MERCHANT SHIPS CROWD THE PORT

Fleet of 62 Vessels, 24 Flying American Flag, Now in River

BOOMERS MEET TODAY

Hope to Pledge Shippers to Route All Goods Via Philadelphia

One of the largest fleets of merchantmen ever seen in this port is now in the Delaware river.

Sixty-two vessels — twenty-four of them flying the American flag and the others representing ten foreign nations —are taking on cargoes or are anchored in the stream awaiting a loading berth at one of the crowded piers.

The presence of this great commercial flotilla is expected to prove an inspiration to members of the port boom committee, appointed two weeks ago by Dock Director Webster, when they meet at noon today in the Director's office to formulate plans for pledging all manufacturers, shippers and importers in this section to use this port exclusively.

Six Square-Riggers

Vessels now in the port include fifty-six steamships and six old-time square-rigged craft. The foreign countries represented are Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Brazil, Holland, Denmark and Greece.

To the old mariners the most interesting sight are the square-riggers, with their trim lines and big masts, now taking cargo for foreign shores. Five more of these old-timers are now on their way here from ports in South America with cargoes of manganese ore.

An interesting feature is the fact that among the sixty-two vessels in port twenty-four steamships fly the American flag and are engaged in the overseas trade.

Five of the square-riggers are under the Norwegian flag and one under the Swedish flag. The Alfonso, flying the Norwegian flag, is fully loaded and ready to sail for Sydney, Australia. She is the first sailing craft to leave from Philadelphia to that faraway port with a general cargo in nearly half a century. The other five sailing craft are loading coal and general cargo for Rio Janeiro and Montevideo.

Big Problem

"We realize that we are confronted with a big problem," said J. S. W. Holton, president of the Maritime Exchange, speaking of today's meeting. "But we hope to accomplish material results. One of the difficulties will be in overcoming the present custom, under which a majority of the orders for shipments contain also explicit instructions as to the route that shipment shall take and the port through which it must pass.

"Another obstacle to be overcome, if it can be, is that of financial interests held by manufacturers or importers in this city in steamship lines using the port of New York. Naturally a man likes to ship through a line whose profits he shares, and this has been an important influence in restricting the expansion of the Philadelphia port."

This attempted pledging of shippers and importers is part of a plan of general survey of the port and all its facilities and possibilities, so ultimately the committee may go to a steamship line with definite and specific bids for regular sailings out of this port through showing just what facilities are available and just what cargoes are to be had.

CLEAN-STREETS ADVOCATES ARE GIVEN REPORT TODAY

Datesman Given Until 3 o'Clock This Afternoon to Announce Decision to Mass-Meeting on "Minimum Labor" Clause

THE battle of civic organizations here for clean streets, free from disease-spreading filth and dust, resulted in another mass-meeting this afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce assembly rooms in the Widener Building.

At this meeting a special committee appointed last monday presented its report.

Guy Gundaker heads this committee, which in a letter to Director Datesman, of Public Works, demanded a rejection of all bids for the 1919 street cleaning contracts.

The heaviest fire of the advocates of cleaner streets has been leveled at the "minimum labor" clause of the 1919 specifications, or rather, on the absence of such a clause.

This clause, strangely missing from the specifications, stipulated in the 1918 specifications the minimum number of men that were to be employed by street-cleaning contractors.

With no definite number of workers required, members of civic bodies point out, the entire system of inspection and checking collapses.

Time Limit On Reply

Director Datesman was asked to reply to the special committee's demand no later than 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Whether he will reject the recent bids, in which Senator Edwin H. Vare figured prominently, or flout public opinion and award the contracts, is being much speculated upon. The special committee members desired the Director's presence at the meeting today.

Datesman and Chief Hicks, of the Bureau of Street Cleaning, were present at last Monday's meeting. The Director came primed with a prepared statement, which he read. Chief Hicks, at the same meeting, announced he would not discuss the specifications with any one not familiar with those both for 1918 and for 1919. He got into deep water very quickly when pertinent questions were asked him, giving specific paragraphs of the specifications. Director Dateaman had to come to the chief's aid.

Women on Committee

Gundaker also is chairman of the committee on municipal affairs of the Chamber of Commerce. Associated with him on the special committee are sixteen men and women prominent in civic affairs. Their number includes Mrs. Edward H. Biddle, president of the Civic Club; George H. Burnham, Jr., president of the City Club, and Mrs. Frank Miles Day, president of the Women's League for Good Government.

SHIP NEWS

HABITUAL PROFANITY TABOO IN SHIPYARDS

Expletives With a Punch Permissible Only on Special Occasions

Say it mildly!

