

SEEK FEDERAL AID IN HOUSE PROBLEM

Association Here Will Appeal to Washington in Effort to Solve Question

MANY HOMES ARE NEEDED

Federal aid to prevent a complete cessation of dwelling operations in Philadelphia during the winter and next spring will be asked by the Philadelphia Operative Builders' Association, members of which admit their inability to solve the housing problem.

A minimum rent of \$40 to \$45 a month would have to be demanded for the cheapest house possible to erect here at this time, the builders contend, and a big increase over this cost is predicted unless material and labor prices are kept within bounds.

The release of thousands of skilled building mechanics who are now working on government projects resulting from the war would solve the labor problem, the builders say, and would enable them to complete the many operations begun in various sections of the city and now held up by the labor shortage.

Five members of the association have been named to go to Washington as soon as possible to confer with the federal authorities.

Association Issues Statement

The association has issued this statement covering the building situation:

"In view of the very serious situation existing in Philadelphia with respect to the acute shortage of houses and the inability to secure sufficient labor to complete those houses now in the course of erection, would it not be well to consider the advisability of conferring with the proper authorities in Washington upon the subject?"

"The government is employing, either directly or indirectly, thousands of men on contracts which are the outcome of the war, and consequently continuing in their employ mechanics who have heretofore been employed on building operations and the building trades generally. If the authorities could be persuaded to release the men so that they would thereby be compelled to return to their regular occupations, we feel that in a very short time sufficient labor could be obtained to complete those houses now in course of erection, and permit the building of other projects to relieve the need of homes."

Release of Men Would Have Effect

"Furthermore, the release of large numbers of men by the government would have a direct effect upon the labor market in view of the fact that the supply of labor would equal the demand, thereby stabilizing the labor conditions, which would not set as deterrent to strikes, demands for increased wages, etc."

"Unless some method is discovered which will enable us to obtain sufficient and efficient labor, the cost of houses must inevitably increase, and we venture to assert that the cheapest house that can be built today in Philadelphia will cost \$6000, and if advances in prices and labor continue we predict that within a very short time it will cost \$9000 to erect them."

"Now, assuming that the cheapest house you can build will cost \$6000, you will readily see that the rental value must be from \$40 to \$45 per month in order to realize an adequate return upon the investment. If this amount cannot be realized, then the only recourse is to seek other fields of investment and cease building."

ACTORS TO GIVE SHOW HERE

Strikers Will Produce Musical Comedy to Raise Funds

Striking actors and actresses who have tied up numerous theatrical openings in this and other cities will give a show here next week to raise funds for their organization.

They have taken the Academy of Music for an indefinite period, and on next Tuesday night will give a musical comedy revue called "It's Up To You," written by Eddie Dowling. In this will appear Sam Bernard, Bernard Granville, James J. Corbett, Yvette Ruge, Lew Cooper, Clayton and White, Louie E. Groody, William H. Kelly, Marie Dressler, the Four Dooleys, Tom Lewis, Hal Skelly, Billy Clarke, Eddie Miller, Eddie Garvie and Frank Monroe. Besides these there will be a beauty chorus of seventy-five. There will be a minstrel first part and the concluding number will be a big ensemble called "Equity," written by Hassard Short.

A show of the same sort, but with different stars, will open in Boston next week, this making four cities in which the striking members of the Actors' Equity Association are producing and managing their own entertainments. In New York five theatres have been taken by the organization. In Chicago the Equity people have rented the Auditorium and the Playhouse.

Besides the evening performances next week there will be matinees on Wednesday and Saturday.

SISTERS TAKE SCHOOL SOON

Members of Assumption Order Will Teach at Raven Hill

The Sisters of the Assumption, who will be in charge of the new school for young women on the Raven Hill property, donated to Archbishop Dougherty by Mrs. Anne Weightman Fenfield, will arrive in this city from France early in October. This order of religious is recognized as one of the foremost teaching bodies in the world, especially in regard to language.

The Raven Hill property was the country seat of the late William Weightman, and has been presented in memory of Mr. Weightman and his wife, the parents of Mrs. Fenfield, who inherited the place and who, with her husband, occupied it until recently.

