

PHILA. PORT SHOWS BIG GAIN FOR YEAR

U. S. Engineers Urge \$3,660,000 Beside Funds Available Be Spent on Improvements

WOULD FINISH CHANNEL

A glowing picture of the future of the port of Philadelphia is drawn by army engineers in the annual report of the chief of engineers to the Secretary of War, made public today. Impressive statistics and financial summaries are presented to illustrate the growth of the port and emphasize its potentialities.

The report declares the sum of \$3,660,000, in addition to funds now available, "can be profitably expended during the fiscal year 1922," beginning July 1 next, on engineering and dredging projects at the port and the amount is allocated thus:

One million five hundred thousand dollars to complete dredging improvement to Liston Range.

Five hundred thousand dollars for maintenance of dredging in Philadelphia Harbor.

One million six hundred and sixty thousand dollars for maintenance, repair and operation of dredges and existing plants.

No recommendations are made for modification of the dredging project as already approved.

It is declared that with the completion of the thirty-five-foot channel in the Delaware River many vessels having a draft of from thirty-one to thirty-five feet will make Philadelphia a regular port of call.

Foreign Trade Increases

Quoting the value of imports and exports at the Port of Philadelphia in 1920, the report says:

"Never before has the foreign trade of the port reached such proportions as is recorded, the value of the imports and exports having reached the total of \$768,201,047, exceeding by \$36,935,441 the figures for 1919, which held the former high record. The quantity and value of the imports show gains of approximately 56 per cent and 83 per cent respectively; and the exports, while increasing about 48 per cent in volume, show a falling off of about 13 per cent in value. The revenue collected shows an increase of \$2,284,450."

It is pointed out that seventy-one regular lines of steamships traded at the port of Philadelphia, fifty-six of which are engaged in foreign commerce and fifteen in coastwise trade. About half of the lines engaged in foreign commerce have been established since the war, it is asserted.

Concerning the proposed dredging operations at Camden, which have not yet been commenced, the report says: "The funds available are not sufficient to complete the work at the present prevailing prices, but would probably be sufficient to complete the upper section of the improvement. As the City of Camden contributed a portion of the funds, the opinion of the city authorities has been requested as to the advisability of proceeding with the work at once and completing as much as the available funds will permit, or waiting until the season of 1922, when it may be possible to obtain more favorable bids."

Dredging Plans

Work on this project, when begun, will be carried on along lines already announced. The engineers' plans call for dredging in front of Camden to a depth of eighteen feet, at mean low water, and from there to Kaighn's Point Ferry, and thirty feet from the latter point to Newton Creek, these depths to extend from the projected thirty-five-foot channel in the Delaware River to a line parallel with the established pierhead line. The estimated cost of the improvement is placed at \$186,080, based on 1921 computations.

Attention is called to the project for a harbor of refuge at Delaware Bay, Del., for which no funds are available because the failure of Congress to provide the necessary appropriation.

Says Soldier Robbed Her

Ella Shats, 318 Point street, Camden, reported to the police of that city last night that a man dressed in a soldier's uniform snatched her handbag at Delaware avenue and Cooper street between 9 and 10 o'clock last night.

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The rather startling titles are those of sketches to be given by the members and tonight's meeting will be called the annual Christmas party. No advance information is available as to whether all the things indicated in the titles of the playlets will actually develop at the meeting—but there are hopes.

"Why Girls Leave Pennsylvania," according to The Pennsylvaniaian, will feature Charles Frohman, but the student daily does not go into details as to whether or not he is the cause of the flight. Other players will be Yeoman, Johnson, Taylor, Pugh, Livingston, Ring, Rosenbaum, Williams, Garwood, Elkholm and the Philo Quartet.

AUTO RUNS WILD; MAN HURT

George Jordan Loses Control of Car on Manayunk Hill

Losing control of his motorcar while descending Levering street hill, one of the steepest inclines in Manayunk, George Jordan, thirty-two years old, of 214 Dupont street, an overseas veteran, received severe cuts and bruises of the head and face when he attempted to stop the momentum of the machine by running it into a vacant lot.

The front wheel of the car was demolished and Jordan was hurled through the windshield. His injuries were treated at the Manayunk Memorial Hospital.

AGED MAN STRUCK BY TRAIN

Crossed Tracks Despite Warning, Say Witnesses

Charles Cody, sixty-two years old, Lyceum avenue near Manayunk avenue, is in the Manayunk Memorial Hospital with concussion of the brain and a possible fracture of the skull as the result of being struck by a train on the Norristown branch of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, at Cotton street, Manayunk, last night.

Witnesses to the accident say the aged man crossed the tracks against the orders of the crossing watchman, Cotton street being a grade crossing.

FIND APOPLEXY VICTIM

Stricken with apoplexy while attending a theatre here, Frank Hutchinson, of Crum Lynn, was unable to give authorities his name or address. His family searched for him for two days before finding him in local hospital. He had come to this city early in the week on business.

Child, Scalded in Tub, May Live

Quick action on the part of Mrs. Evelyn B. Curtis, 3108 North Crocker street, Manayunk, in grasping her daughter Evelyn, two years old, from a tub of scalding water yesterday, probably saved the child's life. The little girl had been playing around a tub in which some clothing was being washed, when she fell in.

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