

**BUILDING INDUSTRY SUFFERS BIG LOSS**

Half Billion a Year in Wages Declared Lost Through Unemployment

**MUCH WASTE REVEALED**

New York, July 22.—Half a billion dollars a year in wages is being lost in the building industry through unemployment, it is asserted in a report made public today by the Committee on Elimination of Waste in Industry of the American Engineering Council. Lack of work is declared to be the outstanding fact in this industry, whose critical condition following the war is attributed primarily to high costs of construction.

Waste, it is said, is causing huge losses in the industry which employs some 3,000,000 mechanics and laborers in a single year. The chief sources of waste are, according to the report, irregular employment, inefficient management, and wasteful labor regulations. Customs or conditions prevailing throughout the industry, and poorly designed equipment are given as secondary causes.

"The public must be educated to the need of a sensible distribution through the year of its construction demands and requirements," continues the report. "Idleness, however, is not due entirely to seasonal demands, causes and lockouts are appreciable causes."

**Haphazard Management**  
"Haphazard management in planning and controlling work and lack of standards, which often double the labor cost, characterize most construction undertakings. Here, again, a few undertakings are recognized as money and man power are being adopted methods that approach modern factory management."

"Greater co-operation between the workers and the employers is an absolute essential. This co-operation must be attained before we can approach the elimination of labor difficulties. Such co-operation, however, is impossible without the removal of causes of friction and the working out of plans to the end."

Representative average conditions in the building trades of Philadelphia and vicinity reveal lost or wasted time as high as 44 per cent among iron workers, 37 per cent among cement finishers, 36 per cent among electric fitters, plumbers, helpers and stone cutters, 40 per cent among roofers and 29 per cent among painters and paperhangers.

This percentage is based on the duration of the average days worked per year to the number of effective days possible.

The days at work average 189 per year for the iron trades in Philadelphia. The average of estimates reported by contractors is 210 working days a year. More than half of the lost time, it is estimated, is due to bad weather and the balance chiefly in waiting for or looking for work.

**Co-operation Necessary**  
The report continues: "If the greatest cause, the demand for an increase in wages, could be eliminated, striking the system of wages would shrink into insignificance. The remedy that suggests itself is co-operation."

"The most encouraging sign is found in what is known as the 'Plan' put forth by the labor element of that city."

This plan contemplates the organization into a single body through association of groups or committees of each employing branch of the building industry in number at least equal to the nineteen represented in the Council of the Associated Building Trades. A board-up committee, composed of an equal number of representatives from the groups of employer and employed would constitute the principal organ of the building industry in Philadelphia.

The inquiry into the building industry was made as a part of a national survey of waste conducted by the committee. This survey was started by Herbert Hoover.

**Funeral Is Delayed to Identify Slayer**

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There were no tears, only numb, repressed grief.  
A little earlier in the morning Lucarethch had been standing on the doorstep next to his own. A mail-carrier came up and handed him a letter addressed to John DeValera. It was intended for the man who is alleged to have murdered his wife, but Lucarethch only made an indignant motion of his hand and said, "Not here now."

It was with this same manner that the father made it known he would have to put his children in a home. Baby Victoria was in his arms at the time on the way downstairs to say good-by to mamma. He had kissed her and given her a little ruffled comb to take to the funeral so she would not cry.

Children's Bureau, 1708 Vine street, said today that agents of the society are looking into the Lucarethch case with a view to giving temporary relief and that the subject of placing the children in a home is being taken up at the suggestion of the father.

**Irish Peace Terms Withheld From Public**

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**ULSTER CABINET SETS IRISH PEACE TERMS**

Belfast, July 22.—By A. P.—A copy of the Irish peace terms handed by Premier Lloyd George yesterday to Eamon de Valera was placed before the cabinet of the Ulster Unionists, which is requested by the British Prime Minister, it is stated, and none has been given.

"What may be considered a typical Ulster view of the Irish situation is given today by the Belfast News Letter. "We are convinced," it says, "that until the Government presents a certain firm position, the flood of sentimentality and platitudes which we have been drenched in."

This newspaper expresses the opinion that if Mr. de Valera returns to London to inform Mr. Lloyd George that he has brought a basis for negotiations, or is anxious to resume the search for one, an anxious time for the northern loyalists will ensue.

Dublin, July 22.—By A. P.—Eamon de Valera and Premier Lloyd George will be resumed in the Freeman's Journal in its comment on the peace negotiations today. The interview between the two men in London yesterday was evidently not their last, the newspaper says.

One thing, at any rate, seems certain, it continues. "There can be no return to the monstrous, unholy conditions to which Ireland had been subjected before the truce by the English Government."

The Irish Times considers that the public will derive satisfaction from the fact that the proposals submitted emanated from the coalition cabinet, which

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Mr. de Valera did not feel justified in immediately turning down. "This indicates," adds the newspaper, "a great advance, which, we trust, will not be countered by the gathering forces of reaction during these unfortunate, if necessary, periods of delay."

**K. of C. May Join Sectarian Fight**

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**End of Battleship Building Is Seen**

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son. And the great roar was heard of the bomb that celebrated the victory of the air force against the craft which has been for centuries, before Admiral Denny, the chief defense officer.

No Certain Defense  
The bomb that dispatched the Ostfriesland to the depths marks a new turn in warfare. No one will yet say what the next stage will be. Believers in the big ships are full of excuses and explanations that the Ostfriesland was not moving and was thus an easy target. That guns, even Springfield rifles in the hands of the crew, would have driven the aircraft away.

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we will fall in with it and follow in its footsteps. The question of appropriations to educational institutions and organizations was not discussed. The chief point of interest in the discussion had to do with the desirable work of religious organizations supplemented by State aid.

The Knights of Columbus, Mr. Flaherty said, has a membership of the world of not less than 1,000,000 men. The vast majority are in the United States.

The most interesting conclusion to be drawn from Supreme Knight Flaherty's talk and conviction is that should definite action be decided upon in favor of amending the Constitution the power of the great organization of which he is the head would be solidly arrayed in favor of such a movement.

Real Test Begun  
The real test began yesterday morning with the dropping of the 1000-pound bombs. Only five of these were dropped, about twenty minutes' work. Then the naval observers signaled for stop firing and went aboard the German ship to study the damage done. Their observation consumed a couple of hours. So the next attack with the one-ton bombs upon which General Mitchell counted to sink the Ostfriesland did not begin until noon, and then only six more bombs were dropped in about twenty minutes' work. Leaving out all experimenting and all observation and giving General Mitchell a chance to do his best at sinking a battleship would insure destruction within an hour.

Warfare faces a situation like that it faced in the Middle Ages when powder and rifle ball left the old armored knight no better defended than the unarmored peasant at his side. The armored warship is to all practical purposes no better defended than the unarmored merchant ship. An air bomb can sink them both; it is only a question whether it is the first bomb or the fifth or sixth.

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