

HOPE FOR IDLE SEEN IN BUILDING REVIVAL

New Construction Could Employ 3,000,000 Workers for Three Years.

DATA ARE SUBMITTED

Unemployment Conference Urges Adjustments to Speed Work.

LOCAL ACTION SUGGESTED

Costs of Financing, of Materials and of Labor Must Be Lowered, Says Report.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 12.—The secret is out. Henry Ford did not come to Cincinnati to buy a railroad as reported, but a McGuffey's first reader.

At least \$10,000,000 worth of new construction is urgently needed by the country as a result of stoppage of construction during and immediately after the war, the report stated.

Building on Increase.

Building is beginning to increase, it was announced, but greater progress is regarded as essential.

Adjustment of these factors is a matter that can be accomplished only locally through efforts of officials, dealers in materials, builders, workers and bankers.

The conference recommends that Secretary of Commerce Hoover name a committee to cooperate with local groups in bringing about reductions of freight rates on building materials.

"If local conditions prove satisfactory there is no reason," read the report, "why work should not proceed immediately. This is especially true of persons contemplating the building of their own homes and who are now paying rentals based on inflated values."

"Money must be made available on reasonable terms and in reasonable volume and free from demands of business and commissions of questionable character."

The savings deposits of the people are the natural economic source of loans for home building. The aggregate is ample for this purpose even though a portion is paid by adequate investment in more liquid securities to meet withdrawals. There would be no difficulty in financing homes if the fundamental principle of the use of long term deposits for home loan and long term purposes was generally followed.

Commissions from 10 to 20 per cent have been charged in addition to interest at 7 and 8 per cent. When an owner must pay such sums before construction work starts, many projects have necessarily been abandoned in the face of continual need and demand for building.

Retailers Keep Prices Up.

"Many construction materials have been substantially reduced in price. Some have been reduced to a point which is retarding production. It is apparent, however, that other construction materials have not been reduced in keeping with the trend of wholesale prices on other commodities. In many instances retailers of construction materials have not yet followed reductions put into effect by manufacturers and

FORD BUYS FIRST READER; REALIZES A LIFE AMBITION

Old School Book, One of Three in Existence, Better Than a Railroad, He Says—Will Complete His Education This Winter.

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Mr. Ford today slipped away from his friends and visited a big book store on Government Square, where he timidly asked for a McGuffey's first reader. The shopkeeper smiled.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau. Washington, D. C., Oct. 12.—Two million workers, a number equal to more than one-half of the nation's entire list of unemployed, can be given regular work for three years through a revival of the building industry throughout the United States, according to the findings of the conference on unemployment made public today.

The workman, on the other hand, should deliver maximum production with proper interest in the welfare of the business out of which his wages are paid, and should eliminate restrictions and measures which tend to interfere with his production or with the production of others.

Samuel Gompers filed a protest against the reference to jurisdictional disputes when the conference was considering the committee report. Gompers also objected to a section of the report which framed together the cost of materials, financing and labor.

Mr. Donlin, president of the Building Trades Department of the A. F. of L. and also a member of the committee which framed the report, took issue with which Gompers and demanded that no change be made in the report.

Less than 50,000 men are now employed in American shipbuilding yards, the committee on shipping reported, as compared with 94,478 on January 1 this year and 176,705 on the same date in 1919.

As temporary measures of relief both aboard ships and in yards, the committee recommended elimination of overtime work, split time between workers to distribute the lack of jobs and preference to American seamen over foreign workers.

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FINGER PRINT TOWN; FAIL TO GET SLAYER

Theory Bank Murderer Was Citizen Goes Wrong.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—The plan to take the finger prints of all the men in Glenview, Ill., in the belief that Fred Christensen, an employee of the Glenview State Bank, who was found shot to death in the bank three weeks ago, was slain by a local citizen, has apparently failed.

The finger prints were taken more than two weeks ago and no trace of the slayer has been found. The inquest was continued indefinitely today for further investigation.

WIZARD SAYS KLAN ISN'T ANTI ANYTHING

Object Is Religious and Race Tolerance, He Tells House Committee.

WILL DISBAND IF GUILTY

Simmons Assails Motives of Newspapers Which Are Assailing Order.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

The Ku Klux Klan was defended before the House Rules Committee today by its imperial wizard, Col. William Joseph Simmons of Atlanta, who entered a denial of the charges which have been made against the organization.

The Klan is not anti-Jew, anti-Catholic nor anti-negro, according to Col. Simmons. He insisted it was not organized for personal gain and he declared charges it has "taken the law into its own hands" were untrue.

"The charge is made," he said, "that we are organized to preach and teach religious intolerance and especially that we are anti-Roman Catholic and anti-negro. The works of the Klan prove this absolutely untrue."

Col. Simmons counter charged that the campaign against the Klan was started by a New York newspaper to gain circulation and that another New York newspaper followed suit when its circulation began to drop.

Col. Simmons read a long statement in which he denied the charges against the Klan. He was permitted to finish his statement without interruption, and because he complained of illness he was excused from cross-examination until tomorrow.

He told the committee he hoped it would make the most thorough investigation of the Klan and promised that if one one-thousandth part of the charges against it were proven he would call the Grand Council together for the purpose of disbanding the organization.

Representative Taggart of Boston, who is urging the inquiry, informed the committee that Jewish opponents of the Klan were unable to be present because they were engaged in observing Yom Kippur today. He indicated that they would be prepared to take the stand against the Klan as soon as Col. Simmons has completed his testimony.

Investigation begins of K. K. parade death. Waco, Tex., Oct. 12.—Twelve witnesses were examined during today's session of the McLennan county Grand Jury investigating the fight at Lorena, near here, October 1, when Sheriff Bob Buchanan attempted to halt a Ku Klux Klan parade, in which ten men were wounded, one of whom died later.

Stress on the oath of secrecy was laid by District Judge E. L. Munroe, in his charge to the Grand Jury, which was instructed to investigate the affair "thoroughly, without fear or favor" and "to fix the blame where it properly belongs."

Physicians held practically no hope for the recovery of Sheriff Buchanan, who was shot, but tonight his condition was reported slightly improved.

Two prohibition enforcement officers were shot and an alleged moonshiner was killed in a raid on a cabin near Bardstown, Ky., early today. L. H. Gilbert of Louisville and N. E. Reed of Edmond county were shot through the legs when they attempted to destroy a still in the cabin.

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