

IDLENESS BLAMED FOR MAJORITY OF CRIMES, SUICIDES

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Washington, Oct. 5.—If you want to get the real feeling about unemployment, don't go to sentimentalists. Go to hard-headed people. Get the facts from them, when they are not looking, so to speak.

Nobody will accuse an insurance company of being sentimental. I have been reading one of the statistical bulletins of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company. It is a good deal more interesting than the novels of Alexander Dumas.

This bulletin observes: "The suicide rates for the past 10 years present some very interesting characteristics."

Suicide has an exact interest for a life insurance company.

INCREASE 26 PER CENT
The chart furnished by the company shows that in the first seven months of this year of grace, suicide showed an increase of 26 per cent over the first seven months of the year before.

The same fact has been pointed out by the national committee on mental hygiene, but there is a satisfaction in taking one's data from a life insurance company.

For the years 1911 to 1915, when there were no sharp industrial changes the suicide rate showed no important variations. Marked changes begin in 1915. I quote the bulletin:

"These were the war years of great economic expansion and increased prosperity for the great body of the American people. Every year, both among the insured and the general population, recorded marked declines in the suicide rate."

CHANGES WITH UNEMPLOYMENT
In 1920 the suicide rate among insured wage earners was less than one half of what it had been in 1911. The change began as the unemployment made its definite start. The cautious statement of the company is this:

"It is an interesting problem to know whether the unemployment situation of the last year is, in fact, responsible for the observed conditions as to suicide. Are suicide rates a very sensitive index of the prevailing economic well being of the people? It would seem so."

Now let us have a look at crime, especially crimes against property, still confining our attention to technical sources: I have in front of me a big blue book, 1921, part 1, criminal statistics, presented to parliament by command of his majesty.

The compiler is the famous statistician, Edward Troup.

It deals with crimes from 1913 to 1919, inclusive. Says the report:

VARIATIONS WITH PROSPERITY
The annual fluctuations of the figures for persons for trial are determined by the rise and fall of offenses for dishonesty, which make up five sixths of the cases which come before the courts. It has been observed that a decrease of largeness usually coincides with periods of high wages and plentiful employment.

This decrease in stealing during the full employment of 1918 and 1919 was in spite of the demoralization of war. Other crimes—crimes of violence and sexual offenses, actually increased in those war years. This makes the relation between the unemployment and theft, all the more dramatically clear.

Putting people in prison is a grand entertainment, where we are dealing with a common thief or with an idealist like Eugene V. Debs. But it does not solve anything. The imprisonment of a good man for his opinions shows only the bankruptcy of the world's morality and the imprisonment of thieves is a small part of the cure.

PRISON MAKES HIM WORSE
When a thief, made in the main by stupid economic blunders, finally lands in prison, we make him worse. The life that corrupts him is thus described by Coleridge:

Each pore and natural outlet shriveled up
By ignorance and parching poverty,
His energies roll back on his heart,
And stagnate and corrupt.
Then Coleridge describes our idea of cure:

Uncomforted and friendless solitude,
Grooming and tears,
And savage faces at the clanking hour,
Seen through the steam and vapor of his dungeon.
By the lamps' dismal twilight. So he lies,
Circled with evil, till his very soul,
Unmoulds its essence.

If our unemployment conferences get anywhere, they will do more to reduce crime, suicide, misery and ignorance than all our prisons have ever done.

Women Want Loop Highway Named in Honor of Soldiers
The Woman's Advertising club of this city is receiving strong support in its effort to have the west side loop highway, just completed, called the Oregon Memorial Highway. The Portland Ad club has appointed a committee to assist in this work, and all the speakers at the recent meeting at McMinnville supported this name.

Mrs. Winnie Braden heads the committee from the Woman's club. Those named to assist outside Portland are: J. H. Garrett, Hillsboro; Dorothy Seymour, Forest Grove; Dr. G. S. Wright, Commercial club, and Ella Hendricka, Civic Improvement club, McMinnville; Mayor Magoon, Yamhill; W. B. Dennis, Carlton; Mrs. Wilcox, Cornelius; S. W. Sigler, Dayton; Mr. Joana, Beaverton; Glenn Stapleton, Gaston; Mayor S. M. Calkins, Newberg; Admiral Briggs, Dilley; W. W. Lunsger, Lafayette; W. H. Macdonald, Redfish; T. H. Parson, Sherwood; W. T. Allen, Dundee; J. A. Smith, West Chehalis.

Wood Camp of State Prison Closed Down
Salem, Oct. 5.—The state prison wood camp at Aumsville, which was opened in November, 1919, was closed last Sunday, according to Warden L. E. Compton, who explained that the state's contract for cutting wood on the tract has been completed. Approximately 6000 cords of wood had been cut during the two years, all of the work being done by trustees of the prison, working without guard. In the two year period only one prisoner made an attempt to escape and this one, John J. ... returned two days after leaving the camp.