Seek Men for Siberian Service

A telegram has been received at the army recruiting office, 1485 Arch street, from the War Department urging special efforts to obtain men for service in Siberia. The department is anxious that 2000 men be enlisted during this month, and the officers are lending every effort to lead the district in the number of men enlisted. Men who have had previous service may enlist at a special rate, and may receive special enlistment pay, or they may sign up for three years, the period allowed for new recruits.

Organ Plays at 9, 11, 11:55 and 4:50
Chimes at Noon

WANAMAKER'S

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Wanamaker's Down Stairs Store Glows With Autumn



Delightful New Hats at \$3.75 and \$4.85

Imagine a black velvet hat with flat swirls of French blue ostrich on the upper brim and a crepe facing of the same blue next the face—and this for \$3.75!

Or a smart little toque with a beaver-color top and a soft, upturned brim of brown velvet at \$4.85. These are but two of the 500 Autumn hats at these low prices. They are of silk velvet, not velveteen, and are characterized as much by good quality as they are by charm of line and good style. Every good Autumn color will be found among them—green, purple, Copenhagen, French blue, brown, beaver and taupe—as well as black.

Charming Hats for Children

Fresh with youth these dear little pokes and beavers with their long streamers seem prettier than ever. Some have beaver tops, some beaver facings and among the velvets there is a strong liking for soft crowns.

Especially worth noting are the hats for girls of 12 to 14. Hats that are youthful, yet not babyish, are hard to find and these are perfect.

Prices range from \$3 to \$8.50.

(Market)

New White Blouses in Seven Models Special at \$1.50

Fresh whiteness of fine batiste with a touch of blue or pink about the neck or snowy white voile woven in plaids and stripes—these form new blouses in seven different models.

In batiste, there are round necks trimmed with pin checks of pink or blue, collarless models, and there are roll collars on other blouses.

Those of white voile are made in various ways and some of them have crisp white organdie collars.

(Market)

1000 Corsets Special at 85c

Corsets for slight to medium-stout figures are included. There are all sizes in the lot, but not in every style, as many of the corsets were marked a great deal more and are included only because their sizes are broken.

Pink corsets, white corsets, corsets that are topless and are finished with elastic, corsets with fairly high bustlines—you will find almost every kind.

(Central)

Bloomers and Middies for Gym

Full bloomers that can be worn without skirts are made of glossy black sateen, at \$2.50, and of black serge, at \$6.

Sizes 14 to 18. Middies of white jean are trimmed with white braid. Sizes 12 years to 20. \$2.50.

Skirt Store

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Cotton Challis at 35c a Yard

Challis in attractive patterns and various color combinations is 36 inches wide. It is one of the most durable materials for covering quilts and some women like it for dressing saques and kimono.

(Central)

Long Collars of Filet Lace Special at \$5

There are rose patterns and leaf patterns and conventional designs exquisitely made entirely by hand in the filet lace of the long collars.

Lace Has Come into Its Own

First at Monte Carlo, later in the Spring at Paris, the vogue of lace kept increasing. And no wonder! We have rediscovered what our grandmothers knew—lace is an adjective to beauty.

New Lace Collars \$1 to \$5.75

are formed of net, Valenciennes lace, shirred puffs of net and net that is finely tucked. They are in all the fashionable shapes.

(Central)

Fresh Gloves of Gray Suede

will do wonders for any Autumn costume. Women's gloves have black or gray embroidery on the backs, are pique sewn and have one clasp at the wrists. They fit smoothly and well and are excellent value at \$1.85 a pair.

(Central)

Fashionable Furs at Moderate Prices Are Ready in the Down Stairs Store

Soft and lovely furs have come back to us for Autumn. There are smart little single-skin scarfs, throws and open pelts of a great variety of furs.

Prices are moderate, and in every instance the furs are marked by their real names.

(Market)

Right as Rain Are These Umbrellas

Of "union taffeta," a durable silk-and-cotton covering, these umbrellas have good, strong frames and a variety of handles. Women may choose mission wood with plain or colored tops and rings to match or black silk wrist cords. For men there are good crook and opera styles of mission wood, some tipped with bakelite.

