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WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAWS
In the news dispatches of this week it is noted that Indiana has joined the states having workmen's compen-
sation laws in operation. Oreagn's law has been in opersation laws in operation. Oregon's law has been in oper-
ation three years or more and many employers have not taken advantage of it. It is like that of most of the ethe etates to a certain expert experimental and some of
its provisions are objected to by some industries. Amend ments which wiped out many of the apparent inequalities were adopted at the last session of the legislature, how-
ever, and no doubt other changes will be made from time ever, and no doubt other changes will be made from time
to time. In Indiana, although nearly 500 employers took advantage of the opportunity to reject the law, members of
the commission point out that this is a very small portion the commission point out that this is a very small portion
of the approximately 300,000 employers in the sta of the approximately 300,000 employers in the state.
Indiana was the twenty-seventh state to enact such law. Since that time four other states have joined the
list, making thirty-one in all. Alaska also hes list, making thirty-one in all. Alaska also has such a law
Several of the larger traction systems in the state have rejected the law, preferring to take their chances in the courts with damage suits. Those rejecting the law cannot plead as defense that the employe was negligent, that the or that the employe assumed the risk of the injury If an employe whose employer has not rejected the law is injured after today, the employer must furnish free medical care and supplies for thirty days. After fourteen per cent of his wages. If he is totally disabled his to pay
. ment will continue for 500 weeks. If he is partially disabled the compensation is at the rate of one-half the difference between his earning capacity before and after he injury.
 labor contended.
ance of employer

the Indiana bureau of legislatiye information, discloses that workmen's compensation so far obtains chiefly in
the northern states. There is a strip across the country where the ambulance chasing lawyer and the courts are
left to decide whether a laborer is entitled to damages, left to decide wheth
these states being:
Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia Morida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, New
Mexico, Utah, Idaho, North and South Dakota, Missouri, Delaware and Kentucky


## damage

## Montana is the only state to reject compensation by :

 some unsually objectionable features. In Wyoming thelegislature passed a compensation laiv after the people had ratifed an amendment to the constituttion permitting
i. This year Nebraska voters compensation law passed in 1913 by the legislature.
 of the most startling figures may be listed as follows Bremier Asquith amnounced in June that Great
would be not less than suring the next three months The total cost of the war per day-to all combatantsis about $\$ 0000000$. An amount equal in value to the
agricultural lands of America, or to the assets of the Russlan empire, has been expended so far upon the conThict. British national debt has more than doubled in
one year: Its increase of $\$ 1000$. of 113 per cent over last rear:

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about 43 per cent. Meat has advanced 40 per
fish 25 per cent.
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Bread and meat show an increase ranging fr 180 down to 10 per cent. Potatoes show a 180 per cent; pears, 200 per cent; lentils,
beans, 152 per cent. One must, beans, 152 per cent. One must, of course,
natural exaggeration; but from various au statements it seems clear that food in Ber THE HIGHEST HELPFULNESS
In one of the warring countries a fund aised for the benefit of the sufferers, and th riginator of the fund said he hoped the be ap distributed so as to stimulate and increase What our men and women want is work" what our boys and girls need is training." There spoke a wise man as well as philan The man who works preserves his indepen respect and spirit for success. A nation of ing, idle, broken-spirited people would be a mon ubus to any of the countries involved in the No doubt that statement caused a lot of no little dissatisfaction. The idea of calml oys and girls for constructive usefulness w war stalks in the land must have startled the
But Europe has never needed trained minds and skil
ful hands as she needs them now and will need them
Here is the way the Woodburn Independe reat question of the times: "Let us get ri eplorable ondition of the principal causes of nancially the mions. America today is the ould be good tod powerful nation in the wor here was more confidence felt and display fearful of this nation betteal good as long nvest, and hoard their money, many being even when the banks. Economy is practiced in fam he assists in continuing the depressiond wear the millions in thiş country each do with a day and there s a marked effect on the ist and we have a condition easily explained extent the people themselves make times ha encouraged to do so by the money-power, which
$\qquad$ Manufacturets makes the American enough cement manufactured in the year to build concrete forts at every needed poin entire coast of the country. This is a country talk sick.
 for months, while pretending to make purchases. When doubt but sill Sa depth of depravity and sin there is no provide the only punishment to fit the transgression.
Former Governor Cole Blease, of South Carolina, a And yet he pardoned all the convicts fail to do their duty of paying any attention to Blease or any of these othe China has ordered a ready-made
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pin our faith to the correspondents. Russia has ordered a lot of automo Probably unable to keep ahead of her p


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