

**Method to Save Frozen Potatoes Is Presented**

The following method for saving potatoes from freezing or even to save those that have been frozen, is submitted to The Statesman for the

benefit of persons whose potatoes have been injured by the cold weather.

Bury the potatoes over with about one foot of snow and leave them. As the snow thaws it will draw out the frost. The claim is made that this method has been tried, that it has proven satisfactory and that it

will save great quantities of potatoes. One grower near Salem is reported to have 500 sacks of frozen potatoes.

There are so few things at Washington that are not delayed by politics.

**JUSTICE MUST BE GIVEN LABOR SAYS SECRETARY**

**Right of Collective Bargaining Held Keynote of Industrial Peace**

**REPORT IS SUBMITTED**

**High Cost of Living, Production and Immigration Figures Are Given**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—There can be no permanent industrial peace that is not based on industrial justice, Secretary Wilson declared today in his annual report. Reviewing the present disturbed industrial situation, the secretary said the means had been found for regulating all the other relations of mankind and that human intelligence could find the method of adjusting the relationship between employer and employe with justice to both.

Declaring that just as international wrongs might reach a point making war a necessity, so industrial wrongs might accumulate until they provoked an industrial conflict, the secretary said the stability of industrial relations rested on mutual counsel.

**Bargaining Is Key Note**

"Just as the peace of nations is promoted by frank and friendly intercourse," he said, "so may the peace of industry be maintained by the same methods. But this intercourse cannot come about unless there is first recognized the right of collective bargaining. The public interest demands that it be universally recognized, for the primary interest of the public is in peace."

"The denial of organization is a denial of the only means of peaceable settlement that the wage earners have."

Calling attention to the present prominence of labor organizations of a revolutionary or lawless type the secretary declared that the responsibility for them must fall upon the employer who opposes the organization of lawful trade unions. More and more do industrial disputes menace the public as well as employer and employe, the secretary said, adding that the right to strike should be a means of defense and a not a weapon of offense.

**Right Is Liberty**

"The right of any man to cease working for another for any reason that is not to himself is the basic element of human liberty," he said. "The right of any person to refuse to operate his plant at any time he desires to do so is the exercise of a property right guaranteed by the constitution. It does not follow that because these rights exist it is necessary to exercise them. They must nevertheless be safeguarded."

Turning to the question of the high cost of living, the secretary said increased wages did not always bring the desired relief. Increased productivity, making more material available for wages and taking the means of increased compensation out of the profits of the employer was the only way in which the standards of living of the wage earner could be improved, he declared.

Reviewing the activities of the various bureaus of the department, the report said 354, 273 aliens came to American shores during the fiscal year ending June 30, and that 245, 547 of them were admitted and 8, 626 were excluded. The number admitted the year before was 211,853. Aliens departing during the last fiscal year numbered 216,231 as against 193,268 the year before. During the last seven years the bureau of immigration estimated that 36 aliens left the country for every 100 admitted.

Aliens admitted during the past year were in possession of sums of money aggregating \$15,831,247, an average of \$112 per person.

Aliens expelled under departmental process during the year numbered 3,068 compared with 1,569 in 1918. The total number of aliens

deported, including those refused admission under the exclusion laws, was 11, 728 as against 8,916 in 1918.

**New Citizens Most Numerous**

"The number of admissions to citizenship during the past year was larger than any preceding year, amounting to 217,358," the report said. "Leaving out of consideration the year 1918 this was a far greater number than was admitted in any two years during federal supervision. Military statistics show 128,225 aliens who acquired citizenship after they assumed the uniform of the United States."

The United States employment service at the end of the war had 350 offices with a personnel of 1,000 and an administrative force at Washington of 300. During the 11 months of 1918 the service placed 2,698,887 persons in employment out of a registration of 3,675,858.

