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HOMEBUILDERS GUIDE

TIMELY HINTS and SUGGESTIONS about BUILDING

BUILDING BOOMS IN MFG. DISTRICT

Contract Let for New Warehouse at Ninth and Douglas Streets—Will Construct New Plants.

The \$200,000 storage and warehouse to be built at Ninth and Douglas streets, as the joint home of the Omaha branches of the United States Rubber company and the American Hand-Sewed Shoe company, will be a big addition to Omaha's wholesale and manufacturing district.

Building has been active in the wholesale and manufacturing district during the past year and a big building program is mapped out there for this year. The Lee-Coit-Andersen warehouse is now practically completed.

Work is progressing on the Kirschbraun creamery plant at Ninth and Farnam streets. It will be operating in full swing before the first of the year. Beside it will be the big plant of the Collis' Products company, which will manufacture buttermilk meal.

New Home of Unitarians Will Cost Thirty Thousand

Bids are asked May 25 for a new \$30,000 home for the Unitarian church at Thirty-first and Harney streets. John and Alan McDonald are drawing plans.

Contract Being Poured for Tire and Rubber Co. Plant

Contract has been let for the new plant of the Crown Tire and Rubber company at Ralston. It will cost approximately \$32,000.

The Crown Tire and Rubber company will manufacture a newly patented automobile tire. The company will also branch out into the manufacture of rubber goods.

Selma Realty Co. to Build \$85,000 Apartment House

The contract has been let for a \$85,000 apartment house for the Selma Realty company at 706 Park avenue. Richard Everett drew the plans.

Concrete Being Poured for New Yates School Building

Alexander Beck is constructing the Henry W. Yates school building at Thirty-second and Davenport streets. It is to be 162x110 feet.

Twenty-Thousand-Dollar Home for Omaha Doctor

Dr. G. W. Todd will build a \$20,000 residence and garage at Fifty-fifth and Dodge streets. It will be of stucco and Portland cement construction.

Improvements to Be Made at Omaha Public Library

Extensive remodeling is to be done at the Omaha Public library, Ninth and Harney streets, at a cost of \$3,500.

FOOD IS CHEAPER IN LONDON

War Prices Abroad About One-Third Lower Than in the United States.

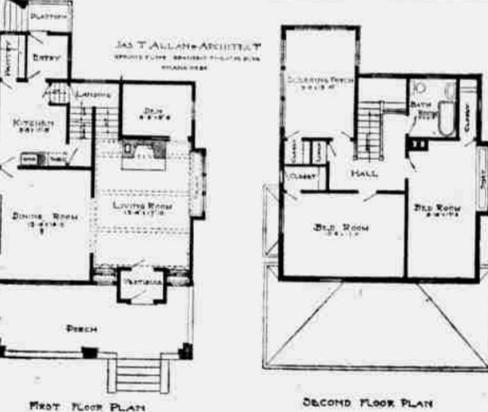
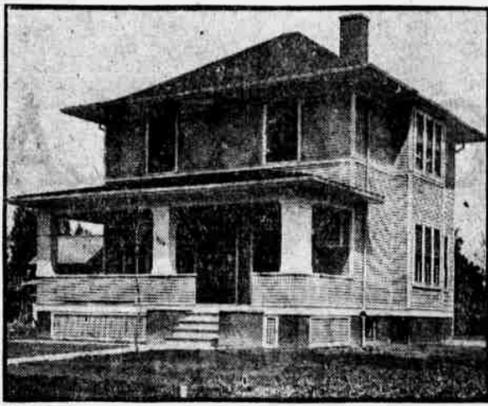
"People are more prosperous individually in London today than they were before the war. And food, though the number of courses and a meal is limited, is cheaper than it is in America."

He explained the prosperity by the fact that instead of being supported by one man, the head of a family, virtually all members of a family now work while the father is at the front.

"A baked potato in a restaurant here costs 15 cents. It can be had in London for from 4 to 6 cents. Lunch is limited to two courses and dinner to three, but one may have as many helpings as one desires.

"Wages are much higher. Women, taking the places of men, are making in munitions factories as much as \$5 a day. Stenographers are getting \$10 to \$12 a week, where they once received only \$5.

Modern Square Type Home



This home, built by Home Builders, shows a well-arranged, comfortable home of the square type. It is very simple and economical, with large rooms, and the plain exterior gives it a very pleasing appearance.

The outside dimensions are 26x28, with a nine-foot porch across the entire front. The living room is finished in oak and has a built-in bookcase on each side of the vestibule, heavy beamed ceiling, a brick fireplace and window seat.

BIG RUN OF LIGHT OPERA DESPITE WAR

Vienna Turns Its Attention to Things of the Stage, Vaudeville Being Popular.

MANY NEW PLAYS PUT ON

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Vienna, March 10.—The season's product in operas, light operas, musical shows and plays generally has been good despite the war.

The output in operas has been limited. However, three new works have their appearance. Two of them never went beyond their premieres. Only Richard Strauss' "Ariadne at Naxos" proved a success—after the composer had made a goodly number of corrections.

Light Opera Innovation. A light opera innovation which has enjoyed considerable success is Leo Fall's "The Rose of Stamboul." The title is wholly unrelated to the argument of the book and the music is a hybrid between Oriental tam-tam and Viennese motives.

The season has brought an avalanche of musical one-acts. In effect these are vaudeville sketches in rhyme set to music, which in a surprising number of cases is remarkably good. The musical comedy sketch is the effort of young and unknown composers.

Vienna is to have a musical innovation of real merit soon. Following the "Kammerschauspiel," Vienna will have the "Kammeroper," which might be translated into English as chamber opera, or "opera in camera."

