

JOBLESS RANKS ARE GROWING IN TEXTILE DISTRICTS IN EAST

Report of Conditions to Federal Reserve Board Show Surplus of Labor in Many Instances.

Washington, Dec. 11.—(I. N. S.)—Ranks of the jobless are growing. This survey of labor conditions was given to the federal reserve board today in reports from industrial districts. Unemployment has assumed most serious proportions in the textile districts of New England and the Middle Atlantic states.

In Massachusetts textile mill districts unemployment is estimated at more than 20 per cent of the total membership of trade union memberships. Boot and shoe industries in the same territory, it was said, show much higher percentages of labor idleness.

In Pennsylvania and New Jersey mill districts unemployment is increasing, the board stated. Both Chicago and Richmond reserve bank agents reported unemployment increasing, the increase in idle men and women being very marked in the South-eastern cotton mill districts. In the Middle Western factory cities and towns, it is said, especially in the automobile centers, there is much more unemployment noted. In Chicago territory, a survey of factories normally employing 45,000 garment workers, revealed that a considerable percentage are not at work, because of the part time schedules of the factories.

Bankers in the districts covered by the St. Louis Federal Reserve bank report surplus of labor in lumbering and transportation, clothing and shoe manu-

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facturing. Practically normal labor conditions prevail in Kansas City and San Francisco reserve districts and are not seriously disturbed by idleness of virtually the only parts of the country workmen.

CHINESE ROBBED OF \$150 ON TRAIN

Two Mysterious Strangers Who Porter Says Were on Cars Are Sought by City Police.

Although he has \$240 in gold and a check for \$1300 to help him on his way back to China, Jim Lee of Minneapolis is far from happy. Police inspectors also are looking for two mysterious strangers whom Lee and a Pullman porter suspect took \$400 of his original hoard while he slept between Spokane and Portland.

Jim Lee had worked for years in the laundry trade at Minneapolis, cherishing the hope that he would save enough to take him home and keep him in regal ease for the rest of his days. When he reached Spokane, Jim Lee went to call on a cousin, Sun Lee Yick, who took care of his money while he was visiting. When Jim Lee started on his way, the fortune was counted out and put into a canvas bag, which Jim Lee kept under his pillow on the train. So excited was he to reach Portland and other relatives that when he left the train Friday morning he forgot all about his hoard and hurried at once to 222 Second street, where he remembered his fortune. The train had been broken up when he regained the railroad yards and so he went to O. V. R. & N. headquarters. Bertrand Coulter, the porter, had found the bag and turned it in, but only \$240 and the check were left in it.

Coulter told the police that he suspected two bunco men had taken the rest of the money, leaving the \$240 to make a "jingle" and keep the Chinaman from immediately discovering his loss. Police say they have hopes of finding the bunco men.

New Political 'Lights' Are 'Goats' at Merry Jinx of Gridiron Club

Washington, Dec. 11.—(U. P.)—The "rag doll" of politics was ripped open and the sawdust shaken out before the eyes of the great and the near-great attending the thirty-fifth annual dinner of the Gridiron club here tonight.

Incoming and outgoing government officials, senators, congressmen, supreme court judges and diplomats heard their affairs parodied and saw themselves impersonated by Washington correspondents, who are members of the club.

The opening act showed a revisualized front porch with "Will H. Hays" quavering a plaintive refrain to the Republican candidate that chorused:

And so dear friends when cabinet jobs are waiting to be filled
And White House doors have welcome knobs
For those who sow and till,
Then please remember
Please remember me.

"Harry Daugherty" stalked the scene as Koko, lord high executioner, impervious to the rumpus when slush fund rumors invaded the lawn.

A newspaperman told "ex-Senator Weeks":

"You are being mentioned for secretary of the navy."

"Speak up," "Weeks" urged, "so Senator Harding can hear you."

Vice President Marshall, chief guest of honor, received a large silver gridiron from the club. President Wilson, a frequent guest at the club's dinners, was unable to attend, but a similar gridiron was sent to him.

Violators of Traffic Ordinance Contribute \$22,091 in One Year

Speeders and traffic violators increased the revenue of the city \$22,091 in the fiscal year ending December 1, according to a report filed with the chief of police by Lieutenant Frank Ervin of the traffic squad. This revenue was derived from 5142 cases brought before the municipal court. Heading the list with the largest total, both in fines and arrests, is Motorcycle Patrolman Chester Wiles, who made 907 arrests and enriched the city coffers with \$4662 in fines for speeding and other traffic violations. Although not called upon as lieutenant to ride regularly, Frank Ervin made 189 arrests and rolled up a total of \$1076.50 in fines.

