

APARTMENT HOUSES TO REDUCE EXPENSES

Supplies to Be Purchased Wholesale Quantities.

RENTALS DECLARED FAIR

Owners and Managers, at Dinner, Decide to Wage Fight Against Building Code.

Purchase of fuel and supplies in wholesale quantities through committees composed of apartment-house owners and managers, and waging of a fight against the building code as it affects the repair or alteration of buildings already erected, concerted action in discontinuing telephone service to tenants, and a request for legal opinion on the city hearing ordinance were decided upon Friday night at the dinner of the apartment-house owners and managers' association held in the crystal room of the Benson hotel.

Rentals Declared Fair

Herbert Gordon, president of the association, presided and in referring to statements made recently to the press by certain women relative to apartment-house rentals, said although he personally had not increased rates he considered Portland charges very reasonable. He admitted there may be a few cases of excessive rentals but explained that if new buildings were to be erected at prevailing prices for material and labor, tenants would be required to pay a much higher charge in order to obtain a return of 6 or 7 per cent on the investment.

Price Rise Purpose Denied

Mr. Gordon emphasized the statement that the association has not been formed for the purpose of increasing rentals, and that the subject was brought up only incidentally in connection with the city hearing ordinance. His statement that new buildings cannot be erected at present prices and that for prevailing rates was concurred in by practically all owners present.

James J. Sayer, secretary of the Portland Building Owners and Managers' association, was the principal speaker, giving the apartment house owners and managers the benefit of his experience gained by members of his body. Following the address, copies of the constitution were circulated and signed by practically all present. It is expected more than 150 apartment houses will be represented when the next meeting of the association is held the second Tuesday in October.

Expenses Are Reduced

Mr. Sayer took up in detail the benefits that have accrued to members of the Building Owners and Managers' association through organization, chief among them being reduced insurance rates, lower prices on supplies purchased at wholesale, elimination of harmful legislation, prevention of wasteful competition in solicitation of satisfied tenants, and elimination of special inducements or price-cutting.

Fritz Seidl is Executed

DEATH PENALTY PAID BY FIVE SPARTACAN LEADERS.

Munich Prisoners Found Guilty of Ordering Murder of Hostages

During Soviet Rule.

MUNICH, Sept. 20.—Fritz Seidl, the former spartacan leader, and five of his associates, who early yesterday were sentenced to pay the death penalty, having been found guilty of the murder of hostages during the soviet regime, were executed at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

FRENCH TO ELECT SOON

CLEMENCEAU INTERVENES TO BRING VOTE NEARER.

Premier to Announce Date as Soon as Peace Treaty is Ratified, He Announces.

PARIS, Sept. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Clemenceau's intervention in the debate on the electoral law, which threatened to be prolonged indefinitely, settled the discussion in a few minutes today, the government taking the stand that the elections should be held according to the law of July last, providing for proportional representation. The debate on the

subject had been going on in morning sessions for nearly three weeks.

The solution is considered in parliamentary circles to be a great step toward the prompt prorogation of the chamber and subsequent elections.

Premier Clemenceau refused to answer a request that he fix a date for the election, saying: "Ratify the peace treaty first. Immediately upon ratification I will inform the chamber of the date of the elections."

The socialists, in an attempt to taunt the premier, said that Aristide Briand, former premier, had forced his name behind a check on his policy. M. Clemenceau then replied: "There is a check for someone. As for me, I have suffered others. There is one, however, which I could not survive—that is a check by parliament before the whole country."

The chamber had intended to hold an evening sitting tonight to ratify the peace treaty, but after a consultation a postponement until Tuesday was agreed upon.

RELIGIOUS HERESY DECRIED

STUDY AND BELIEVE PROPHECY, PASTOR'S ADVICE.

Victory for Allied Armies Declared

Proof That God's Schedule Is Not Failing.

"If every soldier in the allied armies had known and understood the plans of his generalissimo, Marshal Foch, he would have been spurred to greater effort and would have contributed more confidently to a quicker victory. If he had known the secrets of the higher command his faith in the ultimate victory would have eased his burdens by bolstering his confidence."

With this analogy, Rev. W. L. Pettigill demonstrated the value of the prophecies of the scriptures in their application to personal problems, in his second lecture, "Why Study Prophetic Scriptures?" before the conference on Christian fundamentals, at the White Temple.

"Just before the war ended," said Dr. Pettigill, "a preacher, despondent over the forbidding outlook occasioned by years of strife, shot himself. He left a note behind, in which he expressed the conviction that God had deserted the world."

"Had he been a studious reader of the scriptures, and especially of the plans of his faith, his faith would not have broken under the strain. He would have realized that this was all a part of God's programme."

"The problems of the present time can be met with equal confidence when one realizes that the world is moving along according to God's schedule. This is no time for a man to hearken to the heresies of the so-called religious liberals, who are confused and made fearful of the future."

