

GERMANY FEARS BOLSHEVISM NOW

HOUSING PROBLEM TAKEN UP AT BUILDING MEETING

SPIRITED SESSION IS HELD

A Variety of Problems Are Threshed Out and Many Difficulties Forseen.

HIGH SPOTS OF BUILDING MEETING

Representatives of building trades outlined demands for \$1.25 an hour. Material men defied increases in prices ranging from 100 to 200 per cent. Real estate men point out acute demand for houses and diminishing supply. Bankers threaten to curtail loans if building costs continue to soar. Manufacturers call attention to need of homes for thousands of new employees. General sentiment in favor of granting labor demands for big increase in pay. Very pronounced sentiment against any limit of production by union labor. Frequent assaults on prevailing reckless spending and lack of saving by public. Labor principal purchaser of homes, even at prevailing high prices, unions state. Frequent attacks on material men by both contractors and union men. Admissions by lathers' and plumbers' representatives that production is curtailed. Meeting spirited, well tempered, talks moderate. General desire for a solution. RESULT: The consumer, the middle class, due for a pinching between the upper and nether millstones of high prices of labor and materials and the resultant certain increases in rents and prices of all improved property. Although none of the various recommendations made were acted upon officially at the housing meeting at the Hammond Chamber of Commerce Friday evening, much good is expected to come of the discussion as it has set the people thinking on a problem which is vital to the development of the city. One of the largest crowds ever present at a special meeting braved the storm to attend. Representatives of labor organizations, building contractors, lumber and material men, banks and building and loan associations were present and all talked freely. One of the questions which came up early as expected was the demand being made by building crafts for increases in wages which will bring the scales up to \$1.25 per hour. The tradesmen were able to present figures showing that the increase in wages in the last three years had not kept pace with the increase in the costs of materials. Statistics they showed wages have advanced only 75 per cent. The great objection voiced by the opposition seemed not against the increased wage, but against the decreased production which has been demanded by some of the crafts. The consensus of (Continued on page two.)

ROTHSCHILD HAS PLAN FOR HOMES

Organizations of the Hammond Housing Corporation, or better still half a dozen such corporations, to finance building operations is the solution for Hammond's housing problem offered by M. Rothschild, one of the city's leading merchants and financiers. He has been discussing the proposition with others lately and the idea has met with the hearty approval of scores of other business men. One of the great drawbacks to building in Hammond according to Mr. Rothschild, is the fact that none of the contracting firms is financially able to go into the market to purchase on such a scale as would command the lowest price for materials. As a rule their building operations are confined to a very limited scope and they must be able to get their investment out of one house before they can start on the next. It is to help these contractors that the Housing Corporation has been evolved. The ordinary bungalow now in great demand is selling at \$6,000, he says, and the contractors say these houses cost \$6,200 to erect. However, it is necessary to tack on the additional \$800 to care for the heavy discount when they sell their second mortgage to the Housing Corporation to carry. Capitalized at \$100,000, it would be possible for the organization to handle fifty houses. "Now," adds Mr. Rothschild, "here is where we could do still more good. We would not build one or two houses at a time. We would go into the market and contract for the material for those fifty houses and get the benefit of the lower prices through buying at wholesale. Then our building would be conducted on a wholesale scale also. Ten houses would be built at a time and in that manner the contractor could take advantage of every saving his men constantly employed. The houses could be built quicker and also cheaper. Suppose then we have six or more corporations organized in Hammond. We could make a big reduction in the house shortage. Mr. Rothschild, from his conversations with others, believes that the majority of merchants of Hammond would gladly take stock in a housing corporation and he thinks that factors, especially those desiring to locate here should subscribe heavily in order to help provide homes for the men they will draw to the city.

Attempt Made to Rob Bank

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES) DYER, IND., March 20.—Another attempt was made last night to rob the First National Bank of Dyer. When Cashier A. W. Stommel reached the bank this morning he found that entrance to the bank had been made through a jimmied window and that two holes had been bored through the steel vault door. That is about as far, however, as the burglars got. They evidently gave up the job in disgust. This is the second attempt made in a year to rob the bank.