As to Chamber Plays. The chamber stage is a small affair, and the personnel, while of necessity high class, is limited to a few. The aim is to produce pieces whose literary or musical qualities are inherent and do not need the support of elaborate stage settings and mechanical and optical effects.

PLANS FOR PEACE IN THROES OF WAR

British Plan to Enforce World Peace After Present War Is Already Drawn Up.

TAKES IN ALL RISKS

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

London, April 20.—The British plan for a league to enforce peace, as drawn up by a committee headed by Viscount Bryce, former American ambassador, has just been made public here, although it was prepared two years ago, thus antedating the plan of the American league.

In a prefatory note to the outline of the British scheme, Lord Bryce says: "The frightful catastrophe of the present war, involving more than half the human race, and bringing grave evils on neutral nations also, has driven thoughtful men to reflect on the possibility of finding means by which the risk of future war may be dispelled or at least largely reduced."

"The only effective and permanent remedy would be to convince the several peoples of the world that they have far more to lose than to gain from strife, and to replace by a sentiment of mutual international goodwill the violent national antagonisms that now exist. But this, we well fear, would be a slow process."

Follow Public Opinion. "Meantime that which may be done, and which it seems possible to do at once, is to provide machinery by and through which the volume of international public opinion, which favors peace may be enabled to express itself, and bring its power to bear upon any nation in which there may from time to time exist a spirit of aggression or a readiness to embark on war in pursuit of selfish interests or at the bidding of national pride."

"The nature of the machinery required is indicated by some facts which this war has brought out in strong relief. These are: First, the increased risks to peace that arise from the increased speed with which communications between governments mediating war are exchanged, and with which momentous decisions are taken.

Second, the difficulty neutral nations find in asserting the merits of a dispute which has led to war, and thus in judging between the disputants and throwing to one or other side the weight of their opinion.

Third, the frantic scramble on which war is now waged, compelling governments, in order to secure themselves from sudden onslaught, to maintain naval and military armaments incomparably larger than ever before, and thereby laying intolerable burdens on the people.

"It may reasonably be hoped that if some scheme calculated to attain these objects were adopted by a considerable number of states, the opinion of neutral nations, being better instructed and having a vehicle for its expression, would become a more effective force than it has been hitherto in the way of deterring aggressive governments from war."

Time Ripe for Plan. "Everyone seems to feel the approach of a supremely important moment. If the opportunity which the close of the present conflict will offer for the provision of means to avert future wars be lost, another such opportunity may never reappear. If things are not then made better the prospect for mankind will be darker than ever, and the condition of the world will have grown worse, because the recurrence of like calamities will have been recognized as a thing to be expected and their causes as being

beyond all human cure. "BRYCE."

The plan is outlined by Lord Bryce's committee as follows:

1. To refer all disputes that might arise between them, if diplomatic methods of settlement had failed, to a permanent tribunal for judicial decision or to a council of conciliation for investigation and report.

2. To take concerted action, economic or other, against any nation which should be found in violation of the preceding condition.

Concave action by the members of the union would be a treaty obligation only in the case where a state had resorted to force before submitting the dispute to peaceable arbitration. The permanent tribunal or council of conciliation is not proposed to abolish national armaments and substitute a force under international control. The forces employed should be the national forces of the members of the union.

The other class of disputes, being, of course, the class most likely to lead to war, comprises those which are not judicially such as, for instance, those which arise out of the general economic and political rivalry of states, or, it may be, from the discontent of nationalities within a state, where such discontent commands the sympathy of a kindred people.

For a settlement of such disputes a judicial tribunal is not the best authority. It is proposed, therefore, to institute for this purpose a new international body which is called the council of conciliation.

The members of the council would be appointed by the signatory states for a fixed term of years, the number of members always complete and in being. As the council has no executive power, and its function is merely to investigate, report, and make recommendations, it is neither necessary nor desirable that its members should act under instructions from their governments. They should deliberate and act freely according to their best judgment in the interests of the whole society of nations.

Since it is likely that the great powers would have a larger number of men qualified to be members, they might be given a greater representation—say being allowed great powers and one at least to each of the rest.

The council would mediate between the disputants and endeavor to arrange a settlement, which should not be a mere compromise, but should rest upon intelligible and accepted principles, and have in it some guarantee of permanence. But in every case where it fails to do this it should publish a report or reports dealing with the whole situation and setting forth its recommendations and the grounds on which they are based.

These reports and recommendations would then form the subject of debates in the national legislative assemblies and of discussion at public meetings and in the press. And sufficient time being allowed for this "six months," it is not unreasonable to hope that the best public opinion of all countries would support the council in pressing for an amicable solution on the lines suggested, and that the disputants would yield to that pressure.

Should this hope not be fulfilled, then it must be clearly understood that no power would be under treaty obligation either to accept the recommendations of the council or to put pressure upon power, refusing to accept them. The states would retain on these points all their liberty of action. All that the treaty would require is that if such a situation arises the powers should meet in conference to consider whether or not it is practicable or desirable for them to do so. It is possible that from such a situation war might in the last resort arise. It is not claimed that the union would make war impossible. That it is believed that the enforced period of delay, the consideration by an impartial council, and the publicity given to its recommendations would be very likely to prevent war by raising the public opinion of the world in favor of peace; and that, in the worst case, the area of war would likely to be confined to the power making war in defiance of the recommendations of the council could not rely on support from the other signatory powers.

A Merry-Go-Round. "An employee of a real estate office had been sent by the house agent to take an inventory of the drawing room furniture of a mansion in their hands."

He was so long about his task that at last the window of the house agent to see what was taking place. She found the man slumbering sweetly on a sofa, with an empty bottle beside him. It was evident, however, that he had made a pathetic attempt to do his work, for in the inventory book was written: "One revolving carpet."—Chicago Herald.

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