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LABOR SCARCE

Central West Suffering For Men.

MANUFACTURING ACTIVITIES STILL ON THE INCREASE

Especial Dearth of Hired Girls Makes Housewife's Life a Burden

A Chicago dispatch says:—Never in the history of the Central West has the general demand for labor been greater, nor within the memory of the oldest business men has such a scarcity of wage earners existed. The conditions are unprecedented. As a result industries are suffering, in that they cannot operate to capacities warranted by the conditions. Manufacturers are offering the greatest inducements to labor in the history of their operation. Hundreds of the largest and hardest pushed concerns in the Central West have found that their only salvation lies in the importation of labor from the East, where, according to the Westerners, the activity is not nearly so great. They have been able to obtain some relief from this source.

All lines of trade are being pushed as never before, and, instead of diminishing, the activity seems to grow more pronounced. Students of the commercial and industrial situation in the Central West say present conditions are assured for a year to come.

Railroads having terminals here are greatly hampered. Within the last month 3,000 railroad laborers have been imported to this city from the Western sections, but the number seems to have made little impression. The railroads say they should have 20,000 more men, but despair of getting them. The employment agencies, especially those having contracts to provide labor to the railroads, have taken off their fees to applicants—of whom there are few—and notified the State labor bureaus to send all the help they can muster to them. They have sent notices to other cities that will pay for transportation to this city, but the conditions elsewhere stand in the way of a realization of their desires.

This scarcity of labor is not confined to the railroads or any other line of business, but is general in the broadest sense of the word. Many a housewife is doing her own work because of the dearth of domestics. In no other field is the shortage of help more pronounced. The general average of wages for domestic help has increased, but girls who formerly worked in homes are more content with labor in factories and stores. Boys are needed everywhere,

but cannot be found. The scarcity of boys has come to be a problem for the business men to solve. Thousands of youngsters that were compelled to assist in the maintenance of their families in former years are now enjoying the benefits of the schools.

Another strong indication of the betterment of the laboring class is shown in the statistics of the charitable organizations. Within the last few months the calls for assistance from needy families have been few and scattered, and have come chiefly from families rendered penniless by illness.

Miss Marion Jones



Miss Marion Jones, daughter of Senator Jones of Nevada, who is soon to wed Robert Farquhar of Boston. Miss Jones is a famed athlete and holds the woman's tennis championship of the country. Her summer home is at Santa Monica, Cal.

REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTION

Operators Wouldn't State Prices.

Boy Tells of Operators' Methods

Scranton, Dec. 11—Darrow sprang a surprise this morning by calling John Crawford, independent operator, to the stand as a witness, and attempting to compel Crawford to give a statement of prices received for coal during the strike. Crawford objected and Judge Gray sustained him, saying that prices under such extra-ordinary conditions could not be made a criterion for fixing the mines' wages scale.

A 12 year old boy was put on the stand, who said he lost a leg in the mines, and got no pay while recovering. He returned to work when able, but got no money, his wages being held by the company on account of a debt incurred by his father.

CHANCE FOR A FIGHT

Venezuela Will Resist Aggressions

Of the Big European Bullies

This Country May Take a Hand

La Guayra, Dec. 11—Reports from Caracas say Castro is gathering an army to resist the aggressions of the allies.

Two thousand men and 18 guns have been sent from Caracas to reinforce the garrison here. The men are now encamped four miles from town.

Fort La Viga is being stocked with provisions and ammunition, and great preparations are being made for resistance.

Castro's position seems very popular, and volunteers are offering in large numbers, nearly 10,000 being armed here.

London, Dec. 11—The Central News asserts that the allies in Venezuela have attempted to capture President Castro himself.

Private information received says the Anglo-German allies have landed a force of blue jackets and marines at La Guayra, and fighting has commenced on the streets.

Washington, Dec. 11—Under yesterday's date a cablegram was received from Minister Bowen at Caracas this morning which says: "Castro informs me he has cleared all the Germans and British arrested."

More confirmatory dispatches were received from Bowen regarding the landing of the allied forces at La Guayra. Personally he has secured the release of the British Consul General.

