

SOCIALISTS OF VIENNA ERECT HOMES OF CITY

Rents Held Low to Meet Cheap Wages Caused by World War.

By MILTON BRONNER
NEA Service Writer

VIENNA, Feb. 4.—This world-famous city, though sorely impoverished ever since the World War, has done more than any other metropolis on earth in the way of building homes for its citizens. It has:

Constructed new municipally-owned dwellings, either apartments or garden houses, for 30,000 families.

Drafted plans for 30,000 more dwellings to be built within the next five years.

Enacted laws reducing private rentals to as little as two per cent of the average workman's salary.

Socialists Rule City

For the once-proud capital of the powerful Austro-Hungarian Empire of sixty million people this would not have been such an accomplishment. But for a city of two millions in a tiny, struggling republic of only six millions, it is something that breaks all records.

The influence that has brought this about is the Social Democratic party of Vienna, led by the city's mayor, Dr. Karl Seitz. The Socialist party has ruled Vienna longer than Socialists have ruled any other big place on earth.

In Wake of War

Vienna's housing problem after the World War was acute in the extreme. The present Austria lives by industry. Seventy per cent of its trade is export trade.

But in this it has tremendous handicaps. Out side of iron and wood, Austria has no raw materials. It has to import them at the prevailing world prices, and pay heavy freight.

Most of the country's food has to be imported. And on top of all this is the fact that the neighboring States which were carved out of the old empire all have erected protective tariff barriers.

Landlords Pay

As a result, the only way Vienna can compete for world trade is by paying low wages. And low wages must be accompanied by low rents.

The Socialist party holds that in hard times it is not right that the landlords alone should prosper.

Hence came the city law that regulates rents. The landlord now makes little or no profit. Instead of rent being one-quarter of the workman's salary, it is not over two per cent. The workmen are thus able to live on their low wages and, as a consequence, industry is able to live.

City Builds Homes

But these low rentals and the difficulty of raising capital did not encourage private persons to build new houses so badly needed in Vienna.

The Socialist government decided that the town itself should build houses. It set a program of 30,000 dwellings by the end of 1928. This program was accomplished by the end of 1927. A new program of 30,000 more dwellings has been fixed for the next five years.

About 150,000 persons therefore already are living in municipally-owned houses, with their rentals at a minimum.

PURDUE CONTRACTS FOR TWO NEW BUILDINGS

Work of Erection Will Begin Soon as Weather Permits.

By Times Special

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 4.—Work on two new buildings at Purdue University will be started as soon as weather permits. Contracts have been awarded to A. E. Kemmer for an agricultural engineering building to cost \$70,879, and for a service and storage building to cost \$55,321.

Steps will be taken soon to replace the armory, damaged by fire Jan. 14. The loss, \$87,000, was fully covered by insurance.

The new civil engineering building, recently completed, is already in use.

TAKE AIR FOR NICARAGUA

Marines' Fokker Plane Leaves Miami on 1,000-Mile Sea Journey.

By United Press

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 4.—The trimotored marine Fokker plane left Miami at 5:15 a. m. today on the last leg of its Washington-to-Nicaragua flight.

Lieut. George Towner, who with two companions is making the flight, said he hoped to reach Managua, Nicaragua, in eleven hours. The distance is approximately 1,100 miles.

