

**STEEL PRICES 95 PER CENT ABOVE PRE-WAR LEVELS**

Lowering of steel prices by the Industrial Board nearly 15 per cent still leaves the average steel price 55 per cent above pre-war levels, statistics of the Department of Labor show. This is a reduction of 23 per cent, however, since the signing of the armistice.

These statistics may have an important bearing on conferences between the Railroad Administration and the board, which probably will be resumed this week, at the direction of the President, in an effort to bring about acceptance of the steel prices by Director General Hines.

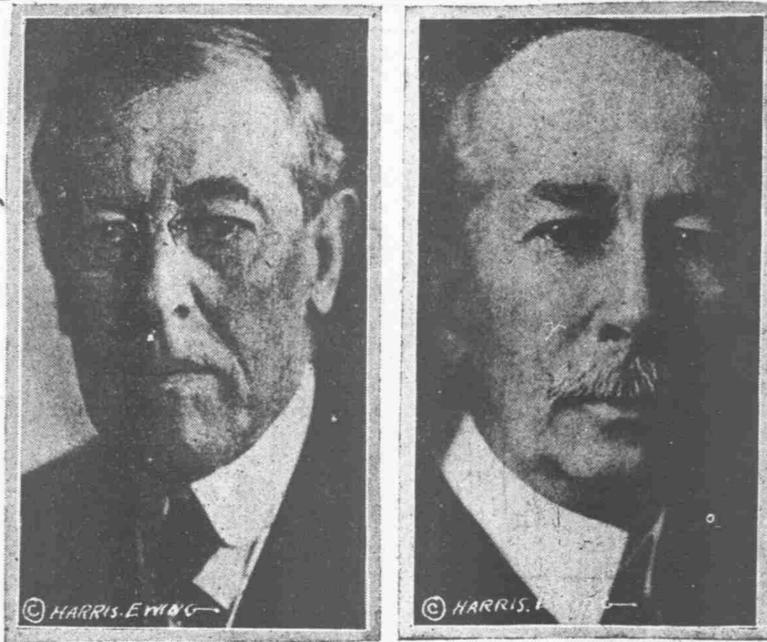
**BOOM DR. SIMMONS FOR EDUCATION BOARD**

Dr. W. C. Simmons has been selected as the candidate of the Colored Druggists' Association for the place on the Board of Education, soon to be vacated by Dr. J. H. Johnson.

The vote favoring Dr. Simmons' appointment was unanimous, and was followed by a conference for the preparation of plans for a campaign to place Dr. Simmons on the board.

Dr. Edward F. Harris, secretary of the association, has drawn up a petition, asking for the resignation of Dr. Johnson. The petition will be presented to the District Supreme Court within a few days.

**Snapped In Paris By Mr. Harris**



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**EVERY DELEGATE AT CONCLAVE "SHOT"**

This is the story of how a Washington man shot up the Peace Conference and got away with it.

One hundred and twenty-five years ago royalty trod the pavement of the magnificent Place de la Concorde, directly in front of the Hotel Crillon, American Peace Commission headquarters in Paris. The plaza then ran red with their blood as they met their fate on the grooved death-board of the guillotine.

Years later royalty trod the same path to face a firing squad.

In February and March, 1919, during the sessions of the present Peace Conference, premiers, diplomats, princes, dukes, generals and presidents trod among German cannon, silent and grim relics of the late slaughter, to face a camera and George W. Harris, the Washington man who scooped the world.

Mr. Harris, who is head of Harris Ewing, the famous Washington photographers, sailed for France on December 1, last. He spent three months in Europe.

**He Got Every One.**

He lugged his eight by ten camera and his other equipment over Europe for six weeks before he was ready to fire away and then his batting average was 1,000—he got every delegate to the conference.

Men of all colors and all nationalities stood before him.

"I told men to 'raise your chin' or 'look pleasant' now—remember the war is over' in twenty-odd different languages," Mr. Harris told a Times representative.

"No, I don't speak all those languages—I used interpreters. Nearly all the delegates to the conference have secretaries who can speak English. In fact most of the delegates know some English, which, I understand, helps a lot in the peace negotiations."

**Saw All But Wilhelm.**

With one exception Mr. Harris saw every person of prominence in Europe, he says. The exception was Wilhelm Heilmann, to whom Mr. Harris is largely indebted for his trip. The exception in question is now living in retirement and could not be seen.

From first to last, Mr. Harris says, his most enjoyable experience was his visit to Rome and to the Vatican where he saw the Pope.

He brought to Washington and presented to each Catholic young woman employed by Harris & Ewing a rosary blessed by the Pope.

While in Italy, he visited Fiume, about which there has been so much discussion at the conference. He visited Trieste twice and took an air flight over the Adriatic sea.

**Colonel House Aided Him.**

It was through the good offices of Colonel House that Mr. Harris was able to photograph many of the delegates to the conference.

"Colonel House was one of the few notables in this country who had not given us a sitting," Mr. Harris said. "I had my doubts about being able to land him in Paris."

"What was my surprise when Colonel House asked me what I wanted?"

"I shot him first and when he gave me his autograph, he said he was signing it 'Edward M. House,' explaining that for the last twenty-one years he had signed himself 'E. M. House.' While at the conference it was necessary to sign the full name, thus the change. So when he returns to America, he told me, he will be 'Edward M. House' again."

"I found him to be one of the most amiable and obliging men I have ever met. I also found him to be the best fixer in Paris. Just by a word over the telephone he could bring before my camera almost anyone I wished."

Mr. Harris said it is difficult to say which of the two is dominating the peace conference—President Wilson or Colonel House.

