CALDER CHARGES GIANT COAL GOUGE

Public Mulcted Out of Billion and a Half Last Year Senator Declares

LUMBER PROBE NEXT WEEK

By the Associated Press

Washington, Jan. 25.—The opinion that the American people were "mulcted" of a billion and a half dollars last year "by the men in the coal trade" was expressed today by Senator Calder, who was a witness before the Senate committee considering his bill for federal regulation of the coal industry.

"Very well, how about the flour men, the shoe men and some of the rest?" asked Senator Reed.

"Yes, yes," replied Senator Calder, "but this trade is the one we are starting with. Coal is a necessity."

Senator Calder is chairman of the Senate reconstruction committee, which has investigated the coal trade and which, it was announced today, will begin an inquiry next week into the lumber industry.

Senator Calder appeared before the committee chiefly to reply to the statement yesterday of former Governor Curtis, of Maine, that coal men favored the measure. He read several letters from coal men complaining about terms of the measure and others from consumers urging its enactment.

Senator Calder said "taxation provisions of the bill upon which Governor Curtis based his assertion were drawn to drive coal direct from the coal mines to the retail dealers."

"We have found in investigating this subject," he said, "that coal has moved back and forth between dealers, accumulating in price by the profits and commissions involved and these provisions are intended to tax this kind of business out of existence."

Says Resales Increase Prices

Senator Reed questioned the right of Congress to use the taxing powers for such a purpose and a long constitutional argument resulted. Senator Calder said that before the investigation ended there would be shown "some quick deals in coal where three or four men bought and sold it over again while it was moving on the railroad."

The investigation of the lumber price and supply situation will be made on the basis of the recent report of the Federal Trade Commission on the activities of lumber associations. Senator Kenyon will direct the examination of witnesses before the committee.

T. W. Monell, a Colorado farmer, declared before the House ways and means committee that farmers of the country will reduce their production if Congress fails to provide tariff protection for their crops. Mr. Monell urged duties which would serve as a stimulant to production, saying that was what was needed "to put pep into the agricultural industry."

W. A. Wentworth, representing the Iowa Dairy Council, said heavy importations of butter substitutes were causing losses to the American dairymen and farmers, and advocted high duties on ingredients of such products.

Urges End of Speculation

Describing the Chicago board of trade as "the greatest speculative market in the world," Clifford Thorne, of Chicago, urged today before the House agriculture committee enactment of legislation which would eliminate speculation in grain futures at the end of a definite period. He appeared as spokesman for the American Farm Bureau Federation and the Farmers' National Grain Dealers' Association.

Mr. Thorne suggested that the limit be set at two years, which he said would give the elevator, dealers and milling interests time in which to readjust themselves.

The yearly deals in Chicago, he charged totaled fifty-one times the actual grain received and three times the world's yearly wheat production.

"The Louisiana lottery," Mr. Thorne continued, "in its palmiest days did about $60,000,000 business a year, while over $15,000,000,000 is wagered on the Chicago Board of Trade."

With the conclusion of Mr. Thorne's testimony the committee closed public hearing on pending bills to regulate future trading on all exchanges and will proceed to draft a bill to report to the House.

Further information regarding the cable landings at the Japanese-controlled island of Yap was given today by Acting Secretary Davis of the State Department, to the Senate foreign relations committee at a special executive session. Mr. Davis was accompanied by V. S. Merle-Smith, third assistant secretary of state, who actively represented the State Department at the recent international communications conference here.

SEEKS TO FUND U. S. DEBT

Bill Introduced in Congress to Issue $30,000,000,000 Bonds

Washington, Jan. 25.—(By A. P.)—Funding the entire floating debt into long term bonds is proposed in a bill introduced today in Representative Fordney's House ways and means committee. It would authorize a bond issue of not more than $30,000,000,000, the bonds to replace those outstanding.

The bill would limit the interest rate on the bonds to 3 per cent per annum and conditions of the issue, it was said, would be left to the discretion of the secretary of the treasury.

