

PEACE TO BRING BUILDING BOOM.

No Reason to Expect High Costs Will Fall, Says William H. Barrett

Operations Here Cut to Low Mark by the National Needs

That Philadelphia will experience a big building boom soon after the close of the war and that the volume depends solely upon the ability of contractors to handle the business is the substance of a statement made today by William H. Barrett, secretary of the Master Builders' Exchange.

Featuring this statement was an assertion that the present scale of wages will continue. "High wages paid to bricklayers, carpenters, plumbers, plasterers and other building mechanics," said Mr. Barrett, "are not due directly to the war. Almost every year covering the last decade has marked wage advances, and there is no reason to believe that they will be lowered. The demand for such labor will be so great that present scales will stand."

No Overruns in Labor That mechanics now in the service will flood the labor market at the close of hostilities is scoffed at by Mr. Barrett, for he claims that the work to be done will require every available mechanic. "Since the beginning of the war," he continued, "construction has been at a low ebb, and for the last six months virtually at a standstill, because the war industries have in order to divert materials and labor to war work, put a ban on private operation, but they will be renewed when the ban is lifted. In a word, we must catch up on deferred work and also get back to the normal building pace. That means that we will start out at the end of the war something like a full year behind schedule, and as a result there will be an abundance of work for men engaged in building trades. Coupled with new work there will be the vast accumulations of small jobs, for there is scarcely a house owner in the city who won't tell you that he is holding up a little job because of the war."

Operations Here Cut Down How the war has affected building operations in Philadelphia is emphasized in the figures of the present year as compared with those for 1916.

In the latter year 2416 buildings were erected at a cost of \$41,520,775, while the figures for the ten months of the present year ending with October show that only 5023 buildings were erected at a cost of \$198,988,000.

How the building of dwellings was virtually brought to a stop is shown in this year's figures. In the ten months including October only 495 dwellings have been erected, as compared with 1784 for 1916.

In 1917 there were 4641 buildings erected at a cost of \$25,240,450. These figures were obtained from the Bureau of Building Inspection at City Hall. During the present year the United States Government has erected 2900 dwellings for war workers, but they are not listed at City Hall and have no bearing on the normal building activities of the city.

The total value of this year's construction work is due largely to the extension of small factories where war work is being done, and only for this work the year's building totals would have struck the lowest level in thirty years.

Cost Problem Dominant Whether building materials will come down from their lofty positions is the dominant question in the minds of master builders. They long for a tumble, but, according to Mr. Barrett, they do not expect it.

"If the unskilled labor market gets back to normal," he concluded, "the price of cement, lime, bricks and lumber may drop, but there is no indication that the war's end will restore the unskilled labor market to its pre-war condition. Personally, I do not anticipate any appreciable decreases."

CLUB HAS 34 IN SERVICE Nine Members of Business Science Army Officers

The Business Science Club has thirty-four members in the service. Nine are commissioned officers in the army. The honor roll of the club follows:

Second Lieutenant George B. Beitzel, Camp Hancock, Ga.; Lieutenant Guy H. Bloom, Ordnance Department, Ft. Meade, Md.; First Lieutenant Adolfo M. Caruso, U. S. Army Ambulance Service, Italy; Captain George Westworth Carr, Ordnance Reserve Corps, Detroit, Mich.; Walter Camenisch, Military School of Aeronautics, Princeton, N. J.; Charles W. Cornell; Sergeant Edmund J. Davis, Camp Lee, Va.; George A. Geary, Battery F, Eighty-third Field Artillery, Camp McClellan, Annapolis, Md.; Earle C. Goeckler, San Antonio, Texas; Raymond M. Gorman, Assistant Paymaster, Naval Reserve Force; Sergeant Leroy P. Harry, Camp Greenleaf, Ga.; Irvin E. Hendricks, U. S. Army; Lieutenant Joseph E. Houseworth, Jr., 328th Field Artillery, Headquarters Co., Overseas; Harry D. Lantry, Company B, Thirty-third Engineers, Overseas; Edward A. McCay, Company F, 364th Engineers; Lieutenant Paul W. McElroy, Aviation Division, Ebert's Field, London, Ark.; Sergeant Frank A. Matthews, Jr., Ordnance Department, France; H. Gardner Moyer, Camp Lee, Va.; David M. Paulay; Robert W. Perry; Lieutenant Clark G. Raymond; Sergeant James H. Rait, Medical Corps; Gorham P. Sargent, Nineteenth Regiment Engineers, France; Joseph G. Seel, First U. S. Army, Marine Corps, League Island; Sheridan W. Stehle, Eleventh company, Columbus Barracks, O.; George Wallace Stuart, Assistant Paymaster, U. S. Naval Reserve Force; R. Brooke Thomas, J. A. Den Tilt, Chemical Warfare Service; Captain William Stewart Williams, Company E, 80th Infantry, France; Robert M. Wilson, Chief Yeoman, U. S. Naval Reserve Force; Captain Samuel O. Wynne, Military Intelligence Branch, San Francisco, Cal.

