

LOW PAY BRINGS EDUCATION CRISIS

Prof. Lightner Witmer Looks for Black Years Ahead if Condition Continues

TEACHERS ARE LEAVING

"With the cost of living doubled since 1914 and income and salaries practically at a standstill through that same period, education in this city and state is now in a desperate plight," says Dr. Lightner Witmer, professor of psychology at the University of Pennsylvania.

"To meet the present high cost of living, it would really be necessary to double teachers' salaries, but as it is, even a slight increase, which would not by any means enable them to live as well as they did in 1915, seems to be out of the question.

"It seems to be almost a certainty that the next few years in the public schools are going to be black ones. I look to see the school system very much degraded during this period, for it is only too painfully apparent that things must inevitably get very much worse before they get better.

"The inability to get real increases for them is causing discontent among the teachers to the extent that they are either leaving the service altogether or their morale is becoming greatly affected.

"This condition is going to increase until it reaches the point where the dissatisfaction of the taxpayer at the poor educational service which is being rendered him through his children will cause him to strike out for better conditions himself. Apparently there is no other real hope for public education in this city.

"This condition, however, is not con-

finned to the public school system. The University of Pennsylvania is finding it increasingly difficult to retain its old professors or attract new ones simply because they do not seem to be able to pay the salaries asked.

"Instructors get as low as \$1200 a year at the university, and the cost of living has pinched them to the extent that many are leaving either to go to other colleges, or even to a greater extent to go into other businesses where the remuneration is more attractive.

"In my own department, for instance, I face for the coming term the loss of a number of my most experienced and valuable instructors. They have been offered by outside concerns from 50 per cent to more than twice as much as they are able to get here. The only thing that has held many of them heretofore has been the fact that the professional equipment which they were getting made it worth their while to stay; for a few years until they could command a good salary with some outside concern.

"The question of getting a real big man for superintendent of public schools here again finds the salary question an important one. Unless the Board of Education is prepared to offer considerably more money than it has in the past, it need not expect a man of any real size to accept the position.

"Another difficulty to be abridged is the short tenure of office. Once a year the school head is put on trial, subject to removal if for any reason he doesn't suit. No big man can really reorganize the Philadelphia school system properly within a year and, consequently he is not going to leave a good job to put himself on trial after such a limited opportunity to prove himself.

"These are two of the greatest difficulties in the way of getting a big man here. There are others."

Recondition Ex-German Liner

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TAYLOR IS NAMED FOR LEGION OFFICE

Philadelphia Is Appointed Chairman of National Legislative Committee

John T. Taylor, of this city, has been appointed as chairman of the national legislative committee of the American Legion, perhaps the most formidable office in the entire machinery of the veterans' organization.

He enlisted in the service as a private in 1917, entered an officers' training camp, obtained a commission and saw active service in France. Mr. Taylor was born in this city in 1885, attended Philadelphia High School, Temple University and received a degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Prior to his enlistment he had practiced law in Washington, D. C., Post No. 106, William L. Jenkins, commander, will hold a carnival in the South Philadelphia High School grounds the last week in August and first week in September. The affair will have the twofold purpose of increasing membership and attracting public attention to the doings of this group of South Philadelphia legionaries.

The Thomas Roberts Reath Post (Marine), No. 180, will meet tonight in the Chamber of Commerce assembly room. Dr. Orlando H. Petty, the commander, has felt that the post should continue to be active during the summer.

