

HOUSING SHORTAGE IS IN SMALL DWELLINGS

Plenty of Houses Are for Sale But Low-Rent Residences Are Scarce

By HARDEN COLFAX (Special to The Star, Copyright, 1921) WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—If one thing more than another was established at the conference held here last week by business men from all over the country to discuss the shortage of houses, it is the fact that there are plenty of houses for sale at holders' prices, and that the shortage is in small residences with low rents.

This was not stressed in the speeches, made in the morning, but it is the undercurrent of the news at the meeting, which was convened under the auspices of the chamber of commerce of the United States. Many public spirited men entirely unconnected with the real estate or building industries were in attendance.

Men from all over the country will go back home, and take into their own communities the things they learned here, and get those messages across to their own home people. Home building and home seeking problems vary in all communities. So true is this that here are quoted some figures which were gathered by the national chamber of commerce in preparation for the conference. They are the responses from 16 housing companies which were asked by local chambers of commerce why houses these companies built have not all been sold.

First—Cost too great; 5 built, 2 sold; 7 rented. Second—No demand; 16 built; 3 sold. Third—Cost too high, wage earners feel they can not keep up payments; 30 built; 15 sold; 15 rented. Fourth—Wages were put on market, workers were afraid to assume so heavy an obligation; 60 built, 15 sold.

Fifth—Prices must come down; 11 built, 7 sold. Sixth—Present brief slack in industry will soon be over here; 12 built, 1 sold; 5 rented. Seventh—Idleness of labor and anticipation of lowering prices; 75 built; 7 sold. Eighth—Present industrial situation; 20 completed; 1 sold; 5 rented. Ninth—Present industrial situation; 20 completed; 1 sold; 5 rented. Tenth—Industrial slump discouraged many of our promising prospects; 65 built; 20 sold.

Eleventh—People waiting to see what will happen; 33 built; 15 unoccupied. Twelfth—A few empty houses due to industrial slump. Thirteenth—Industrial inactivity and thought that houses will sell cheaper; 25 finished; none sold.

Fourteenth—General depression; 7 built; 3 sold; 4 rented. Fifteenth—Many houses completed too late for any extensive selling campaign; 100 built; 40 sold. Sixteenth—Temporary lull, expect big demand in spring; 10 built; 2 sold.

The continuing cry of shortage has helped to maintain a shortage of low-priced rentable houses. This does not presume to say that there are enough houses to go around in all communities, because there are not. In some of the great congested centers, such as New York, more houses have been torn down in recent years than new houses built.

COCOLOBO IS ADDRESS OF HARDING JUST NOW

But There is No Way of Sending Him Important Cabinet Suggestions

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 30.—President-elect Harding and his vacation party sailed from Miami late this afternoon for a two-day fishing cruise in the vicinity of Cocolobo, an isolated island of the south Florida Keys, 28 miles to the south.

The expedition will establish headquarters on Cocolobo, occupying a small club house, which stands in an expanse of water once a favorite field of conquest for pirates. The building is comfortably equipped with many miles from any other human habitation and has no means of communication with the outside world.

The party will fish from the yacht Shadow V, which left Miami as the guest of her owner, Carl G. Fisher, head of a corporation which owns the string of resort hotels on Miami beach. It is expected the Shadow V will return here Tuesday night, and that Mr. Harding and his friends will go aboard the houseboat Victoria Wednesday morning for the return trip up the Indian river to St. Augustine.

Mr. Harding spent his Sunday here resting, but before lunch he motored to the Miami bathing beach and sported in the surf for an hour as one of a crowd of several hundred bathers. He had lunch in the public dining room of a hotel, and had afternoon tea at the home of Wm. Jennings Bryan. The visit to the Bryan residence was made by return of Mr. Harding yesterday.

All of the members of the party who made the trip here on the Victoria went with Mr. Harding to the fishing grounds, Harry M. Daugherty of Columbus and Senator A. B. Fall of New Mexico abandoning a previous decision to leave Miami tonight for the north.

