

Slowly Getting Back to Normal

American Visitors Find Industrial Conditions Steadily Improving in England.

HIGH PRICES EVERYWHERE

But Taxes Are Higher, Too, Than Elsewhere in the World—London Hotels Are Crowded—How It Looks to Visitors.

London.—Economic, financial and industrial conditions are steadily improving in England, but are still a very long way from being normal. Strikes are the bane of progress here in these days. Demands for more pay and shorter hours follow each other in quick succession from the various branches of organized labor. The trouble is that less efficiency seems to follow the granting of each demand. Immediately one of the big industrial companies settles with one section of its employees by increasing wages, trouble starts in another section of the workers till the change goes all around. Then it begins again. Railway fares have been increased 50 per cent in the last three years. Now another 50 per cent is to be added to meet the increased cost of operation. New rolling stock, however, has been constructed and service has been improved considerably in the last year, and in spite of the high fares and dropping of excursion rates the trains are packed in every direction.

Hotels are crowded. The Defense of the Realm Act—called Dora for short—is still in force in England, so it is impossible to buy candy, cigars, tobacco, matches, books and a great many other things after 8 p. m. Public houses (saloons) are permitted to sell intoxicating liquors between 12 and 2:30 p. m., and between 6 and 10 p. m., which is two hours after the closing time for selling

meals and tips. Women smoke practically everywhere since the war. Some of the more daring now have special brands of cigars imported from Cuba for their use, and smoke them publicly in theaters and restaurants. In the streets Englishmen have become quite accustomed to having women ask them for a light. The emancipated Englishwoman has invaded the men's territory to such an extent that on the golf links and in hotels you sometimes find notices have been posted which read: "This smoking room is reserved for gentlemen only." One tobaccoist asserted recently that women now purchase three times

as many cigarettes as men and some are taking to pipes. Since the new tax has come into force the quality of cigarette tobacco has deteriorated, as has that of cigars, except the very high priced ones.

Most Heavily Taxed Nation. English people are probably more heavily taxed than any other nation in the world at the present time. They do not complain of this, but protests are heard against arbitrary methods adopted by the government in dealing with excess profits and against the waste which still goes on in many departments. Food is very dear and there is still a scarcity of butter and sugar. Many people have become so accustomed to going without the latter during the war that they now dispense with it altogether, which is well from the point of view of economy, as sugar costs 30 cents a pound now and threatens to go higher. On June 15 the bakers were instructed not to make any more white bread, and it is considered possible that bread cards will again be issued before Christmas, the big supplies of grain from Russia, promised by the soviet government to Lloyd George having proved to be purely mythical.

The housing problem in London, and in fact in all the large cities in England, is very serious and the suggestion that the authorities take over all empty houses, as they did in some towns during the war, is being agitated.

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Clears Up Exemption

Treasury Department Gives Explanation of Tax Problem.

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Washington.—The treasury department has explained the tax exemption limits on 4 and 4 1/2 per cent Liberty bonds. The total possible exemptions from federal income surtaxes and profits taxes is \$160,000. The following summary of tax exemptions limits was given: Five thousand dollars in the aggregate of first and second 4s and 4 1/2s, third and fourth 4 1/2s, treasury and war savings certificates.

Train Passes Over Baby; He Is Unhurt

Pensauken, N. J.—Commuters gasped in amazement when they saw two-year-old Robert Oit, almost unhurt, crawl across the rail after a train passed over him at the Union avenue crossing near the Pennsylvania station here.

The train had struck an automobile in which the child's mother, Mrs. Eva Oit, and brother, Frederick Oit, 13 years old, were riding with him. Both were thrown out and hurt.

Mrs. Oit, who was driving, saw those on the platform signaling wildly when she was nearly on the track and put on all speed to pass before the train. The three were thrown into the air, and the baby landed between the rails, directly in front of the locomotive. Mrs. Oit fell into a ditch and suffered fractures of both arms. Frederick was slightly injured.

chocolate. These hours are strictly observed, yet those engaged in the retail liquor trade are making more money than they ever did before on account of the high prices and the short drinking hours.

