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THE URBAN NATION.

More than one-half of the people of the United States are crowded into cities and towns of over 2,500 population. No wonder there is a shortage of houses in the cities and a herding together of the inhabitants which hodes ill for the health and morals of the nation.

When all the vast territory which lies outside of these towns is considered, and when it is remembered that most of it could be made to yield a decent living with little more effort and less sacrifice than is required to make a living in town, the mind of poor struggling humanity is harder than ever to understand.

Hard times in the cities will help to remedy the condition a little. But what is needed most is a better sense of values, a better appreciation of the things which God gives free in the country—fresh air, sunlight, freedom and space—and a lessened regard for man-made things in town which rob the soul and body and purse.

THE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

The recent estimate of a labor magazine, giving the number of unemployed persons in the United States as 2,325,000, is not so discouraging as it may look at first glance. It may be, as the compiler says, that it represents the large number of idle workers there have been in this country since 1907. It is to be remembered, however, that the population is larger than it was 13 years ago, and the industrial population is very much larger. It is the proportion that counts.

The census of 1910 showed more than 38,000,000 people engaged in gainful occupations, 30,000,000 male and 8,075,000 female. The government in 1917, in connection with the first selective draft, estimated the workers at more than 48,000,000. The population has kept on growing, and in addition women have gone into industry lately to an unprecedented extent. The total number of workers now is somewhere between 50,000,000 and 60,000,000 and probably nearer the latter figure than the former.

So, if there are 2,325,000 people out of work, it means one out of every 25. That is unfortunate, but not at all catastrophic. If one out of 10 were idle, we might worry.

This is not so very much worse than what labor statisticians used to reckon on as the "normal rate of unemployment" during the winter months.

Moreover, this unemployment actually seems to be decreasing rather than increasing. Many factories, recently closed, have been opening again. It is always the tendency, rather than the momentary situation, that counts, and the tendency just now is distinctly hopeful.

THE LEGION PROTESTS

The American Legion has submitted a memorial to President Wilson, President-elect Harding and every member of the Senate and House, calling attention to the faulty manner in which relief for disabled soldiers is being carried on, and recommending changes to make this work more speedy and effective. Bills to favor its suggestions are now pending in Congress.

The Legion, after exhaustive investigation finds that, while the United States has been more liberal than any other nation in providing for disabled soldiers, it has failed, in a large measure to make its provisions available. This is attributed to "an astonishing state of divided responsibility and wasted effort among the government agencies with which the problem rests."

As a cure the Legion asks a law providing for the unification of the three great agencies, the war risk insurance bureau, the federal board of vocational education and the public health service, under a single head which shall co-ordinate their efforts and decentralize their machinery. Appropriations are sought to make relief in all branches available promptly.

There is no matter more vital to the honor of the country. The suggestions of the Legion are based on careful study and suggest efficiency and economy. Congress should not fail to give the subject prompt and favorable attention.

MORE COLLEGE STUDENTS.

One report presented at the convention of the Association of American Colleges stated that there are now half a million college students in the United States. That is one out of every 212 persons. It has not been very many years since college undergraduates were told by

those who strove to make them appreciate their advantages that they were a rarely privileged class. Only one person out of 500 or 600 got to college.

This great increase in the proportion of students is partly due to the amazing development of high schools. They have grown prodigiously and, according to the report cited, "a larger proportion of high school students is going to college every year."

There are critics who find many things wrong with the colleges of today and with the graduates they turn out. As a rule, no one is more aware of the shortcomings of these educational institutions than their own faculties. It is quite certain that most of the colleges are making every effort to meet the real educational needs of the nation and to fit their students to live and work and serve. They have been genuinely handicapped by lack of funds and by old theories and swiftly changing ideals.

In spite of its failures and deficiencies, the college education is recognized as valuable. The great throngs of students seeking it are a guaranty that the colleges will learn to meet modern needs and, at the same time will carry on the finest ideals and traditions of true education.

TENNESSEE BLUE LAW

The "blue law" campaign is formally launched. A bill has been introduced in the Tennessee senate to prohibit baseball and other sports on Sunday, along with the operation of all passenger and freight trains, the publication of newspapers, the opening of any kind of stores and all buying and selling except in instances where charity or necessity requires.

The bill is said to have "been the regular course without debate" and to have been received "without any excitement by the senators." There will be plenty of debate and excitement if the movement spreads to other state capitals, and especially if Congress takes a hand in it.

No one has ever yet succeeded in catching a shadow and from present indications the Portland police are not going to establish a new precedent. But how's hoping anyway.—Salem Capitol Journal.

The plain truth is that the crime wave has swept all our police organizations off their feet, and now they are helplessly struggling against the underworld.—Portland Telegram.

They're producing Wagnerian opera in Paris again, and the French don't seem to be protesting at all against this invasion of hostile music. But then, as a New York editor ironically remarks, Paris is too near to the actualities of war to get a proper perspective on such matters.

Sure, Russia has a right to whatever form of government she prefers. And we venture to remind the vociferous friends of Bolshevism, so has America.

Maybe the reason the Germans are still paying Wilhelm his salary is, they hope he'll forgive them for not having won the war for him.

This increase in railroad fares would assist the development of home life, as the Indianapolis Star suggests, if it weren't for the fact that all the money saved on fares is spent on gasoline and tires.

Several million Americans are going to feel discriminated against when Mr. Harding's list of "boobies" runs out.

PENDLETON TEAM LEAVES ON THREE DAY GAME TOUR

PENDLETON, Jan. 21.—Six players and Coach Dick Hanley, representing Pendleton high school, have left this morning for Pullman, Wash., on a three-game tour of the Palouse country. They play a game tonight with Colfax high school, Friday night with the Freshmen of Washington State College and Saturday night with Pullman high school.

Since the game two weeks ago with Walla Walla high school, the local team's chances have looked much better. The boys held their hosts to a 21-20 score and surprised even themselves by their work. Hanley is planning on giving the best game Friday night when the W. S. C. freshmen are taken on.

Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned or interested that the final estimates for the improvement of Improvement District No. 101, paving the alley in Block 107 of Chaplin's Addition, have been made and are now on file in the office of the City Recorder of La Grande, Oregon, and the commission of the City of La Grande, Oregon, has set Wednesday the 26th day of January, A. D. 1922, at 8 o'clock p. m., at the commission room in the city building in La Grande, Oregon, as the time and place where all and any objections to said estimates and the contemplated assessment thereon will be heard and determined.

Dated this January 20th, 1922.
J. E. STEARNS,
Recorder of City of La Grande, Ore.

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PROBATIONER DEAD TWICE, CHILD IS REVIVED AT BOISE

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 21.—After having been pronounced dead by attending physicians, the 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Wagoner, of the Boise fire department, was twice revived and restored to life through use of the first department's lungmover. The boy, revived from pneumonia and once in the White home and again in a hospital, the lungmover was used after the baby had stopped breathing. Doctors attending the case express fond praise for the work done by the doctor, operated by Fire Chief Foster, and express confidence that the child will completely recover.

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