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OTHER COSTS REDUCED

Rents are not falling; in fact, they show in many instances a tendency to rise, regardless of the fall in costs of other necessities, according to the Philadelphia Housing Association. Wages, food and construction costs have fallen, according to the statement of the association.

If rent profiteering continues, the association advises the tenants to go to the 1923 Legislature and demand the creation of a Rent Commission to investigate and settle the question of rents on a basis fair to both property owners and tenants.

"The association is continually receiving letters from tenants which show the tendency of many landlords to increase rents is still active," says the statement.

"There is no logical reason why 1920 rent rates should exist today. Taxes which jumped from \$1.50 in 1914 to \$2.95 in 1921 are today \$2.70, or \$1.20 above the pre-war rate. The new Income Tax Law has lowered rates in all classes.

"It is a well-known fact that rental changes are among the last factors in the cost of living to rise or fall with economic changes. The data the association does not warrant a conclusion that rents are beginning to drop. There is no evidence pointing in that direction. They do indicate that rental increases are neither so numerous nor so burdensome now as they were two years ago. They indicate, further, that there are signs of a halt in further rent profiteering which presage a drop in rents below the high rates established in many sections if new dwelling construction can be got under way.

"All the factors that determine rental changes have been considerably reduced and the only thing not changed is the extent of the housing shortage. Those property owners who now increase rents on property that previously had an increase over 1914 sufficient to absorb increased cost of maintenance or hold to formerly imposed rents are profiteers.

"The present rent profiteering is a menace to the community. Abnormal rentals invariably result for the vast majority of wage-earners in denial of food, clothing and other essentials to normal life."

FOOD AND SHELTER SHORT FOR MISSISSIPPI REFUGEES

Problem of Caring for Homeless Grave as Flood Recedes

New Orleans, May 1.—(By A. P.)—Continued declining stages of the Mississippi River from Memphis to the Gulf of Mexico, mainly due to the three breaks in the embankment, favored the work of levee engineers and thousands of workers today in preparing against another rise expected within a few days.

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SOCIALISTS NOT EXPECTED TO FORM LABOR ALLIANCE

Indications Point to Voting of Hillquit's Proposal

Cleveland, May 1.—(By A. P.)—The National Socialist Party convention was prepared today to wrestle again with the question of affiliation with labor and farmer organizations for future political activity, after failing yesterday to reach a decision.

The convention has before it the agenda proposal to limit its affiliation to the sending of delegates to the next convention to be called by the Conference for Progressive Political Action, such delegates merely to act as observers.

It also is considering a counter-proposal made by Morris Hillquit, of New York, that would not only permit, but encourage, direct affiliation by State Socialist organization with labor and farmer organizations, safeguarded to insure preservation of the party's identity.

Indications are that the agenda proposal might win over the Hillquit proposition. Many delegates expressed themselves yesterday in opposition to direct affiliation at this time, because the labor unions were not yet ready for it, and because it might mean destruction of the Socialist party's identity.

Victor L. Berger, of Milwaukee, though expressing doubt as to benefits being derived from direct affiliation, said he was "willing to try anything once."

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RADIO'S VAST POSSIBILITIES

New Fields for Use of the Science Unfolded Before Diners

New York, May 1.—The vast possibilities of the use of the radio, including the possible introduction of radio-controlled housemaids and general kitchen mechanism, were discussed last night at the radio dinner given by the Society of Arts and Sciences at the Pennsylvania Hotel. By the time most of the speakers concluded, one believed that the world can be entirely run by radio, without the assistance of mere men. Radio, they say, can even think better than the human mind.

Hudson Maxim, scientist and inventor, told the assembled guests that if we were able to utilize the vast trillions of miles of ether and sail out from the earth, we would see the history of civilization unfold before us, and mankind shrink back from his present state to the ape, the fish and finally into what he termed the "azote sea."

Mrs. Christine Frederick, editor of "Household Engineering," spoke of the great step radio has done in removing the isolation of women, and suggested a general daily program to begin at 6 A. M., with setting-up exercises, and to include marketing prices, general educational and other subjects, in addition to the present entertainment. "If you want to see your mind these days," she said, "you have to have a radiophone or they'll walk out on you."

TWO BODIES FOUND IN RIVER

One That of a Man of 50, the Other of a Baby

The police boat Reburn yesterday recovered the bodies of a man of about fifty and a baby boy of seven months from the Schuylkill. There were no marks of identification.

The man's body, in an army overcoat, was found at Grays Ferry road. There was a small round hole in the right temple, evidently made by a sharp instrument. The body of the baby was recovered near the Spruce street wharf.

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