MAIN LINE MAN DECORATED; FIRST FOR 78TH DIVISION

Lieutenant Bagby Wears Medal of King George, Won by Bravery

Also He Has Some Trinkets Germans Gave Him Not Quite Willingly

THE first man of the Seventy-eighth Division to be decorated for bravery is a Main Line lad. He was a sergeant when he was decorated, but now he is Lieutenant W. J. Bagby, Jr. His home is St. Davids. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bagby, Sr.

Lieutenant Bagby, best known as Jack Bagby, received the military medal from the King of Great Britain for courage and daring under fire while he was with American troops brigaded with the Austrians.

The Seventy-eighth Division is made up of selected men from New Jersey and Pennsylvania who trained at Camp Dix. They went to France in April. Bagby was in the insurance business, with offices in the Stock Exchange Building, when he went to camp in November, 1917. His father is in the cotton and oil business, with interests in Philadelphia, New York and Atlanta, Ga. The family came from Atlanta several years ago.

"I have been decorated by the King," he writes home. "I was the first man in the Seventy-eighth Division to receive a decoration, and I am quite proud of the fact. The military medal flops against my nuff-up ephog as I write."

"When cleared for action a silver-mounted short bayonet was pinned to my belt on the left. It was presented to me by an entire Australian battalion. From the same belt, but on the right side, hangs a beautiful German pocket watch, which once belonged to a Hun officer. I captured him by the simple expedient of jumping into his dugout and landing on him with both feet. As the time was early dawn and the poor fellow had not had his breakfast, it quite upset him. The part I landed on was what we used to refer to as the 'hot' breakfast."

"Then I have in my kit a navy-looking Bavarian bayonet that the former owner struck me in the wrist with."

ARSENAL GIRLS GAIN IN HUNT FOR WORKERS Bloomered Orators Continue Drive for 300 Volunteers at Frankford Plant

After a successful beginning in the suburbs last evening a flying squadron of bloomer girls from the Frankford Arsenal today continued its recruiting of workers in the city of Philadelphia.

"Bring the peace in the air," explained S. D. Woodley, of the employment department, "we are going right ahead with our production till we get word from Washington to the contrary. We are hoping to get 300 additional men and women workers this week. We need them in every department."

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SPROUL'S MARGIN REACHES 226,055

Returns From All But 742 Voting Districts Received on Governor

SUPREME COURT FIGURES Leads of Kephart and Simpson Increase as Additional Reports Come in

With only 742 of the 7651 election districts in the State still to be heard from, the majority of Governor-elect William C. Sproul over Municipal Judge Bonnell, the Democratic nominee, is 226,055. These figures include the complete vote of about fifty of the sixty-seven counties. The vote for Governor is Sproul, 192,186; Bonnell, 269,131.

Complete returns from forty-five counties give Lieutenant Governor-elect Belknap 263,670 and Logan 178,462. The same counties give Representative James F. Woodward, the successful Republican nominee for Secretary of Internal Affairs, 254,855, and Asher R. Johnson, his Democratic opponent, 172,823.

Returns from 5119 of the 7651 districts show the leads of Superior Judge John W. Kephart and Justice Alexander Simpson, Jr., for the Supreme Court to be steadily mounting.

Substantial majorities are also shown for the two proposed constitutional amendments No. 1 and No. 2. The forty counties reporting on amendment No. 1 authorizing the State to borrow \$50,000,000 for road purposes show the following totals:

Yes, 238,099; No, 61,688. Cumberland, Juniata and Union counties gave small majorities against amendment No. 1.

Complete returns from twenty counties on amendment No. 2, which permits Philadelphia to increase its borrowing capacity from 2 to 10 per cent for general purposes, give the following total: Yes, 125,723; No, 51,252.

On amendment No. 1 Philadelphia gave an affirmative vote of 117,601, and on No. 2 an affirmative vote of 98,418.

MAJ. TYLER SENT HOME Member of Philadelphia Banking Firm Went as Captain

Major George F. Tyler, a member of Montgomery, Clothier and Tyler, bankers, has been discharged from overseas on account of poor health.

Major Tyler is a son of Sidney F. Tyler, financier, and the late Mrs. Tyler, formerly Miss Stella McIntyre Elkins, a granddaughter of the late William L. Elkins.

VENICE RESTAURANT Italian and French Cuisine 1109 Walnut Street

CUBAN CITIZENS All Cuban citizens between the ages of 21 and 28 years old residing in the State of Pennsylvania are requested to call at the office of the Cuban Consulate in Philadelphia, Pa., to be registered, according to the provisions of the military service law in Cuba. Registration will close on the 10th of December, 1918.

Wanted—Publisher or Party to assist gentlemen with loan for printing a series of booklets which contain the personal knowledge between God and His existence, thus giving a scientific basis of God and love originally formed. E. S. LEONER OFFICE, C 125, LEONER OFFICE.

Salvation Army Needs Money TO CARRY ON ITS WORK Here at Home The Salvation Army Headquarters, 701-705 N. Broad St. COLONEL R. E. HOLZ, in Command.

