

COAST STATES HAVE TROUBLE IN FINDING JOBS FOR SOLDIERS

Pacific coast states and the far west generally are having difficulty in placing all of their discharged service men in suitable jobs, according to a report made public today by Major General William G. Haan, head of the war department's employment activities in Washington.

In twenty one cities of this district during November, 7172 men registered for work and 4913 found jobs. San Francisco alone shows a large proportion of this unemployment. Owing to a strike of ship yard workers which is on in this city, registrations have been unusually heavy—2298 seeking employment and 658 placed.

Spokane Outlook Good
In Spokane, Wn., the outlook is much better, with 558 placed at work during the past three weeks, as against 504 new men registering during the same period. In this city the American Legion in addition to rendering enthusiastic aid in placing service men at work, has been actively engaged in combating the radicals. Portland, Or., reports the situation as good, with 881 men finding work out of 891 applying, while in Salem it is reported that there are practically no service men unemployed. Pocatello, Ida., is also showing up well with 29 men placed in three weeks, while only 15 new men registered during the same period.

In Phoenix, Ariz., the American Legion was able to put 12 men at work and at the same time only 10 new men registered. Figures from Salt Lake City, Utah, are not so encouraging, as 127 men registered and but 29 were put to work. On the other hand Bellingham, Wash., shows a clear state with 77 men looking for work and 77 men placed.

Jobs are Fewer
Throughout the entire country for the past four weeks in 124 cities, 41,221 ex-fighters have applied for work, as against 47,646 four weeks ago. However, during November but 29,275 men have found employment, as against 41,548 in October.
"It is very evident," says General Haan, "from the large number of registrations which have come in during the last four weeks, that there is a pressing necessity for continued activity in the bureaus which assist discharged service men in obtaining jobs. I hope every employer will do everything possible to provide all our soldiers and sailors with a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

BOY RAISED DOLLARS FOR CHARITY MAN SOLD BILLIONS FOR COUNTRY NOW ASKS MILLIONS FOR CHURCH



LEWIS B. FRANKLIN
Chairman on the Executive Committee of the Joint Commission of the Nation-Wide Campaign of the Episcopal Church

From earning five cents a day to selling \$19,000,000 worth of bonds in less than two years, is something of a jump. It is a jump that was made by Lewis B. Franklin, chairman of the executive committee of the Joint Commission of the Nation-Wide Campaign of the Episcopal Church.
Twenty-five years ago the rector of an Episcopal Church on Long Island suggested that every child in the Sunday School should earn five cents a day for the church during Lent. Young Franklin responded to the suggestion by sawing wood and doing odd jobs and ends. For forty days he kept it up and at the end of that time had earned \$2.20 for the church.
Two years ago Mr. Franklin was called from the Investment Bankers' Association, of which institution he was president, to Washington to take charge of the Liberty Loan campaign. He expected to be in Washington five weeks. He stayed two years and did the organizing work for all four Liberty Loans and for the Victory Loan.
When Mr. Franklin learned that

AUTO DEMOLISHED BY TRAIN; MAN UNHURT

Snow covering the railroad tracks at Selah station, on the Silverton branch of the Southern Pacific, was responsible for the wrecking of an automobile belonging to J. G. Gregory, of Silverton, when the machine was struck by a train at 4:50 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Gregory, who operates his car on a stage run between Silverton and Salem, saw the train approaching as he drove near the crossing and stopped with the front end of his car on the track, which were covered with snow. In the collision the entire front of the auto was demolished. Gregory was but shaken up and was able to walk around within a few moments.

Cyrus H. Walker, the oldest living white man born west of the Rocky mountains, celebrated his eighty-first birthday at Albany last Sunday.

YANKEE 'LIBERALS' HOLD CONVENTION IN ST. LOUIS TODAY

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 11.—"Liberals" of the United States were in a four day conference here today to determine their action in the coming presidential campaign.

Whether a third political party, pledged to policies of liberalism is forced or an alliance with one of the existing organizations effected will be decided.

Amalgamation of the nation party, non-partisan league, and farmers' national council with the committee of forty eight, forming a body of more than a million voters at the outset, was seen as a possibility.

The conference opening was called by the "committee of forty eight" with headquarters in New York and said to have representatives in all states. It is in the form of a caucus, leaders declared at the opening. If a third party is chosen of the liberal meeting a national convention to adopt a platform and put up presidential and national candidates will be held within the next three months.

Men widely known in America's political life, here today to attend the caucus included: Gifford Pinchot, Dudley Field Malone, Bishop Williams of Detroit, Professor Tyrell Williams, Scott Nearing and others. Nearly 600 persons representing every state attended the opening session.

