with Miss Elizabeth Hood Latta in charge, has been postponed until March 15 at 3 o'clock at the Aldine Hotel.

**Turk Troops Try
to Halt British**

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sooner, if the Greeks are left in Smyrna and the French in Cilicia.
Through their control of the Turkish Chamber of Deputies it is asserted Mustafa Kemal's nationalists virtually dominate the Constantinople government and laugh at allied threats to the sultan and allied displays in the straits. The real government is at Angora, beyond reach of naval guns, and the nationalists boast the Allies cannot recruit armies and raise sufficient money to carry on war in the interior of Asia Minor, or retain occupied sections. British assumption that Arabia, Palestine and Mesopotamia are already under control is contested by the nationalists.

Paris, March 5.—(By A. P.)—The number of Armenians who were victims of the massacre in the Marash region of Asiatic Turkey last month does not exceed 5000, according to detailed information received by French officials. Reports from London yesterday stated the number would be between 15,000 and 20,000.

French officials point out the gravity of the incident, but admit it was possible to prevent the massacre as the army of occupation is not large enough to furnish strong guards at every point where the Turks are likely to engage in an uprising.

**U. S. OPPOSES TURKS
IN CONSTANTINOPLE**

**Wilson Likely to Take Hand
After Tentative "Settlement"**

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
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Washington, March 5.—The administration is not deeply concerned over the present plans of the Allies to leave the Turk in Constantinople. It is felt here that this disposition of the Turkish problem is merely tentative and that Lloyd George is already beginning to yield to the pressure of religious opinion in England against leaving the Turk in Europe.

Another factor in the situation is Russia. The Allies are on the point of making peace with Russia. And it is not believed here that Constantinople can be left out of consideration when peace is made with Russia. The Soviet government recently indicated that it would insist upon the treaties which England and France made with Russia during the war, in which Constantinople was to be given to Russia.

The possession of Constantinople has been the historic ambition of Russia, which it has sought as an ice-free port in Europe. Moreover, Russia has a religious interest in Constantinople similar to that of the Turk. Constantinople is the ancient capital of the Greek Church as it is of the Moslem Church. Leaving it in the possession of the Turk will probably make it a source of future war. And it is as absurd a disposition of the present Turkish capital, in the opinion of the American Government, as would be the leaving of Fiume in the hands of Italy.

Plans of U. S. Uncertain
To give Constantinople to Russia would be an even more illogical solution. Russia would thus possess a city separated from its territory as is Fiume from Italy.

Whether the administration has any

plans for the disposition of Constantinople is not clear. At Paris our attitude favored the internationalization of the Turkish capital and at one time under the influence of Mr. Morgenthau Mr. Wilson and Colonel House inclined toward the idea of internationalization under a mandate from the United States. At that time the British and French favored leaving the Turk in Constantinople without angering the Christians of England and the United States and the Greek Christians of Russia; on the other hand, how to remove the sultan without angering the Moslems of the British and French dominions, and, again, how to keep the sultan as the head of his faith in his old capital without retaining the Turk in temporal control of the city. The Allies move the pieces one way and another in trying to solve this puzzle, and it remains unsolved.

The administration is not greatly concerned over the present efforts to solve it, for it feels that forces are at

work which will upset any disposition tentatively made. This country is not represented in the conference now being held with regard to Turkish peace. But before peace is made it expects to have the terms submitted to it for approval.

Three Churches Involved
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