Bill Would Furnish Vice President Home

(By Universal Service)
Washington, Dec. 11.—Vice President-elect Coolidge will not live in a \$35-a-month frame house, but in a \$350,000 government mansion, if a bill prepared by Senator Elkins of West Virginia is passed by congress. "It is humiliating to the American people that the second highest official of this government should live around in hotels or privately owned residences, spending half of his salary for rent," said the senator. A committee of two members from each house is authorized by the bill to put its provisions immediately into effect.

Buttermakers Elect Jorgensen President

J. C. Jorgensen of Carlton was elected president of the Oregon Butter and Cheesemakers' association at the concluding session of the eleventh annual convention in the Portland hotel Friday evening. Other officers elected were: George Jacobsen, Damascus, vice president; V. D. Chapelle, O. A. C., secretary; treasurer: F. Christiansen, Tillamook; D. McKenzie, Marshfield and H. V. Franklin, Portland, committee on reorganization.

Former Kaiserin May Die Any Time

(By Universal Service)
Paris, Dec. 11.—Former Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany is reported in severe agony at Doorn, Holland, and her death is expected hourly, according to reports reaching Paris tonight. The ex-kaiserin is being fed artificially. The former kaiser is described as making long prayers at the bedside.

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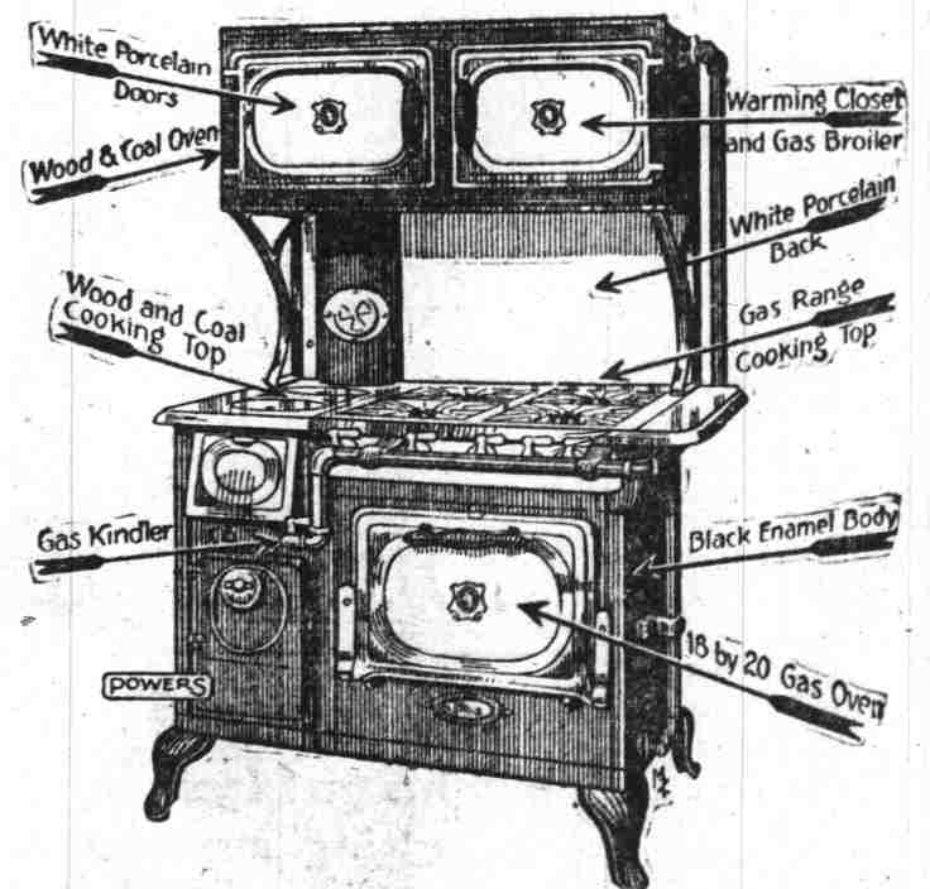
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