

HOOVER SEES A NEW EPOCH IN U. S. INDUSTRY

Elimination of Waste Has Resulted in Higher Wages and Lower Prices for First Time in Economic History of the United States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(A. P.)—Progress made by industry in the United States toward the elimination of waste is being hailed about "one of the most astonishing transformations in economic history." Secretary Hoover declared in the 1925 annual report of the Commerce Department, recently published.

The attainment in this direction, through the standardization of articles and the betterment of the processes, in which official participation was co-operative, rather than administrative, he treated as of more far reaching importance than any of the routine conduct of government placed under his direction. Such attainments, he held, made possible the upholding of American standards of living for the whole population—laboring, farming and distributing.

"What the country as a whole has accomplished during the past five years is increased national efficiency in these directions is impossible of measurement," the report said. "That movement is the result of a realization by every group—business men, industrial leaders, engineers and workers—of the fundamental importance of the business of waste elimination."

"In addition to elimination of waste we have had the benefit of notable advances in science; improvement in methods of management, and prohibition."

The secretary cited labor department figures indicating that whereas in 1920 the wage rate was 99 per cent above pre-war and the wholesale price level 126 per cent above pre-war, in 1924 the wage rate had risen to 128 per cent above pre-war, while the wholesale price level had dropped to 50 per cent above pre-war.

"While wages are higher than in 1920, wholesale prices are lower," he explained. "We thus have the highest real wages in our history, and we have had three years of remarkable price stability."

"The philosophy that underlies the campaign for waste elimination has but one purpose; that is, to maintain American standards of living for both workers and farmers, and to place production on a more stable footing."

"The activity of the commerce department in this field of waste elimination was recorded in the fact that since the work was launched on a large scale in 1921 some 500 group conferences have been held under the auspices of the department, practically all at the request of the industries themselves, while upwards of 200 committees are now at work in co-operation with the department on various phases of the program."

COUNTY NURSE HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT.

While on their way to the court house from Medford this morning, the Ford coupe in which Miss Leah Jennings, one of the county nurses and Miss Josephine Koppes, office secretary of the county health unit, were riding, skidded, went off the grade and overturned on the embankment at the sharp turn near Jacksonville.

Gun Explodes in Car; Local Youth Wounded

Lindsay Grigsby, local youth, sustained a wound in the forearm yesterday when a handless .22 rifle accidentally discharged while leaning on the back seat of a moving car, en route to Butte Falls.

TAX ON TOBACCO SELLING STORES RAISES STORM

An innocent looking matter at first when called to the attention of the city council at its meeting last night, threatens to become a bomb in effect unless the originators of a proposed ordinance to place a city tax of \$100 on all stores which sell cigars, tobacco and cigarettes, forsake their plan.

During a temporary lull in the council proceedings, Mayor Alexander casually mentioned that a cigar dealer had informed him that he had lined up practically all the city's leading stores of that kind for an ordinance which they were having prepared for submission to the council for passage.

The mayor also stated that the spokesman back of the proposed ordinance had told him that it was aimed at two leading groceries, which sell at cut prices cigarettes and smoking tobacco as a leader to attract trade.

The council discussed the matter informally last night, but it was easy to see from the remarks made by a number of the councilmen that such an ordinance might have some rough sledding if introduced in that body.

It was brought out that the firms which the ordinance was said to be aimed at could easily afford to pay such a tax, but that such an ordinance would impose a hardship on the smaller groceries and similar places which keep limited small tobacco stocks, mostly for accommodation to customers.

Then, too, the big groceries aimed at are reported full of fight and aching for the tax to begin. One of the proprietors hearing of the proposed ordinance this forenoon, called up by phone the dealer who is fathering the proposed ordinance and on learning from him that the ordinance would be introduced, said: "All right, go ahead. We will give you all the fight you want. If such an ordinance is passed, you can kiss all slot machines, punch boards and the like good by. I will personally see to it that the city ordinances and state laws against such things are enforced."

The dealer replied, "All right, guess you will have a fight if you want it."

And there the matter now rests. The city council meets tonight.

Kiwanis Club Meeting Report

The principal event of the Kiwanis meeting Monday was the election of officers for 1926, which resulted as follows:

- Louis Ulrich, president.
Vernon Vawter, vice president.
W. J. Warner, treasurer.
E. C. Gaddis, district trustee.
Larry Mann, O. O. Alexander, C. S. Butterfield, Dade Territt, J. C. Thompson, H. W. Hamlin, Dr. J. C. Hayes, directors.