Delaware Buoy Out of Order

Notice was given today to mariners from the office of the [illegible] of the Fourth Lighthouse District, Philadelphia, that the gas buoy [illegible] marking the Joe Flogger bank in Delaware Bay and its light extinguished [illegible]. The Joe Flogger bank is a long [illegible] shoal lying off the mouth of the Delaware. Shoal, short tacks must be made [illegible] the Delaware breakwater.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

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James A. Carter, Springville, Pa., and Sarah Lawrence, Mills Pa. Mass.
Arthur E. Lane, 6924 Cedar ave., and Estelle F. Dale, 6946 Belmont st.
Frederick H. Calhoune, 101 W. Wishart st., and Florence Sherd, 3237 Hurley st.

HARRY A. BUTTERWECK
Allentown builder who is accused of huge mortgage frauds. Lawyers say his peculations will amount to a million dollars

Allentown Builder Had Trouble Before

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obtained more than one first mortgage on a property. In one case it is said he mortgaged a property five times; in another case, six times. Two ministers are among his alleged victims, and many people of slender means.

The investigators say that Butterweck built 1500 houses in a period of ten years, and engaged in 1800 distinct transactions, obtaining mortgages and transferring deeds. Every one of these transactions is being subjected to scrutiny.

The district attorney of the county, Richard W. Iobst, has taken no action as yet, waiting for the attorneys engaged in the private investigation to conclude their work, but promises a thorough probe of Butterweck's affairs.

Fred E. Lewis, twice mayor of Allentown, is the most active of the attorneys delving into the builder's transactions. He represents about fifty clients. Earl Schatz, another attorney, also has a number of clients whose transactions with Butterweck he is looking up, as has Congressman-elect Fred B. Gernerd.

Receiver Handling Affairs

Butterweck's affairs have been placed in the hands of an assignee, J. Thomas Schatz, private secretary of General Harry C. Trexler. The Trexler Lumber Co. is said to be one of Butterweck's heavy creditors.

"Butterweck's troubles are due to foolish investments," said Mr. Schatz today. "He was loaded up with lots that he paid high prices for and which are worth only small amounts. In addition, he was living beyond his means."

Woman Denies Complicity

Many of the bonds given by Butterweck are said to have been attested by Helen P. Oberly, a notary public, who was a stenographer in the office of M. P. Schatz, trust officer of the Liberty Trust Co. Miss Oberly is said to have been dismissed last Saturday and is now living with friends in a suburb of Allentown.

Through her father, Horace C. Oberly, today, the young woman issued a statement in which she said:

"I have never witnessed the signature of Fred A. Sterner on any bonds said to have been forged. I have always tried to do my duty faithfully. I have done no wrong."

BRIDGE BORING BOAT SINKS

Trouble Continues to Pursue One Crew in the Delaware

Trouble has pursued the crew engaged in making test borings in the Delaware river for the bridge. It is the outfit that is to make the tests off the Vine street wharf on the Camden side.

Lines broke almost the first day when an effort was made to tie up the lighter fore and aft to hold her steady against the tide. Then the lighter dragged an anchor in a storm, and it was necessary to pull into the dock.

All the time the lighter leaked, keeping men almost as busy bailing as getting ready to drill. In fact, so many troubles developed a easing was never even put down.

Yesterday the leak developed into a real opening, and the crew had just enough time to draw the lighter into the dock before she sank—drill outfit, casing, tools, whole equipment.

Contractors in charge, Roberts & Potter, said the drilling apparatus would be worked up today, and work would then go ahead.

The drillers off Pier 10, South Wharves, struck rock at a depth of seventy feet, and are now using the core drill. Another test outfit has been moved to Water street near Callowhill.

TWO ROBBERS SENTENCED

Men Must Serve Nine Years for Taking $12.50

John Lucas, a Negro, who pleaded guilty, and James [illegible], also was convicted of robbery committed last April, were sentenced to nine years in the Eastern Penitentiary by Judge McCollum, in Quarter Sessions Court today.