TERRIER GOES OVER TOP IN SEARCH OF MASTER

Laddie, Left at Home, Adopted by Other Mascot-Loving Yanks

Dog "Missing in Action", After Baptism of Fire, According to Letter

LADDIE went over the top. He was with the 313th Infantry when that regiment routed the boches, but there is no record of Laddie's fate. Is he dead or is he a prisoner in a German camp?

Maybe it's because Laddie was only a dog that the military authorities did not mention him in the casualties. But there is a possibility that he is still alive and adding his snappy barks to the shouts of victory with the Yanks.

If so, then Mrs. Catharine Hamilton, 6254 Gray's avenue, his mistress, would like to know. The only news she has received is that the dog is in France and that he went over the top. She got this word today in a letter from Corporal Oliver C. Smith, Company I, 314th Infantry.

Laddie, a fox terrier, disappeared on July 19. The dog was found by the soldiers, and when the troop trains stopped at Sixty-fourth street he always hobbled with the boys in khaki. His love for the soldiers was probably due to the fact that Michael Kilkenny, a nephew of Mrs. Hamilton, was one of the fighting Yanks. Laddie was among others who joined in a noisy good-bye to Michael last summer.

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GIRL SCOUTS TO GET MEDALS Bond and War Stamp Sellers Will Meet at Liberty Statue

Philadelphia Girl Scouts will line up in front of the Statue of Liberty at city Hall at noon today and receive awards for their work for the third Liberty Loan and also for the sale of war saving stamps.

One hundred scouts will receive medals offered by Secretary of the Treasury, McAdoo to every Girl Scout who sold ten bonds in ten different homes. These girls are from twenty-four troops.

The four troops whose average bond sales were the largest are Troop 57, Miss Elizabeth Packard, captain, 23 girls; Troop 17, Miss Rebecca Tyler, captain, 23 girls; Troop 42, Miss E. Owen Martin, captain, 17 girls; and Troop 88, Miss Klement Kohn, captain, 19 girls. Of the four highest, Troop 17 is a 100 per cent troop, both in sales and in canvass.

The McAdoo medals will be presented to the winning scouts by Mrs. Walter Thompson, chairman of the woman's loan committee. Addresses will be made by persons prominent in the organization. At the same time Edwin Charles Bender, a member of the national war loan committee, and in charge of the war saving stamp sales for eastern Pennsylvania, will present a banner to Troop 17 for its work during the last week in selling war saving stamps. The winning troop sold \$12,228 worth of stamps during the week.

Malone Now Lieutenant in Navy New York, Nov. 2.—Dudley Field Malone, formerly collector of the Port of New York, has been commissioned a lieutenant in the United States navy and has been assigned to the overseas transport service.

SAVINGS STAMPS SHOULD BE HELD

Committee Acts to Discourage Purchasers From Cashing Before Maturity

WOULD DEFEAT PURPOSE Original Buyers Would Lose Interest—Nation Would Sacrifice Use of Cash

"Hold on to your war-savings stamps, even though peace is near," was the request made to Philadelphians today by the war-savings committee. The price advances one cent monthly. The stamps mature January 1, 1923, when they are to be redeemed for \$5 apiece, a profitable margin over the cost price.

A continued unusually heavy redemption of the stamps, war-savings committee officials declare, would have two effects. It would require correspondingly heavier sales of the stamps next year and probably would influence the size of the fifth Liberty Loan.

"War savings stamps are one of the best investments in the world a committee official said. Other officials say that holding the stamps until they mature benefits the stamp owner and the nation. The stamp owner is benefited by the financial gain made possible by holding the stamps. The nation is benefited because of the large sums made available for needed expenditures."

Since the German armistice commission started for the Allied lines war savings stamp owners in increasing numbers have been filing the required ten-day notice for the redemption of their stamps.

Announcement that an unusually large number of applications was being filed was made by C. H. Bowden, executive secretary of the war savings committee for Philadelphia.

SERVICE COMMISSION TO SIT Many Cases Before Body When It Reconvenes Monday

The largest calendar of hearings ever prepared for the Public Service Commission has been held for next week. Hearings will be held in Harrisburg from Monday afternoon until Friday night and in this city on Thursday and Friday.

The hearings will be the first since the imposition of the influenza ban, when the State Board of Health forbade meetings and the cases listed for the middle of October will come up.

The commission will hear arguments on Monday and devote the next three days to hearings in Harrisburg. There being more than sixty complaints and applications to be taken up. The complaints are against trolley fares, electric gas and water rates, service of various kinds and turnpikes.

DORMITORIES FOR SOLDIERS Visiting Motor Transport Men to Be Housed 18th and Race Sts

Soldiers passing through the city with motor transports, who require lodging for the night, hereafter will be housed in renovated quarters at Eighteenth and Race streets, leased by the city.

The building, the property of the Philadelphia Athletic Association, has four floors and has been adapted for the use of the soldiers and their officers. Comfortable dormitories, rest rooms, men's rooms and baths have been provided.

An ordinance, authorizing the purchase of the building, was recalled by Mayor Kimmel, and the Mayor's signature before the ordinance is in effect, has enabled the city to make speedy progress. The lease agreement was made as a result.

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