Every one is special at \$3.50.

(Central)

Dresses and Coats, Looking to Schooldays

Interesting, pretty frocks of gingham, serge and jean have come to make the prospect of schooldays look more rosy.

Pretty gingham frocks in a variety of plaids and stripes and plain-color chambray frocks are quite charmingly fashioned. Many of them have pockets and some have sashes. Sizes 6 to 14 years. \$2.50, \$3 and \$3.75.

Regulation Frocks

are always neat and always look well on every girl. Of white jean, with cadet blue collars, or all in cadet blue, they are finely tailored, in sizes 6 to 14 years. \$5.50.

Blue serge regulations are trimmed with white, red, black or gold braid on the collars and cuffs. There are various models in sizes 8 to 14 years. \$6, \$7.50 and \$10.50.

Junior girls' frocks of taffeta, satin and serge are very well made. Some of the serge frocks have blouses of fine white pique or pongee. Serge regulations are splendidly tailored and there are also a few frocks of velveteen. Sizes 15 to 19. \$16.50 to \$37.50.

Warm Coats

A fine, warm coat for girls of 12 to 16 years is made of dark brown tweed, closely woven. It is fully lined, has a high collar and the belt goes all around. \$19.50.

Top coats for junior girls, sizes 15 to 19, are made of cheviot, velour, silvertip velour, etc. Some have large fur collars and there are both loose and belted styles. \$22.50, \$25, \$32.50 and \$35.

(Market)

Good Shoes, Moderately Priced, for Every Member of the Family

Special for Children

All of the shoes have comfortable toes, wide enough not to cramped the growing feet, and tops are high enough for any weather. Included are heavy dark tan leather lace shoes; black calfskin shoes, button or lace; black patent leather button shoes. Savings range from \$1.50 to \$3.

Children's sizes 6 to 8, \$3.40
Children's sizes 8½ to 10½, \$3.90
Children's sizes 11 to 2, \$4.90
Girls' sizes 2½ to 6, \$5.90

White canvas button shoes on wide-toe shapes with welted soles. Sizes 8 to 14 years. Special, \$1.50 a pair.

Women's Autumn Footwear

Pumps and spats are appearing more and more as the days grow cooler. Pumps of patent leather or black calfskin, with high or medium heels, are \$5.40 to \$7.50 a pair. Spats are \$2 and \$2.50 a pair.

There is just one kind of shoe that belongs to Autumn walks—high, dark calfskin lace shoes with medium or low heels. \$5.90 a pair.

Black calfskin shoes with dark gray tops that lace high add much of smartness to a tailored costume. They have welted soles and medium heels. \$6.90 a pair.

Women's Ties and Pumps Special at \$3.90 a Pair

Almost all sizes are in each style. The ties are of black patent leather, tan calfskin and tan kid-skin; and the pumps of tan calfskin.

White Pumps and Ties Less Than Half Price at \$2

Included are white leather and white canvas pumps and ties in many styles. The sizes are broken, but there are all sizes in the lot.

(Central)

It's Fine to Step Out on a Frosty Fall Morning

—fine to be wearing a suit that you're proud of. And you WILL be proud of it, if it is a Wanamaker suit.

In the Daylight Store for Men

they are very enthusiastic about the new fall suits that the past week has brought in. The lines are a little snugger and most of the coats, belted or not, are cut in a trifle at the waistline. The result is a clean-cut, masculine trimness that will appeal to any man.

Mixed chevots and cassimeres are the best materials, and you'll find here a wide field for choosing—hairline stripes, invisible stripes and plaids and interesting mixtures in grays and browns. Coats are made double or single breasted, some plain, some with waistline welts or belts.

Every Suit Is All-Wool and Wanamaker Tailored

which means that it will keep its shape and give the greatest possible service for the price. There are fittings in all regular sizes.

\$30 to \$35

Lightweight overcoats, suitable for wear right now, are of Oxford gray at \$25.

