

WAGES AS WELL AS LIVING COSTS FALL

Decline Is General, Declares Packers' Attorney.

NATION IS RETRENCHING

Statistics Presented to Show That Pay Increase to Employers Now Is Not Warranted.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—Statistics which he said were intended to show that there was a spirit of retrenchment in the nation's industry and that wages and the cost of living were going down throughout the country were presented to Federal Judge Alschuler today by L. H. D. Weld, representing the packing companies in the hearing of demands of 225,000 packing company employees for a wage scale increase of \$1 a day.

Judge Alschuler heard the case two months ago, but never rendered a decision. The hearing was reopened at the request of the packers, who maintained that the "decrease in the cost of living since the previous hearing should be taken into consideration in this case, which would result in a decrease in the wage scale. He said that living costs are decreasing."

Statistics Show Trend.
Mr. Weld declared that the packers were asking only that wages be not increased. He presented statistics gathered by the packers from 879 industrial plants in various sections which quoted reductions in working hours, wages, the cost of living and number of men employed during the past 90 days. Of these plants 879 had increased wages, 104 showed no change, 456 had reduced forces, 228 reduced the number of working hours and 180 reduced wages, mainly by hiring new employees at reduced pay. In some cases both hours and wages were reduced.

Mr. Weld said that in South Carolina 24 cotton mills had reduced wages and that wage reductions also had been made by 17 industrialists, mostly automobile, in Ohio, 10 in Indiana, 25 in Missouri, 5 in New Hampshire, 17 in Missouri, 19 in Illinois, not including packers. The 879 firms on which the statistics were gathered had reduced their working forces by more than 200,000 the past 90 days, he said. Of these 100,000 industrialists employed more than 100 men, he said.

Food and Clothing Fall.
In Chicago, he said, there had been an average of 10 per cent in the last year and 15 per cent in the last 90 days. Clothing had decreased 25 per cent in 90 days, he said.

Kansas City showed a clothing and food reduction of 31 per cent in the past year and Omaha a reduction of 28 per cent in 90 days, he asserted.

Letters from several merchants in St. Joseph, Mo., read at today's session, said they had made a permanent reduction of 20 to 25 per cent in furniture, clothes and shoes because they could buy these things at 40 per cent less than they paid for stocks on hand.

J. E. PINKHAM IS SUICIDE

SEATTLE LUMBERMAN KILLS SELF AFTER BREAKDOWN.

Indefatigable Service as Chairman of United War Work Campaign Blamed for Illness.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—James E. Pinkham, Seattle lumberman, suffering from nervous breakdown caused by close application to work on behalf of the government during the war, died Sunday morning from a self-inflicted bullet wound at his home, 2180 Forty-fifth avenue northeast. His family had left the house a few minutes before he attended church. The body was discovered by a sister-in-law. Pinkham served as chairman of the United War Work Campaign in 1918, carrying the executive burden of the work, which resulted in the beginning of a physical breakdown. He spent several months in California, returning only slightly improved in health. He immediately resumed his place as president and manager of the J. E. Pinkham Lumber company. Mr. Pinkham was second president of the Seattle Rotary club, elected in 1911, and did much to promote the interests of that organization. He was an indefatigable worker throughout the war period. Mr. Pinkham is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ada D. Pinkham, and two children. He was 35 years old.

Obituary.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—Funeral services were held

Sunday for Bert Hayes, hooktender at Poole's camp No. 3, who died of injuries received Thursday when a log rolled on him. The Eagles lodge of this city conducted the services.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—Fayette Frank DeLong, 76, died of cancer of the stomach after a lingering illness at his home in East Walla Walla Saturday night. He was a civil war veteran and member of the U. A. R. He leaves his widow, son, Willard, a member of the fire department, and a daughter, Mrs. Wade H. Durham.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—Mrs. E. L. Brown of McClary, a resident of that place for 15 years, died Saturday in Tacoma. Mrs. Brown, who had a wide circle of friends in the county, leaves her widower and five sons.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—John Henry Myers, 73 years old, a civil war veteran, died at his home in East Vancouver yesterday. He was born in Clarion county, Pa., and when 15 years old joined company K, 148th Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, and was in 16 battles, including Gettysburg, Spotsylvania and the battle of the Wilderness. He was at Appomattox court-house and Lee's surrender January 1, 1867. He married Nancy J. Hall. She died in 1888, and two years later he married Grace Hemick, who survives. He also leaves five sons and four daughters, 26 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The funeral will be held from the Knapp chapel at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and interment will be in the military cemetery here.

