

## UNIONS OFFER SOLUTION FOR HOME PROBLEM

British Builders Agree to Construct 2,000 Houses in Record Time.

### DEMOCRATIC DIRECTION

MANCHESTER, England, May 20.—When the British government decided after the armistice that it would have to shoulder the responsibility of erecting at least half a million houses to meet the acute shortage of small houses throughout the country, it was believed the municipalities would be able to carry through the necessary building schemes for their respective localities.

After a year's experience, this plan was found to work too slowly, and the government undertook to subsidize private building.

It is felt, however, that neither one nor yet both of these schemes will be able to overcome one of the chief hindrances to speed, but that the apparent disappearance of labor.

In this connection the novel and bold proposals put forward in Manchester by the builders themselves are arousing public interest and speculation—the builders propose to eliminate the contractor and become contractors themselves.

A building guild committee has been formed from the ranks of the trade unionists, and has offered to build 2,000 houses for the corporation, and to build them more quickly than private or public enterprise could hope to do.

The committee proposes to have a monopoly of labor in the district, and asserts that men working under conditions arranged by themselves for themselves and free from profiteering, will put a zeal and energy into their work which is certain to make for efficiency and speed.

**LABOR CAN BE GUARANTEED.**

Whether the corporation will be able to accept this offer has not yet been decided, as the guild committee is not prepared to give the usual financial guarantees that would guarantee the necessary supply of labor in a way the ordinary contractor can not do.

The committee states that the power of a group to produce should supersede bank credits based on the purchasing power of gold.

This scheme of the builders' guild is necessarily of the nature of an experiment—experiment which will advance the guild idea out of the realm of theory and submit this idea to its first practical test.

The guild idea is founded on the belief that workers will do more and better work in a democratically governed industry than they will do under any system of individual or state control; no society or nationalized and disciplined will break down; on the contrary, it is claimed that it will be more willingly submitted to than when capitalism is imposed from above.

**DEMOCRATIC CONTROL SO PREVAIL.**

The building guild committee in question is taking steps to secure the best services and talent—manual and manual—but democratic control will ultimately come from the chief director down ward.

The terms of employment are not as yet made known, but they have been arranged on "just and generous" lines, and are certain to do away with one serious existing grievance—that the builders' guild workers are subsequently not paid, for hours, days or weeks when it rains; contracts will be taken upon a system of cost-plus percentage for net profit and overhead charges.

As trade unions of Manchester and districts continue to grow, the building trade have extended their hearty welcome to the building guild committee.

Should the experiment at Manchester prove a success, the example of the building guild committee will be followed throughout the country.

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Alexander Rumpel leaves Indianapolis today to become manager of the Colorado interests of the Golconda Mines Consolidated, a local organization which holds large gold and silver mining properties.

**MEETINGS.**

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## RATIFY TAGGART AND McCULLOCH

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## MAHSUDS FAIL TO SURRENDER

Settlement of India Rebellion Delayed Over 'Ruse.'

Indication of the nomination of Mr. Taggart as candidate for United States senator. The report carried the election of delegates-at-large, the election of state and national and contingent electors, and the ratification of Mr. Taggart's nomination was carried by a unanimous vote.

The vote was followed immediately by a speech by Claude G. Bowers of Ft. Wayne, who discussed in detail the failure of the Goodrich administration.

The platform, which was adopted in its final form at 5 o'clock this morning by the platform committee after an all-night session.

It contained a strong plank unqualifiedly endorsing the Wilson administration and demanding ratification of the peace treaty as presented to congress by the president.

This plank was adopted despite reported opposition by Vice President Marshall, according to members of that body.

The platform contains no mention of prohibition.

Some effort was made at the committee meeting to place a plat down in the platform, but it was voted down by a large majority after considerable argument.

The democrats declared for the repeal of the tax law with the substitution of such a law as would restore local self government to the communities of the state.

The governor's pardon record was assailed by the committee in its report as a mismanagement of state institutions.

