

# PAYROLLS COMING BACK TO NEW HIGH PEAK IN INDUSTRY

### February Reports Show Best Wages, Most Jobs Since 1931—March Expected To Show Gain Further.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—Payrolls in American manufacturing industry hit a new high in February, creating peaks in both wages and employments untouched since early 1931.

The department of commerce, announcing this today, added that probable further improvement in March would supplement these figures, but that only incomplete estimates for the month were available.

The department stated that a swelling in manufacturing payrolls of 12 per cent in February as compared to January constituted the greatest one-month improvement in 1934.

A six percent gain in actual factory employment during the month as compared to January was recorded as having been exceeded only three times in 15 years.

Latest Increases Uncounted  
None of the figures included the spurge of pay increases recently announced in the steel, automobile and other industries, many of which go into effect this month.

The NRA was disclosed today to be watching such data intently, while gathering more of its own.  
On good authority it was indicated that quick general action by industry to shorten working hours for re-employment is not now expected by Blue Eagle officials but within a reasonable period voluntary cuts are looked for from large individual groups.

If not, the original idea that a flat ten per cent reduction be required by the government of all who cannot show good cause to the contrary, may be brought into play.

Up To Business  
The present attitude is to put the responsibility directly up to business. Its spokesmen have urged upon Hugh S. Johnson insistently their view that there is no compulsion many industries will do the thing handsomely. With his own belief the initiative should be on the part of industry, Johnson has found it easy to leave direct action to private interests for a time.

While Johnson's aides are going beyond present conditions to gain data on how many more men industry could possibly employ—"and if not, why not," in the words of the NRA administrator—the allied commerce department concentrated on past statistics.

It noted slight declines in employment in non-manufacturing industry between the middle of January and the middle of February as offsetting but a small proportion of the "margin" gain in factory employment. The actual gain, it added, "reversed the downward trend which had extended over a period of four months."

As to March possibilities, the report found that "current indications point toward further improvement in the employment opportunities in March."

Farm Income Grows  
It noted that cash income received by farmers from the sale of farm products rose nearly five percent during February after allowance for the seasonal trend, and was 63 percent above a year ago.

Production advances were not accompanied by similar advances in sales of goods, the figures indicated. The February rise in freight-car loadings was regular, while retail sale figures showed no marked change, except in the case of automobiles, the value of which was almost double January. Preliminary March figures, however, indicated general retail improvement.

The gain in the composite index of industrial production for the month, after allowance for the seasonal trend, was nearly four percent, bringing the index considerably above both 1933 and 1932 and within 3 percent of February 1931.

NRA and other administration efforts to improve figures thus far noted are concentrated principally on two fronts.

Legislation is now being considered on Capitol Hill to follow President Roosevelt's suggestion that about \$700,000,000 more capital could be used by medium-sized businesses to good employment effect.

NEW YORK, April 6.—(AP)—Dun

## Auto Workers' Choice



Richard L. Byrd (above) of Pontiac, Mich., was the choice of auto workers as their representative on the automobile labor board, the arbitrating body created by President Roosevelt's settlement of a strike threat. (Associated Press Photo)

& Bradstreet report a further rise in bank clearings. The total for the week ended April 4 at leading American cities was \$4,823,052,000, of 12.6 per cent above last year.

Clearings for the current week over the heavy monthly and quarterly settlements. A number of cities continued to show large percentage gains over 1933, although, the agency said, "the partial stagnation prevailing at this time last year already had worn off to some extent."

The aggregate exceeds the previous week by \$440,541,000. A year ago there was an increase of \$961,105,000.

## WOMAN CONVICT HANGS SELF IN PRISON CELL

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., April 6.—(AP) Pauline May Leroy, 50, of Los Angeles, committed suicide in the women's prison at Tehachap, Warden James B. Holohan was notified today.

A guard discovered the body hanging in the cell. The woman had fastened a noose from a piece of cheesecloth, looped it about her neck, and jumped from her cot.

Mrs. Leroy entered the prison last March 29 to serve from one to 10 years on three counts charging pandering and conspiracy to pander.

Three salesmen of the 1934 Kansas City auto show had attended, among them, 75 annual exhibitions of the kind.

## CULINARY CRAFT....

By Estelle Dorgan, Director, Home Service, the California Oregon Power Company

### THERE ARE COOKIES AND COOKIES

"Jim's Grandma has a limousine and the biggest house I've ever seen; But my Grandma is best by far For she has got a cookie jar."

Isn't that a genuine eulogy? A good cookie means a lot more to very little boys than does a gorgeous car.

And I find that good cookies continue to hold favor with grown-up folk and seem to disappear into thin air before the cookie jar ever gets the opportunity to be filled to capacity. Here are some very good cookies for you!

### Honey Crisp Cookies

- 1-3 cup shortening.
- 1/2 cup honey.
- 2 eggs, well beaten.
- 1/2 cup sour cream.
- 1 3/4 cups flour.
- 1 teaspoon baking powder.
- 1/2 teaspoon salt.
- 1/2 teaspoon soda.
- 1/2 cup nut meats.
- 1/2 cup chopped dates.
- 1 cup rice krispies.
- 2 teaspoons vanilla.

