

PLAN HUGE COMPANY TO END RENT GOUGES

\$3,000,000 Concern to Build Homes Proposed by Tenants' Protective Association Head

SAY CAPITAL IS ASSURED

A house-building organization is to be formed by the Tenants' Protective Association, with centers as shareholders. This is one of the three new developments in the movement against rent profiteering.

The second development was the advice to tenants to ignore notices to move, so that the sheriff's office would be so cluttered with evictions that no service of them would be almost impossible.

The plan of a cooperative building organization was made yesterday at a meeting of the West Philadelphia branch of the Tenants' Association.

According to the plan, enough capital already has been guaranteed, provided an association of tenants families is formed. It is hoped to build at least 100,000 families in the house building project.

Holder Commends Plan. In commending the plan, John H. Hinder, secretary of the Philadelphia Housing Association, declared:

"One prominent holder told me he would undertake the construction of a number of houses for the association at a profit of 10 per cent.

"I feel all the people who have suffered under this kind of rent profiteering," Mr. Hinder continued, "are now meeting next Friday in Director Krusen's office in City Hall. Demand that every housing law on the books be enforced and see to it that landlords are obliged to live up to their obligations."

"Don't move," was the advice given the tenants by Mr. Coleman. "If there is no place to go, don't go," he said. "Sit tight for three months and some shoe-string speculators who have been dealing in notices will be broke. There are from one to 300 writs of eviction in the sheriff's office now waiting to be served. I would like to see 10,000 there so it would be impossible to serve them."

"Don't move out and there will not be enough sheriffs to serve the writs," said Michael Francis Doyle, who is the legal representative of the West Philadelphia branch of the association. "The landlord must pay his lawyer in the case and the cost of the proceedings. If all the tenants take the same attitude the landlords will be glad to negotiate peace with the tenants." Mr. Doyle was requested to frame the legislative measure which will be introduced into the legislature.

Opposes Walker Bill. Mr. Doyle said he was not in favor of the Walker bill, because it did not go far enough. "We should have a tenancy commission in Pennsylvania, which should take the interest of the tenants and prohibit the charging of excessive rents. The tenant should have some one to whom he could go before he pays his rent, and this person should have authority to state whether or not the rent is excessive," he said.

Richard T. McSorley, chairman of the South Philadelphia branch of the association, spoke of the experience of tenants in his district, and said the Walker bill should be supported. He said it was the star to which the South Philadelphia tenants had listened their way and that it had thrown the light of publicity upon profiteers.

Walker Bill Favored. Passage of the Walker bill was urged at a tenants' meeting yesterday in the Franklin Theatre, Fifty-second street and Girard avenue. Speakers at that meeting included Representative James A. Walker, father of the bill; Representative James J. Hoffmann and Robert C. Mauney, state chairman of the Single Tax party. Mr. Mauney and leaders of both wings of the Republican party told him the Walker bill would pass at this session of the Legislature.

The Central Labor Union also went on record as favoring the bill.

NURSES IN CONVENTION

Philadelphia Woman Presides at Cincinnati Public Health Session. Miss Katharine Tucker, superintendent and first vice-president of the Visiting Nurse Society of Philadelphia, will preside at the convention of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing, which opens in Cincinnati today. State supervising nurses, Red Cross divisional directors and metropolitan supervisors from every state in the country will attend.

The more pressing problems of public health nursing will be discussed—the co-ordination of public health work, the training of public health nurses, the problems of industrial and school nursing, the matter of the proper use of volunteer and partially trained workers, the subject of public health legislation, etc. Also a plan will be discussed for co-operation between Red Cross Public Health Nursing and the state tuberculosis associations. Various plans will be considered for the best way to introduce public health nursing into new communities, whether private or semi-private funds should back it at the beginning or whether effort should be made to have the municipality start the work.

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SCHOOL ACHIEVES MARVELS IN EDUCATION OF CHILDREN

Normal Little Ones Scarcely More Than Infants Master Difficult Languages Under Miss Ella Lynch's Teaching

Photographs illustrating this article appear on the back pages.

NO EXAMINATIONS, no report cards, hardly any text books, from one to three hours daily concentrated work in the school room and no studying at home.

