

MEAN HOMES BREED MEAN PEOPLE, SAYS HOUSING EXPERT

Thomas Adams, Town Planning Advisor, of Canada and England, Arrives in City.

CONTENTED WORKERS BEST

Portland Advised to Accept Government Aid and to Build Houses of Permanent Value.

Coming into Portland early this morning, Thomas Adams, housing expert of England and Canada, noted the families of shipworkers living in tents along the railroad track.

"Does Portland know that mean homes breed mean people?" he inquired a little later at the Imperial hotel, where the two-day tenth annual Oregon Commonwealth conference, at which he is to be the chief speaker, was just opening.

The question was preface to his advice to Portland on the housing problem which has been created in this city through the fact that the shipbuilding industry alone has recently brought here some 32,000 workmen, many of them with families.

"If you believe that Portland is going to stand still, build temporary shacks," said Mr. Adams. "If you believe Portland is going to grow, build permanent homes. If Portland is going to grow and need permanent homes, why waste money building temporary shelters?"

Good Homes, Good Workers "Suppose, again, that Portland builds shacks or barracks to house industrial workers, and your competitor city builds good homes on reasonable terms. Won't your experience here be that of the East, where they found that the more comfortable the housing facilities, the higher the class of workmen? It is reasonable to expect that if you build shacks and shacks you will injure yourselves both through the character of persons you attract and your inability to hold your industrial population when war's needs are over."

As to the future, my conviction is that the Pacific coast will develop tremendously. The east is over developed; the west is under developed. In the east will be found intensive use of transportation facilities leading to restricted gateways. I believe that energy directed toward developing the transportation, terminal, port and resources of the west would have more profitable results."

Housing Survey Needed Mr. Adams, after an extended experience in England and Canada with the industrial housing problem, was unable to understand the first statement which issued from this city, that he would not need government aid in furnishing shelter for war industrialists. "That appears to me much like the attitude of one who thinks the war is going to be over in six months."

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housing. But if you want to execute your contracts with the government and if you want to maintain a high industrial standing, then use the largest available resources—and that means you should not be indifferent to government aid—in providing the most comfortable housing. "It seems to me that a preliminary survey of what is needed in industrial housing is so desirable, so obviously needed, as to be beyond debate."

Canada's Experience "As to local housing companies, I do not think it improper to plan for a return of 7 per cent on the money, especially when you will probably ask for a cooperative movement, which will include the investment of industrial workers and others."

"England has found it necessary to make housing of industrial workers a governmental function and is spending great sums, building not only permanent houses, but theatres and dance halls for recreation, as well. A commission has studied into the causes and effects of fatigue and overtime and has shown that when you want to increase production you must provide good living conditions, recreation and larger numbers of workers rather than longer hours."

Mr. Adams was the chief speaker at a joint meeting of business clubs at the Chamber of Commerce at noon. He will deliver an illustrated lecture on housing at the Central Library this evening and will speak again tomorrow morning before the commonwealth conference at the Imperial hotel.

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DRAGNET GATHERS SLACKER SUSPECTS

Thousands of Arrests Made in Chicago; 460 Young Men Have Much to Explain.

Chicago, July 12.—(I. N. S.)—In a drive which is impartial as to where it struck—ball parks, theatres, railway stations—federal agents here are rounding up all draft men to determine whether they are slackers or unregistered aliens. More than 500 "prisoners" were detained and examined in the search, which is city-wide, operating in the downtown as well as outlying districts. One suspect who tried to escape is in the hospital, suffering from a bullet wound.

Each man accosted is asked to produce his card, which, if he does, is his passport to freedom. If he does not produce it he is taken to the federal building and held until his status and identity are established.

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Of the 5000 detained, all but 460 were able to satisfy authorities of their right to exist at present away from the western front and were released. The latter are held and will be further questioned.

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Amsterdam, July 12.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg is reported to have expressed "savage satisfaction" at the replacement of Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann by Admiral von Hintze as foreign minister. Incidentally, this is the first time in many a week that Hindenburg's name has been mentioned in dispatches from Berlin. It appears to displease the field marshal being ill in a sanatorium, demented or even dead. Writing to General Roehl of the Fatherland league, Hindenburg says: "Things are going well, but the distinguished chamber strategists in Berlin should give us time to breathe, which is indispensable today, when battles last eight days or more, when one cannot group the whole army upon a single battlefield, and when two world powers have armies that are able to enter into action simultaneously along the whole front. In these conditions patience is imperative."

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ARGENTINA'S MARKET FOR PAPER IS WON BY U. S. FROM GERMANY

Federal Bureau Declares Retention of Trade After the War Is Possible.

Washington, July 12.—(I. N. S.)—The United States has supplanted Germany in the Argentine market for paper and paper products and, according to a report issued today by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce of the department of labor, there is a possibility of retaining the advantage when normal conditions have been restored. Much will depend, however, upon conditions in Europe after the war and upon the efforts made by American manufacturers and exporters, it is pointed out.

Germany did not manufacture all of the paper she formerly sold to Argentina, according to the report, but much of it was brought to Hamburg from the manufacturing Scandinavian countries and from there distributed all over the world.

"The success of American wholesale paper houses in Argentina during the difficult war years, however, indicates that there will be first class facilities for placing American paper when the war is over and competition is again keen," says the report.

In normal times Argentina purchases about \$500,000 worth of printing machinery annually and an equal amount of type, printing ink and other supplies. More than 90 per cent of the machinery in use is of European origin, Germany being the principal source of supply.

