

# ARMY OF IDLE IS EXCUSED

## Secretary Davis Says Unemployed Fewer Today Than In 1914 by 1,260,000

Washington, Sept. 14.—Those who are disturbed over the 5,735,000 unemployed of today, overlook that in 1914 there were 7,000,000 out of work, a larger percentage of whom were men and actual bread winners than is the present unemployed, Secretary Davis said today in a statement.

Mr. Davis said present unemployment figures include great numbers of persons upon whose earnings no one actually is dependent.

"While we have our unemployed, let us not forget the 12,000,000 who are still at work," the statement said. "A further encouraging fact is that \$500,000,000 is now available about the country in the form of bonds already issued or appropriated by the state, county and municipal governments for public works. Undoubtedly this will be organized intelligently."

Positive signs of business recovery have been furnished by the commissioner of labor statistics, Secretary Davis declared.

Discussing efforts to relieve the unemployment situation, Secretary Davis said the employment service of the department of labor was doing all it could to place workers in positions.

"During the harvest," he explained, "it sent between 55,000 and 60,000 men to the farms and kept them moving as the harvest season moved northward."

"The employment service is at present taking care for the threshing and corn cutting situation wherever additional men are needed for this purpose."

"Cotton and woolen goods already show signs of recovery and there is scarcely a plant in the country turning out silk hosiery that is not working full or over-time. Silk fabrics are on the move. These things speak for themselves, and may be speaking the same language as the figures showing that more garages than houses have been built in recent months. Shoe factories seem to be working for the most part on fancy high priced women's shoes. This may be accounted for by the further fact that men now out of the hardy forms of employment are not shoe buyers. The demand for these will come when the railroads and the factories are started on a

more going scale, when the more staple grades of shoes for men will come into larger demand. That cannot be long delayed. The situation begins to brighten."

## Polk County Court

Circuit Court  
Ernest Ziesch, P. T. Peterson, H. H. Brandt, G. A. Dickenson, Henry Dickenson and S. McMurray vs the county of Polk et al. Order entered overruling demurrer to the second amended complaint and allowing the defendants until September 20 to answer.

Rosa Trigg vs P. H. Trigg. Motion entered by Robin Day asking the court to dismiss or quash said case because of the fact that the court has no jurisdiction over parties residing outside of the county. Order entered quashing said summons.

Joseph L. Van Doren vs Edna C. Van Doren. Stipulation filed, asking that the case be heard without further notice to the defendant. Reporter's notes filed after said hearing.

F. K. Helder vs Robert Butler et al. Affidavit filed by defendant showing that the tender made by the defendant was returned by the plaintiff. Amended answer in abatement filed.

Ida M. Ullrey vs W. C. Yaeger et al. Order of publication of notice to defendants. Order entered declaring the plaintiff owner in fee simple of the property in question.

Probate Court

In re Estate of Flora A. West, deceased. Vouchers filed by John G. Brown, administrator. Proof of posting notice to creditors filed. Final account filed, showing that the receipts and expenditures of said estate balance. Order entered setting Saturday, October 13, as the date for hearing the final account.

In re Estate of J. A. Huston, deceased. Final account filed by A. O. Condit, attorney for executrix. Vouchers 1 to 11, inclusive, filed by Angelina Huston, executrix. Order entered fixing October 10, at 10 o'clock a. m. as the time for hearing final account.

In re Estate of Dennis McNeill, deceased. Petition for letters of administration by Mary McNeill, showing the probable value of the estate is \$4000. Said petitioner asks the court for appointment upon filing her bond of \$2000. Order entered appointing Mary McNeill administratrix upon filing of said bond.

Cotton Consumption Short  
Washington, Sept. 14.—Cotton consumed during August amounted to 467,103 bales of lint and 50,801 of linters compared with 482,560 of lint and 49,412 of linters in August last year, the census bureau announced today.

## New Rates to Aid Stockmen I. C. C. Holds

Washington, Sept. 13.—Reductions by western railroads in rates on cattle, hogs, and sheep in the opinion of the Interstate Commerce commission "will prove of material benefit to the western livestock raisers who have been heavily affected by the rapid decline in livestock prices since July 1929."

The commission expressed the belief today in announcing it had authorized the reductions proposed by the carriers which will become effective September 20 and amount to 20 per cent in cases where the present rates are higher than 50 cents a hundred pounds, but in no case decrease the rate below 50 cents a hundred.

Under the new tariffs practically all rates from points west of the Missouri river to Chicago and from all points west of the Rocky mountains will be reduced in amounts ranging from one to 25 cents a hundred pounds. Similar reductions in all other livestock rates now higher than 50 cents a hundred pounds are to be made, the commission said. In many cases, it was stated, the entire increase made in August, 1929, will be eliminated by the new tariffs. The commission estimated that the decreases would mean an annual reduction of revenues for the carriers of \$10,000,000.

The reductions are in line with suggestions by the commission after hearings on freight rates on livestock throughout the United States.

Charles Northrup, an employe of The Dalles city auditorium, is dead of injuries received Friday when struck by a falling derrick used in hoisting materials.

## Joint Trial For Alleged Slayers Aim

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 14.—A result of the publication of a confession alleged to have been made by Arthur C. Burch to Chandler Sprague, local newspaper man, may be that the prosecution will insist Burch and Mrs. Madalyns Obenchain be tried jointly on the charge of murdering J. Belton Kennedy. This was the statement of Deputy District Attorney Asa Keyes today. He declared the district attorney's office was in possession of "ample evidence that there was a conspiracy to kill Kennedy."

Paul W. Schenck, counsel for Burch, declared the printed statement to be "merely the evidence of the desperate straits which they have to go to attempt to trap a man," and said excerpts given out "do not contain anything in the form of admissions by Burch."

Arguments on motions for separate trials for Burch and Mrs. Obenchain are scheduled to be heard by Judge Sidney N. Reeve next Friday.

Although the garage activities have swept the state during recent years, Sherwood still maintains three horse-shoeing establishments, and all are busy.

## Frosts Damage Late Potatoes

Vancouver, Wash., Sept. 14.—Heavy frost all over Clarke county with the exception of a strip along the Columbia river has practically ruined the late potato crop, according to M. J. Newhouse, manager of the Washington Growers-Packers corporation. Although the thermometer stood at 6 degrees above freezing at Vancouver Tuesday morning, at other points it was below, especially at Ridgefield and the low lands around Manor and on Mill Plain. At the latter point ice as thick as a pane of window glass formed Monday night.

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