

UNEMPLOYMENT IS INCREASED

Figures Represent Reduction Of 36.9 Per Cent in Workers in Year

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The number of persons employed in industry the first of this month numbered 3,472,466 less than a year ago, the department of labor's employment service announced tonight on the basis of the first nation wide survey.

Director J. E. Densmore said this figure did not necessarily represent the number of persons actually unemployed as it was "quite possible" some had found employment in agricultural or other pursuits not covered by the survey.

On the other hand some officials believe the army of unemployed possibly was larger, as no effort was made to ascertain the reduction of persons employed in pursuits other than those classed under "mechanical industry."

The figures represented a reduction of 36.9 per cent in the workers employed in industry as compared with last January and it was announced that they were based "on the consensus of figures from neutral bodies, state labor departments, state commissioners of manufactures, state and municipal employment services, workmen's compensation bureaus, employers' and employees' organizations and all other sources competent to furnish authoritative information."

Michigan led in proportional reduction with 52 per cent and Ohio and Indiana followed with a reduction of 50 per cent each. Next came Illinois with 44 per cent; Connecticut with 43 per cent; Massachusetts with 38 per cent; Wisconsin 32 per cent; New York 28 per cent, and New Jersey 22 per cent. The largest percentage of reduction in specific industries, 69 per cent, occurred in the automobile and accessories industries and this was taken to account largely for the great reduction in employment in Michigan. This industry, the announcement said, employed about 8 per cent of the total workers in all industry a year ago.

Second in the reduction of employees was the building trades with approximately 52 per cent. Last January about 11 per cent of the total industrial workers was employed in this industry.

A reduction on 35.5 per cent was noted in the textile and related industries; 35 per cent in

leather and its products and 32 per cent in lumber and house furniture. The reduction in metals and products, machinery, electrical goods and foundry products was 30.5 per cent; in packing and food products 19 per cent; in clay, glass, cement and stone products 19 per cent.

Survey made in 182 cities, the employment service said, showed that numerical the greatest reduction was in New York, where 274,243 were reported discharged. Chicago had a reduction of 86,000; Philadelphia, 70,000; Detroit, 160,000; Boston, 25,000; St. Louis, 49,350; Kansas City, 20,640; San Francisco, 13,000; and Portland, Or., 10,000.

None of the other cities had as many as 5,000, and the total for California, Washington and Oregon was 63,579.

The total reduction in the southern states, including Kentucky, was only about 100,000. The unemployed in Washington, D. C., was placed at 8,612.

Seattle Citizens Honor Victims of Pistol Fight

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 25.—Thousands of Seattle citizens stood with bared heads and business houses suspended operations while the funeral cortege of Detective James O'Brien and Patrolman W. T. Angie and Neil McMillan, police officers who were slain in pistol battles with John Schmitt, alleged bandit last week, passed through the business section of the city today. Hundreds were in the half-mile procession, including members of the police and fire departments, world war veterans and representatives of various organizations.

Schmitt, who yesterday pleaded guilty to a charge of first degree murder, will go on trial tomorrow.

Friendly Bout Leaves Man Unconscious For Five Days

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 25.—George A. Rawson, 30, of Seattle, has been unconscious since last Thursday night when he engaged in a boxing match at the Pasadena Y. M. C. A., according to a report made to the police today by his stepfather, E. T. Tucker, Seattle business man. Physicians attending Rawson said he suffered from concussion and a hemorrhage of the brain.

Rawson, it was stated, collapsed after returning from the Y. M. C. A. to the residence where he with his mother and stepfather were passing the winter.

At the Y. M. C. A. it was stated Rawson and another man were in friendly bout in which no hard blows were struck, but shortly afterwards Rawson's nose began bleeding and he left for home.

GREAT LAKES DISASTERS LESS

Marked Reduction in the Number of Marine Accidents

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 7.—Marked reduction in the number of marine disasters on the Great Lakes during the 1920 season, compared with 1919, is shown in the records of shipping companies here. During 1920 there were eight vessel losses and 29 lives lost, against 19 vessel losses and 89 lives lost the preceding year. The 29 persons who lost their lives last year perished when the steamer Superior City sank in Lake Superior off Whitefish point. This occurred on the night of August 29 after a collision with the steamer Willis L. King.

The collision is said to have been due to a fog. The Superior City sank so quickly after the collision it was found impossible to launch boats, according to stories of four survivors. One of those lost was a woman, wife of the second engineer.

Other vessel losses in 1920 were:

The Mary A. McGregor, fire; The J. M. Shrigley, abandoned; The Marion, fire; The Sarah, sprang leak; The Mary Woolson, waterlogged; The Mistic, abandoned; The Francis J. Widlar, driven on rocks.