The platform committee was unique in that one of the thirteen members was a woman.

She is Mrs. Adelbert Flynn of Logansport, the first woman ever to serve on a platform committee of either of the leading parties in Indiana.

The platform was rejected at the San Francisco convention by one woman delegate-at-large, Mrs. Alice Foster McCulloch of Ft. Wayne, and one woman district delegate, Mrs. Craigie Gunn Mitchell of Bedford.

There will be three women alternates on the "big four" and six district alternates.

In Indiana's representation in the electoral college there will be one woman elector-at-large, Miss Julia Landers of Indianapolis, and one woman alternate, Miss Mary Galligan of Peru.

The republicans gave no place on their "big four" to women, giving them only two places as alternates.

## CLARK NOT GOING TO CONVENTION

LOS ANGELES, May 20.—Champ Clark will not attend the democratic national convention either as delegate at large from Missouri or as a spectator, according to a letter received from him today by Henry Wulff, a member of the Los Angeles democratic county central committee.

"Of course no mortal man has any definite idea about what is going to happen at San Francisco," said the letter. "I haven't uttered a word or written a line or lifted a finger to drum up strength at the national convention, and I am not going to. Nobody can possibly do more than start a Kilkenny cat fight at that convention."

"Perfect harmony ought to prevail and they ought really in good faith consult and see who is the strongest man and nominate him."

"I made up my mind some time ago that I was not going to the San Francisco convention and I haven't changed my mind. Many people wanted me to go as delegate-at-large from Missouri but I thought best to stay away from the whole thing."

## MICHIGAN SESSION STRONG FOR HARMONY

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., May 20.—Harmony was the keynote of the Michigan session, which was adjourned its last night by state delegation to meet to peace treaty and the league of nations covenant "without destructive reservations" and repudiated the party to give "our unfaltering and loyal support to our beloved leader, Woodrow Wilson who has given all but life itself in the service of our country and the world."

The Michigan delegates will go to San Francisco uninstructed. One woman was chosen as delegate-at-large to the San Francisco convention and three women were selected as alternates.

Herbster, who directed the majority of votes in the democratic presidential preference primary in April, was entirely ignored by the convention.

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## VANNUYS SAYS DUTY WILL CURE

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breach the controversy has become more or less a free-for-all.

**GOODRICH SPOKE AND LEFT TOWN.**

Gov. Goodrich said his say and left the city.

Then Mr. VanNuys jumped into the verbal fray yesterday with a statement supporting the remarks of Judge Anderson.

He is to address the Indiana state legislature on Wednesday.

The district attorney justified the statement of the federal judge.

"Gov. Goodrich apparently wishes to make the public believe Judge Anderson is seeking to get the state courts and the state legislature to 'call a truce,'" said Mr. VanNuys in his first statement.

"Such is far from the facts, as any one acquainted with the federal court knows."

Judge Anderson was fully justified in the statement of facts made by him in his open court.

**ADAMS SPEAKS.**

The statement given out by Mr. Adams, in which he disagreed with Mr. VanNuys, in part, follows:

"I do not desire to enter into controversy with Mr. VanNuys or any one else concerning Judge Anderson's state-

ment about theanity of state courts in dealing with automobile thieves."

"I assume that neither the judge nor the district attorney referred to the prosecution of such offenders in the courts of Marion county, for of the ninety-eight persons tried during my term as prosecutor for this court, only one, namely, one, have been convicted, and of these only one has been suspended in but six cases and judgment withheld in only four."

"I am sure that other and more cogent reasons impelled congress to pass the state law upon this subject than the alleged laxity of the state courts."

The Indiana Society of Architects also

to serve as its representative at the conference that is to be held for the purpose of pushing the formation of a state building code commission.

The Architects' association of Indiana, composed of Herman Shermer, Clarence Martindale and Merritt Harrison, and the conference will include heads of state departments that are directly interested in the matter of public buildings.

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