



CABLE ADDRESS
"POWLES"
WESTERN UNION
&
STANDARD CODES

S.W. Cor. Western Avenue and Marion Street.

SEATTLE, WASH. Mar. 2, 1915

Mrs. Ida M. Tarbell,
The American Magazine,
381- 4th Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

Madam:

I thought it might be of interest to you
if I would send you a copy of our Mid-season report.

As you will notice in the report we have just
added the Hospital feature, the man in charge of the
Hotel Mr. Henry Pauly, is an experienced man in camp
life, having been in the United States service in the
Philippines for some time, and he is guiding the Hospital
feature, we have put in four cots, with a City Physician
in charge, so as to enable us to take care of the needy.
Of course we do not attempt serious cases, but have already
given relief to a great many of our sufferers from rheuma-
tism, slight fevers and minor troubles.

Up to the present time our registration shows
nearly nine thousand men with an average of twelve hundred
on the floor each night, and as we do not enforce the
limit of time which the men can stay in the Hotel, this
is proving the fact that the home is not abused by the
average man, in other words it is but a resting place
for him and he voluntarily moves on. If I am correctly
informed New York and Chicago, the time is limited to
a few days, which a man can stay in a home.

Our Mid-season report does not show you the
earnings of our men, but it is safe to say, Mrs. Tarbell
it is three times the expense of running the Hotel.
The first three weeks the Hotel was run we had practi-
cally no earning power, therefore, it was slow catching
up, but we are catching up now, at a rapid rate, and we
expect at the end of the season to have a good big Bank ac-
count, or at least a credit from the City and County for
work performed. For the work performed for the City and
County we receive a credit, in lieu of which the City
and County pays the bills for goods purchased. Outside
of this work we do land clearing of all kinds, take some
excavating work, some ditch work.



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So as not to interfere with the labor market of the married man and the Citizen, we work our men outside the City limits, which means practically seven miles Northeast or South that the men must go to their work. The men that work across Lake Washington, we established a Camp for, then they work one week in three instead of the usual two days in seven.

I trust at the end of the Season you may see your way clear to write up the Hotel Liberty, as I feel we are setting a standard which other Cities might well copy. You will notice our report is headed "Seattle's Plan", and this is as we would like it in any future write up you might give us.

As I believe I told you in one of my previous letters. Mr. Henry Pauly is doing this work without any salary, and as he is but a seasonable worker himself, there is no reward for him except such publication that we might give him or that he might get, that would give him a position in either State or Government service. You no doubt know that the handling of twelve hundred to thirteen hundred men a day serving them two or three meals, keeping the house warm, well policed; commissary well stocked, is no small problem.

Respectfully submitted, I remain,

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Chairman House Committee
Hotel Liberty

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COMMITTEE OF UNEMPLOYED
 Dr J. E. Chrichton, Chariman
 J. B. Powles, Vice-Chairman
 Wm. K. McKibben, Secretary

HENRY PAULY
 Manager

"Seattle's Plan"

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MID-SEASON REPORT OF HOTEL LIBERTY

November 18th '14 to February 18th '15
 inclusive

Number of meals served----- 209,607

Number of men slept on the floor----- 98,000

Number of days worked----- 5,238

This includes work for the City on the pipe line right of way, for the County clearing and grading roads; on private contracts, (all of which with the exception of one small piece, is outside of the City limits); clearing of land for the plough; for pasture; the making of cord wood and fence rails.

Each employee, working for the Hotel, in the Hotel or on contracts, above mentioned, for every two days work secures a meal ticket at the employees table, good for twenty-one meals. Non-employees eat at the table of the unemployed, and are served two meals a day. On account of our rotating system, the men in their turn become employees. By virtue of the work performed by these men, we have removed each and every one of them from charity. When our final report is made out at the end of the season, we hope to be able to show you that the Institution has not only paid its own way, but refunded to the City and County the moneys advanced by them namely: \$5200.00

We give you herewith Bill of Fare of February 18th, which is a fair sample:

Breakfast for Non-employees:
 Rolled oats, bread and coffee----- 668 served

Breakfast for the Employees:
 Pork chops, potatoes, rolled oats,
 bread and coffee----- 537 "

Lunch for Employees only:
 Pigs head, cabbage, potatoes, bread
 and tea----- 495 "

Dinner for the Non-employees-- --
 Macaroni, bread and tea----- 773 "

Dinner for the Employees:
 Pork and dressing, brown gravy, potatoes
 apples, bread and tea----- 460 "

Total meals 2933 "

Average number of men sleeping on the floor 1230

We are now installing Hospital service. We have had installed for sometime a steaming room, for sterilizing the men's clothing and their blankets.

If desirous of securing a copy of the final reporting kindly advise,

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Powles,
 819 Western Ave.,

Henry Pauly,