

**CITY MAY ALTER CONTRACT PLANS**

May Arrange for Time Extensions Instead of Cancellations

PRICES LIKELY TO DROP

War's End Will Change Material and Labor Market Conditions, It Is Believed

The end of the world war finds Councils preparing to cancel municipal improvement contracts involving many millions of dollars. Time extensions will probably be resorted to instead of cancellations in all but the transit contracts with the Keystone State Construction Company.

Another effect of the close of the war on municipal undertakings will be noticed in 1919 finances. The budget now being prepared is based upon the highest prices for materials and labor, and if the members of Councils' Finance Committee allow the sums asked for supplies, etc., departments are likely to find themselves with large balances in some items because of altered prices.

Contractors and their surety companies have been extremely anxious to be relieved from agreements affecting bridge and sewer construction and highway work on the Northeast Boulevard. During the closing months of the war, when prices for material and labor were at their highest, very little permanent improvement work was done by contractors in the hope of making satisfactory financial settlement with the city and of being released from further responsibility.

**Keystone's Contracts**

The Keystone State Construction Company's transit contracts provide for the completion of the subway work under City Hall, the building of the Arch and Locust streets subway and the Thompson street sewer. Plans for a release of the company and a payment by the city of a half million dollars in settlement are now before Councils and may be approved November 21.

Opposition to this settlement is expected from members opposed to permitting the National Surety Company and other bonding concerns escape from repayment to the city any part of the premium paid them as surety for the faithful performance of the work. Mayor Smith, as Chief Executive of the city, approved the plan that calls for no premium repayment. As head of the Thomas B. Smith Bonding Company he enjoys his share of the profits from such an agreement.

Whether the opposition to the annulment proves powerful enough to defeat the present plan of canceling entirely the transit undertakings will be shown from the final rollcall when the settlement is called up in the form of an ordinance. Councilmen opposed to the settlement in its present form argue that it will establish a precedent that will permit bonding companies in the future to escape cost-free from responsibility on municipal bonds.

**Among Other Projects**

Other projects that contractors are anxious to abandon upon a satisfactory financial settlement include construction work on the Northeast Boulevard, a new bridge on Bensalem pike, sewage disposal work in connection with the new plant in the north section of the city and a number of others. Most of these are in process of settlement and their abandonment or partial abandonment leaves the Department of Public Works with little to do aside from routine work and small construction problems arising from work incident to the wartime growth of the city. Although nothing definite has been decided by Mayor Smith and other officials entrusted with the task of making the settlements relative to these contracts, the suggestion has been made that the contractors be granted time extensions and a final settlement, based on after-the-war prices.

**COAL RECOGNITION HALTED**

Shipments From Original Destination Points Prohibited in Future

Recognizing coal shipments from original points of delivery without proper authority from the fuel administration was summarily halted today by an order issued to all producers and distributors by the Federal fuel committee.

Such recognitions have been made frequently, said a statement from the committee, and were not reported. The fuel authorities, therefore, had no knowledge of the ultimate destination of the coal. This practice is in violation of the rules of the fuel administration. To make recognitions in the future it will be necessary to obtain the written consent of the original shipper.

The committee today notified all fuel administrators in the State that until further notice they can permit forests to burn bituminous coal, steam anthracite or coke breeze, without having such fuel supply on their 50 per cent quota, as defined by the fuel administration order of April 24, 1918.

**LECTURE SERIES PLANNED**

Interesting Talks, Beginning Friday Evening, at Friends' Select School

A series of lectures, the first to be given next Friday evening, will be delivered at Friends' Select School, Sixteenth and Cherry streets, on the reconstruction problems now facing the world.

Friday's lecture, "The Need for a New World," will be delivered by Prof. Harry F. Ward, of the Union Theological Seminary, New York city.

Other lectures, to all of which the public is invited, will be: "Problems of Coming Democracy," November 22, by Dr. Worth M. Tippy, of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America; "The Christianization of Democracy," December 6, by Shailer Mathews, dean of the University of Chicago divinity school, and "New Voices in the New Democracy," December 20, by Jonathan C. Day, commissioner of municipal markets, New York city.

**DELEGATES PRAISE PEACE**

Joy Marks Opening of Holiness Association Convention

Unrestrained joy over the coming of peace was expressed this morning at the opening of the twenty-fourth annual convention of the Holiness Association in St. George's M. E. Church, Fourth street below Vine.

The convention, which is interdenominational, will continue until Thursday of next week. Among the evangelists who will make addresses will be the Rev. L. J. Miller, the Rev. Dr. J. E. Drusler, the Rev. Charles A. Tindley, the Rev. Robert C. McQuinn, the Rev. J. J. Hunt, Jr., the Rev. George Q. Hamuel, the Rev. W. B. Woodrow, the Rev. H. C. Frazier, Mrs. Lizzie R. Smith and Miss Clara Boyd.

**Seeks Death by Inhaling Gas**

John V. Dittmar, fifty-two years old, of 3745 North Fairhill street, attempted suicide by inhaling gas in the bathroom of his home today. He was found by his daughter and taken to the Samaritan hospital.