WEAR A WIG TO MATCH YOUR GOWN



Wear a wig to match your gown. This is the new note being sounded by Milady in hair-dressing. Many prominent society folk have taken up the fad. The upper left photo shows a young miss wearing a light blue evening gown and a light blue coiffure to match. On the right a young woman is wearing a milk green wig to match her evening gown of the same tone. The photo on the bottom shows a matronly model wearing a silver wig to match her dress.

PROGRESSIVE PROGRAM SUBJECT OF MEETING

Columbus County Presbyterians Will Meet at Vineland Tomorrow

WHITEVILLE, Jan. 30.—J. M. Harvey, Sunday school evangelist of Wilmington presbytery, spent the weekend here to visit the Presbyterian Sunday schools. He was the guest of R. C. Carson while here.

The Columbus county group of Presbyterian churches will hold an all-day conference on the Presbyterian progressive program, in the Vineland Presbyterian church Tuesday. The speakers from Wilmington will be Revs. P. W. DuBose and J. C. Crowley, Rev. W. H. Goodman from Clarkton and Rev. A. J. Powell from the Vineland church. Mrs. A. J. Howell is to present woman's work.

Congressman-elect Homer L. Lyon who will take his seat in congress next April, is hoping to be accompanied by his family to apartments can be secured for them.

Martin and Frank J. Schulken have recently formed a law partnership, and will have their offices in the downtown section. Martin Schulken was formerly junior partner of the law firm of Schulken, Toon and Schulken. For the past few years he has been connected with the mercantile business owned by himself and two brothers.

Friends of the family will regret to learn that Mrs. H. D. Schulken has been confined to her bed for several weeks, with a serious attack of illness.

A recent marriage of interest here was that of Mrs. Emily Flynn and Wm. P. Bennett. The ceremony was performed by Rev. I. T. Newton, pastor of the Methodist church, at the home of Mrs. Flynn. Mr. Bennett is a member of the firm of Bennett, Bennett and Bennett, a contracting firm of Norfolk and for nearly a year has had personal supervision of the paving work on the streets here.

R. L. Daniel of Wilmington, was a recent visitor here. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison Formy Duval spent Tuesday in Wilmington. Miss Mae Thompson recently had a pleasant visit with Mrs. Milton North, who is in Southport.

Miss Ruth Wooten spent the weekend in Wilmington with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hickman of Wilmington, spent the week-end here with Mr. Hickman's parents, Treasurer and Mrs. W. H. Hickman.

Gardner and Milton Wood, connected with the shipyard, recently spent a few days with their parents. Rev. A. J. Howell spent last Tuesday in Wilmington, in connection with the work of the historical commission.

CONGRESS IS STUDYING WAYS TO AID FARMERS

How to Get Money to Farmers Who Need It Is Giving Serious Concern

By HARDEN COLFAX (Special to The Star, Copyright 1921) WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Ways by which the farmers of the country can secure the money they need, and find ready funds for planting and cultivating their crops this year, are giving serious concern to members of congress, and officials of the government who are interested in the agricultural situation as a whole. It is recognized that the farming industry has been without "new money" not only during the war, when all available resources were devoted to war purposes, but since the war, when a gradual readjustment of the investment field has taken place under the terms of the Federal tax laws.

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When the writer placed this phase of the problem, however, he was obviously embarrassed and ventured the hope that it would not officially be brought before the commission to decide. Matured consideration of the problem, however, is to eliminate any chance of embarrassment to submit the question, for the reason that no Dempsey-Willard match was made before the application of this rule. No match has yet been made, so far as that goes. Thus it would seem that the boxing commissioners would not have to be endowed with the wisdom of Solomon to hand down a prompt and decisive answer.

In the meantime Dempsey remains out west. He believes, I happen to know, that as a training ground, 97th street and the Drive, New York, are his limitations.