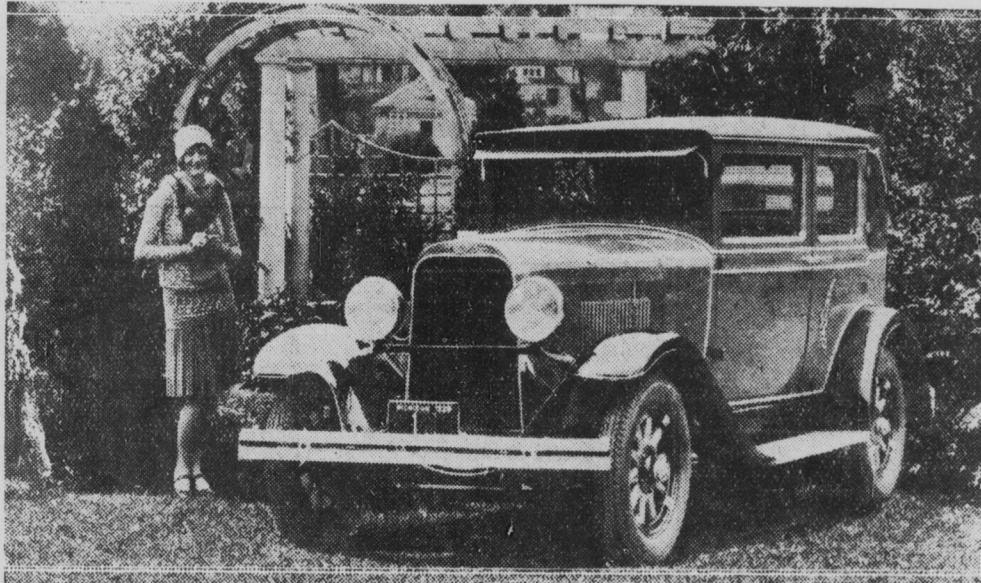
Two Miles Liberty End

LA PORTE, Ind., Feb. 4.—After serving a sixty-day sentence for dry law violation, Gordon Jones, Chicago bootlegger, had traveled but two miles from the State Farm when he was brought back to "lay out" a \$50 fine imposed for aiding Robert Schrader, 19, automobile thief, in an escape from the farm.

\$5,000 an Inch

HAMMOND, Ind., Feb. 4.—Clement de Rosa's right leg is two inches shorter than his left and he wants \$5,000 an inch for the difference. In a suit against the Indiana Harbor Belt and New York Central railroads, de Rosa asks \$10,000, declaring he is permanently injured. An automobile in which de Rosa was riding was struck by a train at a crossing here Sept. 2, 1923.

New Olds Is Placed on Display Here



The new Oldsmobile six, which recently was a sensation of the New York and Chicago Shows was placed on display for the first time in Indianapolis today by the Lathrop McFarland Company, 418 N. Capitol Ave.

Pictured in the above illustration with the new Oldsmobile is Marguerite R. Shang, recently voted Miss Lansing.

Features heretofore considered alien to the common run of cars in the \$925 to \$1,085 price range are found in the new Oldsmobile. The new car is larger, faster and

more powerful than, the six-cylinder line it replaces. Its high compression engine develops 55 horsepower at 2,700 r. p. m. It has registered 73 miles an hour at the General Motors Proving Ground.

It is longer, with an over-all length of 171 inches. It weighs approximately 120 pounds more than last year's model.

The new engine is a high compression, six-cylinder L-head type with a 3-16 bore and a 4 1/2 stroke. It has a piston displacement of 197.3 cubic inches.

Crankcase ventilation is provided by a constant air stream being drawn through the crankcase, which sweeps with it water formed in internal combustion engines by condensation and unburned gasoline vapors. For ignition, the Delco-Remy ignition is used with full automatic spark advance.

Four-wheel brakes are used. Front and rear springs are semi-elliptic and two inches in width. The cellular radiator is equipped with a vertical shutter controlled from the instrument board.

BUILD HANGAR FOR SIX PLANES

Inaugural Landing at New Airport Planned Monday.

The six-ship airplane hangar of the Hooker airport, Kessler Blvd. and Lafayette Rd., is expected to be in use the last of next week, it was announced today by Harold Brooks, local pilot, who with Bob Shank, formerly of Huntington, W. Va., are promoters of the project.

Shank, the oldest living air mail pilot, in point of service, expects to fly from Huntington Monday, bringing the third plane of the five owned by the partners. His arrival at the new airport will mark the inaugural landing at the field.

Several student fliers have enrolled for lessons at the airport. Brooks said in announcing that the flying school will open about Feb. 15.

In addition to the school the pilots will act as middle Western sales representatives for the Travel-Air Company, airplane makers; conduct aerial tours and an air taxi service to all points in this territory. Aerial photographic work also will be done.

The new airport contains seventy-five acres bounded by Kessler Blvd., Lafayette Rd. and Tibbs, Ave. The partners plan to make Indianapolis a hub for a middle Western network of aerial transportation lines.

Patched Up

Edinburg's Marshal-Preacher Unites Doubtful Couple.