The retiring president is Glen Fabrick. Jack Thomson furnished the attendance prize, which was received by W. W. Howard.

Mr. Gordon of Portland was the only guest.

Local Newspaper Men See Film at Rialto

The employees of The Mail Tribune and Sunday Sun and families, to the number of 94, were guests of the George A. Hunt company at the Rialto theater last night, to witness that interesting film, "The Last Edition," the last showing of which was last night.

It is one of the most elaborate of any films on the subject ever seen in this city, and the scenes of a large city newspaper plant in operation were especially interesting to the "newspaper folks" in last night's audience.

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CRIME WAVE IN CITY CONTINUES, ANOTHER ROBBERY

The broken handle of a wood chisel was the only clue left by burglars who jimmed their way into the Pinnacle packing house office and safe and stole \$18 in cash. A crime similar was also reported from Ashland, where a grocery store was entered in the same manner.

According to police the lock on the front door was prised loose with the chisel, while a punch and a chisel were used to force the inner safe door as the outer one was unlocked. However before this was done the office was rummaged in an effort to find keys, it is presumed. The money was taken from several separate funds, with which the provokers seemed to be familiar. Seven cents, in their haste, was overlooked and which is now being kept at the packing house if the burglars desire it.

Last night's affair is the third this week and is one of more than a dozen during the past two. Police made their beats around the packing shed at 1 o'clock and at that time all is said to have been well.

COVENANT OF PEACE SIGNED

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Then the arbitration pact negotiated at Locarno were rapidly passed to the delegates. In a brief ten minutes the efforts of the mouths of nego-

tion had been legalized and the nations involved had sworn to observe the historic compact.

A Love Feast.

As Chancellor Luther bent to affix his signature to the four sheets of foolscap size paper comprising the main document, a score of cameras clicked. The German statesman raised his head and with a smile bowed in the direction of the cameramen.

Secretary Chamberlain and Premier Briand leaned forward and nodded their heads in approval at each other and then at their German colleague. When the pact had been signed Secretary Chamberlain rose and handed Chancellor Luther the allied interpretation of article XII of the league of nations covenant, taking cognizance of Germany's position as a disarmed nation and paving the way for her entry into the league.

Again the movie cameras ground out their historic pictorial records and again the representatives of the signatory nations spoke in turn, this time to declare that their governments would forever fulfill the obligations to which they had just subscribed.

Baldwin is Moved.

The British premier, who was the only one to employ the English language, was visibly moved when he announced that his government welcomed the treaty of Locarno. Great Britain, he added, was certain the treaty would not disappoint the hopes of the world in laying the foundation for that peace which had so long been sought. His sentiment was that of the other speakers. Dr. Stresemann delivered his remarks with vigor and conviction. The only delegate to raise his voice above conversational tone, he repeatedly struck the table as he made his declarations.

Nothing, he said, would serve greater purposes in these days of difficulty than the spirit of good will which the treaty evoked. He looked to the future and the fruition of the work they had done with great hope.

Premier Briand of France, in a solemn voice, declared there was not a person in the world who was not interested in the proceedings of the day.

"I can see across the table the German chancellor," he said, "and I am sure I can tell him I have remained a good Frenchman, just as he in coming here has remained a good German—but both of us are Europeans."

LONDON, Dec. 1.—(A. P.)—After the Locarno ceremony in the foreign office, Chancellor Luther of Germany gave the Associated Press this statement:

"This day of the signing of the Locarno pact is a milestone in the history of European nations. It shows the will of all the parties to the treaty to restore peace. Readjustment to normal economic and political relations will be the ultimate outcome of our endeavors."

"I consider that this pact is the first step, but a decisive one in that direction. The pacification of the world and in its wake the prosperity of nations is the final aim. There are still obstacles to overcome but we are at last so far advanced that I can say with assurance the goal is attainable."

Libel Cases Dismissed.

YUMA, Ariz.—Two criminal libel charges preferred against George W. Linn, editor and publisher of the Yuma Evening Herald, by E. F. Sanguinetti, wealthy merchant and land owner, were dismissed by Judge E. Elmo Holliver at the request of the county attorney.

What Happened to the Engine.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Dec. 1.—(A. P.)—Refusing to head the locomotive whistle of a passenger train 75 miles south of here on the Alaska railroad, a bull moose yesterday attacked the engine. His mate was bumped from the track as the train stopped.

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