Internal and foreign problems of the government will be considered by the caucus.

A definite stand on the negro question will be taken, officials predicted. Howard R. Williams of New York city, vice chairman of the committee of forty eight, likened the negro problem in America to England's Irish question and said it was now necessary to take some positive step. Stringent enforcement of laws against lynching and legislation for the protection, probably will be advocated, it was anticipated by Williams.
"Another question to come up," said Williams, "will be adult education. Some believe a secretary of education with portfolio is necessary, augmented by schools throughout the country for adults. There would be no attempt

at compulsory education for grownups but the advantages would be offered.
Other questions to be considered by the caucus are: Initiative and referendum; recall applied to state and federal officials; an executive budget; a cabinet responsible to the legislative branch of the government; proportional representation; free press, speech and assembly; national suffrage; "continuation of absolute control of foreign relations by the president;" abolition of secret diplomacy; espionage laws; limitation of power of the courts; income and inheritance

taxes to raise revenue and equalize distribution of wealth; government ownership of railroads and public utilities; private ownership of railroads and utilities, under government control; the Plumb plan; protective tariff; enforcement of the Sherman law; government control and ownership of "recognized monopolies;" investigation; super taxes on profits to meet the high cost of living and profiteering and compulsory training.

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STRIKES, LOOKOUTS, FAST DECREASING ASSERTS WILSON

By Ralph Couch
(United Press staff correspondent)
Washington, Dec. 11.—Strikes and lockouts are rapidly decreasing in number, Secretary of Labor Wilson said today in an interview.
With the decision of the executive committee of the United Mine Workers of America to urge the membership to return to work immediately in accordance with the proposal of President Wilson, said the secretary, "the national industrial situation from the standpoint of increased production seems to wear a better aspect than at any time since the period of unrest began more than a year ago with the signing of the armistice."
"It seems likely that within a week or ten days more men will be at their usual daily tasks than at any time within many months. The returning miners can be counted upon to overcome swiftly the fuel shortage which, as I said in a telegram to President John Lewis of the country face to face with perhaps the most difficult industrial situation that ever arose. With the mines again turning out the normal fuel supply factories can run full time and production will be largely increased. This will tend to reduce costs of necessities as President Wilson has pointed out."

HOW FOURTEEN JUDES RULED PROHIBITION

(From the New York Herald)
Judge Julius M. Mayer of New York holds that 3.75 beer is not prohibited, nor intoxicating.
Judge Rose of Baltimore holds that the prohibition act has nothing to do with any beverage that is not, in fact, intoxicating.
Judge Pollock at St. Louis held 2.75 per cent beer to be non-intoxicating.
Judge Anderson of Boston and three judges of the United States court of appeals, Second district, decide that the prohibition act prohibits nothing but actually intoxicating drinks.
The United States district judge in New Orleans agrees with the four above.
Judge Arthur L. Brown of Providence, R. I., orders that the Volstead act be not enforced "in view of the probability that the act in question will ultimately be held unconstitutional."
Judge Walter Evans, Louisville, Ky. holds that the Volstead act is unconstitutional and that the sale of tax paid whiskey is legal.
Judge Learned Hand of New York decides that the war time prohibition act is constitutional.
Judge John C. Knox of New York agrees with Judge Hand.
Judge George A. Carpenter of Chicago upholds the war time prohibition act and the Volstead act.
Judge Louis Fitzhenry of Portland, Me., concurs with Judge Carpenter.

Mount Vernon Is Placed In Pacific Transport Service

Washington, Dec. 11.—The navy department states the steamship Mount Vernon, now at San Francisco, has been placed in the Pacific transport service. It will convey troops and supplies to American military posts in Hawaii and the Philippines.

VILLISTAS ATTACK CARRANZA GARRISON

Engle Pass, Texas, Dec. 11.—Reports of a two-day attack by 400 Villistas upon the Carranza garrison at Musquiz, 100 miles southwest of Piedras Negras, were received here today.
The insurgent under Hipolito Villa were said to have taken the town, looting stores and holding several prominent citizens as hostages. The attack took place Tuesday and was continued Wednesday. Thirty Villistas and several federal troops were reported killed.
The attack was planned, the reports said, to avenge the execution of General Felipe Angeles at Chihuahua City recently.
Carranza troops are gathering at Sabinas, 25 miles from Musquiz, for an attack on the Villa forces as soon as reinforcements are assembled. The garrison was said to include only 40 men.
Six I. W. W. on trial at Tillamook for violation of the criminal syndicalism act pleaded guilty and were fined \$1000 each and sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary. They were later paroled upon payment of \$100 of the fines in each case.

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