COAL PROFITEERING CHARGED TO SOME

North Phila. Business Men Ask Palmer and McClain to Investigate

RIDICULOUS, SAY DEALERS

Charges that some coal dealers are profiteering and planning quietly to send prices up now so they will be several dollars in advance of the present rates when the fall demand comes were made by the North Philadelphia Business Men's Association last night.

Letters have been sent to Attorney General Palmer, at Washington, and Frank B. McClain, head of the fair price commission in this city, asking an immediate investigation.

"Coal dealers," said Edward E. Ziegler, president of the association, "are adopting a policy of refusing to supply requests for coal without advancing any reason for so doing, and at the same time, we have positive evidence that they are slipping the price

regular customers,' one coal concern in the city is quoted as saying, no further reason being advanced for refusal to

Fear Advance to \$16

"One of our members went to a dealer to buy a ton of chestnut coal. The price for this size right along has been \$12.25 per ton. Yet when he went to purchase it he was charged \$13.60. This occurred March 28.

"I have been assured by several men interested in the coal business that it is the purpose of dealers to advance coal of this size to \$16 a ton by fall.

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"The idea is that by lying low now and refusing to take orders the dealers can meet protests about the high prices were which will furnish accommodations for which will furnish accommodations for this call the prices were which will furnish accommodations for the commitin the fall by saying that the prices were advanced in the spring. Usually at this time of the year there is a drop in the tee on enlargement is headed by Jay Cooke, and includes Robert Giendin-

John E. Lloyd, president of the hiladelphia Cord Exchange, admits literson, Jr., Thomas S. Gates, Charles that the prices will in all probability adherence a dellar on two within the control of the hiladelphia Cord Exchange. vance a dollar or two within a short

The Coal Men's Reply

"But charges that the dealers are profiteering are ridiculous." he said. "They should investigate before they start anything. We have not advanced Mrs. William E. Goodman, Jr., Miss the price of coal anywhere near as much the price of coal anywhere near as much the price of coal anywhere near as much the price of their commodities.

"The retail dealers never made much ris. Mrs. William W. Harper, Mrs.

"The retail dealers never made much ris, Mrs. rofit on coal until the fuel administra- John S. pront on coal until the fuel administration came along and fixed the gross margin of profit as fair at \$2.52 per ton. We have made no more than that since and in many cases less. Our total dvances have been to meet the advances

f the operators. when coal is scarce, dealers are orced to buy wherever they can, hence

"We have been limiting the sale of conl to our old customers, simply bewith and because we do not know until after the miners' present demands are djusted just how much coal is going

agusted just how much coal is going to cost us. So, for that reason we are tertainly not going to take orders which we may have to deliver at a loss."

The North Philadelphia Business Men's Association has filed a complaint with the Public Service Complaint nission against the proposed increase rates of the Bell Telephone Co.

sking that a cross-town trolley line be constructed to run from Adams street. frankford, to Wayne Junction over the Courtland and Wingohocking streets. A similar resolution was recently adopted by the North Philadelphia Real Estate Board.

HOLER HAS BRONCHITIS

While working on top of a locomotive in the Marsia freight yard. Twenty-first street and Lebigh avenue for the street and Lebigh avenue for the street and Lebigh avenue.

Deaths of a Day

reansylvania volunteer regiment during the Civil War and was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College, Class of 69, after which he entered the insurance business. Funeral services will be conducted at the home of his son, Edward M. Durhan, Cynwyd, at 2 p. m., Friday. Besides his son he leaves a daughter, Mrs. E. Ward Sharwood, Drexel Apartments, Overbrook.

Rev. Dr. David R. Workman Lancaster, April 7. — The Rev. Dr. David R. Workman, sixty-nine years old, of Paradise, died yesterday. He was graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1878 and had Presbyterian charges at New London, Pa.; Zanesville, O., and Paradise. From 1883 to 1889 he was one of the faculty of the Zanesville Ladies' Seminary.

Bishop Joseph S. Key Sherman, Tex., April 7.—Bishop Joseph S. Key, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died at his home here yesterday. He was born July 18, 1820; was ordained. ordained a minister in 1848, and had been a bishop since 1886. He came to Teras in 1889.