The prisoners and [illegible] robbed a man and [illegible] kept by Mrs. M. [illegible] of Fairmount and Nanduff streets. The victim, about sixty years old, said Lucas struck him with a blunt instrument and took about $12.50. At the time Lucas was a member of a gang of bandits who were found responsible for a [illegible] Negroes are held in connection with the robbery, the police [illegible].

LAWYER ASKS CLEMENCY

Reuben Bernstein Admits Using Bogus Document in Court

Reuben Bernstein, lawyer and former [illegible], who pleaded guilty to forging a document purporting to be a decree of Judge Bergy, and thus obtaining the release from prison of Sam Sherman, a Russian, who was held for the Nov. 1 term of grand jury, was given a period of imprisonment in Eastern Penitentiary by Judge Audenreid in Quarter Sessions Court today.

Bernstein was charged with having in his possession a document purporting to be a decree of Judge Bergy, which was found to be a forgery. The document was used to secure the release from prison of Sherman, who was held for the Nov. 1 term of grand jury on charges of having violated the Espionage act.

Bernstein admitted he had used the document in question, but said he had been "fooled" into using it by Sherman. He did not deny that he had been charged with the crime, but pleaded for mercy on the ground that he was "only trying to help a friend." Now that his liberty is at stake he pleaded for leniency.

The judge took the matter of sentence under advisement.

President of Peru Resigns

Lima, Peru, Jan. 25.—(By A. P.)—President Augusto Leguia, prominent president of Bolivia, has resigned, placing the office in the hands of a person of neutral politics, who will call for elections without delay, says a dispatch received here from La Paz. Reports reaching this city are to the effect that authority would be held by one of the present government officials until after the elections.

RHYMING HINT THAT MAY HELP LIM'RICKERS WIN THAT HUNDRED

Lots of Good Suggestions Can Be Found in a List of Words Made Out According to These Suggestions

Jury of Federal Employes Awards Today's Prize to Stenographer, Who Can Now Pay Christmas Bills

Have a Heart, Fans!

We've got to yell it out loud once more, folks. So—hold your ears—

Watch That Time Limit!

We are getting a lot of good answers (we assume they are good) that come into this office the morning after a lim'rick contest has closed.

We both lose by this. You lose your chance at that HUNDRED DOLLARS. We lose the pleasure of welcoming you among us.

The time limit is clearly stated every day in Rule 2.

The award announced today was voted on by a jury of employes in the Custom House, Chestnut street below Fifth. A photograph of the jury appears on the back page.

The award to be announced tomorrow is being made by a jury of instructors of ex-service men in the Spring Garden Institute, Broad and Spring Garden streets.

We've got another reason for optimism today, fans.

Yesterday's limpin' lim'rick winner was a man who has tried in every single contest except the first. Today's is a young woman who, while she hasn't been quite so regular, has competed in a great majority of them from the beginning and now finds herself in the coveted niche in the hall of fame.

It only goes to show that there's no reason to be discouraged if fate seems to pass you by in favor of others. Maybe this is best expressed in a letter we have received from James Keenan, Jr., of Phoenixville, who writes:

"This is a great game. My chances are improving. There have been twenty-six winners and they do not seem to live up to their assurances of repeating. Therefore, I have eliminated them as contenders.

"If there are 10,000 in the race, you can easily see that it is only a question of time when I shall pose for the photograph.

"Twenty-six from 10,000 leaves 9974 times at the very outside that I must try in order to win. So, even if I were last, I should not be least, for I should receive not a bit less than the first—although stamps would figure rather heavily in the proposition."

That's a good spirit of hopefulness. We commend it to the fans who seem inclined to become discouraged.

Today, we have our old friend, Miss Vi, with us again. She has apparently recovered from her recent indiscretions with mince pie and is going shopping. Of course, no woman who starts out shopping ever really intends to buy very much. They just want a "few little things." But before they get through—Phew!

Suggestion for the Fans

It has struck us that it might be well to give the fans a little hint that may help them work out these last lines. It's a method that we use ourselves in writing the first four lines and it is full of happy suggestions.

Take today's limerick, for instance. The last line must end with a rhyme to "Vi" and "buy."

So take pencil and paper ready to write down all the rhymes you can think of. Best thing to do is to begin with the letter "A" and go right down the alphabet.