DID YOU HEAR THAT

THE sale of salvaged army goods at 97 State st., draws large crowds of bargain seekers daily. MR. AND MRS. CHARLES SURPRISE who have been enjoying a little vacation in Oklahoma are expected home tonight. FRITZ EBERT is one of the booster committee for the big Phi Delta Theta banquet given in memory of the fraternity founders in Chicago March 25. F. RICHARD SHAEF has accepted Gov. J. P. Goodrich's invitation to be a member of the state war memorial committee from Lake county.

HER GRANDMOTHER AND GRANDDAUGHTER ARE BOTH LIVING



Mrs. Reddington.

Mrs. Reddington is the only woman in New York, as far as is known, whose grandmother and granddaughter are both living. The former is eighty-seven and lives in Brooklyn; the latter is only a few days old.

Newberry Is Guilty Says Jury

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., March 20.—Senator Truman H. Newberry was sentenced to two years imprisonment in Leavenworth and a fine of \$10,000 by Judge Clarence Sessions this afternoon in the U. S. district court here. The sentence imposed upon him was the limit under the law.

BELIEVES HIS WIDE ACQUAINTANCE WILL WIN A SENATORSHIP



J. Y. Sanders.

J. Y. Sanders of Louisiana has at last set out for his life's goal, a seat in the U. S. senate. He has risen step by step in politics with the senatorship in view, and his chief asset is personal acquaintance with about 75,000 voters in his state.

McLaughlin Passes Away At Hospital

East Chicago Physical Director Dies After Accident; Driver Surrenders.

Frank McLaughlin, the physical director of the Garfield school at East Chicago who was struck by a taxi last Thursday night, died at 7:30 this morning from a blood clot on the brain and a fractured skull. He had been unconscious from the time of the accident and only his excellent physique and strength enabled him to live as long as he did. His life was despaired of yesterday afternoon after an examination had been made by a specialist from Chicago. The body will be taken to the family residence at 4425 Baring ave. and will remain until tonight, when it will be taken to Columbus, Ind., his former home for burial. Short services will be held for friends at 7:30 this evening. W. B. Harper, the driver of the taxi, who disappeared after the accident, gave himself up at the police station yesterday and was released on \$1000 bond for appearance at the coroner's inquest. Harper, according to his statement, was dazed by the accident and walked the streets aimlessly for several hours after the accident. He says that McLaughlin ran in front of the machine as he swerved to miss him and that he struck both McLaughlin and the street car.

WELL HE WOULDN'T STAY MURDERED

Two Hammond Youths and West Hammond Police Put To A Lot of Trouble.

West Hammond has the most obstinate murder victim in the world. He refuses to stay murdered and as is often the case when a situation arises, which makes the police officers feel sheepish, his name is unknown. The affair was proclaimed Tuesday evening when the Hammond Central station received a call from West Hammond. The man at the other end of the wire, a West Hammond officer, was excited. Two murderers had just crossed the state line into Hammond. They had shot and killed a man during an argument. A Ford was being used in the escape. The Hammond officer started out to intercept the fugitives. He found them two well known young men of Hammond, at a gasoline filling station, recharging their car. They were placed under arrest, taken to the police station and booked, according to the story but the books do not show it. Both men seemed greatly surprised to hear of their fall act. One of them explained. He and his pal had quarreled in a friendly "stap" game with a West Hammond man and when the time came to straighten up the account the West Hammond man was \$420 in the hole. The Hammond man had \$20 with him so he urged the loser to write a check for \$50 and he would make the change. The \$50 was handed over, whereupon said loser made a break for the door without making good his loss. He was pursued, stopped and with a well aimed blow scratched out on the floor. The money was obtained from him and the winners hastened to Hammond. They seemed shocked to learn that the man was dead and still more so to find he had been shot. The Hammond officer telephoned West Hammond and police the news of the arrest and received in turn information that the victim had been taken to the morgue. Shortly afterward the telephone rang again. It was West Hammond. "Turn them loose," was the curt order. Then by way of illumination came the additional information "The fellow just got up and walked out of the morgue."

HE LISTENED TO THE SWITCHMAN

And Now Bennie Tapper Is Out Ten Dollars, And That's All.