The sinking of the Widlar furnished one of the most dramatic pages in the history of Great Lakes disasters, although no lives were lost. The ship was driven on the rocks near Whitefish Point during a storm that swept the upper lakes in November. Captain Arthur Forbes of Ashtabula, O., in command of the Widlar, set out in a small boat with a few men for the channel to bring help to the stranded crew. The party reached the channel after battling the waves for about 10 miles and rescue ships went to the wreck and saved all members of the crew. The Widlar has been abandoned by her owners to the underwriters.

Patent Medicines Must Hold to Alcohol Limit

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Steps are to be taken shortly by federal prohibition officials to block distribution of intoxicating beverages masquerading as patent medicines.

Prohibition officials said tonight permits for the manufacture of medicinal preparations, in

which alcohol is used would be limited to the minimum. The bureau of internal revenue, one official stated, is determined to curb "the well known abuse of the patent medicine permits."

Literally thousands of applications, officials said, are coming for permits and renewals of permits to manufacture patent medicines containing alcohol. It is the intention of the prohibition enforcement forces to weed out all except strictly medical preparations.

Medicines prepared for legitimate use will not be interfered with, officials declared.

Retailers disposing of patent medicines will not be disturbed. It was asserted, unless it been found a preparation was sold with knowledge that it was to be used for an unlawful purpose.

House Leaders Approve Hospital Construction

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—House Republican leaders today approved a program which calls for appropriations of \$13,000,000 for construction of five hospitals for war veterans suffering from mental and nervous disorders and tuberculosis.

After a conference Chairman Langley of the public buildings committee announced he would introduce a bill appropriating \$12,000,000 for such hospitals. Members of the committee have agreed, he said, to report the measure favorably and assurance has been given that it will be taken up for passage by the house early next week at the latest.

The \$13,000,000 would be used to construct three hospitals for the treatment of mental cases and two for tuberculosis patients and to convert buildings in government reservation at Walla Walla, Wash., and at Fort McKenzie, Wyo., into hospitals.

Taxes Would Drive Coal Straight to the Consumer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Taxes on coal dealers, as provided in the Calder coal regulation bill, have purposely been set high "to drive the coal straight from the mine to the consumer," Senator Calder, Republican, New York, today told the senate committee considering his measure.

It is the intention of the bill to "tax out of existence" many unnecessary middlemen, he said, adding that it would be shown "where coal moving on the rails has been sold three or four times."

J. M. Armstrong, general manager of mines for the Pittsburgh Coal company, testified that the "pay roll cost" of producing coal, which included all labor charges, had increased 136 per cent since 1916.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES

"I'M HIGHLY GRATIFIED EVERY NOTION OFFERED WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY—AND THE BEAUTY OF IT ALL IS THERE WASN'T A SINGLE ARGUMENT OR DISPUTE ALL EVENING"



SCENE—A CELTIC POLITICAL MEETING

McKinley School to Have Water System

At the regular meeting of the Salem school board held last night final arrangements were discussed relative to installing a water system in the McKinley school. It was decided to either buy the plant already in use or to purchase a new pressure tank for the school. The latter plan is considered more feasible.

Miss Doris Woodburn was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of Mrs. Creech to the domestic science department of the Washington school. Mrs. Alice Thompson will fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Nina Hubb and Mrs. Creech act as manager of the practice house.

D. A. R. Backs Bill to Employ "Home Teachers"

The Daughters of the American Revolution are behind a bill introduced yesterday by Senator Farrel providing for the employment of "home teachers" by school boards to educate for purposes of Americanization foreign-born children and parents.

The bill mentions "the apparent, appalling turbulency of the world's chaotic political and social condition, particularly in the Bolshevik and soviet countries of eastern Europe, and the probability of such contagion extending over and permeating our own American government."

Under the bill school boards would be authorized to employ not to exceed one "home teacher" for every 500 units of average daily attendance in the common schools. It would be the duty of the teachers to work in the homes of the pupils and instruct children and adults relative to school attendance, sanitation, the English language, household duties and the fundamental principles of American government and citizenship.

Army Appropriation of \$330,000,000 is Made

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—An appropriation of \$330,000,000 for an army of 150,000 men is understood to have been agreed on by the house appropriations subcommittee drafting the army bill. The total is less than half the amount requested by the war department, which was about \$690,000,000, and a reduction of \$60,000,000 from the appropriation for the present year which provided for an army of 175,000.

Counting the Philippine constabulary and other forces, the total armed strength provided for under the bill is about 160,000. Both the house and the senate, however, have directed the maintenance of an army of 175,000.

Seattle Alleged Bandits To Answer Murder Charge

SEATTLE, Jan. 25.—Louis Madsen, Warren Daniels and C. A. Brown, all alleged bandits charged with the killing of Patrolman V. L. Stevens, January 14, were arraigned to answer to a charge of first degree murder in superior court here today. Attorneys for Madsen and Brown interposed a demurrer which will be argued next Friday, and Daniels' plea was continue and the same date to allow time for him to secure a new attorney.

Patrolman Stevens was killed in a gun battle with four alleged bandits at Magnolia bluff, a suburb. Creighton Dodge, the fourth man arrested, died of wounds received in the fight.