How many words beginning with "A" and rhyming with "buy" can we think off? Well, there's "awry" so put it down.

Now try "B." There's "by" and "bye and bye."

So we go down the alphabet, making up a list something like this:

awry	guy	pie, pry, ply
by, bye	high, hie	rye
cry	I	sly, sigh, sty
die, dry dyelie, lye		tie, try, thy
eye	my	vie
fry, fly	nigh, nearby	why, wry

Going over a list like this will soon suggest ideas that can be worked up into a good line. Try it yourself and let us know if it helps you. Maybe it might be worth while for us to print each day a list of the words that make the rhyme required in the limerick. If the fans want it, all they've got to do is say so.

Federal Employes on Jury

We asked S. Tyson Kinsell, vice president of the National Federation of Federal Employes, to form a jury of his associates in the Custom House to judge the lines from which today's winner was chosen.

So they got together in the big room down there where we ourselves and a lot of civil servants have gone for our motorboat licenses and our passports and seamen's certificates of identification and such things and they voted the prize to

MISS LORNA D. RUTTER,
1726 North Eighteenth street.

The limerick as completed by Miss Rutter was:

Bill Fisher, who married Annette,
Said: "The honeymoon's still on—and yet—
She's all right for looks,
But, Gee! What she cooks
Doesn't fill me, except with regret."

Miss Rutter's limerick was No. 12 on the ballot. The other lines were:

No. 1.—"Changes arbor to martyr, you bet." Miss Adelaide Somers, 600 Mansion avenue, Haddonfield, N. J.

No. 2.—"Her grill work turns out to be fret." R. A. Robinson, 547 East Lovering avenue, Roxborough.

No. 3.—"Makes Bill Fisher's fish bill a debt." W. S. Hoxell, Holroyd place, Woodbury, N. J.

No. 4.—"Will render her Bill weakly yet." O. C. Bolger, care of Cramps' shipyard, Philadelphia.

No. 5.—"Puts dle' in 'dyspepsia,' you bet." Miss Helen C. S. DeLand, 108 Sansom street.

No. 6.—"Would drive mots men to liquor (lick here), I bet." J. S. McLaughlin, 823 East Seventeenth street, Wilmington, Del.

No. 7.—"Would make Hoover's Near East Hungary yet." Miss Irene G. Mason, Washington avenue, Berlin, N. J.

No. 8.—"Would be news to a cook book, I bet." Curtis J. March, 211 North Stiford street.

No. 9.—"Makes me want to digest to forget." Miss Margaretta Faust, 1209 Tatnall street, Wilmington, Del.

No. 10.—"Is no bite for a 'fisher' to get." W. H. Hessler, care of Hoskins Co., 1004 Chestnut street.

No. 11.—"Why, she doesn't know crow from croquette." Mrs. E. M. Fithian, Franklin drive, Bridgeton, N. J.

No. 13.—"She's the girl put the 'creak' in 'croquette.'" J. B. Frankhouser, 1633 South Broad street.

No. 14.—"Is far from 'de luxe,' you can bet." R. D. Anton, 235 Federal street.

Miss Rutter's line received six out of the ten votes cast. Lines Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 14 each received one vote.

Line No. 13 was chosen from a dozen or more, all using the same idea of the "croak" in the croquette. A number of them were good, notably those sent by V. E. Cuthbert, 440 Heed Building, and Miss Anne Gray, 29 East Mount Pleasant avenue, Mount Airy. But we chose Mr. Frankhouser's as being the best to represent this thought.

The members of the jury from among the employes of the United States Custom House, Chestnut street below Fifth, were:

Miss Mary T. Fahy, Swarthmore Apartments, Twenty-second and Walnut streets; clerk, United States subtreasury offices.

Miss Louise Bell, 3701 Baring street; clerk, United States subtreasury offices.

Miss C. F. Evans, Pottstown, Pa.; United States subtreasury offices.

S. Tyson Kinsell, 222 South Fourth street, manager of passport bureau and vice president in charge of Philadelphia district of National Federation of Federal Employes.

