

CERTAIN LABOR BECOMING SCARCE SAYS BABSON

The Statistician Sees Promises of General Improvement in Increase of Employment

Wellesley Hills, Mass., June 17.—With the news full of strikes, threatened strikes and labor unrest, Roger W. Babson, statistician, issued the following statement regarding general industrial situation: "For some time," said Mr. Babson "business in the East has been reviving. Were it not for the textile and other strikes in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, business conditions in New England, New York State and Pennsylvania would be very good today. During the past year, the Central West has been the weakest spot in the business situation. The abrupt drop in the price of grains, livestock and other farm products left the agricultural sections of our country in a very bad condition. You will remember the Farmers' Conference at Washington and various forms of aid enacted by Congress and different state legislatures. "The rise in agricultural products however, which occurred a few months ago, accompanied by the good weather conditions of the past few weeks, has made the farmers feel very much better. Reports which I am receiving from correspondents in the west are truly encouraging. This applies not only to the agricultural districts but also to the mining and lumber business. Even the automobile industry, which is such a factor thruout Ohio and Indiana, is feeling much more encouraged. Of course, the union coal fields are quiet, but the non-union fields are more active each week. The cut in freight rates should help the coal and lumber business. The demand for cotton continues strong and the South is gradually feeling better. This better feeling thruout the West and South is reflected by the improvement in the business of the mail order houses. The customers of the mail order houses are largely in the rural districts. This shows that the farmers have again begun to buy. This is very gratifying and is one of the reasons for the continued strong stock market. "Owing to the change in the foreign trade situation and the sale of foreign bonds in this country, sterling exchange is much stronger. Altho it may be only a temporary movement, the whole foreign situation looks better than it has looked for some time. Private advices tell me that a settlement is being approached between Germany, England and France regarding the

German reparations. If this is so, it should be distinct impetus to business, both by causing Europe to buy from this country and giving this country confidence to loan Europe. Altho no change has taken place in the Russian situation during the past week, yet signs even in Russia are favorable at the moment. For the first time in many years things look encouraging in Europe. "The strike situation in New England is gradually clearing up. The strike in Providence is about over, and production in all mill cities is gradually increasing. It is believed that mills will have all the men they desire after the Fourth of July. Another factor helping the mill situation is the fact that many of the dissatisfied employees are getting employment elsewhere. There is considerable demand for common labor today. Many of the striking employees from the textile and other mills have been able to get a satisfactory wage in connection with the building and other trades. Thus there is very little suffering or hardship in these mill cities. The strikes may never be officially declared off. They may be ended by the mill owners securing other employees from the country districts, who have never worked in the mills, and by the old mill workers getting positions in other lines of activity. The strike is developing largely into a swapping of jobs. So far as the general welfare of the country is concerned, this is as satisfactory as to have the strikers go back. The average business man is primarily interested in having people employed, and to business as a whole, it makes little difference for whom individuals work. "I prophesy that the threatened railway strike will end by the men shifting jobs. These men engaged in the maintenance of way, are largely men who have not been able to secure positions in trades. Under present business conditions the cut is justified, as these men could not secure elsewhere a wage equivalent to what the railroads are now paying them. If, however, business begins to improve this summer, the demand for labor increases, it is very probable that the best of these maintenance-of-way men will get positions in the building and other trades while the railroads will import a new lot of men from the country. For the past year or two we have seen in the papers accounts merely of wage cuts. Reductions have run all the way from 10 per cent to 50 per cent, with an average of 25 per cent. I should not be surprised to see some advances from this time on. The Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. of Akron, Ohio, has already advanced wages 10 per cent. Other concerns which are temporarily short of labor are offering more money. It is, however, interesting to note that the labor unions were

not successful in holding up wages at the time of the decline and are not forcing increase at this time. History is simply repeating itself. The law of supply and demand determine wages as it determines prices. If business begins to pick up this summer, as I anticipate it will, the demand for labor will increase. Owing to the fact that immigration has been cut off, this will necessarily cause employers to bid against one another and wages will again go up, for a time at least. Considering a long period of years into the future, the trend of wages may continue downward, but a temporary upturn would not be surprising. "The Babsonchart on business conditions is acting in a very peculiar way and is suggestive of a turn for the better within the next few weeks. The time is fast approaching when one half of the preceding area of expansion will be set off. When this time comes, it can be truly said that we have turned the corner. This does not mean that we are about to enter a period of prosperity, but it does mean that we are on the home stretch and have seen the worst. The Babsonchart index today stands at 17 per cent below normal. This is due to the increased building which is evident thruout the country. Moreover, this building boom is only beginning. "We may expect", concluded Mr. Babson, "a real scarcity in certain classes of labor during the balance of the year."