This is an elastic good brick story, telling how Benjamin Tapper, the astute Bennie, succumbed to the ravishing voice of a man, and a switchman at that, who spoke softly and walked likewise. Bennie was loitering about his store, 125 Sibley st., yesterday afternoon when two strangers entered. Said one, "What's your price for O'Sullivan's rubber heels?" "Well," says Bennie, "they're 75 cents if put on the shoes and 60 cents if you put them on yourself." The man laughed sarcastically and enjoyed a confident yawn. "Ha, ha, that's good," he said, "you charging 60 cents. Why, I can show you O'Sullivan's heels at any 5 and 10 cent store in Hammond. Ha, ha, that's good." The outraged Bennie grow eloquent. "Say, you're so smart, I'll bet you \$10 to your \$5 that you can't show me any genuine O'Sullivan's heels in a 5 and 10 cent store." The man's companion was made stake holder. Bennie coughed up his ten bucks and the de-famer of legitimate shoe dealers his five spot. The three of them went to a 5 and 10 cent store in State st. Well back into the store the trio paused. "Show me," said the smiling Bennie. "Right away," said the man as he lifted first his right foot and then his left. To Bennie's startled gaze was presented the man's shins neatly adorned with a pair of O'Sullivan's genuine rubber heels. "You dollars so smart, I'll bet you \$10 to your \$5 that you can't show me any genuine O'Sullivan's heels in a 5 and 10 cent store." The man's companion was made stake holder. Bennie coughed up his ten bucks and the de-famer of legitimate shoe dealers his five spot. The three of them went to a 5 and 10 cent store in State st. Well back into the store the trio paused. "Show me," said the smiling Bennie. "Right away," said the man as he lifted first his right foot and then his left. To Bennie's startled gaze was presented the man's shins neatly adorned with a pair of O'Sullivan's genuine rubber heels.

The Latest News From Germany

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) LONDON, March 20.—The German general strike has ended, the workers having accepted the workers' terms, according to a Reuter dispatch from Berlin late this afternoon. The terms include wide concessions to the workers, the dispatch said. (INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) PARIS, March 20.—The Bolsheviks in Germany are steadily gaining ground, according to official reports submitted to the council of ambassadors today. The council discussed the German situation at length, but the conference was secret and no statement was issued regarding any decision reached. Premier Millerand presided over the session. (INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) AMSTERDAM, March 20.—German Communists have seized the industrial town of Gelsenkirchen, in Westphalia, said a dispatch to the Neue Rotterdamische Courant today. Six thousand armed Spartacists are reported moving upon Dusseldorf. Armed workmen are still in control of Essen where 300 were reported killed in fighting between Communists and German troops yesterday afternoon. (INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) COBLENZ, March 20.—An army of 40,000 armed and well-trained Communists has been sent to the Ruhr district, ready to move toward Berlin at a favorable opportunity, according to information reaching officers of the American army of occupation today. Many of the Communists are ex-soldiers. It was said that they are ready to "act" in the Ruhr district or to move to Berlin if a Bolshevik coup is deemed feasible at this time. The situation is described as "most serious."

TURMOIL STILL REIGNS IN GERMANY

Estimate Made That at Least 2,000 Have Been Killed Since Revolution Started.

(Bulletin.) LONDON, March 20.—Reports were current in Berlin early today that Herr Cottens was leading a Red army towards Berlin, said a dispatch to the Express.

(Bulletin.) By Frank Mason. BERLIN, March 20, 10:30 a. m.—Twenty-five thousand Red troops have been massed at Koenpnick, on the outskirts of Berlin, the foreign office announced this morning. All the available Reichswehr (government troops) supported with artillery, have been ordered to take up positions on the high ground between Berlin and Koenpnick to defend this city.

Latest Census Figures Out

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) WASHINGTON, March 20.—The census bureau today announces the following preliminary 1920 population figures: Selma, Ala.—1920 population, 15,505; increase, 1,958 or 14.3 per cent; 1910 population, 13,549. Schenectady, N. Y.—1920 population, 88,733; increase 15,897 or 21.8 per cent; 1910 population 72,836. Hamilton, O.—1920 population 29,615; increase 4,396 or 15.5 per cent; 1910 population, 25,219. Valley City, N. D.—1920 population, 4,686; increase 80, or 1.7 per cent; 1910 population, 4,606.