Residents of the "shipworkers' community adjoining the Merchants' yard at Harrisburg are advised to modify their exclamations that bear a hint of fire, brimstone, etc. A ban has been placed on profanity.

The police authorities of the town-site announce that they are determined to taboo vile language, and unless the residents cultivate the "darn," "my-my" and "Oh, sugar" substitutes for the stronger expressions immediate steps will be taken to have offenders brought before the proper authorities and made pay a substantial fine.

Complaints against many persons with 300-kilometer vocabularies have been pouring into the headquarters of the police, and they have begun a crusade to break up the nuisance.

A similar note of complaint comes from Hog Island. The matter is made a subject for an editorial in the Hog Island News, calling attention to the numerous women workers and the common use of profanity in trolley cars and public places.

It was explained at the Merchants' yard that the ban is not directed against the shipworker who drops a hammer on his toe or the resident who takes "pot shots" at a howling feline during the "wee sma' hours," but against the over-expressive individuals who forget their surroundings.

SELL HOUSES AT COST

Hog Island Workers to Purchase Dwellings From Government

Virtually all of the Government houses built for Hog Island shipworkers at Seventy-first street and Tinicum avenue will be sold at cost.

Preference will be given to the Hog Island employes desiring to purchase any of the properties, according to Admiral Bowles. The sale of the houses has been turned over to the housing department.

Admiral Bowles stated that of the 10,000 horses under way, 112 have been completed and delivered. Numerous offers have already been made for the purchase of these horses.

Thespians, long winded orators, pinch-face comedians, tenor coos, shouters and violin virtuosos—attention! The official "impresario" of Hog Island is John McFadden, who has his bowling alley in the athletic building, Ninety-fourth street and Tinicum avenue. He is in charge of the Hog Island entertainment bureau. Candidate actors, minstrels, etc., desiring to "blossom forth" before the gang should communicate with him.

Ed Thyssen, of the Pusey & Jones plate and angle shop, declares that he is not a magician, an inventor or anything like that, but merely a chicken farmer. "Go" says he started last spring with nine small hens, since, that time he has been eating chicken "eggs" a day, every day, and he still has those chickens left.

When it comes to public use, but are the toilets of the Chester shipbuilding yard compressed rooms can surely enjoy the goods. It is doubtful can any time between 7 a. m. and 7 a. m. for a free demonstration.

Here's a new one! You've heard of the fellow who "business" his eye on the door when he collided with the last lock. Well, "Arty" Carpenter, of the Sun Ship mold loft, "comes through" with a more explanation for a daily occurrence. His pet parrot perched him on the eye while he was shaving. "The Wearing of the Green" on a month's growth.

American Units Cross Border Into Germany

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track. It is over this line principally that the forces of occupation will be supplied during their advance.

More than 10,000 Americans are employed on the task of rebuilding the railroads across No Man's Land northeast of Verdun, the Twenty-third Engineer regiment having charge of the work. Mile after mile of trackage has been destroyed by four years' constant shelling, necessitating a new roadbed.

West of the German lines the engineers began work on the day the armistice was signed; then when the American troops began their advance a week ago the engineers rushed additional forces to carry out the reconstruction work on the other side of the old German line. The most difficult task overcome by the Americans was the clearing of a tunnel two miles from Verdun in the region of Fort de la Vangee. The tunnel was used by the French as a shelter during the siege of Verdun. In the early days of the war 800 soldiers were killed in the tunnel by an explosion, which, it was reported, was caused by a mule kicking a case of ammunition.

The German artillery for years pounded both ends of the tunnel in an endeavor to seal up this important aid to the French defenders of Verdun. Consequently, the roadbed at either end was covered ten feet deep at places with earth and rocks thrown up by the shells.

MAIN ARMY MAY CROSS FRONTIER TOMORROW

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Luxemburg, Nov. 25.

The reception given to the American army of occupation cooled off considerably Saturday, when our forces reached the German border, along the northeast edge of the Duchy of Luxemburg, where the German element of the population predominates. There were brass bands and crowds, but enthusiasm was lacking.

The entire Third Army is now at the German border. Our front extends from Wallendorf on the north to Sierck on the south. From Wallendorf down to Wasserbillig it runs along the Sauer River and from there south along the Moselle. The Germans appear to be in no great hurry in moving into Germany. I rode along the whole front and across the narrow river. I could see tens of thousands of German soldiers in camp and loafing about.

Our men are establishing themselves along the western banks of the streams, where they may remain several days, until the Allied troops on the left reach the line with us.

