

SHIP CHIEFS TOLD OF HOUSING ABUSES

Chester Official Charges Exorbitant Rents and Many Evictions

Drastic Steps Are Threatened Unless Impositions on 'Workers' Stop'

Chester, Pa., June 13.—T. Woodward, superintendent of the Public Safety Department, before a joint session of United States Emergency Fleet Corporation officials, shipyard and munition officers, city officials and prominent real estate brokers held in the Chamber of Commerce here, presented a report on the housing facilities of Chester.

Mr. Woodward, consulting complaints showed that rents had been increased from 50 to 200 per cent, and that factories daily are losing high grade men, with constables moving the furniture of families on an average of fifteen a day from the house to the sidewalk.

Major W. A. Garrett, of the Remington Arms Company, and Colonel J. H. Brown, of the Sun Shipbuilding Company, supported the charges made by Mr. Woodward. Colonel Brown said that 100 cases daily come before him from the shipyards, where the men are compelled to leave their jobs and homes because of the lack of housing and the unreasonable rents asked.

Kingman Brewster, counsel for the Emergency Fleet Corporation, detailed here from Washington, reviewed the powers the Government had vested in the shipping board, and what the consequences would be if relief was not given to the property owners of this city. He suggested that an appeal of patriotism should be made and if this failed to accomplish results, that more drastic steps be taken.

In order to carry out the idea of Mr. Brewster, a tribunal was formed to hear complaints of persons who believe they are being charged unjust rents. The tribunal will be composed of Major W. A. Garrett, Remington Arms Company, and Colonel J. H. Brown, Sun Ship Company, representing the industry; T. Woodward, Trainer, representing the city; Samuel Bell and J. C. Taylor, representing the real estate brokers, and R. E. Jaffee and David Faith, representing the trust companies. The board will sit once each week. Failure of property owners to comply with the decisions of the tribunal will mean immediate action by the Government.

William I. Schaffer, counsel for the Emergency Fleet Corporation and various munition and ship plants, said that within ten months 35,000 men have been employed in local plants. Three thousand men will join Baldwin in a fortnight, while 2000 more men will be sent to the Sun shipyard. These men, Mr. Schaffer said, must be housed by Chester people, and failure to do so would result in the Government commandeering enough houses to meet the demand.

TRAIN HITS FUNERAL PARTY

One Killed, Five Injured in Johnson City Crash

Shamokin, Pa., June 13.—On the way from Johnson City to this city, the Standard funeral train was struck by the Pennsylvania-Lehigh express at Johnson City, two miles east of here.

JOIN NIGHT SCHOOL

4000 Chester Shipworkers Take Evening Course

NEWS OF THE MEN WHO BUILD SHIPS

DOINGS OF WORKERS IN NEW JERSEY YARDS

N. Y. Shipbuilding Forces Plan Farewell Dinner to E. J. Shinn. Athletics Popular

E. J. Shinn, who has been with the New York Shipbuilding Corporation since its organization, lately as assistant office manager, has resigned.

The service department of the Pusey & Jones Club is working on a plan for transaction of all its business. Fourteen committees are to be appointed to attend to its many departments.

The keel of another tanker was laid yesterday at the Pennsylvania shipyard in the place of the Allentown, launched last Sunday. Its name has not yet been chosen. This makes the twelfth keel laid at the Pennsylvania and New Jersey yards. Four ships have been launched.

ALIEN SHIPBUILDERS GO TO NIGHT SCHOOL

Arithmetic Class Starts at Sun Yard and English Lessons Will Follow Soon

Plans to increase the efficiency of shipworkers by improving their leisure time were put into effect at the Sun Shipbuilding Company's Chester plant last night, when scores of men tackled their first lessons in arithmetic.

GIRARD BOYS BUILD SHIPS

Three Girard College boys at the Chester Shipyard, Chester, have been assigned to technical work as loftsman, and have shown aptitude.

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FAST SHIPBUILDING AT BALTIMORE YARD

Concern Claims Record for Cargo Carrier Approaching Tuckahoe at Camden

A record in ship construction approaching that made by the New York Shipbuilding Company, Camden, in launching the Tuckahoe within twenty-seven days after the keel was laid, is claimed by the Baltimore Drydock and Shipbuilding Company.

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UNIVERSALISTS CALL FOR FINISH OF FOES

Philadelphia Is Being Considered as Place for Next State Convention

Towards, Pa., June 12.—The State Universalist convention here has taken a stand against future wars for the destruction of the German and Austrian military parties and the destruction of the houses of the Hohenzollerns and Habsburgs.

Yesterday's session was largely occupied by the substitution of the year's official report and the measures to be taken during the coming year for the growth of the work. Voting delegates split on the place for the next convention. Athens and Philadelphia are being considered. These officers were elected: President, Frank Pierce, Sharpville, Pa.; vice president, the Rev. E. E. Sweeter, Philadelphia; secretary, the Rev. J. L. Downson, Mansfield, Pa.; treasurer, C. W. Gabel, Jr., Philadelphia; trustees for three years, Willis H. Luden, Reading; Edwin S. Doerner, Philadelphia; W. B. Layton, Scranton, and fellowship committee, the Rev. H. H. Grainer, Girard; J. D. Herlick, Towanda; R. S. Kellerman, Hopbottom; the Rev. G. L. Scoville, Athens, and E. S. Mason, of Conneautville.

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