George L. Townsend, 1004 South Park avenue, Haddon Heights, N. J.

R. Redford, Sharon Hill, Pa.

Henry C. Hall, 6206 Webster street, liquidating clerk, Custom House.

Albert H. Large, 2148 North Van Pelt street, estimator.

C. M. Leinbach, 5918 Washington avenue.

M. V. Gunson, 5930 Washington avenue.

Will Pay for Xmas Presents

"Well, thank heavens, now I can pay off some of those bills for Christmas presents."

This was the joyful cry that greeted us when we notified Miss Rutter of the fact that she had captured the $100 prize for limerick No. 32. Think of it: all those unpaid Christmas bills that have been haunting you, wiped out by the simple process of writing six words.

Pretty soft! No wonder Miss Rutter was happy. We would be, too, if we could pay all of our Christmas bills without any more worry.

But what amused Miss Rutter even more was the fact that her cousin, Miss Josephine B. Richards, had also written a line for this particular lim'rick, which Miss Rutter thought was even better than her own line which won the hundred shekels. Only one little thing, in Miss Rutter's belief, prevented her cousin from winning the prize and that was—she forgot to mail her line in to this office. Funny, isn't it, what a big difference such a little matter like that will make? Such is life.

Miss Rutter acknowledges that she has been a lim'rick fan for a number of years. She believes that she got special training for this indoor sport during the six years that she was a teacher in the Nathaniel Hawthorne Public School at Twelfth and Fitzwater streets.

During the war Miss Rutter decided that she wanted to "do her bit," so she gave up her educational work and took a position with the Emergency Fleet Corporation, where she remained until last year, when she took her present position as secretary and stenographer with White & Co., dealers in iron and steel, at 147 North Seventh street.

With perfect frankness, Miss Rutter told us that she did not believe that several of the winning lines were worth $100, but she added that this fact never discouraged her as she realized that there were probably hundreds of people who enjoyed the type of line that she disapproved of and that, therefore, in a general contest of this nature every one must "get a show."

That's the real lim'rickin spirit, fans! Follow Miss Rutter's example and stick to it and some day you too may be able to cash that $100 check that you're all looking for so anxiously.

Letters From Lim'rickers

From O. M. Whitbead, Hanover street, Trenton: "In the inclosed limerick I have used the last line to correspond with the second. Several of my friends, who also limerick, wish me to ask how to write the last line when the first two differ sometimes two syllables, we fear using too many or too few syllables."

The first two lines may differ by one syllable, but we hope you have been guilty of making them differ by two. In cases where they do differ, either form may be used in the last line.

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1. Contest is open to any one. All that is required for you to do is to write and send in your last lines to the Limerick, using for convenience the coupon printed below. Please write plainly, and be sure to add your name and address.
2. All answers to the Limerick which is printed below must be received at the office of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER by 6 o'clock Thursday evening. Monday's and Thursday's Limericks should be mailed to P. O. Box 1523, Philadelphia; Tuesday's and Friday's to P. O. Box 1521, and Wednesday's and Saturday's to P. O. Box 1524. Answers left at the office of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER will also be admissible.
3. The winner of the ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR prize for the best last line to each Limerick will be announced one week after the Limerick is printed. For example, the winner of the prize for the Limerick which appears today will be announced today a week.
4. In case of ties, prizes will be awarded to each successful contestant. For example, if the judges decide there are two or more answers of equal merit for the prize, the author of each answer will receive ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. The prize will not be split up among them.
5. The decision of the judges in each Limerick contest will be final.

THE WINNER OF TODAY'S CONTEST WILL BE ANNOUNCED ONE WEEK FROM TODAY

Cut Out and Mail

TO THE LIMERICK CONTEST
EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER,
P. O. Box 1521, Philadelphia.

LIMERICK NO. 38

"I'm going out shopping," said Vi;
"I've only some satin to buy—
And some cotton and thread —"
But the neighbors all said—

.....
(Write your answer on this line.)

Name .....

Street and No. .....

City and State .....