By Times Special

EDINBURGH, Ind., Feb. 4.—Miss Laura Seither and Clifford J. Guntle were married by this town's combined marshal-minister, W. C. Milburn, to clear away doubt about a marriage scheme in which they were apparently victimized last October.

The bride told Marshal-Rev. Milburn that her father objected to her keeping company with Guntle at Germantown, Ohio, where they lived before coming here. The father told her to leave if she intended to go with Guntle.

The couple left Germantown together and at a small Ohio town asked a man they supposed was a justice of the peace to perform a wedding ceremony. He did so, but without a marriage license, telling the couple just to sign an application and he would send the license later. Guntle paid him \$2.50. That was the last the couple ever heard from him.

Farmer Takes Own Life

DECATUR, Ind., Feb. 4.—Ill health is ascribed as the motive for the suicide of Elam Boxell, 65, whose body was found hanging in a shed on his farm north of Markle.

Government Succeeds

in Running Power Plant

Hiram Johnson's Sarcasm Upholds U. S. Operation of Utility Plant.

By Times Special

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The halls of Congress, which resound day after day with tirades against government in business, are lighted and are heated by one of the most efficient Government-owned and operated power plants in the world.

Senator Hiram W. Johnson pointed out this to the Senate during its debate on the Jones bill for a Government merchant marine.

"Let me call your attention to the sacrifice of some of these gentlemen who inveigh against Government ownership," said Johnson, waxing sarcastic.

"The very light that comes with its soft radiance from above and illumines the granite countenance of statesmanship in this body comes from an electric light plant owned, operated, maintained and conducted

Woman Fined for 'War' in Protest of Wedding

Four Discharged for Fight as Mother Files Suit to Annul Marriage.

Mrs. Ruth Hill, 37, of 415 E. Ohio St., was fined \$10 and costs by Municipal Judge Tom Paul Rochford Friday on charges of assault and battery, resulting from a fight Jan. 14, when a mother attempted to keep her daughter from marrying an alleged gangster.

The mother, Mrs. Della Tolen, 32, of 947 S. West St., and her daughter, Irma Tolen, 17, were freed of vagrancy charges, while her son, Lester Tolen, 21, was discharged on a charge of shooting with intent to kill. William Davey, 36, who, police say, owns a resort operated by Mrs. Hill at the Ohio St. address, also was discharged on shooting with homicidal intent charges.

The arrests grew out of a hair-pulling, pistol and shotgun fight near the Tolen home. Mrs. Tolen had tried unsuccessfully to keep Irma from marrying Virgil Moore, 32, a brother of Mrs. Hill. Mrs. Tolen charged that Davey and Mrs. Hill attacked her near her home and that Davey shot at her son. Lester Tolen retaliated by peppering Davey with a shotgun, she testified.

On the night of Jan. 15 an automobile passed the Tolen home and the windows were riddled with buckshot, police reported.

Mrs. Tolen testified that she had filed suit for the annulment of the marriage of her daughter and Moore last week. Mrs. Moore said she was willing to have the marriage annulled.

Judge Rochford reprimanded the persons involved and ordered them to air their "differences in a court of law."

Shakespeare and Bandits Divide Gas Man's Thrills

Held Up Once, Attendant at Station Disperses Fear With Good Books.

By Times Special

Indianapolis for employment when he found he could not attend college.

The sandy haired youth stands six feet one inch. He keeps fit by an occasional boxing match. He was unable to get a job a year ago so started "to educate himself" if opportunity ever knocks. He is unmarried.

"I'm interested in everything, so I read. In the past year I have read 112 books," Howard said.

"There are many things one can learn from discussions, but some things you have to get from books. Customers usually compliment me on the 'library in the corner,' he said.

"Besides it is nice to be able to talk intelligently with folks you meet. Every day some one runs in to use my dictionary."

"I like to read everything from sales books to scientific literature. But some day I hope to write myself," Howard said.

Howard is 22 and anxious to "get ahead" in the world. He attended Lafayette high school and came to

State and Defence Elimination Give Place to Robert Van Atta.

By Times Special

KOKOMO, Ind., Feb. 4.—Judge Robert Van Atta, Marion, will preside at the trial here of Luther F. Symons, State bank commissioner, and his deputy, Thomas D. Barr, charged with neglect of official duty in failing to close the Amer'can Trust Company bank when they knew it to be insolvent.