After eight years of optional use, the metric system has been made compulsory in Japan.

"Guilty" All That Prisoner Can Say When Asked Name

"What's your name?" asked Clerk Crowne in municipal court.

"Guilty," the prisoner seemed to say. "No, what's your name?" repeated Crowne.

"Guilty," replied the defendant. "I know," thundered the clerk, rising from his chair. "I don't care whether you are guilty or not. What's your name? Your name?"

"Guilty, G-I-I-d-e-s. That's the way you spell it."

"Oh," said Crowne faintly as he settled back in his chair.

L. H. Gildez was charged with driving with an improper license. His case was continued until Saturday.

SCORES MOVE TO END RAIL RULES BY RESOLUTIONS

That abrogation of the "national agreements" entered into under the railroad administration cannot be accomplished by resolutions such as were recently adopted by the National Industrial Traffic league, is the substance of a letter received by The Journal from A. M. Gorman of Portland, third vice president of the American Train Dispatchers' association.

Gorman's letter is in reply to a published statement concerning the position taken by the National Industrial Traffic league as transmitted by The Portland

Traffic and Transportation association. His letter, in part, reads as follows: "I am convinced that the passing and transmitting of such resolutions as this are more harmful to the peace and prosperity of the industrial world than all the 'soon box radicals' in the United States."

"We have here a body of 'intelligent business men' asking the heads of our railroad systems to ignore the law of the land and the 'supreme court' of railroad labor disputes, as created by congress, and to put into effect 'rules of their liking' regardless of their effect; in reality asking that the so-called 'national agreements' be abrogated without knowing what those agreements are, for I am willing to wager that not a single one of the men voting on this resolution ever saw a copy of the rules they have condemned or even heard one of them read in its entirety."

An equal representation of the public, railroads and their employees was provided by congress on the labor board and its findings should be respected the same as those of the supreme court, and organizations formed for one purpose entering a field entirely out of their province and of which they have but little actual knowledge cannot be for the best interests of the public they profess to represent."

The journal has conducted many educational campaigns on matters of this

kind of which so little is known by the public in general that in calling your attention to this here you may find it advisable to give the public the facts, as they are, not as they are desired by some.

Your series of editorials on the farmer's condition have been of great benefit to thousands in helping them to a better understanding of an industry that so many believe to be highly remunerative.

Next to the farmer's problems in importance comes the transportation question and it can never be solved through misrepresentation and ignorance. It is a "man's" problem and if there are those that think otherwise, let him tackle it, from either side.

Senator Kenyon Is Undecided on Offer
Washington, Oct. 5.—(I. N. S.)—Senator Kenyon, (Rep., Iowa), will not decide for at least two days yet as to whether he will retire from the senate to accept President Harding's offer of appointment as a federal judge for the Northern Iowa district, he said today.

10,000 POSTERS ADVERTISE COMING LIVESTOCK SHOW

Ten thousand full-sheet posters in four colors, advertising the Pacific International Livestock Exposition, November 5-12, are being sent out from stock show headquarters in the Northwestern Bank building.

Through the railroad companies, county agents, civic clubs, and other agencies these posters will be hung in railroad stations, banks, public buildings and show windows throughout the entire Pacific slope and inter-mountain country, including British Columbia.

The official poster is of artistic design, showing the heads of purebred beef

and dairy cattle, horses, sheep, goats and swine.

The animal heads are arranged effectively around a shield setting forth the attractions of the exposition, and a perspective of the Pacific International's half-million-dollar pavilion is at the bottom.

With the opening of the stockshow just one month distant, A. P. Fleming, manager of the horse show division, reports more than half of the boxes for the night horse show performances already sold. In addition to the night horse shows to be given each night from Monday to Saturday inclusive, there will also be three matinee performances, scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Among those who have reserved boxes for the season are W. B. Ayer, W. J. Burns, Frank Robertson, A. B. Darnall, George A. Peirson, Portland Chamber of Commerce; Ralph Jenkins, Portland Cattle & Loan company; George Bates & Co., E. L. Thompson, Julius T. Meier, Olla, Wortman & King, A. D. Katz, Louis J. Simpson of Coos Bay; Fred S. Simson of Seattle, H. E. Thornberry of Spokane, E. A. Stuart of Seattle, J. L. Stewart, George Parker, George L. Buckler, O. M. Plum-

Lea Is Determined To Quit Fair Post

Salem, Oct. 5.—His determination to resign as secretary of the state fair board to devote his entire time to his new position with the Oregon Grain Growers' association, as announced some time ago, still stands, according to a statement by A. H. Lea Tuesday. It is known that strong pressure has been brought to bear in an effort to persuade Lea to reconsider his decision to relinquish the management of the state fair, but Lea declares that he will insist upon the acceptance of his resignation which will be up at the annual meeting of the board in January unless the board desires to consider the action at its meeting in November.