Emergency Tariff Bill Meets With Filibuster

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The Fordney emergency tariff bill was brought into the senate for consideration today, but immediately ran into a small filibuster. Merits of the bill and reasons for its early enactment had scarcely been outlined by Senator McCumber, Republican, North Dakota, before Senator Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, launched an attack which continued until adjournment.

Senator McCumber appealed for action on the ground that the bill would effect more than 20,000,000 people.

"You want to make the farm attractive," he said, "You know

how well as I do. It is to make farming worth while. It is the glow of the dough that is attractive and that's why this measure should be passed quickly."

Senator Harrison charged that the North Dakota Senator wanted "to save a few people by making the rest of the country pay the bill." Such a tariff as asked on wheat, he said, could do nothing but increase the price of bread.

Oregon Hardware Men To Meet In Portland for Session

PORTLAND, Jan. 25.—Hardware men from all sections of the state were here for the opening this afternoon of the annual convention of the Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' association. W. H. Gleason of Portland welcomed the visitors on behalf of the local officers, and President A. L. Jameson of McMinnville, responded.

The principal speaker of the afternoon was Herbert P. Sheets of Argos, Ind., president of the National Retail Hardware Dealers' association.

There will be morning and afternoon sessions tomorrow, Thursday and Friday.

Lord Mayor Appeals For American Aid For Irish

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Donald O'Callaghan, lord mayor of Cork, today appealed for aid to his countrymen in a speech before the executive committee of the American committee for relief in Ireland.

He asked that money rather than food or supplies be sent to Ireland sufferers and requested the committee to consider reconstructing public buildings in Ireland.

VICTORIA ANCHORS

VERO, Fla., Jan. 25.—The house boat Victoria, bearing President-elect Harding on his vacation trip anchored off here tonight. She will continue her journey tomorrow and may reach Palm Beach by night.

"SHADOW" IS HELD

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 25.—George Billings, alias Joe Brady, wanted at Portland, Ore., for investigation in connection with the recent activities of "The Shadow," left here tonight in charge of Portland officers. He was arrested here yesterday.

"The Shadow" wrote half a dozen letters to prominent Portland citizens demanding sums aggregating \$120,000.

Protection Asked From Imported Egg Industry

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 25.—Congress is asked to place a sufficient tariff on imported eggs to protect the egg industry of this and other states, in a joint memorial passed today by the Washington house of representatives. Action on the memorial by the senate is expected to be deferred until its discussion and hearings on Governor Louis F. Hart's civil administrative code are concluded.

BLIZZARD REBUFFED

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 25.—Caught in a blizzard in the mountains of Duchesne county, Utah, during which they battled with the elements for 18 hours to east five miles, Hoyt W. Hine, and five men, who were on a United States secret service operative, has reached here bringing James Marion Thompson, a rancher of Uinta basin, who is said to have confessed to the forging of a government check. The accused is a brother of Wilber Thompson, who was recently brought from Camp Lewis, Wash., and who government officials state, confessed to a similar charge. The brothers are alleged to have obtained and forged soldiers' bonus pay checks.

What has become of the idea of shooting a rocket to the moon? If it has been abandoned as we imagine, there should be general thankfulness. If the moon were to be shot up by a rocket, where would we get our superb moonlight? How we would miss it here in Oregon.

NO CLUE FOUND TO ORIGIN OF FIRE

Storeroom of Steinbock and Watt Shipp Totally Destroyed

No clue has as yet been found to the origin of the fire which broke out shortly before noon yesterday in the frame building on State street, between Front and Commercial, next to the Overland garage and which was used by Steinbock and Watt Shipp as a storeroom. The building was an old one and the flames spread rapidly, totally wrecking the garage building, which constituted the damage done to that building. Among the articles belonging to Watt Shipp, stored were 10 or 12 automobile trailers, which sustained damage to the extent of \$200. The loss to Steinbock company, was estimated by a member of the firm to be about \$7500, a greater part of the wool, sacks and burlap being a total loss. The insurance on this was small and that on the building, which was valued at about \$1000, \$500.

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PLAGUE DISCOVERED

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 9.—Bubonic plague has been discovered in three states in the north of Brazil, Alagoas, Rio Grande do Norte and Ceara, according to official reports. Officers of assistance by the federal government have been accepted by the state government.

Minister of Justice Pinto has authorized Dr. Carlos Shagaz, director of the national health department, to organize medical commissions which will assist the affected states in eradicating the disease.

Mexican bull fighters are now getting as high as \$600 Spanish dollars for a single contest. This is almost as much as Colonel Bryan gets for tossing the bull on the chaulanque circuit.

Many Women Retain War Time Positions

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—Only part of the women engaged in industry during the war period have lost their places through the "return" of men from the war and the lack of employment. Miss Mary Anderson, director of the women's bureau of the United States department of labor, reports:

"Statements to the bureau from hundreds of industry heads who employed only women during the war show they have retained their female help, while others state they have replaced their women

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