

SOME DECLINE IN INDUSTRY

Agricultural Work Ceases in Most Parts of Coast States Labor Department Report Shows.

(By Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—Industry in general, with the exception of lumber and building, shows a decline in Oregon, Washington and California, J. A. Kelly, district director of the employment division of the United States department of labor, declared in his monthly report issued here today.

Unemployment throughout the three states increased during the past month, the report said. Seasonal occupations, such as agriculture and fruit are at an end and many workers who follow these occupations are flocking to the cities, increasing an already overcrowded labor market, it added.

"The building program on the Pacific coast is several years behind and wherever the weather permits this industry is in a flourishing condition," Mr. Kelly declared.

Reports covering the three states follow:

CALIFORNIA—All agricultural pursuits are at an end for the season. Fall plowing has been retarded due to the shortage of rainfall. No demand for this class of labor anywhere in the state. The last of the fruit crop, oranges, about harvested. With the exception of skilled printers, no demand for help in this line. Many transients entering the state for the winter, particularly in the south. Some are self-supporting, but a vast majority come seeking employment, and are in need of relief. Building industry is booming. Lumber is above normal, considering the season, due chiefly to building activity. This applies to both redwood and pine industries. Many camps and mills, that formerly closed down during the winter, are now operating and will continue to operate, weather permitting. Manufacturing will probably show an increase in employment over last month, but this rate will be offset by the number of agricultural and unskilled workers laid off since. Coastwise shipping trade is brisk, due chiefly to demand for lumber. Off shore shipping very dull. Retail reports show that trade is below the holiday standard.

OREGON—Agricultural work about completed for the season adding considerably to the number of unemployed. Canneries closed, releasing several hundred women who seek only this seasonal employment. Large state and municipal and business projects are started or contemplated during the winter which will give employment to residents. Business considered good and improving.

WASHINGTON—Limited construction of buildings and public works continues. Mines are increasing output. Holiday season shows increase in retail trade. Manufacturing closed. No market. Lumber shows some improvement, but far below normal. Shipbuilding and metal trades at a standstill. Agricultural and fruit activities have ceased, releasing many men, most of whom flock to the cities, adding to an already overcrowded labor market. All municipalities have unemployment committees, endeavoring to give relief to the many thousands out of work.

TRADE UNIONS ORGANIZING

(By Associated Press)

HONOLULU, T. H., Jan. 24.—Workers of all races in Hawaii are considering an international organization among the rank and file to be known as the United Workers of Hawaii and building up an industrial form of organization that will unite in one body, all the wage workers, without discrimination as to sex, race, creed, craft or color, and gaining a direct voice in the management of industry, according to the preamble to the constitution being voted on by the various bodies.

"We believe that labor is entitled to a voice in the management of industry and has a right to determine the conditions under which it shall function, to the end that it shall receive the full value of what it produces," the preamble continues. "We desire to cooperate to the fullest extent with the various national and international trade unions and with the American Federation of Labor, but we call attention to the fact that conditions in Hawaii are different from those on the mainland or in any other country, and we insist that we are the best judges of our own needs and of the tactics to be followed to secure the ends we have in view."

The objects of the organization are stated as:

"To bring within the folds of one central organization all human beings who are engaged in the necessary work of society."

"To bring about class-consciousness and solidarity among the workers."

"To educate the working class in modern economic problems and tactics."

"To gain for the workers a direct voice in the management of industry."

CABINET ON STRIKE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The Lithuanian cabinet, headed by Premier Grinius, resigned yesterday, according to advice today to representatives here of the Lithuanian government.

WILL START FOR ARCTIC

(By Associated Press)

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 24.—Final provisioning and equipping of the exploring ship Maud, in which Captain Roald Amundsen, noted Norwegian explorer and discoverer of the South Pole, will resume his interrupted Arctic expedition next May, is being completed as the stout little ship lies in the land-locked waters of Lake Union here.

A smashed propeller blade, lost in the ice off the northwestern Siberian coast, last year forced Captain Amundsen to bring the Maud to Seattle for repairs. When the journey is resumed the vessel will carry four extra blades so that a similar accident may cause only a temporary halt to the expedition.

The Maud will carry provisions for seven years, although the explorer does not expect the trip to occupy more than five years at the most. The most important of the Maud's equipment, in Captain Amundsen's opinion, will be the two airplanes, purchased in Norway and shipped here recently and which will be used in the making of extensive geographic and hydrographic surveys for a thousand miles on either side of the vessel's track through the Northern seas. The primary purpose of the expedition, which is operating under the auspices of the Norwegian government, is to study the movement of the Arctic ice pack, the effect of ocean currents, magnetic influences and other phenomena of the polar regions. The airplanes, Captain Amundsen expects, will be of great value in this work. He said that he would probably use them to reach the North Pole should his plan to drift past the pole with the ice pack prove not feasible. A wireless equipment installed aboard the Maud will be used to broadcast a message which he reaches the top of the world.

Captain Amundsen expects to strike immediately into the outward or northern drift of the ice as it leaves Bering sea next spring, and to swing with the northeasterly currents early in the summer.

