

## ISLAND MAY BE BIG SEA TERMINAL

Donald S. Edmonds Stresses Need of Port for Keeping Wartime Plant

### REVIVES FORMER PLANS

Donald Spencer Edmonds, former district counsel for the Emergency Fuel Corporation, said today that the pending sale of Hog Island, the world-famous shipbuilding plant of war days, eventually might lead to its conversion into a big marine terminal, vastly increasing the port facilities of Philadelphia.

Bids for the colossal shipyard, covering more than 1000 acres of ground and virtually cleared of shanties and sheds, are for a clear-cut job to be finished by December 31, will be held in Washington early in January.

Philadelphia capital, Mr. Edmonds said, no one could undertake the project, providing an equitable price for the plant as it stands completely dismantled could be reached with the United States Shipping Board, in which title of ownership is vested.

In his opinion, as regards the probable use of Hog Island as a shipping point for overseas trade, Mr. Edmonds was sustained by a Federal Government official thoroughly familiar with marine matters, who expressed the belief that leading steel companies, manufacturers of machinery and other industrial products destined for export, would find the approaching sale of the war-time shipyard a great opportunity to locate at this tide-water spot and to take advantage of it.

The particular inducements, he pointed out, would be the easier handling of vessels, as Hog Island is located directly along the main 20-foot channel at the point of the river far below the Horseshoe Curve, with its attendant ice congestion during severe winter weather. Also, he said, the rail connections could be made for the handling of cargoes in transit to and from inland points.

Big Terminal is Needed

The pronounced congestion of the port of New York and the pre-emption of virtually all tide-water space from New York Bay to the North and East Rivers, in the opinion of Mr. Edmonds, alone would justify the projected terminal at Hog Island, as it would be bound to divert much of the traffic from New York.

This thought was the basis for the previous project for a terminal at Hog Island, which, however, failed to materialize because an agreement as to terms could not be reached between the old Shipping Board and the group of men ready to finance the undertaking, and who had made a substantial offer for the yard.

Detailed plans for the proposed terminal were prepared and called for the construction of marginal piers on the site of the fifty shipways, including the building of ten six-story warehouses.

Were to Handle Coal

Still another detail projected was the construction of a coal tipple to the rear of the impounding basin, from which the coal cars could be run out on the designated pier by gravity, while each of the seven 1000-foot fitting-out piers in addition to fast operating gantry and locomotive cranes was to have been equipped with pipe lines by means of which vessels could be rapidly supplied with fuel oil drawn from storage tanks, erected at an extreme and safe inland point of the terminal.

All endeavors in connection with the proposed terminal were concentrated on a determination to make the enterprise work as fast and smoothly as possible, with a view of reducing the overhead cost of handling vessels and cargoes to the lowest possible minimum. In this connection even the operation of a terminal trucking system had been reckoned with so as to provide for the dispatch of a truck with freight from the yard and have the same truck return with a load of inbound goods.

### FARMER FALLS DEAD AFTER CALLING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Over-Exertion at Slight Blaze Brought on Heart Attack

Exhausted from fighting a small fire in his home last night, Eugene G. Beard, owner of a farm on Orchard road, Okmont, summoned aid over the telephone, hung up the receiver and fell dead. His death is attributed to an acute attack of heart disease, induced by over-exertion.

At 8 o'clock Sergeant Dumphy, of the Okmont police station, answered his telephone.

"Send fire engines right away to Beard's farm," was the message. The emergency chemical apparatus was dispatched.

Arriving at the farm the firemen found Mrs. Beard and her son, George, alternating in light efforts to fight the fire and revive Mr. Beard. When a physician had made an examination he said Mr. Beard had probably died the moment he collapsed at the telephone.

The fire, which originated in a defective flue, did slight damage.

Mr. Beard was fifty-seven years old. Besides his wife he leaves five children—George, Martin, Charles, Edith and Sarah Beard.