For Items Under One Dollar No Charges Accepted, No C. O. D.'s, No Phone Orders.

If you have a charge account, buy now and pay January 1, 1919. If you haven't, call or write to make arrangement for one.

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**BLAUNER'S**

833-35 Market Street

Manufacturers and Retailers—Factory: 37th and Broadway, N. Y.

**GREAT NOVEMBER SALE**

All Departments join in this great November Sale, offering merchandise at exceedingly low prices. Readjustments of stocks and of incomplete size ranges, special purchases, and—in many cases—drastic reductions, make possible the immense price advantages here presented.

**Great November Sale of Coats**

Second Floor

13.00 - 17.00



Value—22.50  
**13.00**

Coats of velour, kersey and boucle in smart full hanging styles, or belted. Collars of self, beaver cloth, plush or fur. Excellent linings.

Value—35.00  
**17.00**

These two big lots of Coats have been assembled expressly for this November Sale. Savings from 7.50 to 18.00 on Coats.

Bolivia, pompom, silver-tone and velour Coats, beautifully trimmed with fur. Excellent quality linings. Many models in all shades.

**Suits! Special Pricings**

Values 27.50-29.75

**17.00**

This sale marks a real epoch in Suit pricing. Here are wonderful models of serge and wool poplin; beautifully tailored and made on the smartest of slender lines. Youthful belts, braid binding and attractive flared styles are noted. The linings are of peau de cygne and the shades are all the season's newest and most favored.

Blauener's Second Floor



**Dresses! Prices Cut in Half**

**8.00**

This general clearance includes some startling values. There are Dresses of satins, taffetas, combinations with Georgette, serges and velours at this November Sale price.

**12.00**

Velveteens, serges and satins are included at this wonderfully low price. Both smart tailored and lovely elaborate effects are noted. Values are much higher.

Blauener's Second Floor



**Wonder Values in Waist Sale**

500 Georgette Waists, 7.00 Values

**3.39**

Heavy quality Georgette fashions these exquisite Blouses. Beading, embroidery, laces, tuckings and hemstitching are most attractive trimmings. Elaborate and simple designs. In flesh color, white and suit colors, which are sometimes combined with contrasting shades.

400 Silk Waists, Values 3.25—

**2.00**

Embroidered Georgettes and Crepes de Chine or silks in tailored and trimmed styles.

2000 Voile Waists, Values 2.00—

**90c**

Dressy styles with lace, embroidery and tucks. Tailored styles with collars and cuffs of pique.

4000 Voile and Sports Waists

**30c**

Satin and contrasting striped voile Waists, embroidery or lace trimmed. Blauener's Main Floor

2.00 Petticoats

In black or flowered patterns. Tucked flounce. Fitted top. Elastic waistline. **1.00**

**Extraordinary Glove Sale**

Values 2.00-2.50

**1.20**

Finest wash capeskin Gloves in street shades; kid Gloves in black and white with self or contrasting stitching and chamois or doeskin Gloves.

Blauener's Main Floor

**Underwear and Hosiery Sale**

40 Per Cent. Reduction on Lingerie

**96c-20.00**

200 exquisite garments, slightly shopworn. Camisoles, Envelope Chemises, Bloomers, Kimonos and Gowns in Crepe de Chine or wash satin.

1.50 Silk Hose, 98c

39c Lisle Hose, 25c

Fine lisle & Cotton Hose of Ipswich or Burson brands. Black & white.

1.50 Union Suits, 1.00

Fleece lined, high or low neck, long or short sleeves, ankle length.

1.75 Children's Suits, 1.00

Fine ribbed wool and cotton, tape neck, long sleeves, ankle length.

**Furs! Cost Prices—Special Purchase**

Main Floor

Only a Hundred 18.00 Fur Sets at

**9.00**

Manchurian Wolf in black, taupe and Poiret. Black Coney, Kit Coney and Tiger. Large muff and animal Scarf.

7.00 Fur Scarfs—

**4.00**

120 Manchurian Wolf; also Black and Kit Coney. Silk lined.

5.00 Muffs—

**2.85**

90 fine Coney round style. On silk foundation. In black only.

150 Muffs—7.50 Values—

**4.50**

Large round style Muffs of selected French black and Kit Coney skins. Made on silk foundation.

Second Floor

Fur Coats—Value 135.00—

**90.00**

Natural Muskrat and Kolinsky Marmot, with Skunk or Natural Raccoon collar and cuffs, in several lengths. Nutria sports models. All belted.

Fur Coats—

Value 200.00

**139.75**

Only 20 Coats in Hudson Seal or Taupes Nutria sports models.

95.00 Fur Sets—

**50.00**

Canadian Wolf, silky Fox and black Lynx. Excellent pelts.

39.75 Fur Scarfs—

**20.00**

Fox and Wolf in all shades, black Lynx and Natural Raccoon. Also French Seal Stoles.

20.00 Fur Muffs—

**9.90**

Round or canteen shapes. Hudson Seal, natural and taupe Nutria and Red Fox.