

NEARLY MILLION RAILROADERS GET WAGE INCREASE

Clerks, Track Laborers, Maintenance Men Receive Raise in Salaries of \$25 a Month, Effective September 1—Women Clerks Included—Specific Rules for Promotion.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—Nearly a million railroad employees, including clerks, track laborers and maintenance of way men, are to receive wage increases of \$25 a month, the equivalent of one dollar a day or 12 cents an hour, over the pay they received last January 1, under a wage order issued by Director General McAdoo. Advances are effective as of September 1.

This order adding approximately \$150,000,000 to the annual payroll, represents the second largest aggregate wage increase ever granted in American industrial history. It is supplementary to the general railroad wage order issued nearly four months ago, providing for about \$300,000,000 increases.

Most of the employees covered by the new order have made considerably less than \$100 a month, and the voluntary increase was decided on by the director general after investigation by his advisory board of railroad dwages and working conditions.

The order specified that eight hours is to be considered the basic day, but overtime up to ten hours is to be paid prorata, with one and one-half the regular rate for overtime past the ten hours.

Specific rules are laid down for the promotion of employes on grounds of merit and seniority. Other regulations forbidding dismissal of employes without cause, and providing for hearing on appeal resemble the rules now in effect under government civil service.

Thousands of women clerks are to receive the same pay as men for similar work. Back pay from January 1 will be made under the former general wage order and the advances now granted will be figured on top of the wage last January 1, rather than on the pay received in the immediate past under the general wage increase.

2 DEAD, 45 INJURED OKLAHOMA WRECK

CHICKASHA, Okla., Sept. 5.—Two men were killed and 45 were reported injured when three coaches of south-bound Rock Island train went into a ditch today between Dunbar and Comanche, Okla., south of this city.

A relief train is bringing the dead and injured to this city. The coaches of the train were filled with drafted soldiers from Kansas and Northern Oklahoma. The three rear coaches were of wood and badly smashed.

KAISER'S PICTURE ON CUP BRINGS KILLING

PARIS, Sept. 4.—A French soldier whose wife served him with coffee in a cup bearing the Kaiser's picture, has been acquitted by a Paris court-martial, trying him for killing her. Testimony showed that the cup was part of a set of dishes given her by German officers with whom she admitted she had been intimate at Douai.

Cut This Out—It Is Worth Money. DON'T MISS THIS. Cut out this slip, enclose with 5c and mail it to Foley & Co., 2825 Sheffield avenue, Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup; Foley's Kidney Pills, for pain in sides and back; rheumatism, headache, kidney and bladder ailments; and Foley's Cathartic Tablets, a wholesome and thoroughly cleansing cathartic, for constipation, biliousness, headache, and sluggish bowels. For sale by the Medford Pharmacy. Adv.

WHAT TO PAY LOCAL DEALERS FOR GROCERIES

Lower figures under "Consumer pays" are maximum prices that should be charged by "cash and carry" stores, and the higher figures maximums that should not be exceeded by stores giving credit, delivery, and similar services:

- Wheat flour, in 49 lb. sack, retailer pays \$2.70; consumer pays \$2.90 to \$3.00.
Wheat flour, less than mill package, retailer pays 5 1/2c; consumer pays 5 1/2c pound.
Rye flour, in 10 lb. sack, retailer pays 68c; consumer pays 72 to 74c.
Corn flour, per lb., retailer pays 7 1/2c; consumer pays 9 1/4 to 9 3/4c.
Corn meal, yellow, in 10 lb. sack, retailer pays 7 1/2c; consumer pays 7 1/2c to 8c.
Corn grits and hominy, in 10 lb. sack, retailer pays 59c; consumer pays 62 to 64c.
Rolled oats, in 9 lb. bag, retailer pays 7 1/2c; consumer pays 9 1/2c to \$1.00.
Barley flour, ordinary grade, 10 lb. sack, retailer pays \$1.40; consumer pays 7 1/4 to 8c lb.
Rice flour, per lb., retailer pays 10 1/4c; consumer pays 12 1/4 to 13c.
Corn starch, edible, ordinary grade, retailer pays 10c; consumer pays 12 1/2 to 13 1/2c.
Rice, ordinary grade, per lb., retailer pays 12c; consumer pays 15c to 17c.
Granulated sugar, per lb., retailer pays 8 1/2c; consumer pays 11 to 12 1/2c.
Beans, white dried, per lb., retailer pays 11 1/4c; consumer pays 14c to 15c.
Beans, dried, red, per lb., retailer pays 9c; consumer pays 11 to 12 1/2c.
Evaporated milk, large size, per can, retailer pays 13c; consumer pays 15 1/2 to 16 1/4c.
Lard substitutes, ordinary grade, in tins, per lb., retailer pays 27c; consumer pays 30c to 35c.
Canned corn, standard No. 2, ordinary grade, per can, retailer pays 15 1/2c; consumer pays 20 1/2 to 22c.
Canned tomatoes, standard No. 2, ordinary grade, retailer pays 13c; consumer pays 17 1/4 to 18 1/2c.
Canned peas, standard No. 2, ordinary grade, per can, retailer pays 13c; consumer pays 17 1/4 to 18 1/2c.
Canned pork and beans, standard No. 2, ordinary grade, per can, retailer pays 19 1/4c; consumer pays 25c to 30c.
Prunes, local, per lb., retailer pays 8c; consumer pays 10c to 11c.
Dried peaches, per lb., retailer pays 13 1/2c; consumer pays 17 1/4 to 19c.
Dried peaches, local, per lb., retailer pays 10c; consumer pays 13 1/4 to 14 1/4c.
Evaporated apricots, California, per lb., retailer pays 22c; consumer pays 30c to 32c.
Corn syrup, ordinary grade, in 2 1/2 lb. can, retailer pays 17 1/2c; consumer pays 22c to 23 1/2c.
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Butter, per roll, retailer pays \$1.12 to \$1.08; consumer pays \$1.15 to \$1.25.
Eggs, per dozen, retailer pays 42 1/2 to 45c; consumer pays 47 1/2 to 50c.
Potatoes, per lb., retailer pays 3c to 3c; consumer pays 5c lb.
Cheese, per lb., retailer pays 28 1/4c; consumer pays 35c to 40c.
Report overcharges to Jackson county price interpreting board.
This list, showing weekly range of prices authorized by the United States food administration, will appear weekly in this paper on this date.
Have you tried all the local vegetables in the markets lately? Use them and save the staples to prevent a winter shortage.
It is just as necessary as it ever was to save food. Let us not be misled by recent victories into slackening our food conservation. The soldiers don't leave when the battle is over—let's hang on too.
The more soldiers sent to France the more battles we will win, but the less men at home to raise food and less ships with which to import it; stricter conservation by the folks at home will make up the difference.
Jackson County Price Interpreting Board.
With Medford trade in Medford made.

ALLIES PUT OUT EYES OF ENEMY ON ALL FRONTS

LONDON, Sept. 5.—The allies are putting out the Germans' eyes. At least this statement can be made flatly.

Official figures on file at the British air ministry covering more than a year prove it. In the year from July, 1917, to July, 1918, the British alone brought down more than 4000 enemy airplanes. British machines mistook for the same period number period number only about 1000.

These figures include all the fronts on which the British airmen are working. And the score is four to one! It may also be stated officially that the figures since July 1, 1918, keep up that score.

By agreement the allies do not make public each other's air statistics. But the British know what the other allies are doing, and it can be stated officially that the showing of the French, Italians and Americans is equally convincing in that:

1. The allies on all fronts hold unquestioned aerial superiority over the enemy. 2. The margin of superiority held by all the allied air forces in all theaters is now greater than at any time during the war and is constantly and rapidly increasing!

Here are some more encouraging official facts: From every possible indication, the Germans have reached their maximum strength in the air. Leaving America out of it, except where American aviators are now working with allied air units, the allies' superiority in the air on all fronts is greater than at any time during the war, and while the Germans are in all probability standing still or dropping slightly—

The allied superiority and strength is increasing daily; and the rate of increase is increasing daily! So that when America comes into the air situation in strength the aerial superiority of the forces fighting the Huns should be bouncing up at such a rate as to give the allies tremendous advantages.

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Extensive foot inspections were made of the soldiers trained during the latter half of 1917. The men were examined when they were inducted into service and just before they went overseas. Comparison showed that marked changes had been favorable to better feet. This was attributed to two factors: the increased attention to foot health on the part of officers and men and the comfortableness of the army shoe.

The whole secret of success is that the men are compelled to take a shoe that leaves about two-thirds of an inch between the end of the longest toe and the end of the shoe. There is often lots of growing at this, but at the end of four to six months' training the men find the distance between the toe and shoe is only about half an inch. The foot has actually grown in length. There is greater freedom of toe action, which in turn affects both muscles and joints. This is followed by lengthening of the ligaments, increase in size of the muscles, alteration of the anatomic elements of the foot and greater ability to stand the stress of much marching. Not only that, but corns disappear and there are less cases of ingrowing toenails. In fact, the men in the army, who use their feet so much, suffer less than civilians.

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CANADA TO CONTROL WHEAT SHIPMENTS

OTTAWA, One., Sept. 4.—Complete control of the purchase and sale for export of Canadian wheat has been assumed by the government. Control of methods of export also has been assumed.

Under the new arrangement the price of wheat for the crop of 1918 has been fixed and will be maintained for the crop year. The purchase of wheat and other grains for export and for internal demands will be thrown open to dealers and shippers as before the war, however, to supervision and control by the government.

parliament because the Sinn Feiners do not recognize the British parliament and refuse to sit in it. Their policy is to get elected and stay at home. Southern Ireland's seats will be vacant therefore, to whatever extent the Sinn Feiners are successful.

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