The region which the third army has reached is one of great natural beauty, the northwestern part of the Duchy being known as little Switzerland. Before the war it was a great resort for tourists.

It is very cold and clear. The heavy frosts remain all day and these accumulations give much of the countryside the appearance of being under a blanket of snow. The weather has been perfect since the Americans entered Luxemburg. The chief surgeon of the army tells me that the health of the men is excellent.

Shortage of Gasoline

Everything connected with the movement of the army is going well except for a shortage of gasoline. The problem of the supply, which is of great extent, gives every promise of being solved promptly.

The Luxemburg trades-people have seized the opportunity to advance their prices. The cost of meals is much higher here than in Paris. Any kind of a meal costs the equivalent of $4 or $5. Food is very scarce in Luxemburg since the supply has been cut off from Germany, traffic communications with France not yet having been restored.

MOB THREATENS NEGRO

Man in Row in Broad Street Station Saved by Detective

A negro was saved from a mob at Broad Street Station yesterday by Detective Thomas McCullough, who thrust him into an elevator which the officer ran up between floors out of reach of the crowd. Reserves answered a riot call from City Hall and took the prisoner to the police station.

The negro, Artie Powell, 1122 Pine street, was arrested after a clash with two sailors, in which he fired several shots, one bullet lodging in the coat of one of four young women, who were standing near. As the crowd gathered there was a cry of "Lynch him" but Detective McCullough went to his rescue.

At about 9 o'clock Saturday night Powell threw a brick through the window of the jewelry store of Philip Ruben, 825 South street, and ran with a tray of jewelry worth $95. Rubens gave chase, but Powell beat him into unconsciousness with his revolver and escaped.

Powell was hurrying through Broad Street Station to catch a train for Pittsburgh when he collided with two sailors, starting the fight that resulted in his arrest. He was held in bail of $1000 by Magistrate Grelis on three charges: felonious breaking and entering and larceny, inciting a riot and carrying concealed weapons.

Barnegat Lighthouse Threatened

Barnegat, N. J., Nov. 25.—The Barnegat lighthouse is in danger from the inroads of the sea currents at the inlet, and the men in charge have notified the Washington authorities to take steps to safeguard the structure.

Sleeping Woman Killed by Gas

Miss Mary Hickey, thirty-six years old, of 3650 North Eleventh street, was found dead today in a gas-filled bedroom of her home by her father, Michael Hickey. According to the police, gas in the meter became exhausted while Miss Hickey was reading in bed.

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Remember this is but a limited number of the specials, dozens of others we cannot mention owing to lack of space.

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Fur Scarfs

	Reg. Price	Sale Price
10 Wolf Scarfs Silk-lined scarf in taupe, brown or gray	25.00	15.00
12 Fox Scarfs Taupe or brown. Animal shape	27.50	16.50
16 Fox Scarfs Animal effect scarf in taupe or brown	34.50	22.50
5 Fox or Lynx Lustrous black animal effects of selected skins	45.00	29.50
7 Red Fox Scarfs Silk-lined animal style, trimmed with head, tail and paws	45.00	29.50
12 Grey Squirrel Several different designs in the smart new effects	50.00	32.50
4 French Seal Stoles 10 inches wide, 67 inches long with pockets in front	55.00	34.50
16 Fox or Wolf Large, wide animal effects. Colors are taupe, brown or black	65.00	44.50
5 White Fox Scarfs Very handsome skins in animal style	75.00	49.50
3 Nutria Stoles Large and wide effect, with pockets. In taupe or natural nutria	75.00	49.50
3 Hudson Seal Stoles A long, wide, straight scarf of handsome quality	85.00	59.50
3 Mole Stoles The finest Scotch moleskins in long, wide scarfs, with pockets	85.00	59.50
3 Jap. Kolinsky Stoles A large, wide effect, trimmed with tails and paws	85.00	59.50
3 Cross Fox Scarfs Very selected skins of handsome quality	89.50	59.50
1 Kolinsky Squirrel Cape A smart new effect, with large shawl collar	110.00	69.50
3 Blue Fox Scarfs Large, wide animal scarf of selected skins	100.00	69.50
1 Mink Stole Large and wide stole, trimmed with tails and paws	125.00	79.50
1 Mink Stole 10 large skins in a long, wide effect, trimmed with tails and paws	145.00	98.50
1 Russian Kolinsky Cape A very effective style of finished quality Kolinsky, elaborately trimmed with ermine	275.00	150.00
1 Silver Fox A handsomely marked animal scarf	275.00	175.00
1 Hudson Bay Sable Scarf 12 handsome skins worked into a straight wide stole	395.00	275.00