OWYHEE

Miss Violet Whipple of Nyssa, is helping at the Kygar home through haying. Mrs. Otto Schweizer, who has been visiting her son, Oee and family, went to her home at Caldwell Monday. Mrs. A. C. Bradley visited at the Pullen home Monday. Cora Elliot of the Colony, was a guest of Evelyn DeBord, Sunday. J. P. McGinnis and family were guests at the Peutz home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith entertained a jolly crowd at their home Friday evening. The evening was enjoyably spent in music, games, etc. Mrs. J. S. Glascock of Ontario, is at the ranch this week. Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Lowe and a number of Colony people called at the Chas. Schweizer home at the Hot Springs Sunday. Choir practice will be at Fisher's next Saturday evening with Mr. Larsen leading. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Glenn and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Skinner called at the Robt. Elliot home Sunday. Mrs. Chas. Schweizer was called to Vale by the County Supt. to grade the June examination papers for the eighth grade, Monday and Tuesday. Mrs. Oee Schweizer went to the Bend Monday for a visit with her sister, Miss Lois Russell, who left Tuesday for an extended visit with her brother, Lawrence Russel and family, of Milwaukee. Chas. Bradley made a business trip to Ontario Monday. Zack Walker who has been farming the old Overstreet ranch on the river, has made a trade whereby he becomes an owner of the garage in New Plymouth. The name of the purchaser of the farm has not been learned. The Walkers are moving this week. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin McGinnis and son, James and Oscar Pinkston, returned home recently from the mountains near Baker where they recently completed a timbering contract. Clifford Fields of Nyssa, is visiting at the Penn ranch this week. Mrs. J. S. Glascock gave a birthday party for her 7 year old daughter, Alice Maybelle, Thursday. Refreshments of ice cream, cake and candy were served. Games and swimming in the river were enjoyed by the youngsters. Evelyn DeBord attended a meeting of the Canning club at the Elliot home in the Colony Thurs.

IRONSIDE NEWS

The Ironside ball team defeated Unity by a score of 11 to 7 in a game here last Sunday. J. W. and Harry Marshall of Seattle, formerly of this place, are here for a few weeks camping and fishing. Bruce Walters was here Tuesday from Ironside mountain, for a load of supplies. Jesse Simpson of Riverside Hill is reported very ill with spotted fever. His mother was called to take care of him. Mrs. Pratt, who is teaching in the South Fork district, was called to Cairo on account of the illness of her

son, Louis. Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Elms and Mrs. H. C. Elms motored to Ontario and Vale Monday. Miss Ruth Lackey of Ontario, and little niece Evelyn of St. Anthony, are visiting the former's sister and family Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duncan. Miss Thompson of Vale, returned home after a few days' visit with Miss Ora Lawrence. F. Smith of Brogan was in this vicinity Monday looking for men to work in haying. G. R. Deckson made a business trip to Nyssa the fore part of the week. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Elms returned Tuesday to their home at Unity. H. M. Rutherford and family, from the Malheur district, spent Sunday here. Jesse and Frank Anderson were visitors here Sunday. Fred and Walter Lawrence and Elmer Moltham went to Flag where they will do some fencing on their homesteads. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Plummer motored here from Portland for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Plummer. Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Elms motored to Vale and Ontario Monday, returning the same day.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR MALHEUR COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN A. KENNEDY, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given by Frances E. Kennedy, administratrix of the Estate of John A. Kennedy, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said estate to present such claims with the necessary vouchers according to law, within six months after the first publication of this notice, to Frances E. Kennedy, administratrix of the Estate of John A. Kennedy, deceased, at the law office of W. H. Brooke and P. J. Gallagher, in Ontario, Oregon.

The first notice hereof is published this 25th day of May, 1922.

FRANCES E. KENNEDY, ADMINISTRATRIX of the Estate of John A. Kennedy, Deceased.

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