Persons directly affected by labor disputes brought to the attention of the department during the year numbered 1,011,968, while the number indirectly affected was 1, 336,072. During the year the department assigned commissioners of conciliation to 1,780 cases, including 587 strikes, 1,113 disputes and threatened strikes, 63 lockouts and 17 walkouts. Of these 1,229 were adjusted, exclusive of 219 referred to the National War Labor Board. The commissioners failed to make settlements in 111 cases.

Strong recommendations for the reviving and continuing the working conditions service, which was instituted during the war to investigate working conditions and to recommend standards for their improvement, were made by the secretary.

He also urged legislation for the continuation of the United States training service. "It is believed," he said, "that increased skill on the part of the workers, and its consequent stimulus towards greater production, is even more important in peace than in war."

**Teachers at Turner May Receive Higher Salaries**

TURNER, Or., Dec. 16.—The Turner school board has called a special meeting for Saturday, December 27, to consider an increase in the salaries of teachers of the Turner district. The high cost of living appears to be hitting the teachers here as well as at Salem and other places.

Percy Larson returned Saturday after being closed three days.

Miss Hazel Bear is at home this week as Willamette university will not open until after the holidays.

Miss Katie Ahrens was a Salem visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Duncan were Sunday.

Lloyd Hillery was in Turner Tuesday.

Plans are being made for a community Christmas program and tree. The churches schools and lodges will be represented.

Mrs. Chambers is visiting at the home of her son, Marion Porter.

"Squire," asked Constable Slackpitter, the well known sleuth of Putnam, "what would you do with a feller that confessed he was driving his Ford at the rate of 45 miles an hour?"

"Fine him for exaggeration, dadburn him," snapped old Squire Peavy.—Kansas City Star.

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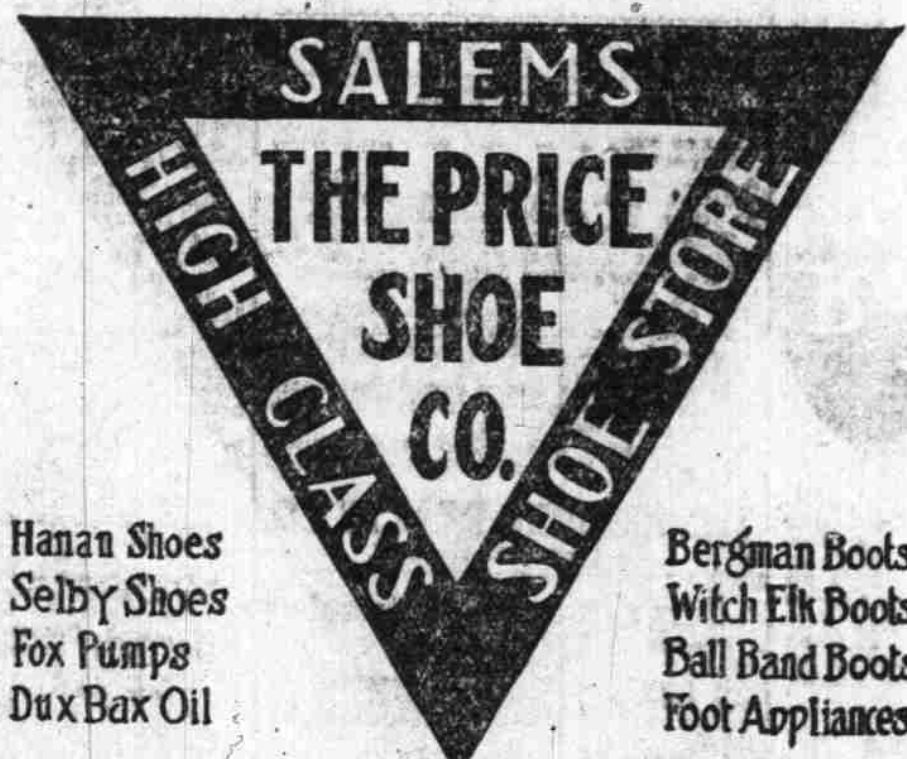
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