

## UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE—WHAT IT MEANS

The space in this paper is too limited to cover anything but a fractional part of the achievements of the U. S. Employment Service since it was started as a war emergency bureau for placing men and women in employment. But a brief outline may be given here for the benefit of those interested in knowing that more than 2,000,000 persons of both sexes registered with the Service for employment in 1918, and of this number, 3,100,000 were placed in positions. By these figures it may be seen that wage-earners were saved approximately \$10,000,000 considering the amount of the average fee charged by private employment concerns. For example, during the 11 weeks from September 1, 1918 to the 15 of the following November, 1,158,782 workers were placed in positions in the United States, an average of 105,000 a week. During the 15 weeks after the armistice was signed up to the week ending March 1, 1919, 1,232,542, an average of 80,000 a week were cited to employment through the Government offices operating in every state. A careful study of these figures will show the

vast sum saved the workers in fees by aid through the U. S. Employment Service.

Coming nearer home it is well to show what the U. S. Employment Service has done in Oregon. Reports on its work in this office show that in the year 1918 a total of 57,061 men and 6,352 women were placed in positions of profitable employment. From January 1 to June 1, 1919, positions were found for 45,690 men and 3,506 women. In addition to the placements cited above, positions in various lines have also been found for 8,084 soldiers and sailors who have sought employment through this office and its bureaus for returned service men which are in operation in this state and work in conjunction with the Federal Employment Service in its efforts to secure work for the men upon their release from the army and navy. It is in no spirit of boastfulness that the statement is made that this branch of the department has met every demand made upon it, and that today no division of the general Government stands closer to the great mass of the people or serves a worthier purpose than that which brings the jobless man and the manless job together. Hundreds of pickers have gone to

the strawberry fields during the past two weeks and since the U. S. Employment Service established an office at Hood River the fields in that section are rapidly filling up. While for a time it looked as though there might be some difficulty in securing the required amount of help to gather the crop, at this date there is no serious shortage of pickers though the height of the season will not be reached for another week. The Federal employment agent at Hood River reports pickers coming in in large numbers just now but says he can place from 100 to 200 aside from those in sight about the middle of the week when some of the late fields begin picking.

In the Farm Labor Section requests are on the boards for general farm hands and milkers with wages at \$60.375 per month. In addition to these general calls there are a number for men in the hay fields where cutting has already begun. The wages being offered for men in the hay fields range from \$3 to \$4 per day with board. Farmers are applying to the U. S. Employment Service this year in far greater numbers than last and no efforts are being spared to supply their demands.

From the lumber mills and woods come calls for men in almost every line of activity in the lumber industry. More than 100 mill and yard men can be placed at once at wages running from \$4 per day up. There are also some special orders for planer feeders, ratchet setters, doggers, cut-off men and car loaders. Men to the number of 70 are wanted at once to cut and split wood. Ten tie-makers are also wanted at once.

There is a strong demand this week for laborers and teamsters on a number of highway construction sections where the regular wages runs from \$4 to \$4.50 per day. For some reason laborers do not seem to be in any hurry to accept this line of work, a fact that leaves a shortage on nearly every unit. Railroad track laborers and steam shovel workers to the number of 100 can be sent out at once at 40 to 50 cents an hour.

L. S. and L. W. Grandy, who have been attending O. A. C., arrived Wednesday and will remain during the Jubilee celebration. Lynn will leave Sunday for his home in Wyoming, while Lewis has not yet decided on his future movements.

## DISHONEST TRAFFIC IN WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

About the worst piece of downright un-Americanism The News has discovered lately is the growing traffic in War-Savings Stamps. The man—or woman, for that matter—who will sneak around trying to inveigle some ignorant owner of a few stamps into selling them at a price which is less than he could receive at a post office and to which he is justly entitled if in need of money, ought to be put in jail and kept there. The following statement by the secretary of the Treasury shows to what extent the traffic is growing:

Washington, May 31, 1919. "The Treasury has been greatly concerned by the receipt of reports of dishonest traffic in war-savings certificates and stamps. These securities were not intended to be negotiable and, for the protection of the owners in case their necessities required, provision was made for redemption of war-savings certificates at post offices upon ten days' notice, at a fixed price with an addition for interest. No obstacles have at any time been placed in the way of the redemption of these war-savings certificates and it should be generally understood that the owner of a certificate has an absolute right to redeem it in accordance with its terms. Any case of a refusal to make such redemption, if brought to the attention of the Treasury, will result in prompt action.

"The Government needs the money and hopes the holders of war-savings certificates will retain them, but it will place no obstacle in the way of those who request repayment. On the other hand, the Secretary will exercise every means within the power of the Treasury, and has asked the co-operation of the Post Office Department, to prevent payment being made to those rascals who are buying the certificates and stamps for less than their redemption value and promptly turning them in to the Government for redemption at a profit, and serves notice upon those people who are engaging in this disreputable business that this is the settled policy of the Treasury.

"In this connection attention is invited to the following extract from the instructions issued to postmasters by the Post Office department, under date of January 23, 1919, with respect to the redemption of war-savings cer-

## PICKING THE PRESIDENT



Favorite sons are showing up so fast in the ranks of both parties now that the conventions before the 1920 presidential campaign promises to be full of action. Here is the final grouping of the strong contenders in both parties, all of whom will have the support of various wings and leaders in their respective booms. Poindexter of Washington, and Lowden of Illinois, have been mentioned quite frequently of late. Atty.-Gen. Palmer of Pennsylvania and Underwood of Alabama have many supporters.

increased by persons or firms known to be buying or publicly offering to buy war-savings stamps or certificates from their owners.

"Postmasters are further instructed not to pay any war-savings certificates presented by persons or firms known to be buying, or publicly offering to buy, war-savings certificates from the owners, unless positive evidence is submitted that the certificates were originally issued to the persons or firms, presenting them for payment."

"I urge all patriotic holders of war-savings certificates to hold their certificates if they can and, if they can not, to avoid all dealers in war-savings certificates and redeem the certificates through post offices."

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Harold Perkins left Thursday for Portland, where he will visit friends for several days.

## Bomb Throwers' Aim is to Kill



Bolshevik bomb throwers in the U. S. find their business very risky. Twenty-four hours after the systematic bomb explosions in the nine big cities, the long fingers of our law had rounded up some of the murderers and had information regarding others. These pictures show that Bolshevik terror is aimed to kill. The big picture is the wrecked home of Judge C. C. Knott Jr. in New York City. The insert is the home of Attorney General Mitchell Palmer in Washington, D. C.

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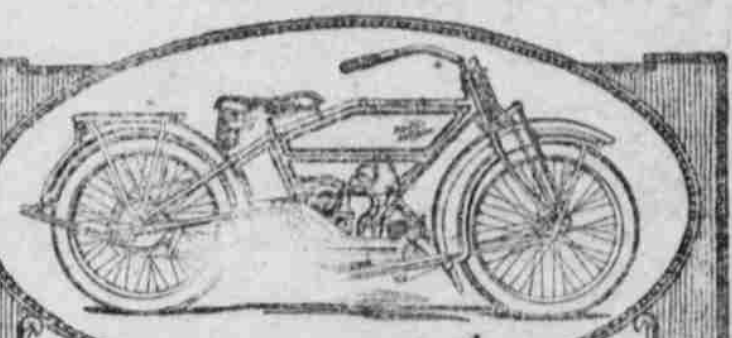
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