

HOW HARRISBURG HOUSING INQUIRY GOT UNDER WAY

THE accompanying editorial from the Harrisburg Telegraph of March 8, this year, under the caption, "Our Next Big Problem," and the interview of Andrew S. Patterson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, show how the housing investigation, now under way, got its start. Both editorial and interview are so pertinent to the question now under discussion that they are reproduced herewith:

(From the Telegraph, March 8)
All indications point to a tremendous and unexpectedly rapid growth of population in Harrisburg and vicinity. The war is largely responsible. Our steel industries have been greatly stimulated by war orders, and the coming of Schwab & Steeltor has been a mighty force in hastening conditions that otherwise might not have come about for a decade. And finally, there is now the United States Government with promises of expenditures of many millions either at Middletown or New Cumberland, and, probably at both. These supply depots, we are told, will be permanent. But whether or not the government finds use after the war for the buildings to be erected, they will not long be permitted to stand idle. Too many manufacturers have their eyes on Harrisburg to permit bargains in buildings to go begging.

But now it happens that this sudden and unexpected prosperity which has come to us is not so much a matter of importance of itself as it is what we are going to do about it, for the new conditions bring with them new responsibilities. Foremost of these is the housing question. With nearly every house in the city occupied and many residences turned into apartments, we are faced with the alternative of permitting the housing of our rapidly growing population to work itself out in haphazard, hit-or-miss fashion or we must make an endeavor to guide it along proper lines.

We are at the parting of the ways. Either we are to have a city of overcrowded, unsanitary, undesirable tenements and hastily constructed hovels or we are to grow and develop along lines that will make for a more beautiful, more healthful, more prosperous and more contented city. For the former, we have but to sit idly by and permit profiteering landlords to erect the class of houses that provide a minimum of habitability, comfort and healthfulness, while they yield a maximum of rental.

We are in bad enough way now. There are districts in which the majority of houses are a public disgrace. We rejoiced when the old Capitol Park Extension section of the Eighth ward was wiped out, but the slum has not been eliminated. The location has been changed; that is all. Are we to have more of the same kind? That is a question we must answer, and answer very soon.

The Real Estate Board has realized that all is not well. President Gipple's suggestion for an "own your home" campaign is in the right direction. But more is needed. The time has come when such organizations as the Real Estate Board, the Chamber of Commerce, the City Planning Commission and the Municipal League should take counsel together as to how the many difficulties that stand in the way of a correct solution of this problem may be met. Good fortune has left a golden treasure on our doorstep. Opportunity for the making of such a city as we have dreamed of Harrisburg becoming is knocking at our door. What are we going to do about it?

HARRISBURG AT THE TURNING POINT

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house is vacated the new tenant is asked more than the old.

This condition is bad enough but the scarcity of houses and the run-down condition of hundreds of those that do rent for figures within the reach of the average workingman are far more. The outrageous conditions to be found in the poorer quarters of Harrisburg approach those of the tenement districts of Chicago and will be dealt with in a photographic illustration and otherwise in subsequent installments of this series.

Most serious of all from the "win-the-war" standpoint of our great steel and railroad industries, now engaged to the extent of millions of dollars in important government work which the War Department is demanding that they speed up, is the fact that there are no houses for incoming employes. Hundreds more men are needed. They are hired, come here and go to work, but when they plan to bring their families they are unable to find homes for them. Then they either go back whence they came or go on to communities that offer them a roof for their heads. And the war industries lose their services.

300 Per Cent. Turn Over
The seriousness of the situation may be judged from the statement of a big employer to the effect that the labor turn over in some Harrisburg mills and factories is as much as 300 per cent.

One Hagerstown man advertised for a house to rent at \$25 a month. He got no replies.

Another man, called out of the city to accept a government position in the South, found himself with a lease on his hands and had to find a tenant quickly.