Fur Sets

	Reg. Price	Sale Price
6 Taupe Fox Sets A small animal scarf and muff desirable for misses' wear	50.00	25.00
5 Nutria Sets A smart effect, neckpiece and barrel muff	55.00	34.50
4 Raccoon Sets Full-furred selected skins, animal-effect scarf and round muff	52.50	34.50
5 Wolf Sets Animal scarf and barrel muff. Colors are taupe, brown and gray	60.00	39.50
3 Jap Cross Fox Sets Selected dark skins. Silk-lined scarf and canteen muff	65.00	39.50
5 Lynx or Fox In black, of silky skins, animal scarf and barrel muff	75.00	49.50
5 Hudson Seal Sets A novel effect neckpiece and ball muff.		44.50
7 Fox Sets Animal scarf and round muff, in taupe or brown	85.00	59.50
4 Skunk Sets A smart design scarf and ball muff, of silky skins	98.50	69.50
2 Pointed Fox Selected skins in an animal scarf and round muff	98.50	69.50
6 Fox Sets Choice of taupe, brown or black. Large animal scarf and round muff	125.00	89.50
1 Fisher Set Handsome dark skins in a large, round muff and silk-lined scarf	135.00	89.50
3 Beaver Sets A shawl collar effect scarf and round muff. Finest selected skins	125.00	98.50
4 Lynx Sets Black or taupe color. Large, wide scarf and round muff of choice, silky skins	140.00	98.50
1 Slate Fox Set Very handsome silky skins in a large scarf and barrel muff	165.00	120.00
2 Mink Sets A large cape-effect neckpiece and barrel muff to match	175.00	125.00
2 Red Fox Sets Finest choice Canadian skins. Silk-lined animal scarf and large, round muff	165.00	125.00
2 Cross Fox Sets Very fine silky skins in a large animal scarf and round muff	195.00	145.00
1 Hudson Bay Sable Selected quality skins in a large scarf and round muff to match	425.00	295.00
1 Silver Fox Beautifully marked silky skins in a large animal scarf and round muff	495.00	345.00
1 Natural Blue Fox Handsome large full-furred animal scarf and round muff	495.00	375.00

Fur Coats

	Reg. Price	Sale Price
2 Marmot Coats 30-inch sport models, with shawl collar and deep cuffs	90.00	59.50
3 Marmot Coats 40-inch full, loose model, with large shawl collar and deep cuffs	92.50	64.50
4 Marmot Coats 45-inch full-flare model. Large shawl collar and deep cuffs	95.00	68.00
3 Muskrat Coats 30-inch sport coat with large rolling shawl collar and deep cuffs	120.00	89.50
4 Muskrat Coats Three-quarter length full-flare model with large shawl collar and deep cuffs	130.00	98.50
1 Wild Cat Coat 30-inch sport model, large shawl collar and cuffs of nutria	125.00	98.50
3 Marmot Coats A distinctive model, 36 inches long, with handsome large shawl collar of nutria or French seal	155.00	110.00
5 Muskrat Coats 45-inch loose model, large rolling shawl collar	160.00	125.00
3 Nutria Coats 30-inch sport model, with large shawl collar and deep cuffs	165.00	125.00
4 Hudson Seal Full, loose, 45-inch coat, with large cape or shawl collar	210.00	160.00
2 Raccoon Coats Full-length coats of selected skins	250.00	185.00
5 Hudson Seal 45-inch full-flare model, with large cape collar and deep cuffs of skunk	265.00	195.00
4 Hudson Seal Full-length flare coat, with large cape collar, cuffs and deep border of skunk	310.00	245.00
1 Caracul Coat 45-inch individual model of selected quality moire skins with black lynx collar	385.00	285.00
1 Persian Lamb Three-quarter length coat, large shawl collar and deep cuffs of skunk	395.00	295.00
3 Hudson Seal Wraps Each one an individual design, handsomely made with beautiful contrasting fur collars	550.00	395.00
3 Squirrel Coats 45-inch full-flare coat, with shawl collar and deep cuffs of skunk, nutria or lynx	395.00	295.00
3 Mole Coats Distinctive full-length models, with trimmings of skunk, nutria or taupe wolf	395.00	295.00
1 Mink Coat 30-inch loose, sport coat, profusely trimmed with tails	650.00	495.00
1 Kolinsky Wrap A very handsome cape coat, model of finest Russian skins	795.00	595.00

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