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Builders, Renters and City Officials Meet in Tustin's Office to Effect Solution

The idea of big housing companies which would build small homes for mod-erate profits will be urged this afteroon at a housing conference in City

The conference has been called by Director Tustin, of the Public Welfare Department, who will preside. The obect is to find remedies for the city's lousing stringency. Builders and bankers, real estate men, union repre entatives and welfare workers will at

idea of housing companies to be financed by banks, trust companies or wealthy men will be stressed by John Ihlder, of the Philadelphia Housing As-

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MRS. ELI K. PRICE

Chairman of the general committee

that is arranging for the East In-dian Pageant soon to be given by the Pennsylvania Museum and School of Industrial Art

PLAN DRIVE FOR \$300,000

Hill Hospital Fund

Philadelphia must have more house and to get them all elements involved must pull together," Mr. Ihlden said today. "If any person holds back he'll block everything, and on him would rest the responsibility of serious trouble that

might develop next winter. Housing Companies a Solution

'Housing companies offer a solution, To Discuss Campaign for Chestnut I believe, and to bring this plan to pass there must be complete accord among bankers, trust companies, the workers

and the unions."

William R. Tucker, secretary of the Board of Trade, will attend the con-ference in behalf of that body. The Chamber of Commerce will be represented also.

Daniel McKenna, Walter Brown

William J. Haggert and George R. Stewart will represent the Council of Associated Building Trades, Ernest E. Hannefeld, secretary of the organiza-tion, said that the representatives would be guided largely in their suggestions by plans of other delegates.

"They have a well-defined plan." he id, "but it would not be fair to divulge it before the meeting. They will listen to the others first.
"I may say, however, that the pres Henry, Joseph A. Hanney, Jr., and the Rev. J. H. Griffin. ent situation is due largely to lack of labor and lack of materials. If the con-The women's committee is composed of the following: Mrs. John W. Geary.

ference is able to overcome these haudicaps, much will have been accomplished."

Ball to Represent Association

William H. Ball, chairman of the housing committee of the Philadelphia Real Estate Board, will represent that association. His plan will not be made public until the meeting. Daniel Craw, ford, of the Operative Builders' Association, said the plan of that organizaion also would be kept a secret untibroached at the gathering by George H. Detweiler, the representative.

The Octavia Hill Association will be

represented by a member of the board Financial institutions represented may put forward a plan of financing

San Diego, Calif., April 7.—(By A. .)—San Diego was all smiles and in Other organizations to be represented

gala attire today to greet the Prince of Other Wales when he paid his second visit to include: Wales when he paid his second visit to the United States, a brief stop en route to the Far East on the British battle Contractors' Association, Master Builders' Association, Master Contractors' Association (Contractors) The prince arrived off Point Loma this Plumbers' Association, National Fed which is carrying him to the Antipodes.

lay to and awaited events planned here for today and tomorrow.

A citizens' company to the Antipodes of Construction Industries, Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers' Unions, District Council of Carpenters, Philadelphia strangh Apparatus A citizens' committee in launches of Architects, Board of City Trusts, sailed out to the entrance to San Diego Land Title and Trust Co., Real Estate association passed a resolution that a cross-town trolley line be the cross-town trolley line be the

try-first street and Lebigh avenue, last night, a brakeman brushed against a live wire and was electrocuted. He was A. M. Gravul, of Camden. A physician from the Samaritan Hospital pro-

Cairo, April 7.—(By A. P.)—Georges Clemenceau, former French premier, since his return here from Luxor, has been suffering from bronchitis, but is now somewhat better. The aged statesnounced the man dead.

ment representative.

British Prince Pays Second Visit to

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PLAN OPERA HERE

Play Philadelphia in 1921

Edward Zeigler, representative of Fulio Gatti-Cazazza, general manager of the Metropolitan Opera Co. of New York, declared last night that the New York company would give a season of opera in Philadelphia next year "if conditions are at all possible."

