

# LABOR WINNING THINKS GOMPERS

### Wage Reduction Has Been Less than Five Per Cent Since Signing of Armistice, He Claims.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Organized labor groups have every reason to congratulate their membership on the coming of Labor day in 1922, because of the industrial and political solidarity of the working people; because of determination with themselves to push forward, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, declares in an address to be published in the forthcoming issue of the "American Federationist." There has been a general "resistance of American labor to the program of wage reduction and union smashing," and it has been successful, he asserted.

"It is safe to say that the full volume of wage reductions since the armistice, if averaged up and spread over the working population would amount to less than 5 per cent," Mr. Gompers said, adding that this is "stark defeat for employers." "It is magnificent victory for the workers," he continued. "There are no terms too strong to describe the importance of this victory for labor. It is a victory the celebration of which every useful citizen can join, because the purpose of those employers who sought to reduce wages was not to reduce the final cost of commodities; not so that there might be a larger volume of commodities produced, but it was so that there might be a larger profit in the production of commodities, a lower wage for the worker and a relatively higher cost to the consumer."

In regard to the future Mr. Gompers said:

**Must Continue Fight.**

"Labor day, 1922, finds the workers confronting the same elemental issues with which they have been forced to contend in a general way over a still longer period of years. "But Labor day, 1922, finds the workers in a position of greater advantage than before. The crucial period of unemployment has been passed. The wage reduction movement long since lost its principal momentum and the movement to establish the so-called "open shop," which is in reality the non-union shop, has proven without effect. "Labor has every reason to congratulate itself on the occasion of its Labor day celebrations each year. These congratulations, however, must be accompanied by determination to continue the struggle. "There can be no relinquishing of vigilance at any point. We have held our ground because of our understanding and our solidarity. If these are relinquished at any moment we shall lose that which we have thus far held, lose them to the detriment not only of the workers, but of our entire industrial life."

beved to be on the increase, the various herds probably numbering about 5,000 head now.

The country in which they live is a mixture of prairie patches, wooded land and rolling hills. Buffalo feed during the open season, returning to the lowland during the winter where they live on the plentiful red top hay in the sloughs. As far as is known, they never migrate beyond this range and as a general rule follow one line of sloughs, traveling to "pasture new" as the grass gets eaten and trampled down.

J. M. Street, a trapper of Peace Point, upon his return from the north country recently, brought reports from the Bison range. He travels the district all winter, as his trap lines are run through the range, and he is well acquainted with the buffalo.

Mr. Street states that the buffalo range is a maze of heavily marked trails which run in all directions. Frequently one meets herds of from 25 to 40 buffalo, and several times last season the trapper states that he came upon one band of bulls which numbered 50. He is of the opinion that a large herd from this herd would dress about 2400 pounds.

Maxwell Graham, of the department of the interior, is now in the north investigating the feasibility of establishing a buffalo sanctuary.

# GAME CAUSES KINKED NECK

Mahjong, the ancient Chinese game whose recent revival in the Far East threatens the supremacy of bridge in the clubs of Hong Kong, Shanghai and other centers, and which now is spreading into the United States, has developed the possibility of a "mahjong neck" in the mind of a contributor to the North China Daily News of Shanghai.

The News correspondent says: "In the early stage of the game most ladies, after bending over the table playing for an hour or more, complained of kinks in their necks. Now I hear not a murmur. Have they developed a mahjong muscle?"

Losses this summer from forest fires in the state of Idaho are many times greater than they were during the severe season of 1919, according to L. H. Nash, state land commissioner.

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### Housing Facilities Increasing Throughout Country; Building Activity on Upward Trend.

(By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 29.—Building activity in this city during the first six months of the present year has resulted in Philadelphia jumping from eighth to sixth place among the nine largest cities of the country in the number of new dwelling permits issued, the Philadelphia Housing Association announces.

For the first half year New York had housing projects which will provide accommodations for 242 per cent of the yearly population increment. Los Angeles ranks next with a record of 214 per cent, followed by Boston with 115 per cent, Chicago with 113 per cent, Pittsburgh with 105 per cent, Philadelphia with 92.6 per cent, Baltimore with 89 per cent, Detroit with 61 per cent and Cleveland with 51 per cent. As contrasted with last year's record for this period, Philadelphia has increased the percentage provided for its yearly need of new accommodations 7.6 times.

Only one other city has a larger percentage of its new housing accommodations under permit in single family houses than Philadelphia, Baltimore tops the list with 90 per cent in single dwellings; Philadelphia has 88 per cent; Pittsburgh 68 per cent; Los Angeles 58 per cent; Cleveland 50 per cent; Detroit 40 per cent; New York 37 per cent; Chicago 24 per cent and Boston eight per cent.

**Divorce Among Birds.**

Contrary to general belief, the house wren frequently is divorced from his mate during the season, says an ornithologist. Some wrens return year after year with the same mates, while others are discovered with different mates.

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# JARDINE IS WED TO MISS GARROON

### Mr. and Mrs. Jardine Will be at Home at Corvallis After October 1, According to Reports.

CORVALLIS, Aug. 28.—News of the marriage of James T. Jardine, director of the Oregon Experiment Station, and Miss Gladys Garroon of Las Vegas, New Mexico, has been received at the state agricultural college. Mr. and Mrs. Jardine will be at home at Corvallis after October 1. Director Jardine has been in charge of experiment station work since June, 1920. Under his supervision the findings of scientific investigation have come to be accepted and practiced by a larger ratio of farmers in Oregon than in any other state, according to reports of agricultural officials.

Military students desiring to enter the regular army will have a better chance to obtain commissions since the adoption of a new policy by the war department with reference to institutions designated as distinguished colleges. O. A. C. won this distinction for the fifth time last spring.

Twenty-five per cent of this year's grantees who have completed the second year of the advanced course in a combat unit of the reserve officers' training corps and who will be eligible for appointment on January 1, 1923, may be designated, upon the specific recommendation of the professor of military science and tactics, for appointment as second lieutenants in the regular army. This number includes the 5 per cent already graduated and designated for appointment. These candidates will be exempt from the mental examination in the examination ordered for October 23, 1922. A board of officers is now in session at the R. O. T. C. unit of the Ore-

gon Agricultural college for the preliminary examination of candidates. Captain Holmes G. Paulin, cavalry; E. D. L. Cuyham, 1922 graduate of O. A. C.; and Captain Lee L. Partlow, field artillery, D. O. L., compose the board and will furnish information upon request.

Four men have already been recommended to appear before the final examinee board October 23. They are Clyde C. Burcham, 1922 graduate of O. A. C.; Gande A. Thorpe, who will be graduated at mid-year, 1922-1923; William M. Allen, a Corvallis citizen, and Lawrence E. Darlington, private in the regular army detachment stationed at the college.

# MEETING OF BAR COMMITTEE

(By Associated Press.)  
HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Aug. 29.—The mid-winter meeting of the executive committee, American Bar Association, will be held here early in January, according to information received by the local bar from the annual meeting which recently closed in San Francisco. This meeting was held in Tampa, Fla., last year. W. O. Hart of New Orleans, La., is chairman.

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(By Associated Press.)  
EDMONTON, ALB., Aug. 29.—Unafraid of man, the last remaining herds of wild buffalo on the continent live a peaceful and untroubled life on a range between the Peace and Slave rivers, and the Great Slave lake, and it is expected within a short time their territory will be turned into a sanctuary, closed to all trappers and hunters. They have inhabited this district for many years and are be-

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