

## 3,000,000 WORKERS IN NATION ARE IDLE

Wave of Unemployment  
Sweeps Eastern States.

### EXPERTS GIVE ESTIMATES

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Conditions in South Do Not Appear  
to Be of Serious Nature.

CHICAGO, April 30.—Slightly more than 2,000,000 men will be unemployed in 19 states of the union when May day is ushered in tomorrow, according to estimates given by the Associated Press by government, labor, state and industrial officials.

A large percentage of those who are unable to obtain work in the big industrial sections of the eastern and central states, included in these 19 states from which unemployed figures could be obtained, but reports from the other 29 states where figures were unobtainable all show that unemployment exists and the estimated unemployment of the country, made by experts including labor leaders, range from 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 persons.

**Eastern States Seriously Affected.**  
Reports of much unemployment show up from New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Ohio, while practically every state east of the Mississippi river and north of the Mason and Dixon line is seriously affected by the wave that has swept over the country during the last year. The reports indicate that the situation in these more densely populated states is growing more acute daily.

The report of the United States government employment service showed that on January 1 of this year the leading cities of the country with a population of 25,000 or more had a total of 1,892,755 unemployed and subsequent bulletins issued by this service indicate that this number has increased somewhat in these cities during the last four months.

**Optimism Prevails in West.**  
While the unemployment extends to the west and south, yet in the reports from the former a decided tone of optimism prevails for a resumption of business activity that would speedily do away with the unemployment while in the south the situation does not appear to be of a serious nature, and reports state that when the agricultural work is in full swing the surplus of labor will be small.

New York city, Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit and Cleveland stand out as the centers of the unemployment wave.

In the country's largest city, reports from experts indicate that approximately 250,000 men and women are out of work. On January 1, this year, the government estimated that 234,242 were unemployed in Gotham and this has been increased during the four months, according to the monthly bulletins of the industrial service.

The remainder of the state, however, has not gone unscathed by any means, for the reports from Albany show that 264,000 of the state's 1,500,000 factory workers, including New York city, are unemployed. In New York state cities report unemployed on about the same scale.

**Illinois Shows Like Condition.**  
The United States employment service figures for Illinois shows a somewhat like condition. While 86,000 were unemployed in the city of Chicago in January, yet the rate of increase in the last four months would indicate that this has been increased to more than 100,000 by today. In the state of Illinois, however, the figures move upward. The government puts them this way: On January 1, 1920, 1424 concerns employed 943,400 persons. On January 1, 1921, these same firms employed 853,312, showing a reduction during that year of 414,087. Chicago firms were included in this survey. No figures for the next four months on these concerns is given but an estimate based on 197 concerns, each employing more than 500 men or women, show a decrease in employment of about 3 per cent on April 1 as compared with January 1, 1921.

Pennsylvania probably ranks next with an estimated number of unemployed placed at 250,000 by the state bureau of employment. Members of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce recently issued a statement contending that this figure was too low.

**Estimate Given by States.**  
The estimates of the states where unemployment flourishes most at the present time show the number of unemployed to be:

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| New York      | 250,000 |
| Illinois      | 100,000 |
| Pennsylvania  | 250,000 |
| Michigan      | 100,000 |
| Ohio          | 100,000 |
| Wisconsin     | 100,000 |
| West Virginia | 30,000  |
| New Hampshire | 25,000  |
| California    | 30,000  |
| Rhode Island  | 25,000  |
| Washington    | 25,000  |
| Oklahoma      | 15,000  |
| Nebraska      | 15,000  |
| Idaho         | 12,000  |
| Kentucky      | 10,000  |
| Arizona       | 8,000   |
| Utah          | 6,000   |

In a number of states the reports gave no estimate of the number of unemployed, but the officials noted that the unemployment was large. In Massachusetts, for instance, the estimate was lacking, although figures compiled from two trades ran the total of unemployed in these up to 22,000.

**At Least 5,000,000 Out of Work.**  
James H. Maurer, president of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, estimates that about 5,000,000 are unemployed in the United States, but government statistics and individual reports from almost all states

do not quite bear out this figure, although they do indicate that the total is somewhere between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000.

Approximately 364,000 of New York state's 1,500,000 factory workers will be unemployed May 1 as a result of industrial conditions. Factory wages average 10 per cent lower than in October, 1920, when the high point was reached. Wage reductions are expected all along May 1.

