

BUILDING OPERATION FOR MONTH OF JUNE

Omaha Shows Up Well Among Cities in the Way of Construction Activity.

GAIN OVER ONE YEAR AGO

Building operations throughout the United States, as recorded by 103 principal cities, for the month of June, show an increase of 44 per cent over June, 1915.

The comparative gain over the corresponding months of last year is as follows:

May, 32; April, 16, March 18, February, 20; January, 35 per cent. Thus the record of June shows that the building operations in the country, instead of shrinking, as they may be expected to do in June, are speeding up.

Showing Made by Omaha. Omaha has issued permits for 133 buildings during June, as against 114 in June of last year.

The American Contractor regarding the building operations of the country:

"This condition is most gratifying when it is remembered, that a considerable amount of construction work is held in abeyance, pending a reduction in the cost of iron and steel, and perhaps some other forms of material.

There has been a softening of prices for structural material, however, in recent weeks and the date when this withheld business may be commenced may not be far in the future.

Of the 103 cities included in the list, sixty-seven show gains and thirty-six losses. New York, in its five boroughs, makes the substantial gain of 117 per cent; Chicago scores a 45 per cent improvement, and Philadelphia one of 33 per cent.

A summary of the monthly building statistics for the first six months of the year reaches the total of \$484,786,616, as compared with \$381,264,954 for the first six months of 1915, an increase of 27 per cent.

Edgewater Beach Hotel Completed

The Edgewater Beach hotel of Chicago is the very latest thing in hotels in Chicago. The hotel was completed Saturday, July 15, although it has been receiving guests for over a month.

Bedford Firm to Conduct Another Sale in Druid Hill

Jeff W. Bedford & Son expect to put about 100 lots on sale in the Druid Hill addition on July 22 to 23.

The lots are to be sold on the easy payment plan of \$2 down and 50 cents per week at prices of \$135 to \$390.

"Hand-Me-Down" Houses Are the Very Latest

Just like buying a ready made suit of clothes, so one may now buy a ready made and furnished house in Omaha.

Nebraska Furnishes Wisconsin with Its First School Efficiency Officer

Efficiency man for the city schools of the state of Wisconsin, that is what W. W. Theisen of West Point, Neb., is to be next year. Officially he will be known as "state supervisor and director of educational measurements."

This well known young Nebraska school man thus leaps into a position paying him \$2,500 a year.

The creation of a position of this kind is a new development in education. This one in Wisconsin is the first state position of its kind.

Mr. Theisen is a native of West Point, Neb. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, where he took his degree of bachelor of science in 1907.

Desiring to go further with his educational work, he spent the last two years at Columbia university, New York City, where he specialized in educational administration.

Mr. Theisen is a brother of Ralph Theisen, the Nebraska university basketball "flipper," and also of H. H. Theisen, coach of the Geneva High school.

sign the deed. The other four houses are soon to be furnished in the same way, if it is found that this system is a success.

Hastings & Heyden Report Sales in Benson Gardens

The following are some recent sales by Hastings & Heyden in Benson Gardens acreage:

Peter Nicolone purchased Tract 204, Benson Gardens for \$800.

Ernest Johnson purchased Tract 133, Benson Gardens for \$450.

Virginia Mallon purchased lot 14, block 6, West Benson for \$900.

Henry A. Honack purchased lots 9 and 10, block 15, West Benson for \$600.

William J. Honack purchased lot 11, block 15, West Benson for \$300.

Vernon Scott purchased Tract 117, Benson Gardens for \$450.

William C. Hughes purchased lots 29 and 30, Benson Gardens for \$1,150.

Joseph L. Edwards purchased Tract 55, Benson Gardens for \$1,000.

Eric N. Carson purchased Tract 83, Benson Gardens for \$875.

Nellie Steinmann purchased a house and an acre of ground in Benson Gardens for \$2,600.

Andrew F. Ahlstrom purchased Tract 197, Benson Gardens for \$800.

Dora E. Plouff purchased Tract 200, Benson Gardens for \$1,400.

Benno A. Nickles purchased Tract 63, Benson Gardens for \$1,000.

William and Rose Howsey purchased Tract 52, Benson Gardens for \$850.