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Men's high-grade "Peters" Shoes—the guaranteed Shoe. At the Big Sale, only **\$2.45**

Ladies' high-grade Shoes, mixed lot. Values to \$7.50. Only **\$3.35**

One lot of Ladies' Comfort Vici Kid, cushion sole, short vamp. Regular \$6, only **\$3.45**

Boys' Heavy School Shoes, the well-known Weyenberg American Boy. Sizes 12½ to 2. Only **\$2.95**

Men's Cotton Ribbed Heavy Union Suits. The Big Sale price **\$1.15**

Men's Heavy Fleece-Lined Union Suits, regular \$3.00. The Big Sale price **\$1.85**

Men's stylish, well-made Caps. Regular \$3.00. The Big Sale price **\$1.35**

Staunch Wool Logger Shirts, the \$10 kind. The Big Sale price **\$5.35**

Boys' Heavy Cotton Ribbed Union Suits for only **85c**

Boys' High-Grade Heavy Ribbed Stockings. The Big Sale price, only **23c**

Children's Play Suits, regular \$1.25. The Big Sale Price, only **79c**

Regular \$1 Neckties. Big assortments. Good grade poplins. The Big Sale price, only **35c**

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MR. GLICKMAN Back From New York

With Carloads of High Grade Merchandise, Bought for Spot Cash at Spot Cash Prices

CASH IS POWER

With Thousands of Dollars of Merchandise Purchased at the Lowest Figure in History I now Announce the Greatest Sale Ever Held in Any Store

Thousands of dollars of men's goods, shoes, furnishings, at absolutely unheard of prices. I am personally conducting this sale and will see to it that every body is well satisfied upon and absolutely with every purchase. Come and see for yourself.

Store Closed for Two Days Big Sale Starts Thursday — at 9 A. M. —

U. S. Army Underwear for only, per garment.... **15c**

Men's Heavy Bib Overalls for only..... **89c**

Regular Heavy Mixed Sox, Regular 50c, for only..... **20c**

U. S. Army Blankets at this Big Sale for only.... **\$3.50**

Regular \$3.50 Khaki Coveralls The Big Sale Price, only.... **\$1.95**

25c Work and Dress Sox, special for The Big Sale, 2 pair for..... **25c**

MEN'S SUITS

For that fall suit we have a complete assortment of Up-to-the-Minute Styles, made plain or with belt attached. Regular \$12.50
Regular Men's High-Grade \$35.00 Suits—at this big sale the price is **\$20.00**
\$25.00 Overcoats go at this sale for the low price of only **\$15.00**

SHOES SHOES SHOES

Men, Attention! Here is a Dandy buy. Master Made, O'Donnell's, REZ, all high-grade shoes, formerly selling at \$12.00. About 600 pairs in this lot, all sizes. The same will be sacrificed at this sale

For Only \$5.95

This is an unequalled bargain. Genuine U. S. Hob Nail Army Shoes, were sold by the Government for \$7.50. We secured 4000 pairs of this lot and for this sale.

Look Only \$3.95

Men's and Young Men's Worsted, Cassimeres and Cheviots, sold the world over regular price of \$25. For this big sale, **\$15.00**
Your Choice only..... **\$15.00**

Before the cold weather begins, get under one of our overcoats, regular \$20 **\$10.00** and \$15, at this Big Sale only **\$10.00**
\$35.00 and \$30.00 Overcoats are specially priced for this big sale at a **\$20.00** price of only..... **\$20.00**

BOYS' SUITS

BIG ASSORTMENT of regular values up to \$15.00, for this big Homecoming Sale, your choice

Only \$6

Mackinaws

Staunch wool fabrics, regularly priced at \$15.00, going at this sale for

Only \$9

Men's Regular \$2.50 Jersey Sweaters for The Big Sale, price only **\$1.25**

\$1.50 Work Shirts priced for The Big Sale at only..... **89c**

Regular \$3.50 Men's Heavy Work Horse Hide Gloves for The Big Sale only.... **\$1.79**

Suspenders, Regular 75c Ones at The Big Sale only..... **28c**

Reg. \$12.50 Borsalino Men's Hats, The Big Sale Price... **\$4.65**

Five Hundred Men's Three-Quarter Slickers, The Big Sale Price, while they last..... **\$2.50**

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