

GOMPERS CRITICIZES CONFERENCE REPORT

Head of Federation Prefers Existing Machinery.

WORKERS MUST ORGANIZE

Independent Shop Units Described as Serious Menace to Employes in All Industries.

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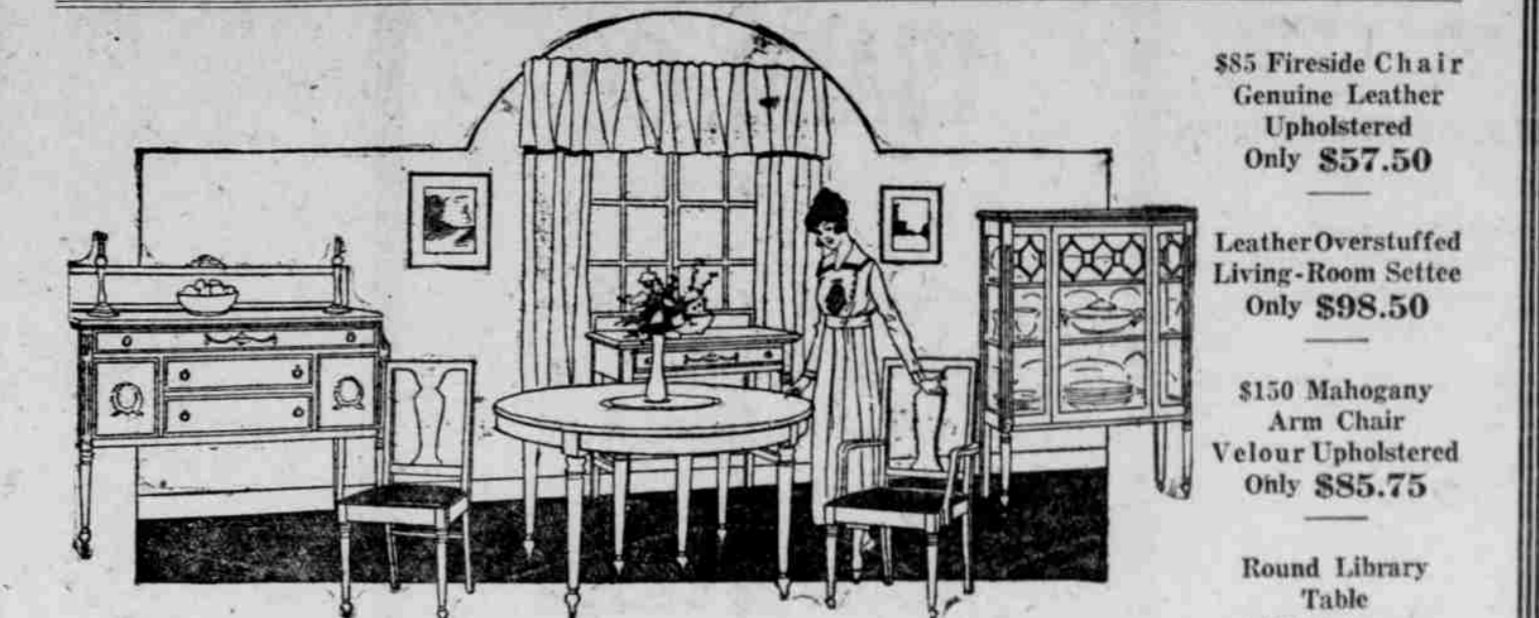
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H. C. Wortman Aims Views After Extensive Industrial Trip Through East.

"The administration at Washington is camouflaging in the pretense of lower prices on manufactured goods."

"The outlook for higher prices for some time to come and as far as I have been able to judge, after several months in the New York commercial centers, manufacturers and wholesalers, return to low prices is a long way off."

"The trip included visits to some of the manufacturing centers, Philadelphia and Chicago, and through buyers of Olds, Wortman & King, he closed in touch with all of the industries in the textile, apparel and leather trades."

"General industrial conditions seem to be in an unsatisfactory condition," said Mr. Wortman, "and manufacturers generally find it impossible to keep production above 60 per cent of normal capacity. They find it difficult to keep labor. That means there is no prospect of lower prices soon, for at present the production cost is not equal to demand for goods. In fact, there is promise of still higher prices in the near future notwithstanding the extravagant and unfounded claims of some of the administration officials at Washington."

"Foreign labor, especially that of the south of Europe, has been leaving in great numbers for the United States. From this fact everyone can draw their own conclusions as to the effect it will have on labor conditions and the prices of manufactured goods. There is little or no prospect of other labor coming to take its place."

"There is decreased production due to increased working hours in manufacturing plants. Not so many years ago raw material represented two-thirds of the cost of goods in many lines of textiles, whereas today it amounts to less than one-third of the cost of the finished material and labor represents two-thirds."

FROZEN VEAL IMPORTED

First Shipment Received From New Zealand to Hit Prices.

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The shipment is a tryout, plenty more being available if the pioneer carload proves satisfactory as a method to reduce the cost of living.

Production Greatest in America.

"The report of the conference says that the nation has a right to ask that employees impose no arbitrary limitation of effort in the prosecution of their work." Did the conference forget that production in American industry is greater per man and in the aggregate than production in any other country in the world?

The trade union movement of America is perhaps the only great and powerful labor movement in the world which does not sanction restriction of output by the workers. It realizes that restriction is as injurious to the moral fiber of the individual workman as it is to the larger economy of industry.

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