



HIGH WAGE PERIOD IS SAID CLOSING

National Building Labor Survey Completed by S. W. Straus & Company

Notwithstanding the tremendous volume of building, there are indications that the period of rising wages in the construction industry is nearing an end, according to a national building labor survey made public yesterday by S. W. Straus & Company.

Current building labor conditions are summed up as follows: National movement for higher wages seems definitely checked for present.

Wage rates show greater stability although there is still some slight upward tendencies. No indication of a general movement to reduce wages and only few cities report and downward revision of scales.

Longer agreements being signed by contractors that will tend to stabilize the industry. Except for several jurisdictional disputes, labor is fairly tranquil.

Building labor is well employed and only an occasional shortage of skilled craftsmen is reported.

Bonus payments and practice of contractors bidding against each other for men have largely disappeared.

Unskilled labor maintains high rates, although supply being increased by slackness of factory employment.

Bulk of common labor supply needed for building industry being furnished by Canada and Mexico as immigration laws have considerably reduced supply from Europe.

Apprenticeship schools steadily increasing supply of skilled building craftsmen.

Review of wage scales for the entire country show that St. Louis continues to lead the country with the highest wage scale, the report states.

Common labor is receiving from 45c to 77c and bricklayers are receiving \$1.75 per hour.

Bricklayers in the leading cities are receiving 90c to \$1.75; carpenters 45c to \$1.50; hod-carriers 30c to \$1.25; structural iron workers 55c to \$1.50; plasterers 90c to \$1.75; lathers 80c to \$1.62 1/2; stone masons 84c to \$1.55; painters 50c to \$1.43 1/2; plumbers 70c to \$1.50; electricians 50c to \$1.50; hoisting engineers 62 1/2c to \$1.65; and common laborers 25c to 87 1/2c.

Reports from Canada indicate that there is a plentiful supply of labor and wage rates are well stabilized although there is some slight upward trend. According to the department of labor the wage rates in Canadian cities are 169.7 per cent higher than in 1913 and no perceptible decrease in building costs, due to a reduced wage scale, is expected during the next few months.

That building trades wages in the Dominion are much below those in the building trade in thirteen Canadian cities in 1924 are: bricklayers \$1.08.8, carpenters \$73.4, electricians \$79.1, painters \$69.6, plasterers \$1.05.2, plumbers \$1.05.2, masons \$52.6, stone cutters \$91.4 and laborers \$48.2.

Classified Ads Bring Results

WELDING BLAST CAUSE HOUSEWIVES NEED HAVE NO FEAR OF TROUBLE

The explosion of a hot water tank at the Barr plumbing shop recently was due to a weak weld, according to a report made by C. D. Thomas, chief boiler inspector for the state bureau of labor.

"Housewives need have no concern about the hot water tanks used in their homes," Thomas' report reads, "such tanks are generally of the required material and properly constructed. Many housewives become nervous when steam issues from the hot water faucet, fearing an over-pressure on the tank might cause an explosion is very remote."

The tank at the plumbing shop was equipped with a check valve to prevent the water from passing back into the pipe. While the ordinary hot water tank installed in the home does not have a check valve, any high pressure would simply force the water back into the pipe rather than cause the tank to burst.

Damage caused to the shop, estimated at \$2500, is being rapidly repaired. New windows were placed in the front last week and parts of the north wall that were destroyed have been replaced.

REAL ESTATE IS MOVING

GOOD DEALS ARE REPORTED BY MELVIN JOHNSON

Mrs. Lourena Pratt bought the F. D. Martin bungalow, corner Chemeketa and Twenty-third.

Delmar Bond bought a lot owned by W. G. Krueger on Market.

Marie Johnson purchased the Gus Gaertner cottage on North Cottage.

Mrs. C. M. Elliott sold her 29-acre tract in Waldo Hills to H. W. Burtis.

J. W. Phillips, of Sublimity, bought the Glen D. Bailey home at 1875 North Summer.

N. D. Butterfield bought a cottage at 1825 North Cottage from Marie Johnson.

Henry W. Burtis sold his home at 2640 Claud to Clara Mae Elliott. Jeanette B. Fischer, of Silverton, bought a house at 1590 North Capitol from V. W. Woodruff.

STORE WILL OPEN SOON INTERIOR OF BUILDING NEARING COMPLETION

Remodeling of the interior of the old Liberty theatre building on Liberty between State and Court is progressing and will be completed in time for the opening of the Cosmopolitan Stores company's local establishment on September 12.