These are some of the things you would be told first at Miss Ella Frances Lynch's school on Polo road, Bryn Mawr. But the most startling facts about it are the results of this young woman's system of teaching.

Imagine the nine-year-old girl or boy, just the normal type found in any average family, being perfectly well-versed in English grammar through the study of Latin.

Or think of the seven-year-old child, with perhaps seven or eight months of training, who can spell words of words of more than one syllable and write with splendid expression long passages from Emerson, Longfellow or Scott.

Then, if you exclaimed, "Oh, but those must be extremely bright children to grasp things so quickly!" Miss Lynch would just smile quietly, even though it annoyed her quite a bit, and answer:

"The old-fashioned 'three R's' are, after all, the most important things in the education of any one. They are the fundamentals for all and once the child knows them well it is a simple matter to give him other work."

Miss Lynch works on the theory that the time to teach a child a thing is the moment he shows his mind is ready for that thing. No such things as business, history or geography text books find their way into her school room during these first few years of training. Just one or two things at a time, carefully taught, and then the child grows up to the other things.

Memory Trained First. "Memory," stressed out Miss Lynch, as she stood in the long bright little room of the Carroll School, some, which serves as school room, is not yet seven years old. She can spell pages of words such as the only user person uses in speaking. She writes well, and she can read many passages from 'Havatha' and other poems. Of course she knows by heart many good poems, as do all the children.

Miss Lynch put the 'inf course' in that last sentence because memorizing is the very first step in the education of the child, in her opinion. Instead of opening a primer before them when they first come to school she teaches them poems, orally.

"This gives them the pronunciation, the expression, a good vocabulary and a taste for good literature, for I never waste time in teaching them cheap things. At first the child comes to school only one hour a day. The third year pupils are coming about three and a half hours a day. They spend every bit of that time in concentrated study. My aim is to teach them how to work. They learn no lazy habit here. They waste no time."

"This theory, some might say, is a waste of time, but I believe it is just what leads to Bolshevism. A child should not be allowed to do just as he pleases. He should be taught to obey, to adapt himself to the conventional of the household or the school, and above all he should be taught to concentrate."

The text books used by the fifteen pupils in Miss Lynch's school, cost \$1.40 a year a pupil. Each has a speller and a dictionary. The second and third year pupils have arithmetic and Latin grammars. Through the study of Latin, English grammar is learned.

Begin to Read Naturally. "Though I have never taught them to read as the public school child is

taught," said this teacher, "they have just naturally begun to read for themselves. I taught them only passages from 'Havatha.' They were fond of it and wanted to know more, so they went home and read the poem. They are always surprising their parents by reading from Irving's 'Sketch Book' and other classics."

We have never had a geography in the school, because I don't think a child's mind can grasp what 3000 miles means. But we have a globe in the schoolroom, and if a child asks a question pertaining to geography the answer is made clear by reference to the globe. I try to instill into them a love of history that will remain with them always by teaching it indirectly along with other things and without text books.

"I don't believe that textbooks should be introduced until the child is ready for them in the first four years. There are too many of them and too many subjects crowded into the public school course. An effort is made to teach the children facts as many things—and twice as much—as did the school of fifty years ago, although statistics do not show that the child's mind is any more developed through ever so many generations."

The course of study is not planned with a view to the different stages of mental development. Subjects are taught that are absolutely alien to a child's mind and must make it with such numbers of facts that it is impossible to learn them. Each generation is a much more scientific and acceptable way than the maker.

Time Often Misapplied. "The time allotted to those subjects is time not well wasted. But misapplied for directly harmful ends. There is sufficient opportunity for such essentials as work, making an honest effort, reading intelligently, writing legibly and correctly and doing correctly and speedily the simplest problems in arithmetic."

"I was visiting a fifth grade class of foreign-born children recently and found them occupied with a test in history. The disinterested teacher explained that the period was being wasted on this test, that the children had no conception of the subject itself and could not even read the book intelligently. She added: 'If we were only permitted to spend this additional period daily on reading and English the children could be taught something, but we have no time for such practical things. They cannot yet write the simplest letter, although letter writing has been on their syllabus since second grade.'"

