EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1921

# THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

## Letters to the Editor

Womens and Cigarettes

To the Editor of the Evening Fublic Ledger: Bir-I have noted that some of the fedger: Bir-I have noted that some of the read-ers of the People's Forum have been willing to give rood advice to parents and others resarding certain things in which help has been solicited, and this has prompted me to come to your paper to see if I can get a little advice regarding women and cigarette smoking.

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All day I've wandered to a colored speaker a schert time before, but the Judices were indicated to the cut in the laboring main scheres ry. J. W. L. Thiladelphia, February S. 1991.
Questions Answered

At that time the City of Brother'y Lave At that time the City of Brother'y Lave was not very brotherly toward colored peo-ple, and the singers had hard work to find places to lay their heads, all hotels refusing them, but a scatement of the situation from the proprieter of the Continental Hotel, used the dalform brought an invitation from the proprieter of the Continental Hotel, used the dalform brought an invitation from the proprieter of the Continental Hotel, used the afterward that hotel housed the sing-are when in Philadelphia. A Boat Puzzle To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-Can any one of your readers work out the following puzzle: A husband and with some cach weighing 100 pounds, and their two some cach weighing 100 pounds, with two some cach weighing 100 pounds, with 200 pounds. How can they do it? W. J. T. W. J. T. have eald. And mammas have tucked them up snugly

time afterward that hotel housed the side ers when in Philadelphia. The company visited Philadelphia many times in after years, singing in the Academis of Music and where public halls and in scores of the clurches. There must be many thousends of people living in Phila-deiphia who attended these concerts, and scores of the clurchest's hould in Phila-deiphia who attended these concerts, and many thousands of people living in Phila-deiphia who attended these concerts, and perhaps your correspondents inquiry may have been fully enswered, but, living in another city, I have not seen the replies. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., of Boston, pub-lished "The Story of the Jubiles Singers with Their Songs." This book is now cut it earlier penage a copy can be found. It gives a full secount of the company's work during it earlier penage.

Letters to the Editor should be as brief and to the point as possible, avoiding anything that would open a denominational or sectarian disa denominational or sectarian dis-cussion. No attention will be paid to anony-mous letters. Names and addresses must be signed as an evidence of good faith, although names will not be printed if request is made that they be omitted. The publication of a letter is not to be taken as an indersement of its views by this paper. Communications will not be re-turned unless accompanied by post-age, nor will manuscript be saved.

Just over the way there's a flood of light. And warmth and beauty and all things

Bright: Presutiful children, in moles so fair, Are cancillag songs in ranture there. I wonder if they, in their blasful gies, Would pity a poor little beggar like me, Wandering alone in the merciless street, Naked and shivering and nothing to eat.

the People's Forum the poem entitled "The the People's Forum the poem entitied "the Old Man's Btory," containing these lines. "Feeble and old, an old man stood, 'Mid a carsless, bolaterous crowd; His face hore the look of solitude, His form with year's was howed. "Come, stranger," said one of the merry throng."

Philadelphia, February 6, 1021.

Wants "Mother's Picture" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-Can a reader supply the People's Forum for printing with the little poem en-titled 'Mother's Picture.'' in which pre

BLANCHE T. WILKINS.

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Not a Citizen To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Why is ft. I wonder, that I'm nobody's which

Conference of The Building Industries

## (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

Called by the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia and the Industrial Relations Committee of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce -To Be Held in the City Hall and Assembly Room of the Chamber of Commerce, Widener Building

# Commencing Tomorrow, February 15th,

And on February 16th, 17th, 18th

HIS HONOR J. HAMPTON MOORE. Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, Honorary Chairman

Tuesday, Feb. 15th

Mayor's Reception Room

10 A. M. Public Works and the responsibility of

2 P. M. Financial considerations and existing

Wednesday, Feb. 16th

10 A. M. Transportation, fuel, real estate and costs of completed structures.

Assembly Room of Chamber of Commerce

2 P. M. Prices of construction materials and

DETAILED PROGRAM OF SUBJECTS

Tuesday, February 15th

Mayor's Reception Room, City Hall

10 A. M.—Public Works and the Responsi-

bility of Public Officials With Regard

to Industrial Activity

1. Call of the meeting to order and presentation

of the cause, purpose and scope of the confer-

Address of welcome and function of the City

Administration in advancing industrial pros-

3. The function of the Commonwealth of Penn-

sylvania for co-operating with and aiding in-

The present situation with regard to the pro-

The Governor of Pennsylvania or his rep-

By a representative of the City Government.

The Mayor of Philadelphia.

gram for Philadelphia public work.

5. Pennsylvania as an employer of labor.

trial activity.

unemployment.

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public officials with regard to Indus-

condition of the market for such com-

ALBA B. JOHNSON, President of Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, Honorary Chairman

ERNEST T. TRIGG, Chairman Industrial Relations Committee

# Synopsis Program of Subjects

## Thursday, Feb. 17th

- Assembly Room of Chamber of Commerce
- 10 A. M. Living costs and their trends. 2 P. M. Wages and production per man as af
  - fecting the construction industry from the standpoint of contractors and builders and employees.