Shelving and the necessary showcases were being constructed during the past week and other finishing touches being given to the inside of the building. All equipment is designed to give customers the best possible service and conveniences.

Director Brothers' Store Given New Coat of Paint

Among the stores in the business district to spruce up the exterior and get ready for the winter rains is that occupied by Director Brothers, at Commercial and Court. The new and popular fall styles of tan is applied to the structure.

SURVEY OF QUAKE GIVEN IN REPORT

Santa Barbara Situation Studied by Prominent American Engineers

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 29. The first report of the American society of civil engineers, following an extensive survey of the situation at Santa Barbara following the earthquake of June 29, will be made shortly by J. D. Gallo-way, chairman of the National committee of earthquakes, of the society.

"The facts are now so thoroughly clear that all engineers are agreed on the vital need of elasticity in construction," Mr. Gallo-way declared. "Structural steel has an ultimate compression strength of 60,000 pounds per square inch, which means that it can bear this weight without undue strain. Even in the most severe shock conceivable, in which structural steel bore stress beyond the 60,000 pound strain, the elasticity and cohesion of the steel itself would keep it intact although it became twisted and bent."

Galloy pointed out that one steel frame structure in the earthquake zone of Santa Barbara, the post office, was undamaged, which he said, proves the conclusions reached by engineers following the San Francisco disaster in 1906 that elasticity of construction is the outstanding need to withstand earthquake shock.

"In almost every instance in Santa Barbara," Galloy continued, "concrete columns failed. This was due to design and lack of strength to resist the shear stresses which come from the sideways movement of the earthquake."

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Water-tight Passenger Plane Is Ready for Use

LONDON—A single 450-horsepower engine airplane to seat 14 passengers recently completed its trials and will be used in the cross-channel service. It has a large roomy cabin with wicker arm-chairs for the passengers who will have a constant supply of fresh air by means of special ventilation.

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Arctic Explorers Quickly Doff Far North Apparel

NY-AALESUND Kingsbay Spitzbergen.—Polar explorers, it seems do not like to look the part unless they are exploring.

When Roald Amundsen, Lincoln Ellsworth and their companions landed back here, they did not lose much time in shedding their Arctic apparel for everyday garb.

True enough, they all needed shaves and baths badly, but their metamorphosis into well-groomed men of the world was so complete as to startle those who met them soon after their arrival.

Amundsen wore a well-fitting gray sports jacket, with cap, breeches, hose and brogans to match. A silk handkerchief peeped out of his breast pocket, and with his grave courtly manners he had the air of a typical country squire.

Rilser-Larsen's athletic figure showed up bravely in dark blue serge, silk socks and patent leather shoes. Oscar Omdal also affected blue serge. Left Dietrichson sported neat gray tweeds and Ellsworth affected a gray woolen sweater with flannel trousers. He generally went about bare-headed. Feucht was dressed in a plain business suit that might pass in any European capital.

Their copper-hued complexions alone betrayed an intimate acquaintance with Arctic blasts.

Cuban Aviator Honored For Parachute Plunge

HAVANA.—Lieut. Guillermo Martull, the Cuban aviator who on July 4 made the first parachute jump seen in Cuba from a Cuban army airplane, has been decorated with a military merit medal and two Havana newspapers have started subscriptions for a fund to give him a house.

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LET'S GO!

"There isn't any business," wailed the sad and gloomy man. "I haven't made a dollar since the armistice began."

But I couldn't help reflecting, as I heard his story through. That the hopeful cheerful hustler seems to have a lot to do.

I've been in business places where the air was thick with gloom. And the men were sad and solemn like the mourners at a tomb. And there wasn't any business or an order coming in.

And, what's more, there never will be till those fellows start to grin.

"There isn't any business"—aren't you weary of that cry? Men have taught the gloomy habit and they sit around and sigh. But the hustler, I have noticed, who has quit his easy chair. And is confidently working, seems to gather in his share.

With a man's faith in the future—much too long we've scattered doubt, it is time to get the business, it is time to hustle out. Much too long we've sobbed and whimpered, much too long we've talked of woe. Now it's time for optimism and the hopeful phrase: "Let's Go!"