CLUBWOMEN'S ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT CITY TODAY

Interesting Programs Arranged by Various Organizations

Dr. Elizabeth McCall addressed the Saturday Club of Wayne this afternoon on "Hygiene," and Mrs. George Bean discussed current events. This program followed the monthly luncheon and business meeting of the club.

The Community Club of Narberth held a Dunsany program at its meeting this afternoon. A sketch of Lord Dunsany's life was given by Mrs. Robert Ward; "The Wonderful Widow" was read by Mrs. F. V. Van Auken, and "Poltarnees," by Mr. Norman Southworth. "Fame and the Poet" was presented by Mrs. Joseph Nash, Mrs. Robert Nash and Mrs. Robert Ward. Mrs. Noel Butler gave musical selections.

The Philadelphia section of the Council of Jewish Women held a citizenship class this afternoon at the Y. M. H. A. The Board of Education and the school survey were the topics discussed.

The Philadelphia Music Club gave a concert this afternoon in the Clover Room of the Bellevue-Stratford. Mrs. Parr Dole gave readings, Mrs. Minard Cormany sang selections, and Miss Lena W. Bricker and Miss Helen Ivory sang numbers. Members of the club also took part in the program, which was arranged by Mrs. Sverre Gulbrandsen.

The Faculty Tea Club of the University of Pennsylvania held a meeting this afternoon at Sergeant Hall. Miss Gladys Barnett, pianist, and Miss Phillips, vocalist, gave a musical program. Mrs. J. P. Wickersham Crawford, the president, presided.

The West Philadelphia Republican women's committee will hold a meeting at 8 o'clock this evening at the Republican Club, 4105 Chestnut street. Dr. Leontor Tustin, of Public Welfare, will discuss "Public Welfare Work"; Mrs. Samuel B. Scott will talk about the primaries, and Judge Monaghan on present-day problems. Mrs. Walter C. Hancock, West Philadelphia chairman, will preside.

Hotel Men Elect Officers

At a meeting of the Hotel Men's Association of Philadelphia in the Bellevue-Stratford last night the following officers were elected: Mahlon W. Newton, manager Green's Hotel, president; J. P. O'Connor, manager Bellevue-Stratford, vice president; David Provan, manager Adelphia Hotel, treasurer, and Thomas C. Leslie, secretary.

FIREMAN SAVES AGED INVALID FROM FLAMES

North Marshall Street Man Carried From Burning Home

Through the bravery of Walter Carroll, a fireman of Insurance Patrol No. 2, Louis Kooney, an invalid, sixty years old, was saved from probable suffocation during a fire shortly after 8 o'clock this morning at his home, 2208 North Marshall street.

Kooney was alone in the house when neighbors saw smoke pouring from the kitchen windows. While the firemen were battling with the flames means were heard from a room on one of the upper floors.

Carroll groped his way upstairs with much difficulty. Twice he was driven back by smoke. He finally managed to reach a rear room where he found Kooney semiconscious in bed. The fireman threw a blanket over his head and carried Kooney downstairs.

MAYOR FOR EDGE BILL

Has No Objection If in Line With General Bridge Act

Washington, Jan. 25.—Mayor Moore this morning telephoned Representative Darrow that as one member of the Delaware bridge commission he had no objection to the Edge bill that was passed by the Senate last week, if Mr. Darrow and Chairman Esch, of the House interstate and foreign commerce committee, thought it conformed with the bills usually passed under the general bridge act. The understanding is that the Edge bill is in line with precedent.

"My own judgment is," Mr. Darrow said, "that we ought to pass the Senate bill."

Mr. Darrow added that the House committee to which the measure was referred when it came from the Senate, would probably be ready to report it at any time requested. He will take the matter up as soon as it can be reached in the committee.

Judge Rogers Buys Home

Judge Rogers has purchased from Morris Wood, through the James E. Dolan Land Co., of Cynwyd, a stone colonial residence and garage with one-third of an acre of ground on Golf road south of City line, Wynnefield. The property was held for sale at $25,000.

