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LABOR SHORTAGE IS FORECAST

SALEM, Mar. 21.—There will be a shortage of labor in Oregon within two or three months, C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, predicts. With the passing of the peak of the unemployment situation, Mr. Gram says conditions are rapidly improving. During the latter part of January approximately 17,000 men were out of employment in the state, Mr. Gram said.

VATS DYNAMITED. LINDEN, Tex., Mar. 21.—Thirteen dipping vats in the eastern part of Cass county were destroyed by dynamite last night, according to reports reaching here.

STRIKE HALF CENTURY AGO

GRASS VALLEY, Calif., Mar. 21.—Fifty years ago this month the miners of Grass Valley district declared a strike as a protest against the introduction of giant powder for blasting. They declared that the new explosive endangered their lives, and a solemn pledge was taken that they would not return to work until the use of black powder was resumed. The strike failed after a few weeks and giant powder has been in use in the mines here continuously ever since.

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Leather Shopping Bags, \$1.25

Andrew's Variety Store

IMPROVEMENT DURING MONTH

Employment Picking Up In Three Western States Is U. S. Labor Department Report.

(By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 21.—Employment conditions on the Pacific coast during February showed a slight general improvement over the previous month, according to the report of J. A. Kelly, acting district director of the employment division of the United States department of labor, made public here today.

Building is especially active, in spite of adverse weather conditions in many districts, and as a result lumber shows a marked improvement. On the other hand, mining, the manufacture of food stuffs and textiles, and shipbuilding are still below normal.

WASHINGTON—Conditions show gradual improvement with cooling of spring. Large municipal improvements and state road work, with calls from the wheat district should absorb a majority of those now idle. Gray Harbor section reports logging lumber activities full capacity with shortage of common labor at some points. Optimism prevails and much better conditions are looked for in the next three months. Considerable activity manifest in Alaska fishing.

OREGON—Housing situation well in hand. At the conclusion of the rainy season much building is contemplated. The berry crop will be good. Lumber mills and logging camps especially active. Number of unemployed becoming less. Fishing and canning will start about May 1, with good prospects. Flour mills report operating below capacity, and two report temporary shut-down.

CALIFORNIA—Employment conditions show a slight improvement over last month, despite weather conditions, which have retarded early demands for farm workers. Severe weather conditions have likewise interfered to a degree with building, although this industry is still very active, and indications point to a greater impetus as soon as the weather permits. Saw mills and logging operating about 50 per cent. Planting mills, saw and door factories are operating to capacity. In the food industry, meat packing and flour mills operating at normal. Rice mills reported below normal and in some instances mills shut down. Steel and metal show a slight improvement, but still far below normal. Shipbuilding remains at a standstill and very little repair work being done. Leather industry reports subnormal conditions, both in the tanneries and finished products. Mining below normal. Oil shows no improvement. Transportation dull both in freight and passenger traffic.

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IRISHMAN HAD MUCH TO LEARN

(By Associated Press) ROME, Mar. 21.—A burly Irish sailor who had arrived at Naples on a ship from New York paid a visit to Rome the other day and soon found himself "broke." Calling upon the Reverend Father O'Hagen, acting rector of the American college, he said: "Father, I am here among Protestants, broke and hungry. Could you give me the loan of a meal?" Father O'Hagen smiled but he did not tell the sailor there are 740,000 Catholics in Rome's population of 750,000 and that there are several hundred Catholic churches in Rome, as compared to eight or nine for all other denominations. Instead the rector led the way to the kitchen.

DEPENDENTS IN ENGLAND MANY

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Mar. 21.—More than 72,000 persons in London are dependent on old age allowance, according to figures just announced. In addition about 10,000 septuagenarians are in workhouses or hospitals, receiving free medical treatment and clothing, or under the care of the guardians. More than two-thirds of the old-age pensioners are women. The

totals show a considerable decrease over 1914, although there is a marked increase in the number of women.

NEW DIRECTOR OF U. S. MINT

Stewardship of Third of World's Gold Changed Hands Today; Texan Succeeds Baker.

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Mr. Schobey assumed supervision of the government's coinage institutions and tons of precious metals, buys of gold and silver and coins of all denominations will come under his charge. According to a report completed Sunday night by Mr. Baker for his successor, the total assets of the mint service institutions approximate \$3,676,000,000, stored in the mints at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco, and the United States assay office at New York. Much of the enormous stock of gold is accounted for by the tremendous influx of that precious metal into this country since the war.

Summarizing his five years' term as money maker for the government, Mr. Baker said that the coin demand upon the United States mints was larger during the calendar years 1917 to 1920, inclusive, than during any period in the history of the service. During the war period, he said, approximately 2,693,000,000 separate coins were struck off by the mints at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco, while the output for the calendar year 1919 alone was 839,000,000 pieces, or 446 per cent larger than in a normal pre-war year, such as 1915.

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RUSSIA NOW EXPORTS MUCH

(By Associated Press) CONSTANTINOPLE, March 21.—Borislaw Koutshik, Russian Soviet Trade commissioner in Constantinople, says that Russia is exporting wool, timber, furs, skins, silks and other goods in exchange for food, agricultural implements, drugs, optical instruments which are in great need in Russia.

"We have made important contracts with British and French firms," he continued. "Twenty-five ships went through the Straits of the Bosphorus in November on their way to ports in the Crimea. Their cargoes consisted mostly of food-stuffs and agricultural implements. Our export trade is far from attaining the normal, not because we lack raw materials, in which Russia abounds, but because our export operations can only be established on a basis of sound agreements with our neighbors and with the rest of Europe and America."

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REDS EXPORT MUCH GOLD

(By Associated Press) STOCKHOLM, Mar. 21.—The Russian Bolsheviks continue to export large amounts of gold. In one week 515 cases of gold coins arrived here from Revel while in another week an Estonian icebreaker brought 529 cases valued at \$22,000,000.

It is understood that these parcels of gold only pass through Sweden on their way to America.

CONTRACTORS ATTENTION

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PRIZES FOR CLEANLINESS

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Mar. 21.—Women of Leyton, England, will receive prizes of 5 pounds each for the cleanest and best-kept house in that district by the will of Edward J. Davis, an educator, who has just died there. Mr. Davis bequeathed 1,000 pounds, the income of which is to be divided annually in 50 pound prizes to widows, wives or sisters whose homes are neatest.

IS A HIGH LIVER

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Mar. 21.—Counsel for Mrs. Edith Kelly Gould, divorced wife of Frank Jay Gould, Wednesday, told Supreme Court Justice Newburger that his client needed \$15,000 annually for living expenses.

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