ATHLETE IS MISSIONARY

EDINBURGH.—After winning several events at an athletic meeting recently, Eric Liddell, the "Flying Scotsman," and Scottish Olympic 400 metres champion, left Edinburgh on his way to China for missionary work.

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FRENCH LABOR ASKS GUARANTEE OF WAGE

Demand Same Protection as Is Given to Investors in Various Bonds

PARIS.—Finance Minister Caillaux's gold coupon loan has made guarantees against risks of loss through depreciation of the franc the question of the day.

Labor agitators say that the workingman is entitled to the same guarantee as the investor and that wages must be guaranteed in the same ratio as interest on bonds. The movement has extended to office employees, functionaries and state pensioners. Its supporters find their argument in the government's loan prospectus and some apprehension might be entertained as to the consequences if it were not for the reassurance furnished by bankers and financial experts who believe the minister of finance has a safe margin in the rate of guarantee of 95

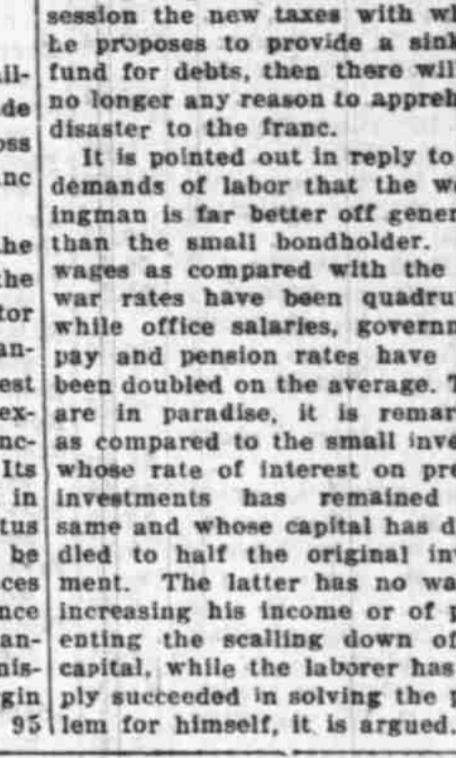
francs to the pound. They agree generally that the franc ought not remain long below that figure and that it may even rise above it slightly if the gold coupon loan turns out to be the success that it now promises.

With the floating loan reduced to innocuous proportions Caillaux, they predict will be able to put through parliament at the next session the new taxes with which he proposes to provide a sinking fund for debts, then there will be no longer any reason to apprehend disaster to the franc.