Appeals for fidelity to the old-fashioned beliefs in religion marked the address of Rev. A. C. Dixon on "The Bible in Reconstructing the Church," which was given later in the afternoon, and of Dr. Pettigill's third and last address, "The Modern Liberal Religion," given in the evening. These three addresses were all given at the White Temple.

Rev. A. C. Dixon will speak tonight at the White Temple on "The Glory of the Incarnation" at 7:30 o'clock, and at the same time Rev. W. B. Riley will discuss the topic, "Christ, the Church and Kingdom," at the Sunnyside Congregational church on the topic, "The Bible in Reconstructing Education."

Mr. Dixon will speak at 2 o'clock at the White Temple on "The Seal of the Incarnation"; at 4 P. M. Dr. Wiley, on "The Consummation of the Ages"; at 8 P. M. Dr. Dixon, "The Consummation of the Incarnation"; Dr. Wiley will speak at 7:30 P. M. on "The Second Coming and Christian Conduct and Character," at the Sunnyside Congregational church.

BERLIN YIELDS TO ALLIES

Assembly Committee Votes to Nullify Austrian Annexation Clause.

BERLIN, Sept. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The committee on foreign affairs of the national assembly has decided, according to the Tagesspiegel, to nullify the article of the constitution by which Austria would receive representation in the German Reichstag.

Kurt von Lersner, head of the German delegation at Versailles, has been invited to inform the entente powers that the demand of the peace conference relative to that article will be complied with.

COLLECTOR IS ACCUSED

Revenue Official Charged With Extortion Conspiracy.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 20.—Charged with conspiracy with another man to use his official capacity to extort money, J. J. Reed, a deputy collector of internal revenue, stationed at Aberdeen, Wash., was brought to Tacoma last night by the United States marshal's office.

Reed was placed in the county jail, where he is held, with bail placed at \$5000 pending a hearing. Details of the alleged conspiracy were not available tonight.

T. R. SPEAKS AT SPOKANE

Colonel Leaves for Helena, Mont., After Addressing Legion.

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 20.—Lieutenant-Colonel Roosevelt last night made an address at a mass meeting here in the interests of the American Legion.

Roosevelt also addressed members of the American Legion at a dinner previous to the mass meeting, where he spoke on behalf of the organization, during the day he was entertained with an automobile ride. An airplane ride over the city had to be abandoned because of the high wind. He left last night for Helena, Mont., where he was to speak today.

"BAYER CROSS" ON GENUINE ASPIRIN

"Bayer Tablets of Aspirin" to be Genuine and Marked with the "Bayer Cross." Always buy an unbroken Bayer package which contains proper directions to safely relieve Headache, Toothache, Earache, Neuralgia, Colds and pain. Handy tin boxes of 12 tablets cost but a few cents at drug stores—larger packages also. Aspirin is the trade mark of Bayer Manufacture of Monocetacacidester of Salicylicacid.

ARBITRATION BOARD HEARS JOB PRINTERS

Discussion of Shop Conditions Cause Near-Upheaval.

PROFITEERING IS CHARGED

T. S. Dietrich Alleges Prices Are High Enough and Shops Are Paying, Despite Denials.

Arbitration of the wage controversy between the commercial printing concerns and the men of the allied trades unions was opened Friday night with the first session of the arbitration board of five and the presentation by the representatives of the unions of their grievances and demands.

The session was held in the rooms of the Typotheta society, an organization composed of the employing printers, on the second floor of the Oregon building, and a crowd of nearly 100 employers and union men gathered to hear the opening of the case.

The arbitration board hearing the case is composed of two representatives of the employers, two of the union men and a fifth member, Franklin T. Griffith, chosen by the other four. Roy Fennell, secretary of the Typotheta, appeared as attorney for the employers, while T. S. Dietrich, chairman of the original typographical union scale committee, acted as the attorney for the unions. Three unions are involved, the typographical, the bookbinders and the pressmen.

Shop Conditions Prove Snag.

An antagonistic spirit pervaded the room when the hearing opened, but Mr. Griffith, who pictured himself as "a thorn among the roses," proved an arbitrator, and got the opening session under way. A snag was encountered during the first few moments that threatened to become a serious obstacle until Mr. Griffith suggested that the matter left until later for a decision.

The snag obtruded when it was questioned as to just what the arbitration board is to arbitrate. The union men contended that the agreement was for consideration of wages and hours only. The employers declared that wages, hours and shop conditions were open for consideration. The harmless looking phrase "shop conditions" lurked the question as to whether an employer would have the right to lay off a union man at noon or at any other hour of the day except the regular quitting time.

Mr. Dietrich Makes Statement.