This fact, according to government report, may be attributed almost entirely to the facilities furnished by European supply houses in Buenos Aires. But since the war started American houses have developed similar facilities and the future prospects are said to be exceedingly bright for the American manufacturer.

Letter of Refugee Tells of Hun Horrors (Continued from Page One)

The allowance of meat is one-half pound for each person a week. One can get only bad meat obtained from animals taken from the battlefield. One can get but one-half pound of potatoes for five days. One can get no more clothes and shoes. I got three-fourths of a quart of milk for two children before I left. One child is 14 years old, the other 24. My children are both sick today. Threat in Alsace costs 5 marks a spoon. For chocolate one has to pay 24 marks a pound.

"There are horrible sights in Alsace. Every day from 20 to 30 children die in eating-houses in the place we lived. Many fall asleep while in school and never awake. The Germans take everything from the people—animals, fruit, potatoes, cereals and machinery. They even took away many of the church bells in Alsace. When they started to take things, all who resisted were shot down."

Hundreds Are Shot Down "When the war started, the Germans shot down hundreds of citizens in the outer villages of Alsace. I don't want to make my description too heartbreak-

ing, but next time I want to tell you more about what the Germans did in Alsace. What they did in France you probably already know through the newspapers."

"I get news every week from Alsace and am not far from the battle front. My mother is still in Ludwig and is in hard circumstances. She told me that the factories there are not running any more because there is no raw material. Maria, my sister living here in France, and I sent mother a little money but I am unable to send her any more in the war. My children are always sick and are very poor. My uncle, who lived in Stutter, is dead. His son, Eugene, was run crazy by the Germans. He is still in Ludwig."

United States Hope of All "Aunt Eliza, in Belfort, is healthy and jolly. Hubert is still living and Alfonso is working. Marie lives in Mersal, France. I am here in Oran."

"We are wondering how you are getting along—if you are healthy and living. Let me know if your two boys, Alfonso and Joseph, are soldiers in the American army, and if they are in France, send me their addresses."

"Wish you all good luck and hope I can see you after this terrible war."

"EUGENE BLANCHARD."

"House of Refuge, Oran, France."

A postscript written by Mrs. Blanchard states that the United States is the hope of all and that full confidence is felt that America will settle the issue.

EASTERN HOTEL MAN CLOSES LEASE FOR EXCELLENT PROPERTY

Hotel Conradine Is Taken Over by Indianapolis Boniface Who Is Now in Charge.

Schuyler C. Williams of Indianapolis, Ind., closed negotiations Thursday afternoon for the purchase of the Hotel Conradine, at the corner of Tenth and Oak streets. The purchase of the furniture and fixtures from J. W. Ingle of Corvallis, with additions of new furnishings and interior decorations, represents an investment of approximately \$20,000.

The hotel was built in 1913 by Isaac Conradi. It is five stories high, is built of pressed brick and is fireproof. There are 100 rooms in the hotel, about one-half of which have private baths.

Mr. Williams acquired the building on a five-year lease from the owners, Isaac and Z. Sweet and W. P. and J. F. Sinnott. He has taken possession and the hotel is open for business. For three years the Conradine has been in charge of C. H. Thoren.

Mr. Williams has been in the hotel business in Indianapolis for 14 years and recently sold the Hotel Williams of that city. He will be assisted in the management by Mrs. Williams.

Mr. Williams was a prominent member of the Indiana Hotel Men's association for a number of years and was at one time president of the Indiana hotel clerks' organization.

Writer of Books Arrested New York, July 12.—(I. N. S.)—Dr. Hens Heins Ewers, president of the Society of German Authors, and the writer of many books, was arrested today by department of justice operatives and interned temporarily while federal officers complete their investigation of his suspected pro-German activities.

Lansing Takes Vacation Washington, July 12.—(I. N. S.)—Secretary of State Lansing today left for his home, Watertown, N. Y., where he will spend his annual vacation.

Works in Poison Oak and Ivy Without Fear "THE Laurel Hill Cemetery, of which I am superintendent," writes J. H. Brummette, of Springfield, Or., "is full of poison oak. I take it very easily. When I sent to you for a bottle of Santeptic Lotion, I had had poison oak for five months. I commenced using Santeptic as soon as I got it and kept working in the poison oak. I am now entirely cured, and believe me, I certainly takes something to even help me. I had and have tried everything I or anybody else ever heard of, including all kinds of guaranteed remedies. Just simply time and money wasted. Santeptic certainly did the work."

Anybody who has ever experienced the tortures of poison oak or ivy will be grateful for the information that this extremely irritating annoyance is no longer to be feared. The pain, itching, fever and irritation disappear almost like magic with a few applications of Santeptic. Santeptic heals and prevents other skin irritations, such as sunburn, windburn, chafing, fever and cold sores and insect bites. It is a remarkable soothing and healing lotion. Men use it after shaving and the women for the complexion and for baby's skin. Santeptic is easily procured at drug and department stores, a good sized bottle costing but 50c. If your druggist cannot supply it, his name and 25c in stamps or coin sent to the manufacturers, the Ebenett Laboratories, Portland, Or., will secure postpaid large introductory bottle.—Adv.

SHELL IN JUNK BLOWS ROOF FROM FURNACE

Oakland, Cal., July 12.—(U. P.)—Thirteen loaded shells of three and five-inch caliber were found in a carload of junk at the Judson Iron works in Emeryville after one of the shells had exploded and torn the roof off a reducing furnace.

The junk had been shipped from Douglas, Ariz. The carload of scrap includes more than 100 empty shell cases, probably picked up on a former Mexican battlefield at Agua Prieta, opposite Douglas.

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