DEATHS

SWAYNE. On Jan. 24, 1921, LYDIA A. CAWTHROP, wife of the late Charles Swayne, aged 77 years. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, on Thursday morning, Jan. 27, at 11 o'clock, without further notice, from her late residence, 70 Wyndale ave., Lansdowne, Pa. Int. private.

DENY GOVERNMENT PAID SCHWAB FUND

Bethlehem Auditor Says Corporation Charged $260,000 Voucher to Profit and Loss

BACKS GRACE'S TESTIMONY

By the Associated Press

New York, Jan. 25.—Positive denial that any part of the $260,000 voucher, made out for expenses of Charles M. Schwab for the month of October, 1918, was over charged to ship construction was made today by F. A. Shick, general auditor of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, in testimony before the Walsh congressional committee investigating affairs of the shipping board.

Mr. Shick said he had personal knowledge that the voucher was charged to "profit and loss" of the Bethlehem corporation, and that it was never picked up by the Emergency Fleet Corporation as a proper charge, because it carried no supporting details.

Mr. Shick said it was the general understanding [illegible] of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and those of the Emergency Fleet Corporation that no item would be allowed by the latter organization unless it carried supporting details.

Before Mr. Shick testified, Eugene G. Grace, president of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, was recalled to the stand. He reiterated his testimony of yesterday that the item in question was allowed by his company as Mr. Schwab's "personal expenses."

Mr. Grace testified that even had such an item gone through and been passed as proper by the shipping board it would have been caught up by the Bethlehem corporation and disallowed.

In reference to testimony of Perley Morse, head of the auditing firm of Perley Morse & Co., that this voucher was among a list of "misplaced items," found in the Bethlehem corporation's books, totaling $339,000, Mr. Grace said "there were no misplaced items unless they were misplaced by the Emergency Fleet Corporation's auditors." When Mr. Morse presented the items to the committee yesterday, he said he had not certified to them, as they had been picked up in the incomplete audit.

Mr. Grace agreed to supply the committee with photostatic copies of records of the corporation showing the final disposition of the item in question. These would prove beyond doubt, he said, that no part of it had ever been charged to ship construction.

DENIED BRITISH HAD CONTROL OF U. S. SHIPS

Washington, Jan. 25.—(By A. P.)—John Barton Payne, secretary of the interior and former chairman of the shipping board, sent today to Chairman Jones, of the Senate commerce committee a copy of a letter from P. A. S. Franklin, president of the International Mercantile Marine Co., in which Mr. Franklin stated that neither the British Government nor any other interest in England had any control over the company.

The letter was dated November 21, 1919, and was addressed to Mr. Payne as chairman of the shipping board. In it Mr. Franklin said he was inclosing copies of the agreements with the British Government, dated August 1, 1903, October 1, 1910, and September 2, 1919. It was to the first of these agreements that Senator Jones referred in his speech last week before the annual convention of the National Merchant Marine Association, in which he charged that the shipping company, although operating American Government-owned craft, had engaged not to pursue any course injurious to the British mercantile marine or to British trade.

Mr. Franklin said at that time that he had sent a copy of the contract to Mr. Payne as chairman of the shipping board, but Mr. Payne declared in a formal statement that he had never heard "that such an agreement existed."

Mr. Franklin's letter did not explain the agreement of October 1, 1910, but it did say that the agreement of September 2, 1919, was "entered into for the purpose of bringing the subsidiary British companies (of the Mercantile Marine Co.) into line with certain British regulations, which require that the management and control of the operations of a "foreign-controlled" British company shall be (except as regards the disposal of the profits of the company) in the hands of British directors; and with the further object of securing treatment for them on a footing of equality with British steamship companies which are free from foreign control."

"This agreement," said Mr. Franklin, "we consider is very much to the company's advantage."

EDGE OFFERS BILL TO END "COST-PLUS"

By a Staff Correspondent

Washington, Jan. 25.—All cost plus contracts for the construction and repair of shipping board vessels and in the purchase of supplies for government-owned ships would be abolished under the provisions of a bill introduced in the Senate today by Senator Edge. The measure provides that bids shall be asked for all such contracts involving an expenditure of $5000 or more.