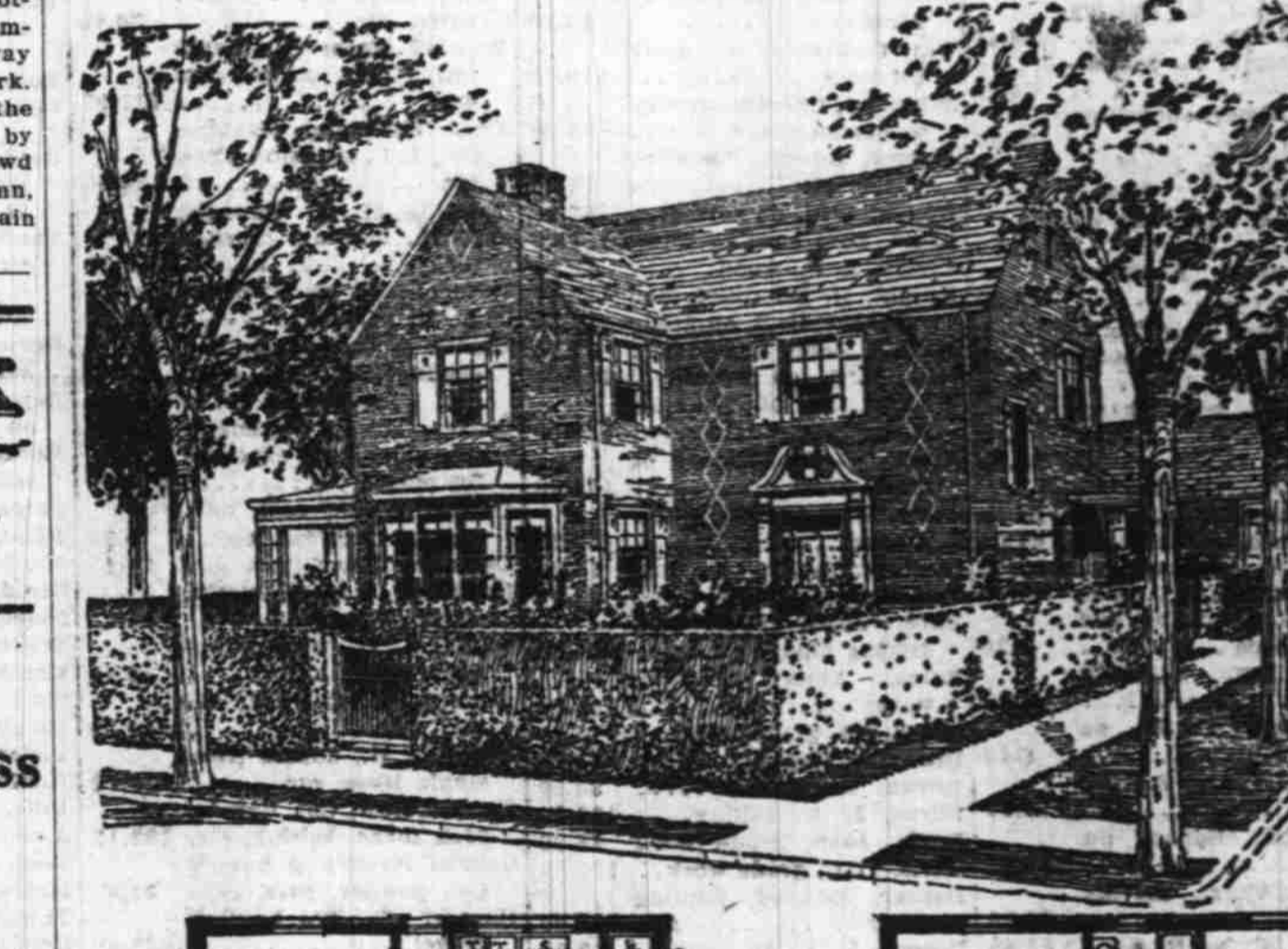
It is pointed out in reply to the demands of labor that the workingman is far better off generally than the small bondholder. His wages as compared with the pre-war rates have been quadrupled while office salaries, government pay and pension rates have not been doubled on the average. They are in paradise, it is remarked, as compared to the small investor whose rate of interest on pre-war investments has remained the same and whose capital has dwindled to half the original investment. The latter has no way of increasing his income or of preventing the scaling down of his capital, while the laborer has amply succeeded in solving the problem for himself, it is argued.

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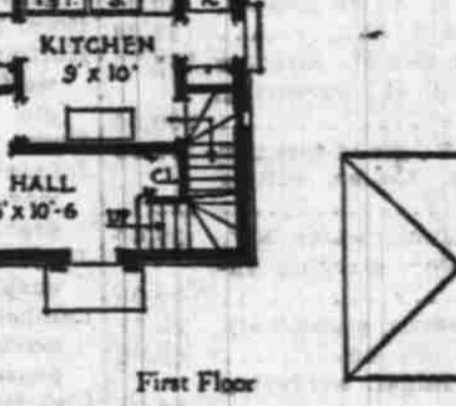
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The front hall is accessible to kitchen as well as living room. The living room, with its broad bay window and face brick fireplace is a most attractive room and opens into a fine living porch.

The kitchen is of good size and has provision for all necessary, up-to-date equipment. In addition the pantry provides ample closets, cupboards and shelves. The rear entry has space for the refrigerator and broom closet.

On the second floor the three bedrooms, the bathroom and the linen closet are grouped around the hallway. The main bedroom has windows on three sides, while the other two

have windows on two sides. Each bedroom has an ample closet, with drawers and shelves. Throughout the house every square foot of floor space has been utilized to advantage without in any way making the house feel "crowded."

The house is equally adaptable to an inside lot or a corner lot, as it is shown in the illustration. It is a house that will win the admiration of the discriminating passerby, for it is attractive in all its elevations.

The entrance doorway, the size and placing of the windows with their solid blinds, the bay window, the porch with its lattices, and the proportions of the various wall surfaces are all worthy of attention. The walls afford an excellent opportunity for beautiful brickwork. A Flemish or an English Cross Bond would add interest to the wall texture, especially if a red brick were used.

The dimensions of the house are 38 feet 6 inches across the front and 28 feet deep. The ceiling height on the first floor is 7 feet 10 inches, and 7 feet 6 inches on the second.

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