AT POLICE STATION

Emil Schultz, 373 Hohman st., will be tried Wednesday morning for violating the liquor law. It is alleged that he sold whiskey to a man arrested Thursday by police of the Hammond Central station on a charge of intoxication. Schultz denies that the red liquid in the half pint bottle found on the man is anything stronger than grape juice. The "evidence" has been turned over to the city chemist for analysis. He was released on bonds of \$5,000.

EAST CHICAGO LADY SUES HUSBAND

Emma O'Donnell, of East Chicago, has filed suit for separate maintenance against her husband James O'Donnell. They were married October 29, 1906 and separated March 8, 1920. In her complaint she accuses him of having improper relations with another woman and says he has failed to provide properly for her and their child. On several occasions, she says he has assaulted, checked and beat her. She desires separation from bed and board and \$25 per week allowance. Made. Ruyce & Tysman are her attorneys.

SOLDIER RECOVERS FROM INJURIES

Sergeant Robert Clark stationed at Camp Grant who was injured in an accident in Gary, this week when he attempted to dodge a Ford truck, was able to leave the Mercy hospital yesterday, having fully recovered from his injuries.

GARY AND HAMMOND MEN IN CITY COURT

Henry Kubicki, 527 Ames street, who was accused of receiving stolen property in connection with the theft of sugar and butter from the I. H. B. and C. & O. railroads, was fined \$60 this morning in the city city court before Special Judge George B. Sheerer and received a suspended sentence of 159 days. Kubicki recently won considerable fame through his possession of a "seven passenger Ford." Paul Sibinski, 15 Grant st., Gary, will learn his fate next Saturday when final arguments will be completed. Sibinski is charged with stealing a mackinaw and neck piece from a warehouse of the I. H. B. where he was employed.

ARREST TWO WOMEN SHOPLIFTERS

After having stolen enough dry goods in Gary and Hammond to start up a small store, Anna Gavoran, twenty-three years old, and Agnes Rozinski, thirty-four years old, 1537 Connecticut st., Gary, came to grief yesterday when they were captured red handed shop lifting in Goodman's department store. At the Connecticut st. residence the police found five trunks full of merchandise which they had stolen. Some of the goods was identified as belonging to the Lion Store in Hammond. The women were placed under arrest and charged with shop lifting.

FEDERAL HOTEL CASE, INVOLVING TWO KEEPERS OF A HOUSE OF ILL FAME, TWO INMATES, A VISITOR, HAS BEEN CONTINUED TO NEXT SATURDAY.

William Price, prominent Hammond man, who was arrested yesterday on charges of felonious assault and carrying a lewd object, prohibited under the statute of Indiana, was released from the Hammond city jail at a late hour last night when Mrs. Barber Schneider, keeper of the house at 208 Fort Wayne avenue, where it is said Price, a police, would make no comment on the release. Friends of the parents of the girl whom Price is alleged to have attempted to seduce, threatened to "get him" when they appeared in the court room yesterday morning as Price was arraigned. The prosecuting attorney would not divulge his plans but hinted that the state was by no means idle.

WOMAN'S FROZEN BODY IS DISCOVERED IN SAND

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) CHICAGO, March 20.—Chicago's "gold coast" section was aroused today by a mystery started with the finding of the frozen body of a well dressed young woman buried in the sand on the lake front near Lake Shore drive, the city's most fashionable residence thoroughfare. One of the young woman's hands protruding from the sand led to discovery of the body. No marks of violence were apparent.

DRIFT IN OPEN BOAT FOR DAYS

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) NEW YORK, March 20.—After drifting for four days and nights in an open boat, Capt. J. G. Peterson and six members of the crew of the American schooner Jeremiah Smith, which sank 250 miles off Sandy Hook, were landed here today by the American steamer Hatteras, which picked them up at sea. The Jeremiah Smith was bound from Newport News, Va., for Cuba, with coal when she sank.

ITALIANS ALLEGE FAVORITISM

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) CHICAGO, March 20.—Italian residents of Chicago have filed a protest against the government, alleging that Italy only has a yearly allowance of 100 gallons of wine for religious festivals. They sent a protest today to Congressman John W. Boney, declaring that "there is just as much tradition for the use of wine by Italians as there is by the Jews."