The New Jersey senator characterized the measures as "a plain business proposition designed to abolish the iniquitous cost-plus system which has cost the taxpayers uncounted millions of dollars." He declared the cost-plus system, as instituted by the present administration, had resulted in "business injustice and unfairness and huge financial loss to the people."

The Edge bill provides that when extra labor and materials are found necessary after the award of a contract and after the contractor has begun work, they shall be paid for on a lump sum basis, to be agreed upon by a board consisting of a representative of the shipping board, a representative of the contractor and a third person to be chosen by them.

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$4,000,000 FIRE IN GEORGIA CITY

Large Portion of Athens Business Section Wiped Out in Midnight Blaze

ORIGIN NOT DETERMINED

By the Associated Press

Athens, Ga., Jan. 25.—A large part of Athens' downtown business district was a mass of smouldering ruins today and it was estimated that the fire which early this morning swept clean three entire city blocks and damaged adjoining buildings had destroyed property valued at at least $4,000,000. No loss of life was reported.

The fire, of undetermined origin, broke out shortly before midnight and it was five hours later before the combined efforts of firemen from this and nearby cities succeeded in getting it under control. At its height the fire appeared as if it would wipe out the entire downtown section, and it was then that calls for outside assistance were sent.

Rapid spread of the blaze was said to have been due to the explosion of gasoline drums in the Max Joseph Building on Wall street, the lower floor of which was occupied by the Denny Motor Co. This scattered the flames beyond control and the fire spread down the east side of Wall street, south to Broad, virtually destroying every building in its path.

The flames then leaped across to the west side of Wall street to the building occupied by Michael Bros., wholesale and retail dry goods merchants. This structure, covering nearly a block, was destroyed. From there the fire spread to Jackson and Clayton streets, sweeping everything in its way to College avenue.

Hundreds of persons struggled to save their property from buildings threatened by the flames, and the streets adjoining the fire area were soon jammed with wagons, trucks and even wheelbarrows loaded with merchandise and furniture taken from stores and offices surrounding.

Adding to the confusion and difficulties was a weakened water pressure at the fire plugs, but this soon was overcome when extra facilities at the reservoirs were brought into use. Finally, after more than five hours of battling, the firemen managed to check the flames and hold them to the buildings already practically destroyed. It was daylight, however, before the conflagration was safely under control.

$1,000,000 FIRE LOSS IN NEW HAVEN BLAZE

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 25.—Fire, which destroyed the building of Mendel & Freedman, a department store in Chanel street, and spread to several adjoining structures early today did damage estimated at $1,000,000. The fire was brought under control after three hours' hard work by firemen in zero temperature.

The H. M. Bullard Co., furniture store caught fire from the sparks from the Mendel & Freedman building. Spreading to the rear the Chatfield Paper Co.'s structure was also damaged.

The high wind raging at the time caused the flames to spread across the street, causing considerable loss.

MAYOR PUTS CRIME BLAME ON IDLERS

Desire to Obtain Without Labor What Others Work For, He Says

TALKS TO TRADE CLASSES

"Much of the crime and disorder that afflicts the community today rises from the desire to obtain, without labor, that which others have acquired with labor," said Mayor Moore, speaking today before the assembled classes of the Girls' Trade School, Eleventh and Pine streets, on the value of trade education.

"So many of our boys and girls," said the Mayor, "leave school with an education and an ambition that is some times not to be gratified that it is highly important we should encourage that form of education which includes the use of the hands as well as of the brain, in order that those receiving it may be self-supporting.

"Most of our young people," he said, "are not favored by remittances from their parents. Those who are, some times depend too much upon the remittance and are obliged to ask for more in order to maintain their status in the community. How much better it is to be able to earn your own living so that you can have the satisfaction in the end of knowing that you can do things for yourself.

"A practical education," the Mayor said, "such as is being taught in this trades school, is of great value to a girl because it teaches her to be self-reliant and self-supporting. When you feel that way and can make good, you are better off than the best gowned girl in the city who does not know the first thing about the manner in which her fine garments are made."

The Mayor also took occasion to commend the Girl Scouts for learning practical things.

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