**Visited Birthplace in Wales.**

On his visit to England, Mr. Harris made a brief visit to Wales, and to his birthplace there. He left Wales when he was nine years old.

While in Wales he met a cousin, an officer in the British army. The cousin gave him an officer's automatic pistol, which he took from a German prisoner. The German, he learned, had taken the weapon from an American prisoner. Mr. Harris brought the pistol to Washington.

It began to appear as if he was going to miss seeing David Lloyd George, Mr. Harris said, but he finally arranged for a four-minute session with the English premier.

"It was impressed on me that I could see him only four minutes," he said. "That four minutes, however, was stretched into two hours. Yes, I was with him two hours."

"I found him to have more points of contact than any man I had ever met, unless it be the late Theodore Roosevelt."

**Lauds Balfour Family.**

"While looking over some of my prints, Mr. Lloyd George picked up a photograph of Arthur Balfour and remarked: 'That is a great family. Do you know a Balfour has been serving the British government in the war office for more than 400 years?'

"He also called attention to the fact that no Balfour has ever sought public office, nor honors. Arthur Balfour is still known as the 'Right Honorable,' although he has been offered many titles."

Mr. Harris said that Lloyd George was greatly interested in Premier Venizelos of Greece. He said that the British premier said he regretted that Venizelos did not represent a stronger nation.

While calling on Lloyd George, the latter's daughter, Mrs. Oliver Cary Evans, entered. She took a great interest in the Washington man's photos, and assisted him in shooting the premier.

**Took Her Photo, Too.**

"I hope those pictures of my father will be good ones, because I want you to send me some of them," Mrs. Evans told Mr. Harris.

"After I had snapped her father, I took her picture."

"Lloyd George is a great mixer. He would be a wonderful politician in America. He is more like Roosevelt than anyone I have known."

Mr. Harris says that he was so awed by the premier that he completely forgot to mention to the premier that he, too, was from Wales. The premier, however, is from north Wales, and Mr. Harris is from south Wales.

While in London, Mr. Harris accompanied the party of American newspaper men who broke into Buckingham Palace and shook hands with the King and Queen. President Wilson and the Duke of Connaught were also there.

**Looked Like Tramps.**

"When we got to the palace, we were cold and hungry," Mr. Harris said. "We had been on the train all night and had had no time to shave or brush up for the reception. We looked like tramps."

"It was easy enough getting into the palace grounds, but getting into the palace was another matter. We tried all the doors, and finally an English officer took us to a side entrance and said:

"When I count three, push hard and we will break in."

"Well, he counted and we pushed. The lock gave and the door opened."

"We waited about twenty minutes before the arrival of the royal party."

"Passing in line we shook hands with King George and Queen Mary. President and Mrs. Wilson and the Duke of Connaught. I believe Lord Reading also was there."

**King Also Was Unshaven.**

Mr. Harris said that one of the party afterward told the story that he apologized to the King for not being shaved, whereupon the King stroked his beard and said:

"You have nothing on me; I haven't had a shave in three years."

Back in Paris Mr. Harris called on General Foch at his office at the Hotel des Invalides, where is the tomb of Napoleon.

General Foch first gave Mr. Harris his autograph signed with his fountain pen.

When informed through an interpreter that he wished to have a writing pen that the general had used, the accommodating French warlord said:

"Let me write it again."

He then used a pen point that Mr. Harris furnished. Mr. Harris brought the pen back to Washington and prizes it highly.

**Venizelos Knew of Him.**

On his visit to Premier Venizelos Mr. Harris picked up two copies of Greek publications which had pictures bearing the credit line "Harris & Ewing," and showed them to the premier by way of introduction.

"Oh, yes, I know your firm," the premier said. "I had often wanted to see the man who took so many pictures."

Mr. Harris says he did not tell the premier that his company had other photographers.

He found that Venizelos spoke English fluently.

The Washington man says he left Paris with one big impression—that the peace conference is no mob scene; that it runs along like a well-oiled engine, with President Wilson and Colonel House in the cab, dominating every move, just as they have done in Washington.

**RANK FOR NURSES URGED BY D. A. R.**

Recognition of the nurses of the Army Nurse Corps by giving them proper rank in the army was urged by the Daughters of the American Revolution, who closed their twenty-eighth continental congress here yesterday.

The indignation of the Daughters has been stirred by the stories told by returning nurses of the unfortunate treatment accorded them by the army in both America and France.

"Sick nurses have been denied transportation in ambulance trains; well nurses have slept on straw in box freight cars in railroad yards, on mattresses on the floors of warehouses in Paris, and have been turned away from hotels because they were not officers," was the declaration of the resolution yesterday read by Mrs. Samuel A. Ammon, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the committee on resolutions.

The resolution continues: "The ability of our nurses to give their best service to our wounded men was seriously impaired by their lack of recognized authority over the untrained hospital orderlies. We believe that the publication of the facts about the way orderlies, surgeons, and even commanding officers ignored the nurses professionally, will give the women of this country food for thought. The plight of our nurses was not due to war's exigencies, but to purely avoidable causes, many of which the conferring of rank would automatically eliminate."

"In view of the unsurpassed service these nurses have rendered to our sons and husbands, we feel spurred to a new determination to manifest our respect and admiration for them and to champion their demand for rank until it wins success."

The resolution passed will be sent to Secretary of War Baker, the president of the War College, Gen. Lytle C. Brown, and Surgeon General Ireland, as well as to the Military Affairs Committees of Congress.

**START PROBE OF BLAST IN NORFOLK NAVY YARD**

NORFOLK, Va., April 20.—Official investigation of an explosion at the navy yard here yesterday afternoon is being conducted today. One man was killed and two injured when an oil drum exploded.

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