AUTO OWNERS ARE TARDY

MR. KOZER ASKS FOR EARLY APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES.

Last Minute Rush Is Predicted Unless Car Owners Send in Their Requests at Once.

According to Sam Kozer, secretary of state, there promises to be a last-minute rush for automobile licenses unless owners of cars put their applications through faster than they have been doing for the past several months. Mr. Kozer was in Portland last week checking up on state licenses and drivers' permits with the police and found that there were only some 300 applications being taken in daily.

"Last year we were deluged with last-minute applications," said Mr. Kozer, "and everything points to a recurrence of the same thing in 1921. Applications should be coming in at present at a rate of 1500 or more daily if all who own cars expect to get their license plates right after the new year. As a matter of fact they are coming in at about one-fifth that rate. Applicants should have some consideration and get in their forms as early as possible."

In the matter of drivers' permits Mr. Kozer said the state had issued about 15,000 of these cards and that he was certain this number did not begin to cover the persons in the state who drive.

TWO, 17, ELOPE; JAILED

Parents of High School Couple Intervene, Spoil Romance.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—Gwendolyn Chase and Claire Armstrong, both 17 and high school students in Wenatchee, came to Seattle Sunday night to get married. They went to jail instead.

The parents of the youthful elopers missed them late Sunday afternoon and police in Seattle were notified to be on the lookout for them. Detectives C. C. Fortner and E. W. Yorin arrested them as they stepped off the train.

Miss Chase and Armstrong were in the detention home today and will be returned to Wenatchee.

CALIFORNIA HAS BACKING

Montana Governor Approves Fight to Keep Out Japs.

HELENA, Mont., Nov. 22.—In response to the plea of United States Senator Phelan of California, to protest to the United States department of state against any treaty which gives foreign-born Japanese the rights of citizenship, Governor Stewart expressed himself here today as being in "heart sympathy with the attitude of Senator Phelan and the people of California."

Governor Stewart said he had not yet decided whether he would send the protest which Senator Phelan requested.

Berdune Arrested in Idaho.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—Joseph Berdune, formerly of Portland, who has served two terms in the Oregon state penitentiary for forgery, and who was acquitted on a similar charge by the Marion county grand jury last January, has been arrested at Lewiston, Idaho, according to information reaching here today. Berdune was pardoned from the penitentiary here in September, 1918. It was reported that Berdune's operations in Idaho netted him a large sum of money.

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BANK EXAMINER QUILTS

STATE SUPERINTENDENT TENDERS RESIGNATION.

Retiring Official Has Been Connected With Finances in This State.

ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—At the request of the state game department, District Attorney Barrett has filed a motion in the justice court to reopen the case of the state against Ward Edwards and to modify the judgment of the court. Edwards was found guilty on a charge of killing deer during the closed season and fined \$50, but collection of the fine was suspended. The game department is urging that the judgment be modified so as to require immediate payment of the fine.

New Press Association Growing.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Nov. 22.—(Special.)—The college papers of the coast now are receiving the benefits of the Pacific Intercollegiate Press association, which was formed last week. The Oregon Daily Emerald daily receives comprehensive news from other schools in the association. The members of the association are: University of Washington Daily, Daily Californian, O. A. C. Banner, Oregon Daily Emerald, Whitman College Pioneer, Reed College Quaker, Washington State College Evergreen, University of British Columbia Ubyssay, The Gonzaga, Sun Dodger of University of Washington and Lemmon Punch of the University of Oregon.

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Daylight Robber Nets \$36.

CORVALLIS, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special.)—A burglar broke into the Nolan store in broad daylight and escaped with the \$36 change that he found in the cash drawers. J. E. Thatcher, who lives on the lot back of the store, heard the window glass break as the thief forced his entrance. He also saw the man climb out the window and disappear down the street. He did not suspect the man and did not give the alarm for an hour.

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