Mr. Zeigler said the sale of the opera

house here will occur early enough to allow arrangements necessary for the promised season of sixteen performances

in 1920-21. THE TELLS HIS PLANS
The idea of big housing companies

The idea of big housing companies are prepared to give sixteen performances of grand opera in Philadelphia

BOOM MRS. RINEHART

Republican National Convention

Pittsburgh, April 7 .- Petitions for nomination of Mrs. Mary Roberts Rinehart, the novelist, whose home is in Sewickley, a suburb, as a candidate for delegate-at-large to the Republian national convention in Chicago are that or any other issue, eing circulated here. Mrs. Rinehart is probably the only woman in the field for election. There

lieved would have little trouble winning in this section of the state.

Mrs. Rinehart's husband, Dr. Stanley M. Rinehart, was formerly a tuber-culosis expert for the state, and dur-ing the war served both in this country and overseas in the army medical corps.

100 PASTORS DINE

Ministers Guests at \$1,000,000 W. C. A. Fund Dinner

One hundred ministers of this city were the guests for luncheon at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel today of the campaign committee for the \$1,000,000 expansion fund of the Young Women's Christian

Speakers were Miss Harriet Taylor. who was in charge of war work in France of the Y. W. C. A., and the Rev. Edward S. Ninde, of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Germantown. The ministers represented the Accordance of the all denominations, as the association is attempting to secure the co-operation of all Philadelphia churches in its drive

Boxcar Office Burned

A boxear, used as an office by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, was destroyed by fire last night about 11:30 o'clock at Thirty-seventh and Morris streets. No one was in the ear at time. The cause is not known and the No one was in the car at the damage has not as yet been estimated



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Holmesburg's "Country Gentleman" Makes Light of Attack on Voting Residence

SASSY REPLY TO McLEAN

Senator Martin today defended his right to vote from the Nineteenth ward, even though he lives as a "country genleman" at Holmesburg.

Martin's residence in the ward was disputed last night by John R. McLean, Novelist Proposed for Delegate to Jr., administration candidate for the state Senate from the Fifth district to succeed the Nineteenth ward leader. "McLean's wash-basin issue is not

> dangerous at all," Martin asserted. "He is not going to get any votes on "I have voted thirty-four years i that division and from that house. For

is nothing in the statutes to prevent fifty-four years I have voted in the her being elected to the place. Mrs. ward and have never voted elsewhere. Rinehart has always taken an active interest in national affairs, and it is believed would have little treather the clinton Rogers Woodruff was a member. Clinton Rogers Woodruff was a member of the board of registration commis-Mr. Woodruff decided I had a right to vote from that house, "I own the house and all the furnisleep and eat there when I feel like it, ward.

Vare leaders of the Fifth Congression-



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Another feature of the opening of the fight was the denunciation of the Vares by Joseph Fay, former assistant director under the Smith administration and former Vare leader of the Thirty - second

and I sleep and eat in the country when I sleep and eat in the country when I feel like it. I am in the ward more all district will meet to caucus on a than McLean is day and night."

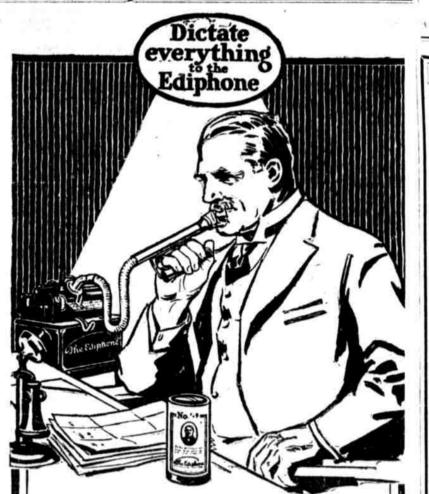
McLean's speech, made at a meeting gressman Peter E. Costello. One report of the Republican Alliance workers of the Nineteenth ward, at Howard and Alfred M. Waldron for the nomination.



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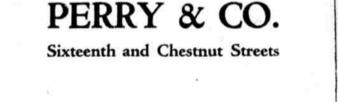
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