(Gallery, Market)



1000 Fine Shirts at \$2.65

"A thousand isn't half enough," one man said when he saw these shirts. You'll probably agree with him when you see them and it's certain they won't last long.

They're roomily cut, well made Wanamaker shirts, with neckbands that fit comfortably, shoulders and sleeves that do not draw or twist under a coat and vest.

Of madras and of cotton with a glossy stripe of artificial silk, these shirts are in many, many color combinations in pin stripes, seersucker stripes and cluster stripes.

Still Good Neckties Here at 50c

If you've looked around any you know how scarce they are. These are all open-end four-in-hands of silks and silk mixtures in scores of patterns.

(Gallery, Market)

Men's Underwear in the Right Weight for Now

Good "seconds" of Balbriggan shirts have short sleeves and drawers are ankle length. Excellent at 55c a garment.

Combination suits of ribbed white cotton are in athletic style or made with short sleeves and knee-length drawers. First quality and fine for \$1.25 the suit.

Lightweight merino union suits, long sleeves and ankle length, are \$1.25 the suit.

Merino Half Hose in Heather Colorings

are very good looking with tan oxfords. They are in mixed colorings with blue, brown or green predominating. 65c a pair.

(Gallery, Market)

Four Styles of Boys' All-Wool Suits With Extra Trousers at \$22.50

For school or for best, neither the mothers nor the boys themselves could want better looking, more durable suits.

The all-wool fabrics—mixed chevots in attractive tones; The splendid tailoring;

The unusual care and finish displayed in the re-enforcing; The extra knickers, lined throughout;

The good-looking coats, lined with mohair—all make these suits well worth their price.

Sizes 10 to 18 years. (Gallery, Market)

Boys' Hats and Caps at \$1.50 and \$2

Soon they will be hanging in the class cloakroom and will be eagerly grabbed at noon and hastily pulled on tousled, boyish heads! They all look so sedate and quiet upon the table, but soon each one will have acquired the individual jauntness of its owner!

The hats are in Alpine or bulldog style of various mixed materials, many of cheviot. \$1.50 and \$2.

The caps, at \$1.50, are well made of various mixtures in different tones of color.

(Gallery, Market)

Children's Combination Suits

Comfortable ribbed white cotton suits have plenty of buttons to hang the various little clothes on and places for the hose-supporters. Low neck, sleeveless and knee length, they are in 2 to 12 year sizes, at 50c.

(Central)

School Hose

for youngsters of 7 to 12 years are of sturdy, ribbed black cotton with double heels and toes. Wise parents will buy a dozen pair to start the school year. 40c the pair.

(Central)



What Fine and Glowing Groups of Autumn Dresses Have Been Brought Forward for Saturday!

New Satin Dresses, \$16.50

They are in all-black with a fluffed ruffle on the overskirt. Black satin dresses, with draped skirts or cascade trimming, are \$23.50, \$26 to \$37.50.

Serge and Tricotine Dresses At Savings of \$5 to \$10

For \$15—Navy blue serge dresses in three models, piped in braid, made with lace vestees, or trimmed about bodice and skirt with braid. Braided wool jersey frocks in navy are also to be had at this price.

For \$19.50—Nine kinds of serge dresses are all in navy blue and of excellent quality. The lines are new and good and their principal trimming is silk braid.

For \$25—Remarkably fine blue tricotine dresses of good material are in a dozen or more models. The bodices are all lined with silk and the dresses are trimmed with tucking or embroidered with silk or braid.

80 Beaded Georgette Dresses, \$38.50 (Savings of \$10 to \$15 on a Dress)

The Georgette crepe is of a fine heavy quality, elaborately embroidered in black, blue, red, sapphire or crystal beads. The dresses are very lovely and would be appropriate for almost any afternoon occasion of the Winter. There are eight different models in navy, black and taupe.

(Market)

The Right Shoes for Men as Days Get Chilly

Special at \$4 a Pair, shoes of dull black leather are made on English lasts with sturdily welted soles.

Boys' Shoes

of dark tan or dull black leather are made on wide-toe shapes or on English lasts. Of course, the soles are welted for hard wear. Sizes 10 to 6, \$4.25 to \$5.40.