**Oregon Situation Improving.**  
The unemployment situation in Oregon has been gradually improving since the first of the year, according to C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner. With lumbering operations slowly resuming, and agricultural work taking many idle men from the cities, there has been a decrease of approximately 5000 unemployed as compared with the number out of work in January, which was estimated at about 15,000.

The bulk of the unemployed are loggers and lumber mill workers. Employment conditions in the state of Washington are showing little improvement, according to W. C. Carpenter, federal employment agent for the Pacific northwest, with headquarters here. He estimated that 20,000 men in the state are out of work. Industrial absorption of labor this spring has been far below expectations. Mr. Carpenter stated, with almost a total lack of improvement so far as farm labor is concerned.

**Idaho Conditions Below Normal.**  
Labor conditions in Idaho as represented in the three big industries of the state, mining, lumbering and agriculture, are far below normal, according to a statement made by O. H. Barber, state commissioner of immigration, labor and statistics. Of the 5000 men normally employed in the mining industry only 2000 are employed at the present time, there is practically no employment in the lumbering industry, and employment is normal in agricultural pursuits, according to Commissioner Barber.

Between 12,000 and 14,000 men out of work were in the state the early part of 1921, according to figures presented to the State Federation of Labor.

Unemployment in Montana, which has been growing in volume since last November, is due principally to the curtailment of operations by the mining companies, is the statement made by Charles D. Greenfield, acting state commissioner of labor and industry. The lack of demand for copper and the low price quoted for the metal have reduced the number of miners employed in the Butte mines in the past four or five months from 80 to 70 per cent.

### FAMINE WEEKS AT HAND

AMERICA'S TASK OF MERCY  
NOT YET FINISHED.

May 1 to 5 Designated as Period  
of Intensive Effort to Save Lives  
of 5,000,000 More Sufferers.

NEW YORK, April 30.—(Special.)—Five million of the starving in China "still remain to be saved," according to a cable just received from the president of China by Alfred S. Sze, newly appointed minister from China to the United States. Minister Sze concluded yesterday with a civic reception at the Baltimore hotel, which he received the freedom of the city, an extensive speaking tour, which has taken him to ten of the largest cities of the country. The tour was undertaken with full approval of the administration, at the instance of the American committee for China famine relief, with the object, primarily, of carrying a message of thanks from the Chinese republic to the American people for the aid already given to the starving in the five northern provinces.

The American committee also made a special request to Minister Sze to undertake the speaking tour at this time as a fitting preparation for "China famine week," which commences tomorrow and continues till the following Sunday. The week has been designated as a period of intensive effort to save the lives of the 5,000,000 of the famine sufferers.

All state and local committees, it is announced from national headquarters, Bible house, New York, have laid plans for stimulating new enthusiasm in behalf of American relief work in the famine area.

Contrary to recent erroneous reports of improved and fairly satisfactory conditions," says the statement, "authentic word by letter and cable, which has just arrived from missionary leaders and others in the five famine-stricken provinces of northern China, indicates a situation of hunger, disease and death involving millions of people who have not yet been reached."

"In addition to all that America has already done, several million dollars must go to China in quick relief following installments during the next few weeks; otherwise much that has been done will, after all, be lost. Unless our help, in largely increased measure, can be continued these wretched people in their extreme desperation will eat the growing crops and thereby perfect into another year this awful famine condition."

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Delegations From Ontario and Vale  
Guests at Banquet and  
Programme.

NYSSA, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—The 102d anniversary of the Oddfellows' lodge was celebrated here Tuesday, when delegations from Ontario and Vale were guests of the Nyssa lodge and initiations staged. A programme was presented and banquet served. Dr. Pogue of Ontario and James Duncan of Nyssa spoke. Degree work was staged by members of the Rebekah lodge from Ontario.

POSSIL, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—About 40 members of the Condon and Mayville Rebekah lodges visited the Possil Rebekah lodge Tuesday to celebrate the anniversary. After the regular business session, a luncheon was served. Members played "200" and danced.

ESTACADA, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—A special train brought 75 delegates to the Rebekah district convention here Wednesday. Oregon City, Molalla, Gladstone, Milwaukie, Clackamas and Salem were represented. Mrs. W. F. Cary, vice-grand of the Estacada lodge, delivered an address of welcome. The next district meeting will be held in Oregon City, with Mrs. R. H. Curran of Curranville as chairman.

SEASIDE, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—Members of Seaside Oddfellows and Rebekah lodges observed the 102d anniversary of the founding of the order Wednesday. A programme and banquet were features.

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