With the explorer will be Captain Oskar Wiisting, sailing master, who stood at his side "on" the South Pole; G. Olonkin, engineer; Dr. H. V. Sverdrup, scientist of the expedition; two Norwegian aviators and a crew of six Siberian natives who joined the Maud in 1920.

Few Sea Otters Remain

Sea otters are courageous and playful. They will lie on their backs in the ocean and toss help for hours, taking great pleasure in catching it. Some say that the mother often sleeps on her back with the pup held between her fore feet. She will never desert her young, and she keeps them at her side for more than a year. The skin is a rich bluish brown, sprinkled over with glistering silvery hairs. There is one of them up at the American Museum of Natural History. They are today, as a rule, only for museums.

Nitrates From Explosives

A plant has been established near Turin, Italy, for the transformation of explosives into nitrates for agricultural uses. These explosives are to be gathered from the battlefields to the value of 1,000,000 lire, and their products combined with other materials for the production of fertilizers. The factory now employs 250 men and is expected to produce 100,000 quintals of fertilizers, containing 15 per cent nitrates, within a short time, according to a report of Consul Duna C. Ryck.

BOWLERS WILL CONVEENE SOON

(By Associated Press)

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 24.—Approximately 1000 teams representing 31 states and Canada will be entered in the annual American Bowling Congress tournament to be held during the month of March. A. L. Langtry of Milwaukee, secretary of the congress, announced today.

With the closing entry date but a week away, more than 500 teams have been listed and dates assigned. The final week in past seasons has brought a greater number of entries than during the remainder of the pre-tournament period. The number of teams that have qualified their intention of participating leads Secretary Langtry to believe this year will be no exception to the rule that attendance will set a new record.

Three new states are added this year to the list of A. B. C. entries. They are Alabama, Georgia, and California. Two teams will represent Mobile, another two are coming from Atlanta, while San Francisco will send one.

The total entries for the various states are placed by Secretary Langtry as follows:

Ohio 400 teams; Illinois 150; Michigan 100; New York 75; Indiana 75; Pennsylvania 60; Wisconsin 60; Missouri 20; Kentucky 15; Canada 15; Minnesota 12; Iowa 10; West Virginia 5; Kansas and Nebraska 5; Colorado 2; Alabama 2; Georgia 2; Florida 2; New Jersey 2; Connecticut 1; California 1.

MUSSELMEN STIRRED UP

(By Associated Press)

BABU, Azerbaijan, Soviet Republic, Jan. 24.—The success of Turkish arms against the Greeks is stirring the Musselman world, and may in time have a far-reaching effect on Russian influence throughout the Caucasus, Turkestan and Persia.

There is a tendency on the part of Moscow, tired of settling interminable disputes, to let these various outlying republics, so-called by force to circumstances and Red army greed, to go their own way, temporarily, and certainly the republics have not been slow to reassert their old local power.

Imperial Russia formerly had a sort of blanket rule, called a viceroyalty, functioning in the Caucasus, consisting of seven provinces and five territories, for a region populated by 12,000,000 persons, three times the size of New England, and three-fourths as large as Texas.

Moscow has lately proposed to revive this old central form of government, in order to eradicate the boundary, commercial, and cus-

tom disputes among the republics of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Dagestan, and Armenia, including lively side-line disputes with Turkey and Persia.

But if there is any union, it may be rather against than for Moscow. Outside of Georgia, it ever not there, the Turk and, generally speaking, the Islam influence is stronger than that of Russia.

Islam is certainly once more in the saddle at Baku. Even the enchainment refuse to speak the Russian language. Enver Pasha, former Turkish war minister, who was sentenced to death by a Turkish court martial for planning that country into the world war, has been here lately apparently trying to show that due respect to Moscow should be continued. His plan of campaign is now to hold on for a while longer with Russia. He claims that the British influence can be cleared out of all Turkey, Persia and the Islamic peoples of Turkestan and India, by working with the Russians. He argues that when Britain has been defeated and Turkey is once more politically independent, Russia can be dealt with, the Soviet rule overthrown here and in Turkestan, and the old order re-established.

Communism, backed up by the Eleventh Red Army, is still inclined to try ride in profits but in Baku

the worm is turning. It has had enough of Cheka and the slaughter of its business men. Andriev, its minister of foreign affairs, is a communist in name only and Moscow is obeyedsofar as Moscow's mandates suit Baku. Dr. Nariman Narimanov, installed as president of the Azerbaijan republic by Moscow because of his communism, is after all Musselman and can not side with strangers against his own people. There are not only broad lines, but cold lines in Baku, the richest oil region of the east.

For these and other reasons, if success comes, definitely, the long reign of Mustapha Kemal Pasha, in Turkey, the cards will be shuffled anew here and the Caucasus mountains will again become political headlines.

Literature

I do not wish to be understood as condemning the training that helps the student to distinguish between good and bad literature, but I do mean to say that if the reader has not that within which interests to him the indefinable something which we call genius, it will never be revealed to him by catechisms and anatomical processes. "I hate to be tied down," Emerson once said, "to say that this means that, because the thought within the image is much more than any one interpretation." — Martha Baker Dunn.



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