Cream shortening and honey. Add eggs and sour cream. Sift flour, baking powder, salt and soda and add to first mixture. Stir in nut meats, dates, rice krispies and flavoring. Drop from spoon on greased baking sheet and bake at 375 degrees.

### Peanut Butter Drop Cookies

- 1/2 cup sugar.
- 1/4 cup white Karo.
- 1/2 cup peanut butter.
- 1/4 teaspoon salt.
- 2 eggs.
- 2 1/2 cups rolled oats.

Mix in the order given and drop by the spoonful on a greased baking sheet. Bake at 375 degrees until golden brown.

### Date Cookies

- 1 cup shortening.
- 2 1/4 cups brown sugar.
- 2 eggs, beaten.
- 2 tablespoons milk.
- 4 cups white flour.
- 1/4 cup graham flour.
- 1 teaspoon salt.
- 1 teaspoon vanilla.
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg.
- 1 cup chopped dates.
- 1/4 cup hot water.
- 1 cup chopped nuts.

Cream shortening and sugar, add beaten eggs. Sift dry ingredients to-

gether and add a portion before adding the milk. Pour the hot water over the dates and let stand while the other ingredients are assembled. When all are combined chill at least two hours before baking. Drop from spoon and bake at 375 degrees until golden brown (about 10 minutes).

### Date Bars

- 3 eggs.
- 1 cup sugar.
- 1 cup flour.
- 2 teaspoons baking powder.
- 1/2 teaspoon salt.
- 1 1/2 cups chopped dates.
- 1 cup chopped nuts.
- 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Beat eggs well, add sugar gradually, then fold in the remaining ingredients. Bake in a sheet for 45 minutes at 300 degrees. Cut into squares and dip in powdered sugar.

### Pinwheel Cookies

Use any plain cookie recipe and roll flat then spread with a paste of 1/2 cup peanut butter.

1/2 cup powdered sugar. 2 teaspoons vanilla. Sprinkle with raisins and chopped nuts, then roll and chill thoroughly. Slice then and bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) about 8 minutes.

### Sour Cream Cookies

- 1 cup sugar.
- 2 tablespoons butter.
- 1 egg.
- 1 cup sour cream.
- 1 teaspoon soda.
- 2 1/2 cups flour.
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder.
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla.
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts.

Cream sugar with butter and egg, add sour cream with soda. Sift together the flour and baking powder and add a portion and combine well. Add vanilla and nuts then remaining flour and knead until all is absorbed. Drop on greased pan and bake at 400 degrees until golden color.

### Frozen Coconut Cookies

- 1/2 cup brown sugar.
- 1/2 cup white sugar.
- 1/2 cup melted butter.
- 2 cups chopped coconut.
- 2 eggs.
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder.
- 2 cups pastry flour.
- 1/2 teaspoon salt.
- 1 teaspoon lemon extract.

Beat eggs slightly, add sugar and butter, then lemon extract. Sift together the dry ingredients, add to first mixture, add coconut and blend well. Store in refrigerator 12 hours. Slice and bake at 400 degrees until brown.

### Swedish Cookies

- 1 cup shortening.
- 2-3 cup sugar.
- 2 eggs.
- 1/2 teaspoon salt.
- 2 1/2 cups flour.

1 teaspoon almond flavoring. Cream the sugar and shortening, add beaten eggs. Sift the salt with flour and add to creamed mixture. Add flavoring and mix well. These are especially good in a cookie press or may be shaped with a teaspoon. Bake at 400 degrees until light brown.

### Brownies

- 2 squares chocolate.
- 1/2 cup shortening.
- 1 cup sugar.
- 2 eggs.
- 1/2 cup flour.

1/2 teaspoon salt. 1 teaspoon vanilla. 1 cup nut meats. Melt the chocolate and shortening. Add sugar and mix well. Add well beaten eggs. Sift flour with salt and add. Add nut meats and vanilla. Pour into well greased pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes. (Use 8-inch square pan for good proportions). When removed from oven mark into bars with knife and remove when cool.

## PRICELESS PAINTING GOES UP IN SMOKE

FERRANARWORTHAL, Corn wall, England, April 6.—(AP)—Rambrandt's priceless painting, "Pontius Pilate," was destroyed in a fire which wrecked the country mansion "Carclaw," owned by the noted polo player, Capt. Charles Tremayne, early today. No one was injured, but the occupants of the house escaped only narrowly.

No Bath: Divorce. SALT LAKE CITY—(UP)—Charging her husband had not bathed for months, Mrs. Zenobia Millard filed suit for divorce. It was granted.



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## Shangle Thanked For Photograph Sent Roosevelt

A letter from M. A. LeHand, private secretary to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, has been received by J. Verne Shangle, local photographer, announcing receipt of a child photograph sent the president. The letter reads:

"Your letter of March 7 has been received by the president and he thanks you heartily for writing and for the portrait to which you referred. He is glad to accept the picture and is indeed grateful to you for presenting it to him."

The photograph, Mr. Shangle believed, expressed perfectly the spirit of the New Deal inaugurated by President Roosevelt.

Trained Goldfish. AXTELL, Kansas.—(UP)—W. J. Foreman has a goldfish which not only comes swimming towards him from the far side of its bowl, but will do a "barrel roll" or "spin" at the owner's command. The fish answers to the name of Jack.

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