Glen A. Rutledge and Albert B. Rutledge of Nehawka, Neb., purchased lots 5 and 6, block 3, West Benson for \$530.

Josephine Williams purchased lots 14 and 15, block 14, West Benson for \$1,725.

Contract Let for New Fertilizer Plant

The contract for the construction of the Morris Packing company's new fertilizer plant, on the South Side, has been awarded to Grant Parsons of Omaha.

Huge Increase in London's Population Is Predicted

London, June 7.—In 1975 London's population will have increased 20,000,000, Arthur Crow, a leading architect, told the Royal Society of Arts while outlining plans for housing so many people.

To provide comfortable quarters for such a population would require 1,040 square miles, allowing thirty persons to the acre for the whole area. This would mean, Mr. Crow added, a city with a radius from its center of eighteen miles.

Negotiations Start for Revision of Jap-Franco Tariff

Tokio, June 7.—Governor General Rume of French Indo-China has arrived in Japan in connection with negotiations between Japan and France for a revision of the customs tariff between Japan and the French colony.

It is understood here that France will make customs restrictions which will permit of a greater exportation of Japanese goods into Indo-China.



In his new position Mr. Theisen will be connected with the Wisconsin State Department of Education.

Many Would Retire From Government Service in the P. I.

Manila, June 7.—The last month has seen a rush of applications from American employes for retirement from the insular government service.

The retirement law, passed at the last session of the insular legislature, provides that employes who have served the insular government for six years or more may retire and receive in three equal annual installments at least two-thirds of the annual salary they enjoyed at the time of their retirement.

The amount of this retirement fund increases with length of service. The retirement application must be passed upon by both the applicant's immediate chief and the governor general.

Where a man can be spared or where he can show good reasons why his application should be accepted, it is probable that favorable action will be taken. But the man who has no good reason for retiring or the man whose services are so valuable that the government would be crippled by his withdrawal, cannot retire.

The filing of his application will entitle him to the benefits of the act, when the government decides it can spare him and he expresses a desire to leave—but until that time he must remain in the government service.

And no man can file an application, in the expectation that his request that it be granted in two or five years, as the case may be, will be granted.

The date of retirement depends upon the employe's chief and the governor general.

Guns at Ypres Rattle the Windows in City of London

London, July 2.—The sound of the big guns at Ypres has been heard on rare occasions in various parts of London, occasionally at a point in Essex county, 150 miles away and repeatedly at points in this country, 125 miles from the scene of firing, according to Miller Christy, a member of the Royal Meteorological society.

Windows in the Temple, a huge building of law offices almost in the heart of the city, were rattled violently many times by the Ypres guns.

Lloyd George, minister of munitions, and Sir A. Conan Doyle, were among those who had heard the sounds.

TRACK ELEVATION PLAN IS APPROVED

Belt Line Proposition to Go Through Without Change of Track Location.

FORMAL REPORT MONDAY

The City Planning board approved the Belt line track elevation plan without change of the present track location. This plan carries with it overhead track structures at Dodge, Douglas and Farnam streets and eliminates the Dodge street viaduct scheme.

The city council will receive a formal report from the planning board on Monday, and it is understood will legalize the elevation plan through necessary ordinances.

The Missouri Pacific Railway company, through Chief Engineer Headley, agreed to expend between \$100,000 and \$110,000 on this improvement, start within thirty days and have Dodge street clear by January 1.

Spent Week on Plans.

The planning board spent nearly a week going over several plans. E. T. Goodridge, one of the board's experts, recommended removal of the railway company's right-of-way to Forty-sixth street and carrying out a track depression plan, which would necessitate an expenditure of approximately \$300,000 more than the elevation plan. If the Goodridge plan prevailed, the city or property owners would be required to pay the excess of the depression over the elevation plan, inasmuch as the Missouri Pacific will only pay at this time just what is necessary for safety.

The plan adopted by the planning board is practically the Missouri Pacific plan with a few modifications.

It is agreed that a fourteen-foot clearance shall be established under the tracks at Dodge streets, and the strength and appearance of the structure shall be approved by the planning board.

Temporary clearances of thirteen feet will be placed at Douglas and Farnam streets, subject to widening when the company shall finally establish the grade of its main line tracks south of Farnam street.