Washington, Dec. 11—Congressman Schofield, of Colorado, offered a joint resolution today, whereas the Venezuelan dispute is liable to involve an infringement of the Monroe doctrine, with possibilities of serious complications with the United States, the President be authorized to propose to Great Britain and Germany that their claims be submitted to arbitration the United States to guarantee the payment of any awards made against Venezuela.

To improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion, try a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Mr. J. H. Seitz, of Detroit, Mich. says, "They restored my appetite when impaired, relieved me of a bloated feeling and caused a pleasant and satisfactory movement of the bowels." There are people in this community who need just such a medicine. For sale by John Preuss Every box warranted.

LUMBER MAKING COMBINE

For Protection of Their Interests

Special to the Mail.

St. Louis, Dec. 11—The National Lumber Mfg. association was formed today and the body adjourned to hold the next meeting in Washington, April 20th. Seventy lumber makers of the United States were in attendance, and perfected the organization for protection of their own interest.

FIVE TRIBES OBJECT

To Merging the Two Territories

Liberal Expense Allowance

Washington, Dec. 11—Senator Quay submitted a resolution which had been passed by the five civilized tribes, objecting to merging Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

Jones, of Ark. also submitted a protest from Indian Territory.

The Anthracite commission bill was amended so that the members are allowed \$15 daily, their assistants \$10, and all others employed by the government \$8 in lieu of traveling and other expenses. The House occupied the forenoon in consideration of election contests.

'FRISCO MAKING EFFORTS

To Avoid Losing Transport Trade.

Washington Dec. 10—Senator Perkins, Messrs Phelan, Schwerin and Ducker, called at the White House and war department this afternoon and talked with the President and Secretary Root about the proposed transfer of the transport service from San Francisco to Seattle.

The Californians claim that Seattle has no facilities for handling the great volume of business.

They offered to charter or buy all the army transports from the government at a price to be fixed by the department

and conduct the business at San Francisco at the same price per soldier and per ton freight as it costs the government under the present system.

VOLCANO STILL IN ERUPTION

Guatemala Plantations Suffer

San Francisco, Dec. 11—Advices from the volcano district of Guatemala say that Santa Maria continues in eruption.

Capt. Russell of the steamer Acapeco says the whole side of the mountain is shrouded from three distinct craters. The devastation of the coffee plantations for 30 miles around continues.

ANOTHER PLAGUE SCARE

Texas Officer Comes to Investigate

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 11—Health Officer Tolson, who has been in San Francisco today, it is stated he had just received news that the real bubonic plague condition existed in that city, news of which had been suppressed, and an alarming spread of the disease was taking place. He is going to make a personal investigation.

Funeral of Wm Hillop

The funeral of Wm Hillop, who was killed in the Daniel creek logging camp Wednesday took place here yesterday. The body was brought down on the Coos River, accompanied by the crew of the camp, and was taken directly to the cemetery where services were performed by the Rev. B. F. Bengtson, pastor of the Lutheran church.

Lots of Young Salmon.

Frank Smith, superintendent of the South Coos river hatchery, was in town yesterday after lumber to build on to the hatchery. He reports that the salmon eggs taken this season, which were all Chinooks, prove to have been in perfect condition and are all hatching. About 200,000 young fish are fish are already out, and about 1,500,000 eggs are all eyed, showing that they will make fish.

The report that the racks had been washed out by a recent freshet was an error, as the racks are still in position, under five or six feet of water. Some of the lower traps, put in temporarily, were washed out, however.

Mr. Smith seems to have demonstrated pretty thoroughly that no mistake was made by putting him in charge of the hatchery.

This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife replenishes her supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is certain to be needed before the winter is over, and results are much more prompt and satisfactory when it is kept at hand and given as soon as the cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system. In almost every instance a severe cold may be ward off by taking this remedy freely as soon as the first indication of the cold appears. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains no harmful substance. It is pleasant to take—both adults and children like it. Buy it and you will get the best. It always cures. For sale by John Preuss.

Regular services at the Methodist Church Sermon by Dr. Summerville, P. E. at 11:00 A. M. followed with the Administration of the Lord's Supper. Sermon at 7:30 P. M. by Rev. Sumner, wife. Service at 10:00 A. M. Epworth League 6:30 P. M. Junior Ep-Lesque 2:30.

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