OPERA TRAFFIC RULES

Popular to Be One-Way Street During San Carlo Engagement

With the coming of the San Carlo Opera Company, which will play a two-weeks' engagement at the Metropolitan Opera House, Poplar street will be a one-way traffic thoroughfare. This was decided upon yesterday by police officials in order to avoid confusion and congestion of automobiles.

According to the new temporary traffic rule automobiles will load and unload at the Poplar street entrance. Traffic on that street will be eastward. All automobiles using Broad street and streets east of that thoroughfare in going to the opera house will be compelled to go west on Girard avenue to Fifteenth street to Poplar and thence to the opera house.

Margaret Whackley Left \$40,000

The will of Margaret C. Whackley, 6200 Chestnut street, probated today, shows an estate valued at \$40,000. Other wills probated were those of Katherine Heave, 2117 East Cumberland street, \$12,000; Ann J. Kohn, 1225 North Twenty-fifth street, \$15,000; Mary C. Lynch, 2520 South Thirtieth street, \$5000; and Mary V. McCann, who died in Misericordia Hospital.

Inventories of personal estates filed were Anthony B. Rainear, \$48,000; Clara V. Gysel, \$25,000; and Harriet B. Cramer, \$22,078.

### PERSONALITY COUNTS

Never such the voters may disagree as today, when the candidates for the various offices in the London election are being weighed in the scales.

### BEETHOVEN THEIR MASTER

Orchestra and Chorus, Named for Composer, Opens Membership Drive

### WAR ON MOTOR PERIL

Chamber of Commerce Has Bill for Better License System

Plans to present bills at the next session of the Legislature to check the increase in the number of deaths and accidents from motor vehicles will be made on Thursday afternoon at a meeting of the Traffic Committee of the Chamber of Commerce in the Chamber of Commerce Building.

### LOSES "GAS," GETS GUN

Garage Man "Done" Out of Ten Gallons by Men in Car

Harry Goldman, proprietor of a garage at 3222 Columbia avenue, lost ten gallons of gasoline last night but acquired a new automatic pistol.

About 10 o'clock two well-dressed men drove up in a touring car and ordered gasoline. When asked to pay the driver drew a revolver and covered Goldman. A scuffle ensued in which the gun fell to the street.

### HEADS METHODIST PARLEY

Bishop Bristol Will Preside at Conference March 14

Bishop Bristol will preside at the Methodist Conference which will be held in this city March 14, according to a decision reached at the closing session of the Board of Bishops held in Baltimore yesterday.

### P. R. T. COMPLAINS

Says Delaware County Highways Are Not Kept in Good Shape

The Public Service Commission has sent to the authorities of several boroughs and townships in Delaware County complaints of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, that highways were not properly maintained.

### Rout Mill Robbers, One Caught

Three men were discovered robbing the mill of J. & J. Dobson, Falls of Schuylkill yesterday by Patrolman Timbers, who captured one of the robbers after a chase during which several shots were fired.

### FATHER, 80, SEEKS SON

Asks Philadelphia Police to Find John E. Bond, 30, of Gloucester

Joseph T. Bond, an octogenarian, of 134 South Sussex avenue, Gloucester, N. J., reported to the Detective Bureau in City Hall yesterday that his son, John E. Bond, thirty years old, with whom he had lived for many years, was missing. The son disappeared from their home last Tuesday, the father said, and since his disappearance he had been heart-broken. The son had been a petty officer in the navy, it was explained. He had his initials J. E. B. tattooed on one arm.

### Seek Mrs. Alexander Heatherton

Detective Schwarz, head of the missing persons bureau, has been asked to locate Mrs. Alexander Heatherton, a resident of Kensington about seventeen years ago, whose brother is critically ill in Holyoke, Mass. Mrs. Heatherton was formerly Miss Margaret Mowbray. Her brother is Joseph Mowbray, who is living in Holyoke with William E. Chambers.



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