The grade crossing at Forty-eighth and Leavenworth streets eventually will be eliminated. The structures to be placed over Douglas and Farnam streets at this time will be known as semi-permanent and will be made permanent when the Leavenworth street situation shall be considered.

No Switch Tracks at Grades.

The planning board further stipulated that when the main line track shall have been ultimately established, there shall be no switch tracks at grade crossings. The company wants to maintain its switch tracks at Douglas and Farnam streets.

Chairman Morton of the planning board, addressing the city council, recommended the passage of an ordinance to provide for an industrial zone to be bounded by Forty-sixth street, Saddle Creek boulevard, Farnam and Cuming streets, outside of which no industries will be permitted along the Belt line tracks.

The planning board will report that it deems the proposed viaduct over Dodge street inadvisable in view of the elevation plan, which will eliminate grade crossings at three streets.

Insurance Company to Take Care of Its Guard Employees

The Prudential Insurance company has adopted a resolution providing that employes of the company who are now engaged in the military service of the United States or who shall hereafter be so engaged, shall be paid their full salaries by the company for a period of six months, dating from July 1, 1916.

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Mandate of President Li Yuan Hung When Takes Office

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Peking, July 2.—President Li Yuanhung's official mandate announcing his assumption of the presidency in succession to Yuan Shi-kai, was simple and brief. The full text follows:

"Yuan-hung has assumed the office of president on this, the seventh day of the sixth month. Realizing his lack of virtue, he is extremely solicitous lest something may miscarry. His single aim will be to adhere strictly to law for the consolidation of the republic, and the moulding of the country into a really constitutionally administered country.

May all officials and people act in sympathy with this idea and with the united soul and energy fulfill the part that is lacking in him. This is his great hope.

"The present general situation is exceedingly precarious. Having just shouldered the great burdens of the state I need the assistance of others in everything pertaining to administrative measures. All civil and military officials outside of Peking should, therefore, remain at their posts and assist in solving the present troubles. Let no man shirk his duties in the slightest degree.

"The republic was the child of the revolution of the year of Hsin Hai. The late great president, who supported the republic and consolidated the whole country, worked diligently day and night planning for the country under a great embarrassment. Heaven has denied him longer age, and he has left this world after illness. The whole country mourns in sorrow, as I succeed him with the difficulties of our day. Respecting the funeral and interment, the Kuo Wu Yuan shall instruct the officials in charge of such matters carefully to examine the rites and regulations both of China and foreign countries relating to the subject, and draft a suitable program so that the sincere wish of the state to give full recognition to the merits of the departed may thereby be shown."

War Risk Policies Taken Out by Italian Soldiers

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Rome, July 2.—The National Institution of Insurance, whose capital is guaranteed by the government, has announced that any Italian soldier now at the front may take out a war risk policy of as much as \$10,000. The directors have taken this action as a patriotic measure to keep up the spirits of the soldiers at the front with families dependent upon them.

British Sailors Join the Russian Armor Car Unit

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Petrograd, July 2.—Several hundred British sailors, mostly Irishmen, arrived in Russia recently to join the Russian armies as an armored-car unit. The British came by way of Archangel and were met by enthusiastic crowds here, at Moscow and other important cities.

How to Cure Colds.

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TO GUARD AGAINST ANY CAR SHORTAGE

Railroad Heads Have Plan to Eliminate Hitch in Movement of Grain.

HAVE MUTUAL AGREEMENT

With the approach of the grain shipping season and with indications that throughout Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and South Dakota the wheat crop is going to be the largest ever grown, heads of the railroads are of the opinion that a plan has been formulated which, when it is put into effect, will eliminate the possibility of a freight car shortage.

Local freight men assert that notwithstanding the enormous small grain crop, this year there will be plenty of cars to take care of the business. The plans are being worked out already and thousands of freight cars that have been run through the shops during the last three months and put in first-class condition are being hurried out to the distributing points in close proximity to the grain fields.

Generally, the long strings of freight cars are going to junction points and other places, from which they can be quickly moved to the small stations to be ready when orders for their use are received.