## Friday, Feb. 18th

Assembly Room of Chamber of Commerce 10 A. M. Hours of labor and restrictions. 2 P. M. Conference conclusions.

# Wednesday, February 16th

Assembly Room, Chamber of Commerce, Widener Bldg.

- 10 A. M.-Transportation, Fuel, Real Estate, and Cost of **Completed Structures**
- 1. The transportation problem and its , relation to construction.
  - Presented by an experienced railroad man.
- 2. The fuel situation of the United States and its relation to the construction industry.

Thursday, February 17th

Assembly Room, Chamber of Commerce, Widener Bldg.

10 A. M.-Living Costs and Their Trends

1. Past and probable future trend of living costs, wages, and hours of labor in the United States.

> Presented by the Managing Director of the Industrial Conference Board and will include charts and curves setting forth the situation.

\*2. Data gathered by the United States on living costs up to February 15, 1921.

> Presentation will be by the Commissioner in charge of the industrial labor statistics of the United States.

3. Living cost data collected by the Bureau of Municipal Research.

Presentation will be by an expert of the Bureau.

4. Food, clothing and rents as they affect living in Philadelphia.

> By leading grocers, clothiers, shoe dealers. real estate men and others who are leaders in business in this city.

## 2 P. M.-Wages and Production

- 1. Wages and Production as affecting the construction industry from the standpoint of contractors and builders, and employes. .
  - This subject will be dealt with in the form of a discussion by those who are engaged practically in the general building trades.

Bricklayers, masons, hod-carriers, common labor, carpenters, plasterers, lathers, painters and glaziers, roofers, plumbers, heating and steamfitters, electrical workers and iron workers.

## Toting the Gun

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- 2 P. M.—Financial Considerations and Existing Unemployment
- The present situation in construction industry and the financial relationship involved.

Presented from the standpoint of a builder.

- Estimates of the public and private construction work of which Philadelphia is in present need. Presented by Architects and City Officials.
- The financial situation in the United States as related to construction and other industrial activities.
  - Presented by a banker of national experi-\* ence.
- 4. The investors' attitude.
  - Presented by bankers conversant with the local situation.

5. The situation of the building and loan associations with regard to construction work.

Presented by persons experienced in building and loan association activities.

6. Statement of the unemployment situation, particularly in Philadelphia.

The data under this heading have been prepared by a careful canvass and will be presented by the expert in charge of the work.

Presented by coal operators.

- 3. The real estate situation and its relation to the construction industry.
  - By a leading real estate man.

4. The cost of completed structures, both as a whole and by units, including an analysis of component costs.

> Presented by engineers, architects and builders and will include an exhibition and tabulation of the findings.

3 P. M.-Prices of Construction Materials and the Condition of the Market for Such Commodities

The topics to be considered under this heading are the primary building materials. The following materials will be taken up serially and discussed by manufacturers and dealers familiar with each commodity:

Stone, cement, lumber, brick, tile, millwork, roofings and cornices, painting and glass, hardware, electrical appliances, heating and plumbing supplies, plaster, iron and steel.

Such other commodities as are used in building will be discussed as time may permit.

Other trades will be dealt with as time permits. So far as possible, those taking part will be employers and employees who are actively engaged in the different trades.

# Friday, February 18th

Assembly Room, Chamber of Commerce, Widener Bldg.

10 A. M.—Hours of Labor and Restrictions

1. Hours of labor and restrictions of production and their effect upon the construction industry.

> As in the previous session this discussion will be by employers and employees and will cover the various trades of the construction industry so far as time permits.

2. The findings of the committee representing the employers of the building trades of Philadelphia, and other organizations.

Presented by the chairmen concerned.

## 2 P. M.—Conference Conclusions

During this session charts earlier exhibited showing pre-war, peak and present construction cost in detail will be modified to include costs presented to the conference.

Resolutions and appointment of committees for cartying into effect the findings of the conference.

2. Adjournment.

This conference will permit of but a limited number of men to be heard, those appointed by the various interests to represent them. Any individual or organization, however, who wants to express an opinion or suggest a way to accomplish this great constructive thought can do so by sending at the earliest moment their communication, properly signed, to the secretary of the Industrial Relations Committee at the address below. These communications will have weight, but names and addresses will not be made public without the special consent of the writers.

Above is given the program of a conference, that will easily be one of the most important ever held in the City of Philadelphia.

This conference will be constructive; to bring about a quick resumption of building and put the unemployed men to work; its aims are well within its power to accomplish.

It seeks first to obtain a complete knowledge of the whole situation, then to secure an exchange of views and upon which economically sound and permanent agreements can be reached.

Every possible point of view will be brought out at this conference-a frank,

"man-to-man" discussion will be the order of the day.

It is up to us in Philadelphia to do one of the greatest jobs that was ever undertaken. If we can do it, we will have done more to establish' Philadelphia as a leader of the nation than any other work attempted in recent years.

THE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE, THE PHILADELPHIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 1414 South Penn Square, Philadelphia

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