Judge John Marshall, Howard circuit judge, disqualified himself to serve and named three for a choice to preside at the trial. The State refused Judge K. Earl Stroup, Frankfort, and the defense, Judge John Lairy, Logansport, leaving Van Atta as the choice.

35,000 Miles; 'Keep on Going'

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Richard Diamond, 22, arrested for begging said he had travelled 35,000 miles on a bicycle to reach New York. The court freed him on condition he keep on going.

Success to Broken Back

By Times Special

CYNTHIANA, Ind., Feb. 4.—Grover Cleveland is dead here after suffering from a broken back received last summer when he fell from a wagon.

G. O. P. LEADERS RULE AGAINST SLASH IN TAX

No Reduction Expected at This Session, Assert Congress Chiefs.

By THOMAS L. STOKES
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Republican leaders in Congress virtually have agreed to abandon tax legislation at this session, because of complications which threaten the Administration program.

These complications recently have become more serious. Democrats want to raise the reduction figure in the Senate and are planning to join Western Republicans with tariff revision riders on the tax measure if it is brought up.

Republican leaders privately admit that tax reduction is not likely in the face of this situation. Some say openly they expect none. Among the latter is Representative Hawley, Oregon, ranking Republican member on the House Ways and Means Committee, which drafted the tax bill passed by the House.

He said today there would be no money for tax reduction because of the extra appropriations sought for flood relief, farm relief, Army, Navy, Boulder Dam and other matters.

"We all realize that revenues declined in 1927," Chairman Green, Iowa, of the committee said today.

He pointed out there has been a recession in business, particularly in steel, railroads and automobile industries. This affects Federal tax revenue. Green declined to say whether he thought a tax reduction impossible this year.

The tax bill now rests quietly in the Senate Finance Committee. Republican members recently voted to prevent it being taken up before March 15, on the ground that the Senate should wait until the first income tax returns are in to see how the revenues will tally up this year.

If tariff riders are tacked to the bill the measure likely would be held in conference between the two houses. Republican leaders think it better to let the bill sleep.

PRIMARY IS UPHELD

Illinois Supreme Court Approves New Delegate Law.

By United Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 3.—Illinois' existing primary law was upheld constitutional by the State Supreme Court Friday, permitting popular election of delegates to presidential conventions this summer.

Constitutionality of the statute has been questioned by Chicago interests and was held void in lower courts. The situation was considered so precarious that Governor Len Small convened a special session of the Legislature to rewrite the statute.

Demand for a primary in April, which would allow a popular expression of presidential preference, was not supported by a sufficient majority of legislators to permit passage of the law.

Observers believed the high court holding strengthened the chance of Frank O. Lowden to obtain the Republican delegation and, while Al Smith is considered the most probable Democratic choice, the primary may decrease his chances.

BOYS SUE MELON GUARD

Youths, Shot by Farmer in Raid Patch, Seeking Damages.

By United Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 4.—Three boys who were wounded with buckshot when they encountered the owner of a watermelon patch they were "raiding" filed damage suits against the farmer today, asking \$32,500.

The incident occurred last September. Joe Compro 15, John Lalatksan 14 and John Nerone 15 went to the farm of Avery Miller to steal melons. Miller fired at them with a shotgun and Oompreo and Lalatksan were both wounded in their eyes.

Criminal proceedings also have been started against Miller.

MARRIED AND WORK

Fourth of Working Women Have Husbands, Survey Shows.

By Times Special

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—In cities of from 25,000 to 100,000, approximately one-fourth of the working women are married, says the Department of Labor.

A survey just completed in Birmingham, N. Y., shows the proportion there is much higher, or about one-half. In this industrial community with a total population of 67,000, 25,000 are wage earners and about one-third of these wage earners are women.

In the main, the unmarried women in the group were younger and less skilled, but there was little other difference.

Men of Steel and State



Such are James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel Corporation (left) and William T. Cosgrave, head of the Irish Free State. They met at the India House luncheon given to Cosgrave when he passed through New York en route back to Ireland.

Juvenile Courts Hindered by Procedure, Says Judge

Cases Often Handled Too Much Like Criminal Trials.

Too much Criminal Court procedure. This is the burden under which juvenile courts are suffering, juvenile Court Judge Frank J. Lahr declares.