Exports Caused Trouble. Last year and prior thereto, the shortage in grain-carrying freight cars was due in a great measure to the fact that so much equipment was loaded with wheat for export, carried to the seaboard and the gulf ports and there held for weeks and months on sidings. The export demand was so great that there were not enough of the ocean-going vessels to handle the trade and not enough elevators along the coast for the storage of the grain. As a consequence it was held in the cars, which were shunted back onto sidings, fifty to 100 miles from the ports. This resulted in many thousands of cars of the western roads being held out of service, preventing later on the movement of grain to the domestic market.

Now the railroads have adopted an ironclad agreement that entirely does away with this storage of grain in cars and which, if kept in effect, will result in there being plenty of grain-carrying cars at all times.

Will Do Away with Delay. The agreement between the roads is that no grain for export will be loaded into a car until the export agent furnishes a receipt, showing that he has secured space on the vessel on which it is proposed to make the export shipment. This receipt must designate the port from which the shipment will be made, the name of the vessel and the date of sailing. Until this data is furnished no order for a car will be accepted, nor will any bill of lading be issued.

Under the new order of things, both local railroad and grain men assert that a car of grain can be loaded out of Omaha for Atlantic or gulf ports, reach its designation and the empty car be back in the territory inside of four weeks, whereas, under the workings of the old rule, cars frequently did not get back into home territory inside of six months, and in many instances they have been away for more than a year.

Fever Breaks Out Among American Marines in Peking

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Peking, June 7.—Scarlet fever broke out among the 200 American marines stationed in Peking as guard at the American legation. In an effort to prevent the spread of the disease, Colonel Neville, commandant of the guard, ordered the men to move out of the barracks and placed them under canvas, with only two men in each tent. The tents were pitched on the recreation ground adjoining the legation compound and outside the compound wall, where all Chinese could see them plainly.

Immediately a rumor was circulated that the American legation had brought extra troops from the Philippines to protect foreigners against possible rioting which might result from the unsettled political conditions and the financial stringency brought about by the moratorium. This rumor grew, and added to it was a report that the Japanese were also to bring in thousands of troops from Tsingtau and Japan for the protection of foreigners.

These reports become so insistent that the Chinese government issued a formal denial, explaining the reason for the tented colony outside the American legation compound.

Only five of the American marines have the scarlet fever. These are quarantined in a gun-shed on the city wall adjoining the legation.

Legal Adviser to Chinese Government Arrives in Peking

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Peking, June 7.—Dr. W. W. Willoughby of Johns Hopkins university, who has been named legal adviser to the Chinese government, arrived in Peking the day before the death of Yuan Shi Kai, and had no opportunity to see the president whom he was to advise on constitutional matters.

Dr. Willoughby has been in China before, and has made an extensive study of Chinese politics. As one of the first steps of Li Yuan-hung's administration will be the framing of a new constitution, Dr. Willoughby's services will be very acceptable to the new administration. Before coming to Peking this time Dr. Willoughby had known Vice President Li Yuan-hung and was thoroughly conversant with his view on Chinese governmental affairs.

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Financial Statement, July 1, 1916

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Real Estate Mortgages and Contracts	\$ 86,140.05	Capital Stock	\$244,392.00
Uncompleted Building Contracts	95,537.73	Accounts Payable for Labor and Material on Dwellings Under Construction (Not Yet Due)	18,350.97
Bills Receivable	31,114.14	Ford Hospital Co., Subscription Account	2,500.00
Stocks and Bonds	1,069.50	Dividends Payable	11,952.08
Loans on Home Builders Stock	5,470.34	Surplus and Undivided Profits	50,134.24
Dwellings	11,626.00		
Accrued Interest	3,402.11		
Furniture and Fixtures	1,183.82		
Cash on Hand and With Fiscal Agents	91,785.60		
Total	\$327,329.29	Total	\$327,329.29

We hereby certify that we have audited the business of the Home Builders (Inc.), and we further certify that the above statement is in accordance with their Books and Records on July 1st, 1916. Signed this 12th day of July, 1916. (Signed) E. A. DWORAK, Certified Public Accountant.

A Growing Concern COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

ASSETS	
1911	\$ 17,127.65
1912	55,005.40
1913	85,808.39
1914	124,685.72
1915	227,578.82
1915 (6 months)	327,329.29

FIVE YEARS' PROFITS

Total cash dividend paid on each \$100	\$37.97
Total surplus credited to each 100 shares	20.00
Total earnings on each \$100 in 5 years	\$57.97
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