

A REVIEW OF BUILDING IN YEAR CLOSING

Improved Housing Situation in United States Predicted - Unprecedented Activity Forecasted for 1920.

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In the cost of production has been followed as a matter of course by a rise in prices. Then came the general demand for higher wages. The increased cost of higher commodity prices. A noteworthy example of the increase in labor costs is shown in the wages of bricklayers, which has advanced to \$8.50 per day from \$6.25 at the time of the signing of the armistice a year ago last November. There is apparently no prospect that labor will be available in sufficiently ample supply to cause any hope of a reduction in wages. If there were any such hope it has been put out of the question by the greatly advanced standards of living. This developed a serious condition of unrest throughout the country, which must be relieved as quickly as possible.

The course of building in 1919 was influenced by two forces; the first being the war cycle and the second, the business cycle. Construction had reached a high level in 1918, but slightly declined in 1919 owing to general business depression. There soon followed another era of building activity only to be brought to an end by the war. Building material prices at the close of 1919 showed a decided increase in activity, with practically all commodities in great demand notwithstanding the steadily advancing price trend. Dealers in the basic standard commodities kept busy to capacity with orders for immediate delivery. Inquiries for deliveries in January and February indicate extremely busy building times in the near future. The upward trend of prices has been steady. All efforts to secure a level of stabilization failed. The demand largely exceeded the possible production and quotations could not be stabilized. In the early months of 1919 brick was selling, delivered in New York, at \$15 per thousand retail. December prices were quoted at \$22.50 per thousand. The most spectacular jump of the commodity list has been secured by lumber. Last March and April plain oak flooring sold at \$72 per thousand foot. New York, wholesale. December's price for the same oak touched the \$100 level. Quartered oak advanced in price from \$90 per thousand wholesale in the early months to a present mark of \$210 and upward. The demand for lumber of every grade and description continued to grow throughout the year, and retail dealers are making arrangements to take care of an enormous demand during the 1920 season. Their anxiety to secure adequate stocks is already reflected in the call for production. There does not appear to be any prospect of an early decline in material prices. Logically, as long as the war continues to outstrip the supply, the trend must be upward with prices rising instead of falling. The increase in the major commodities since the signing of the armistice in November, 1918, averages about 90 per cent. Construction is now estimated at from 40 to 50 cents per cubic foot. Many men at this time are endeavoring to put in operation plans that were realized that old conditions have gone never to return. The ending of the war left commercial markets depleted in many of the necessities of life, including building materials, in which every architect is vitally interested. Due to the fact that the balance of supply and demand had not yet reached equilibrium, organized labor seized its chance to secure what it wanted. This was at a time when all production was for war. Production was lowered to the shortage of labor and men to increase the difficulty, the element of radicalism entered into dealings of certain unions. This made it doubly difficult to get back to old time industrial production. After three years participation in the world war it naturally takes considerable time to get back to a point where there will be a surplus of commodities. The question now to be solved is "How can the closest form of co-operation between capital and labor be ef-

SYRUP OF FIGS CHILD'S LAXATIVE

Look at Tongue! Remove Poisons from Stomach, Liver and Bowels. The public generally feels that slow progress has been made in the reclamation of building on a normal scale. To put the industry back on its feet financially there must be a bigger unit of value, a greater development of individual enterprises. Then there will be created a surplus instead of a shortage, and the depleted value of the unit will be met. The unit must again have a purchase value equal to the wealth per capita of the industry. Of course, prices can never go back to the low pre-war level, but with the very increase of the wealth of the building industry, with the increase in wages, there will come automatic re-organization. Labor represents a large percentage of the purchasing power of the country. High wages mean increased purchasing power, while low wages mean reduced purchasing power. Labor must meet the necessities of life, and must create an effective partnership in the evolution of the industry. The workman must be made to feel the sense that accrues from the better results which he is called upon to produce. By that means labor can be made to cooperate with the employer in an antagonistic force. The worker must be convinced that any increased effort he makes is not for capital's gain, but in a great part for his personal advantage and the public, of which he is a part. Increased production cannot result from individual effort, but only in a widespread movement for collective effort. There must be no selfishness on either side in securing an increased interest in the building industry. Production on a basis of co-operation, there must be mutual advantage to the man who directs the industry and the man who produces in industry. There must be industrial democracy in 1920 as never before. If we are to continue to meet competition with other nations in the market place, we must solve many of our difficult problems during the war. So now we must create the proper regulations in relation to labor and industry.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

In an attack on the Vice-Regal Lodge in Phoenix Park, Dublin, early yesterday morning a civilian and an officer were killed. Four men were arrested as they were leaving the park, but no incriminating evidence has been found upon them. The Canadian Wheat Board has raised the price of Manitoba wheat in mills in Canada from \$2.20 to \$2.80 per bushel. The wholesale price of standard spring wheat in the United States is \$1.15 per bushel. General Semenov has been appointed by the All-Russian forces in Siberia. Kolchak has resigned his post as commander of the Allied troops in the occupation zone in Germany when the peace treaty is made effective. Viscount Grey, British ambassador, leaves New York next Saturday on a general tour of inspection at Canada. Captain Charles V. V. Coombs, aged forty years, employed at Canadian headquarters, in London, Eng., shot himself on Boxing Day in a room in the Grosvenor Hotel. His home is in Toronto, where his wife survives. Coombs went overseas with the 11th Battalion, London Regiment, and was killed in Clapham. He was English born. A memorial window and an oak panel

BORDEN MAY GO WITH JELICOE TO SOUTH AFRICA

Sea Voyage for Health on Large British Cruiser, Probably Renown, Talked of. (Special to Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 29.—It is said here that Sir Robert Borden may combine a long sea voyage in the programme of his search for renewed health and strength and a visit to another part of the empire. Lord Jellicoe, after a brief visit to the United States, will go from here to South Africa and it is expected that Sir Robert will accompany him. This would be advantageous to Sir Robert from the point of view of health and the visit would be taken as a compliment by the new dominion. One of the largest British cruisers, probably the Renown, will return here for Lord Jellicoe and it is understood that Sir Robert will go on the same honor. He will not be accompanied by Lady Borden.

PHYSICAL TRAINING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

New York, Dec. 29.—Physical training in the public schools has taken a decided step forward, but results are not yet satisfactory according to a report by the committee on public health of the governor's reconstruction committee. The committee reports that in the city of New York, where the program in the high school has been assigned as assistants to the physical director, their duties are to supervise the routine exercises given to the healthy children. "An active campaign of education is the first essential in any plan of reconstruction," reads the report. "Compulsory education is required by the State for all children, and it is time to consider whether efforts toward compulsory physical education should not go with it."

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