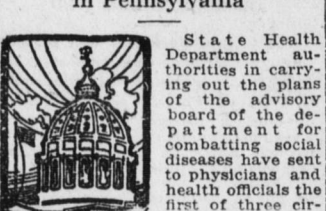
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STATE WORKING TO END PLAGUES

Hospitals Join in the Crusade Against Social Diseases in Pennsylvania



State Health Department authorities in carrying out the plans of the advisory board of the department for combating social diseases have sent to physicians and health officials the first of three circulars to be issued establishing the new regulations. This circular is to be sent to every school board as well as health board. Physicians will be required to give each patient found suffering with these diseases a copy of the state regulations with the notice that the person who does not obey them will be quarantined.

The state's campaign against these diseases was launched after conference with army officers and national government officials and Pennsylvania is declared to be taking a very advanced stand. B. F. Royer, the state's acting commissioner of health says that "at least eight per cent. of adult Pennsylvanians in certain large groups studied routinely by the department show by laboratory tests that they are not completely cured of syphilis." The state's thirty general hospitals throughout Pennsylvania have joined in a campaign of treatment of salvage persons found infected. The instructions issued give advice as to modern methods of treatment, laboratory studies and living, which have come into being since the use of alcohol under the conditions is very dangerous. The department has also called attention to the requirements of the Pennsylvania marriage law which requires freedom from transmissible disease.

Commission Affirmed—The superior court has upheld the Public Service Commission in its decision on the telephone merger, but an appeal will be taken.

Inquire Into Housing—State Health Department experts have been asked to assist in an inquiry into housing conditions in Johnstown.

Hearing Goes Over—The Public Service Commission hearing into natural gas rates in the northwestern counties has been continued until October by Commission ruling.

Two Gets Permit—The Buckeye Coal Company, which is developing mines and building a town in Greene county has obtained a permit from the State Department of Health for construction of a water supply system and sewer lines and a disposal plant for a model town it is erecting for its workers.

The Draft—Commencing to-day over 1,500 drafted men for general military service will be moved from Eastern Pennsylvania for Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., and local draft boards will prepare 11,700 men who are to start moving for Camp Lee next Monday. State draft headquarters has begun the calculations of the quota of the 5,000 men to start for Camp Wadsworth commencing August 5. Under orders recently received the induction of British subjects and Canadians is to

be suspended. Announcement will be made shortly of the local boards of instruction for drafted men, which have been authorized by the provost marshal general.

Teachers Ready—The state's forty farm tractors, which have been undergoing overhauling the last month, will resume plowing this week under a schedule plan worked out at the State Department of Agriculture. The date for starting plowing is earlier than usual, but owing to the labor situation the state authorities are encouraging it. Many commercial tractors will start plowing this month.

Armory Board Quits—The row between the York and Columbia officers of the Reserve Militia, which culminated in the resignation of H. B. Clepper, in command of the Columbia platoon, has been further intensified by the resignation of the members of the Columbia Armory Board, including Major F. H. Eckman and Alfred H. Myers.

Ordered to Improve—The Lancaster county authorities have been given orders by the State Board of Public Charities to immediately improve jail and almshouse conditions.

Attending meeting—Banking Commissioner Daniel F. Lefean is attending the conference of the state banking commissioners at St. Louis, for the purpose of forming a national association.

Conference Under Way—Coleman Joyce, Chief of the Bureau of Ac-

counties of the Public Service Commission, is in Pittsburgh attending the conference of state representatives on uniform accounts for natural gas companies.

Returned to City—A. B. Miller, secretary of the Public Service Commission has returned from Philadelphia.

Government Moves to Stop Journal Brass Thefts
Loss of more than half a million dollars annually by theft of journal brass from railroad cars has caused the Railroad Administration to take steps for its prevention. Wholesale junk dealers have been notified that such material in their possession will be seized. Several tons recently were taken from dealers in Chicago. Prosecution under the sabotage act of journal brass thieves already has resulted in the conviction of two men at Detroit, where sentences of four and five years in the Leavenworth Federal Prison were given Saturday.

AVIATOR'S FALL IS FATAL
By Accident Press
Buffalo, N. Y., July 15.—F. S. Hale, of Quincy, Ill., an aviator, was killed by the fall of an airplane at Curtis field to-day. Homer V. Sharp, of Washington, D. C., was seriously injured.

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