Friday night's session was given over to a statement by Mr. Dietrich, representing the unions, setting forth the contentions of the unions and outlining what they proposed to prove by testimony introduced later.

Mr. Dietrich outlined the history of the union demands, telling of the northwest printing trades conference April 20, 1919, in Portland, at which a uniform schedule for the northwest was adopted by the union men of a seven-hour day and a wage of a dollar an hour. This schedule was contained in the demands recently presented by the union men of Portland to the commercial printers.

Altruism is the basis of the demand for the seven-hour day, Mr. Dietrich contended. He contended that a seven-hour day would mean more time for the working man to spend with his family, longer life and more opportunity for him to follow intellectual pursuits. He also contended that while there are 70,000 union men in the commercial printing trades in the country, there are only 40,000 permanent full-time jobs at present, and a shorter day would mean more jobs.

\$28.50 Paid During War.

During the war the men were receiving \$28.50 per week, he said, and they continued to work for this wage in spite of rapidly increasing living costs because of the war. In April, 1919, a new wage of \$35 per week went into effect, but this was inadequate to meet the increasing cost of living, he declared.

Grave charges made by Mr. Dietrich against the printing concerns, which he declared he would introduce evidence to substantiate at the next meeting of the arbitration board, were that the employers are profiteering by charging exorbitant prices for printing; that they are paying themselves salaries 100 per cent too high and then contending that their businesses are not paying a fair return; that their cost figures are fallacious; that pro-

ductive time of employes is lost through inefficiency on the part of the management; that the present prices are high enough to meet the increases which the unions are asking, and that within the last 30 days the printing houses have increased their prices to an extent that would equal the wage increases asked.

Combination Is Charged.

Mr. Dietrich also charged that the Typotheta, the association of the employers, had entered into a combination to raise prices at will and that the organization had the penalty of a heavy fine hanging over members who engaged in such a combination.

Mr. Fennell, representing the employers, had no opportunity to answer the statements of Mr. Dietrich last night, but the employers will prepare a typewritten answer, which they will present to the union representatives and to Mr. Griffith not later than next Wednesday. At the next meeting of the arbitration board, which will probably be held Thursday night, both sides will present testimony and will receive opportunity to present their points of view. No testimony pertinent to the case will be heard until after the next meeting last night. Mr. Griffith was empowered to set the exact date and time for the next meeting and issue the call for the meeting.

SEATTLE NEGOTIATIONS FUTILE

Job Printers Refuse to Submit All Points to Arbitration.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Final and complete breaking off of peace negotiations in the job printing strike was announced today following the refusal of the union to accept the proposal of the Seattle Master Printers' association, that all points in dispute be submitted to arbitration.

A basic wage of \$7 for a seven-hour day for mechanics was demanded by the unions. The employers had offered a compromise of \$5.50 for an eight-hour day. The unions made a counter-proposal to work eight hours for \$5, but declined to recede from the \$1-an-hour demand.

More than a hundred skilled and semi-skilled workers are involved in the strike, which has been in progress since September 2.

PROFITEERING IS ALLEGED

GOVERNMENT CANNED GOODS IN HANDS OF DEALERS.

Attorney for Chicago Food Bureau Charges Public Falls to Get Supplies Ordered.

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—Huge quantities of government canned goods fell into the hands of packers, wholesale grocers and retailers and thereby created postoffice authorities from filling orders filed by consumers, William Mulvihill, attorney for the city bureau of foods, markets and farm products, charged at the attorney's investigation into the high cost of living. Approximately \$145,000 worth of food was sold through the Chicago postoffice and only part of two very small orders have been delivered to the postmaster, W. S. Carille, postmaster, stated.

The canned goods "is being stored away until the public has forgotten where ever was a promise of army goods at less than one-half of the present retail prices," Mr. Mulvihill asserted.

Three grocers at the hearing admitted that their stores had sold army canned goods at more than 100 per cent profit. Each asserted that clerks had acted without instructions in selling the goods.

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The robbers left no clues and the officers think that the men made their escape in an automobile over the Seaside road.

GRIGSBY FIGHTS FOR SEAT

Data to Be Gathered in Alaska on Right to Be Delegated.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—On his way to Alaska on a 40-day leave granted by congress, to gather data to defend his claim for

the seat as delegate from Alaska in the contest proceedings instituted by James Wickersham, former delegate, George B. Grigsby arrived in Seattle yesterday.

Mr. Grigsby has just completed a stay of more than two months at the national capital. He will spend a month in Alaska obtaining the data. The contest proceedings, he said, will in all probability not be settled until next spring. As to the outcome he expressed complete confidence in his success.

Mr. Grigsby is vigorously pursuing a programme in the interest of development of Alaskan coal fields. The present laws, he said, are entirely inadequate and a law modifying the terms of provisions governing leases and prospecting is ready for presentation to congress.

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