But the juvenile court movement is not a failure, Lahr declared, in answer to Judge Charles W. Hoffman of Domestic Relations Court of Cincinnati. Hoffman declared juvenile courts fail to function efficiently.

Need Procedure Change

Too many juvenile judges, Judge Lahr declared, are attempting to invest their courts with the dignity, austerity and severity of Criminal Courts.

"Judge Hoffman is right in his theory that juvenile courts should not follow criminal procedure but he does not give credit to the increasing number of judges who are trying to get away from criminal procedure but are handicapped by laws and lawyers," he said.

"Most juvenile courts now rely on the community social agencies for help in diagnosis of delinquent children. The institution is used as a last resort after the home, school and probation have failed.

Two Fundamental Ideas

"Two ideas are fundamental in juvenile court work," he said. "One is the irresponsibility of children by reason of their immaturity. The other is the possibility of educating youthful minds."

"The last point is of such significance that it has often been thought the juvenile court should be part of the public educational system. However, although the public school system has high educational efficiency, it lacks in the cooperative power necessary in juvenile court work."

PURGE DRY-FORGES

Crooks Cleaned Out, U. S. Chief Claims.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—America's prohibition forces are rapidly being purged of grafters and corrupt agents, according to Assistant Secretary of Treasury Lowman, who announced today that 700 agents have been separated from the dry service since he took office six months ago.

"We are getting rid of every crook in the service," he said. "The morale of the organization today is excellent and the percentage of corruption small."

Lowman said that about 350 of the 700 agents who have left the prohibition bureau in six months were dismissed for the "good of the service."

Others were asked to resign and there were a few who resigned voluntarily to enter other vocations, he added.

LABOR REPORTS THREE MILLION JOBLESS IN U. S.

Building Industry Hardest Hit of All, Department Figures Indicate.

By FLORA G. ORR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The great army of the unemployed now numbers, to all practical intents and purposes, 3,000,000 men, according to the Department of Labor, and various labor organizations, including the American Federation of Labor. Two million of this number have no jobs at all.

An additional 2,000,000 have only part-time jobs and are estimated as 1,000,000 without jobs.

The building trades department of the American Federation of Labor says that there are more idle men in the building industry today than at any time since the panic of 1907.

"One-third of the building craftsmen are out of jobs. Only one man in this trade is employed today where three were working a year ago."

The number of idle men in the building trade is estimated at 300,000.

The United States Department of Labor estimates 11.2 per cent decrease employment in iron and steel trades in December, 1927, as compared to December, 1926, and wage cuts for those still employed amounting to 14 per cent.

Others are shipbuilding, 18.6 per cent decrease in employment; petroleum refining, 16.8 per cent; mill work, 10.5 per cent.

Automobile manufacturing shows 1 per cent more employed today than a year ago, and rubber boots and shoes, 11.8 per cent increase.

Los Angeles labor unions have reported to Washington 70,000 unemployed; San Francisco, 70,000; Baltimore, 75,000; Boston, 6,000; New York and Chicago say there is more unemployment than at any period since 1921.

WORRY GNAWS FORMER HERO OF GUM CHEWING

Admiring Swedish Girl Doesn't Know Fireman Is Married.

By Times Special

GARY, Ind., Feb. 4.—Joe Owens, local fireman, once holder of the world's gum chewing contest, won by masticating 120 sticks of the sticky stuff at one time, fears complications.

Owens is married, but Miss Ingrid Carlson, Stockholm, Sweden, didn't know that when she wrote him a letter, referring to his jaw prowess, and offering to send her picture.

Fellow firemen of Owens say they will write to the Swedish girl, and he doesn't know whether or not they will carry out threats of leading her to believe he is interested in her. Mrs. Owens so far has withheld comment.

Life and Death Duel

By Times Special

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 4.—Forty minutes after Charles Terry, 28, died in a hospital here of pneumonia, a son was born to his wife. The couple was married a year ago.

Service for Readers

The Times Bureau has made up a number of the most popular PACKETS of bulletins which have been offered through this newspaper in the year past. They are listed below. One or more of these will interest you. Each packet is put up in a single envelope and contains the bulletins listed. Fill out the coupon at the bottom and mail as directed, and your packets will come to you promptly:

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