"The inflexible and uniform course," continued Miss Lynch, "is shallow, conglomerate and incomplete, divided with the idea of meeting the needs of children from every sort of home, of every degree of intelligence, blessed or cursed with every kind of inheritance, of every nationality and color. The work is planned for the average child, irrespective of the fact that a child is either one child or another child—that you cannot generalize with things that are different from one another. The bright child is not getting a square deal. He is marking time, waiting for the lame duck to catch up. Presently pupils whose intelligence is above the requirements and who therefore fail to fit in

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DEPENDENCY PROLONGED

Through the public school system the period of dependency for children is unnecessarily and unprofitably prolonged, so that a young man enters business or a professional career considerably later than he would in Europe. Money is wasted in supervising and paying high salaries to principals whose time is chiefly employed in clerical work. In this way not only are time, money and energy wasted, but this expensiveness depends upon the ideas, fads or whims of the principal, the district superintendent, the special supervisors of writing, drawing, manual training and physical culture and their respective assistants force the teacher to teach from the angle she deems most gratifying to each of these superiors. All she finds self-confidence so weakened that instead of growing stronger with each year's experience in the classroom she is less of a less efficient teacher if a more obedient timewaster and politician.

"So much emphasis is placed upon tests and examinations that teachers and pupils lose sight of any purpose of instruction other than to attain the passing mark."

Miss Lynch herself is a graduate of the Plattburg (N. Y.) State Normal School. She taught in country schools and later in Washington Academy, Schenectady, N. Y. She is the founder of the National League of Teachers.

HONOR SIX FALLEN HEROES

Memorial for Chestnut Hill Men Held in St. Martin Church. Memorial services for six Philadelphia young men who lost their lives in the war were held yesterday at St. Martin's in the Fields, Church, Chestnut Hill. Those honored were Lieutenant Henry H. Houston, Lieutenant Alfred Brooks Lester, Lieutenant Samuel H. Zellhorst, Corporal Henry H. Woodward, Private Henry Welch Reichert and Private John Resoldoff. Rev. Joseph Leroy, pastor of the church, conducted the services.

The congregation of Worth Presby. Church, Broad and Allegheny avenues, planted a tree yesterday in honor of Lieutenant J. S. Ferguson, who was killed in action in France.

THREE YOUTHS SHOT IN RACE RIOT; 7 HELD

Trouble Starts When Negro in White Neighborhood Turns on Persecutors. Three white youths were wounded by revolver shots during a race riot at Twenty-sixth and Pine streets which followed an attack by a crowd on a negro's home.

The injured were Joseph McLaughlin, seventeen years old, 529 South Taney street; minor gunshot wound of leg. Laurence Stanton, eighteen years old, 2523 Naundin street; minor wound of leg. Andrew McClosky, eighteen years old, 2658 Taney street; minor gunshot wound of heel.

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REVIEWS WORK OF MISSION

187,000 Men Aided by Germantown Organization, Says Whosoever Head. More than 187,000 destitute men, most of them drink addicts, have been sheltered and placed on the road to a better future in the last twenty-six years by the Whosoever Gospel Mission, 151 East Chelton avenue, Germantown.

This information was contained in reports read last night on the second day of the three-day celebration in honor of the twenty-sixth anniversary of the home. The chief speaker was John R. McIntyre, superintendent, who told the large attendance that he was one of the first delinquents to be converted by the home twenty-five years ago.

PRIESTS TO HELP JOBLESS

Assistance Will Be Given Returned Soldiers in Finding Work. Catholic priests in this city have been asked to lend their aid in the movement to get jobs for unemployed soldiers. The movement, which is national in scope, will crystallize next Sunday in "Employment Sunday" exercises in thousands of churches.

Eleven thousand priests have been asked to plead for jobs for soldiers in as many Catholic parishes. Following out the plans of the United States employment service for a special religious drive toward re-employment on this Sunday, for which President Wilson has just called a strong appeal, the bishops of every diocese are being requested to instruct that every parish congregation be urged to devote its energies to personal activity and influence on behalf of all the unemployed men from service in its community.

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