So he has gone back to the old style of boxing and the old manner of living. But even so, when Kearns claps eyes on Jess Willard, he sees a head and clear-eyed and trim and generally fit he is, he may decide that his protegee had better wait until next year before giving Willard his chance to come back to the ring.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—It is now clear that boxing as an intercollegiate sport will have a hard road to travel before it is firmly established—if indeed it ever succeeds in getting a firm footing. This statement may prove surprising to those who have marked the enthusiasm with which Pennsylvania State, the Navy and a few other institutions have taken up the sport. But the fact remains that a majority of the colleges do not approve of it.

The sport, however, is getting a grip as an intra-mural part of college athletics and it may in time attain inter-collegiate standing. But at present this is far from the case.

Many years ago boxing was in a fair way to become popular at Yale when an untoward accident brought it to an untimely end, and it really blocked the way for anything of the kind for several years. This incident, which was the death of one of the contestants, could have been easily avoided had there been proper physical examination of the men who offered their names as entries. The student, a boy named Dyer, came over as a candidate and was refused on account of his remarkably poor condition. The authorities were notified and it was supposed any chance of his entering was blocked. Dyer, however, went up to professionals on Dixwell avenue and in which it was evident that Dyer was merely trying out his man, a negro in the second round dropped Dyer with a left to the chin. Dyer did not regain consciousness and died within five days.

SPORTS

By LAWRENCE PERRY (Special Dispatch to The Star Copyright, 1921) NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—With Jack Kearns, manager of Dempsey, the heavyweight champion, in this city from San Francisco today, with Ray Archer, who manages Jess Willard's business affairs already here, Tex Rickard tomorrow will make a final effort to clinch the proposed March 17 bout between the two big fellows.

Throughout the country there has been a belief that the bout between those who forfeit had been posted and that practically all the details, except the purse and the division thereof had been arranged between the promoter and the two principals. It was known, of course, that the action of the New York state boxing commission in placing a maximum price of \$15 upon seats might seriously affect Rickard's plans, but it was not until the other day that understanding was reached that the track would be clear.

Now, as a matter of fact, nothing has been arranged about this bout and from the present outlook the obstacles which the famous New York promoter is likely to encounter on Monday would make a barricaded street in the heart of a strike district look like a bowling alley. First of all, there is the question of price limit. Rickard could not, under the new price limit rule, give Dempsey a purse of satisfactory obesity and get away without a heavy loss.

When Dempsey was first approached with regard to this bout, there was no such rule; the towering skyscrapers of Manhattan would have stood about as high as adobe shacks in comparison with the skyscrapers. Rickard would have offered a purse that Rickard could have offered. Maybe he did whisper a tentative sum. He must have, judging from the way Dempsey jumped at the chance—verbally—to get in the ring with Big Jess. As for Willard, it was up to him to accept a fight on any terms he could get and he is still willing to do this. But it takes two to make a match and a big question which is economically out of the question, what is Jack Kearns going to say at Monday's meeting in Tex Rickard's office.

The writer happens to know what Tex Rickard's first question to Kearns will be: Will Jack Dempsey meet Jess Willard on the basis of a percentage of the receipts? Now Kearns needs some ready cash; those who are close to him know that he does not need it so badly that he can be prevailed upon not only to share with Rickard in taking a financial chance on the scrap, but to risk a beating for his champion and the consequent loss of the real money affair with Carpenter, set for next July. A lot of clear-headed sporting men are not so certain as to this.

Well, assuming Kearns holds out, what then? It will be up to Rickard in such case to go to the boxing commission and put the matter up to this body. He has told the writer he will do this if the percentage suggestion is made. To do this he will need the near-by any of the boxing commissioners to discuss the subject and says he has no idea what their reaction would be to his plea that in pure justice the match should be made. It is recognized that it should not apply to a match made long before the rule was even thought of.

