

CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

Camden, N. J., named after Lord Camden was settled in 1681 by William Cooper. Archibald Mickle and Mr. Kaighn. Camden became a town in 1773, a city in 1828, and quickly rose to the fifth greatest city in New Jersey for its manufacturing output. It has 237 diversified industries using about \$112,090,216 worth of raw materials, fuel, power, etc. per year.

Camden is New Jersey's most highly industrialized city, and it leads the entire nation in the proportion of its population engaged in industry, with 24½% of its 118,000 people industrially employed, Camden has more plants which are the world's largest in their respective lines of industry than any other city of its size in the world. Practically everything from a steel pen to a battleship is made in Camden. Here are the plants of Campbells Soup Co., New York Ship Building Corporation, R. C. A. Victor Co., Esterbrook Pen Company and scores of others widely known.

The department of commerce places the value of products manufactured in 1929 at \$231,135,097.

The advancement of the Victor Talking Machine Co., forerunner of the present R. C. A. Victor Co., into the field of radio, has made Camden one of the greatest centers of this industry in the country.

Camden has nine miles of waterfront along the Delaware and Cooper Rivers which lead into the Atlantic Ocean and is known as the only Atlantic Coast port situated on fresh water. The thirty foot Delaware River Channel which has been extended to Camden's new marine terminals, present ample depth of water for the large ocean going vessels.

Five ocean liners are able to dock at one time at the new marine terminals, the equipment of which is the finest that can be installed, giving the port all the facilities to handle any size or type of cargo.

Camden has developed into a distribution center for lumber from the Pacific Coast, and has enormous storage facilities for this product at Spruce St. Pier and at the Marine Terminals.

The port of Camden is linked with the Pacific Coast ports by two steamship lines, the Munson-McCormick Line and the Quaker Line.

Daily overnight shipping service is made from the port of Camden to Baltimore, Wilmington and other southern points.

The Delaware River Bridge, the largest Suspension Bridge in the world connects Camden, N. J. with Philadelphia, Pa. It's now the main Highway leading from New York or Western points to New Jersey famous Seashore resorts. The bridge has a single span of 1750 feet long, center to center of Main Piers, with a clearance above high water of 135 feet over a width of 800 feet in center of span. The Main Structure is of a 2 cable suspension type, carrying a roadway for 6 lines of vehicles, 2 lines of surface cars, 2 lines for rapid transit and 2 ten foot side walks above the roadway. The cost is about \$29,000,000 and was completed in 1926 in time for the Sesqui-Centennial held in Philadelphia that year.

At the entrance to Delaware River Bridge, situated at the junction of two of Camden's principal thoroughfares, is a modern fireproof hotel, The Walt Whitman, named after the "good gray Poet" Walt Whitman. This hotel is furnished to meet the requirements of comfort and good taste, it takes the rank with the best of the recognized hotels of the East.