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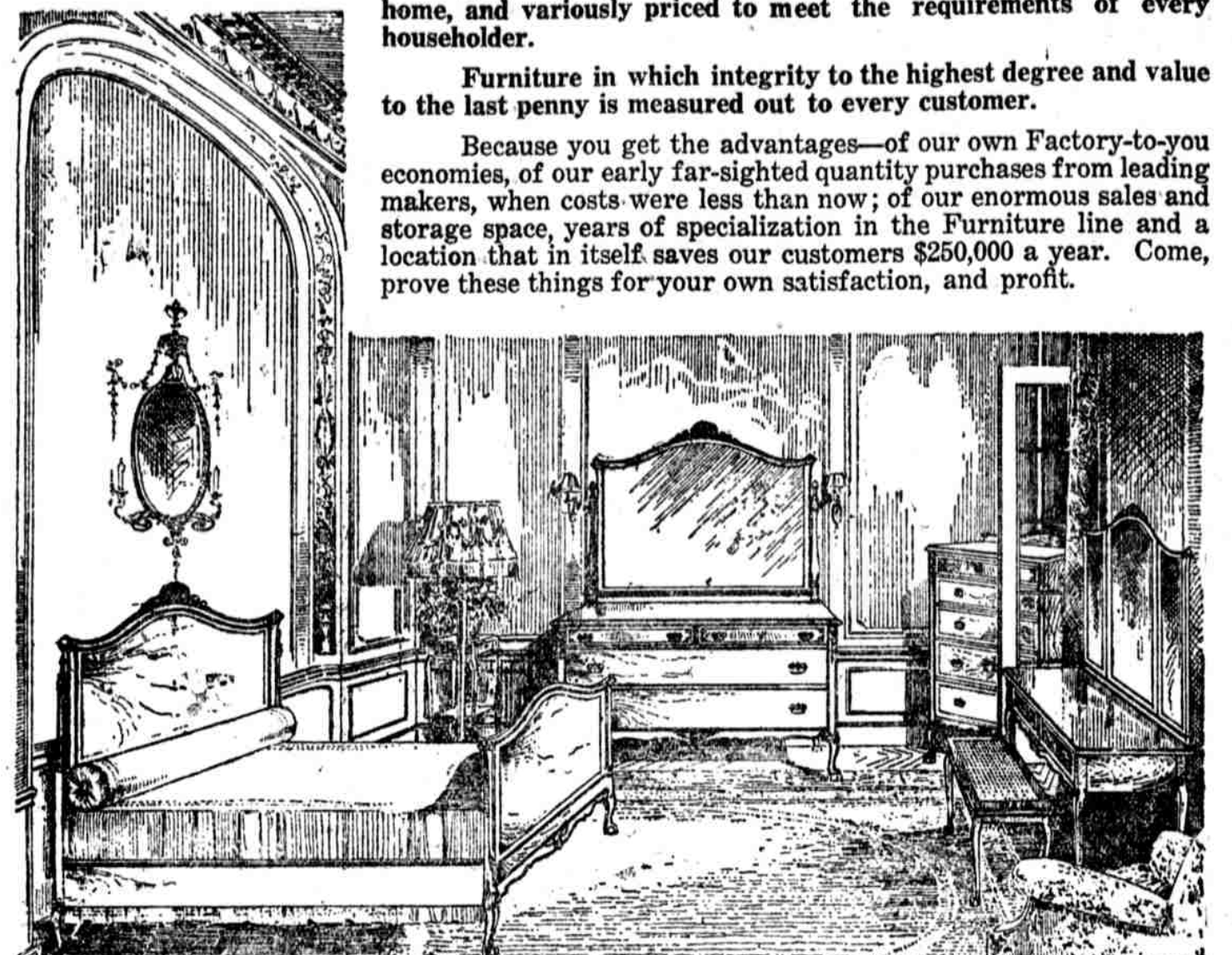
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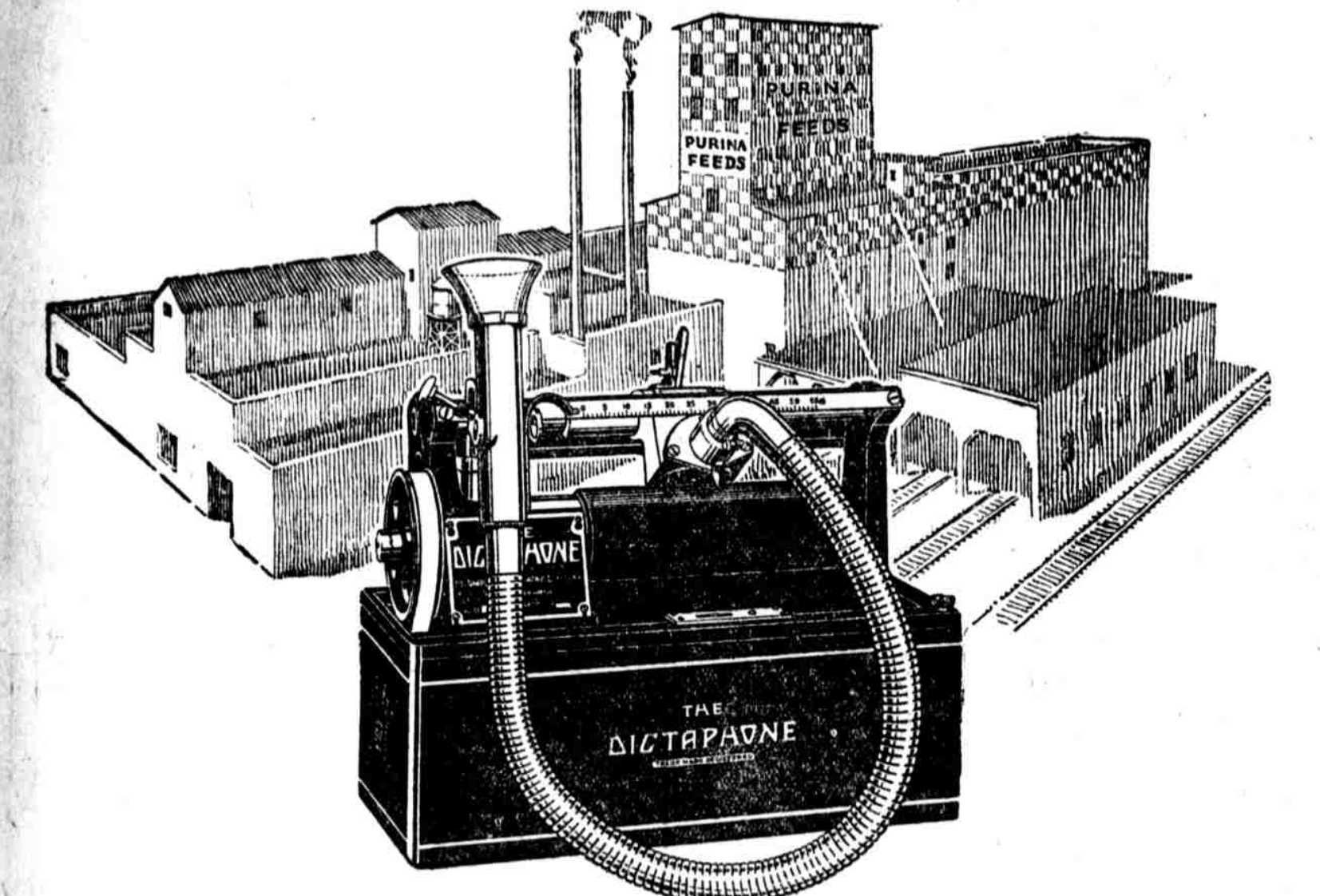
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