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The Leonard-Mitchell fight in Madison Square Garden was taken as an opportunity for many of those faculty representatives who have boxing under consideration to see how the thing would look as an inter-collegiate sport. It is said that these faculty members came away from the contest with a pretty decided view that the time had not yet come to make boxing an inter-collegiate contest.

It has been contended that boxing has been carried on at Annapolis and in the navy very successfully and that there is no reason why it should not be an inter-collegiate sport. Here comes in a point which seems to have been lost sight of, in that there is a very different discipline obtaining at Annapolis and in the service than that which obtains at college. Certainly everyone knows that the control over the students at Annapolis is much more far-reaching and thorough than at any university in the country. Hence many of the things which creep in under the intercollegiate contests would not appear at an institution like Annapolis, more than that, we should probably not see in the first year the extreme of intercollegiate rivalry which we see in more the sport becomes popular. What a young man will do under excitement in spite of rules, orders and precedent is always a problem. We are not human and under excitement laws are lost sight of, and what might happen in football and our other standard sports without great scandal might not be so well accepted in a boxing match.

Postpone SUNDAY MEETING (Special to The Star) GREENVILLE, S. C., Jan. 30.—Because of the protest by the Greenville baseball club against a Sunday baseball meeting here the annual meeting of the South Atlantic league officials decided to meet here Monday, instead of the quarterly meeting of the league of six Georgia, North and South Carolina cities from class "C" to class "B" and to agree upon a player and salary limit. The league schedule also comes up for adoption.

LABOR EXPERIMENT IN NORFOLK LOSES MONEY

"Norfolk Idea" Costs Union Labor Bank \$40,000

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 30.—L. B. Cox will qualify tomorrow in the United States district court as receiver for the Crescent Iron Works, Inc., which was thrown into involuntary bankruptcy on Saturday, after six months' operation with the financial backing of the International Association of Machinists, who used it in an attempt to combat the "open shop" policy adopted by twenty-nine ship repair plants last July, when a general strike of metals trades occurred.

The experiment of the labor organization has become generally known as the "Norfolk idea," and was heralded as a new weapon to fight capital with capital. The federal receiver will take over the assets remaining after the foreclosure on Saturday, in which the Mount Vernon Savings bank, of Washington, purchased property, machinery and fixtures of the concern for \$7,800 in an auction to satisfy a deed of trust for \$40,000 held by the International Association of Machinists as security for a loan advanced the Crescent Iron Works to continue its operations.

As a result of the "Norfolk idea," the International Association of Machinists has expended \$40,000 and has the property purchased Saturday. To use the machinery, the labor men must move it to another site and start a new company.



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Will Go to Florida Soon WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Mrs. Warren G. Harding, wife of the President-elect, will spend several days in New York shopping, and later will go to St. Augustine, Fla., to join Mr. Harding on his return from a vacation trip down the Indian river.

MRS. HARDING IN NEW YORK SHOPPING SEVERAL DAYS NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Mrs. Warren G. Harding, wife of the President-elect, arrived here late today, from Washington. At the Ritz-Carlton hotel, where she is registered, Mrs. Harding declined to receive any visitors tonight.

Boy Dangerously Shot Clifton Kelly, a 12-year-old negro, was shot and badly wounded by James Green, another negro boy, yesterday afternoon at Seventh and Taylor streets. Kelly was taken to the James Walker Memorial hospital and Green was arrested and placed in the city prison, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon. Hospital surgeons said last night that they were unable to ascertain how serious Kelly's wound is. He was hit in the chest with a .32-caliber ball. The police have not found what caused Green to shoot Kelly.

VETERAN OF LEE'S ARMY DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS B. H. Scott, a veteran of the War Between the States, who fought under Robert E. Lee, died at his home, 121 South Eighth street, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock following an illness which extended over a long period. The funeral services will be held at the residence of Mrs. Scott, 121 South Eighth street, at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. The remains will be taken from the city on the New Bern train.