Khaki uniforms have disappeared from the streets and instead ex-soldiers can no longer be seen on crutches. Most of these have been furnished with artificial arms and legs and provided with jobs in government offices and banks. The women have left their war jobs on the motor buses and street cars, but there are still a few in the bookkeeping offices of the railways. England gradually is beginning to look normal.

May Soon Know as Much as Kids.

Lexington, Ky.—A mother, two sons and two daughters are students at the same school, Mrs. E. P. Gray, wife of a Chautauqua entertainer, brought her four children from Barboursville to attend school. Having nothing else to do, she decided to take a course in school herself.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

Timely News Called From All Parts of the State, Reduced for the Busy.

SCORES OF EVENTS COVERED

At a conference of railroad representatives and the State Railway Commission at Lincoln, an agreement was reached whereby elevators which have grain in storage ready for shipment can enter the amount of such grain in weekly statement to local agents as basis for car distribution. This means that if an elevator has, for instance, 5,000 bushels of its own grain ready for shipment and farmers represent that they have 20,000 bushels which they desire sold, the elevator can take this grain, paying for same after it has been sold by the elevator people. This virtually makes all elevators public warehouses.

The battle between the Tenants' League and apartment owners at Omaha took on a more interesting aspect last week when one landlord ordered eighty-nine tenants of the Drake Court, who have refused to pay increased rentals, to vacate within thirty days. Members of the league say they will ignore the order.

The Nebraska Amateur Baseball association of six cities was organized at a meeting at Lincoln. Tentative plan for a series of post-season games between champions of each city league were discussed. The association schedule will include teams from Omaha, Lincoln, Beatrice, Grand Island, Hastings and York.

Officials of the Great Western Sugar company announced that the company will start work on the erection of a sugar factory at Minature, the new mill to be ready for operation when the 1921 beet slicing campaign opens. With this announcement property values in Minature have gone skyward.

Using a table knife which he had concealed after using it at meal time, two inmates of the Platte county jail, at Columbus, dug out of the wall and escaped. The jail is an old structure and several other prisoners have escaped before this time. No trace of the men has been found.

The state board of assessment has completed the valuations for several counties of the state and has announced that 68 per cent of the actual value is the basis on which valuation of lands will be made.

Plans are being considered by the West Side Congregational church people of McCook for the new church building they propose to erect. The new structure will be modern in every detail.

The state railway commission has issued a warning to all grain dealers in the state that except at terminal points, the storage of grain without taking out a license is a misdemeanor under the Nebraska law.

Because they did not consider a bid of \$322 an acre adequate, referees disposing of the farm estate of the late N. Pascoe, in Dodge county, determined to advertise a new sale in November.

Among improvements for Albion advocated by the Community club are: Paving of streets, a milk condensing factory, city mail delivery and a half holiday each week during the summer months.

Investigation into the cause of the death of Miss Frieda Bostelmann of Stoddard, whose father is in the Thayer county jail charged with poisoning, was resumed the first of the week.

Stockholders of the Farmers' Union Co-operative association of Filley have filed articles of incorporation. The company is incorporated for \$50,000.

Residents of Paxton have instructed the board of trustees to call a bond election to vote on bonds for water, light and sewer.

Sixty acres of land near Atkinson was sold by Mrs. Dell Alken for \$15,000, or an average of \$250 an acre. Work on Gibbons' new sewer system is progressing rapidly following some delay due to scarcity of labor.

The Nebraska City post of the American Legion is planning a big athletic carnival to be held this month.

Work on McCook's new quarter million dollar hotel is moving along rapidly.

Plans are being made to hold a fall festival at Columbus next month.

A company of national guards was mustered in at Hartington last Tuesday. It is the second company in the state outside of Omaha and the first in northeast Nebraska.

In order to interest boys and girls in the dairy business, the Nebraska State Dairyman's association is offering \$50 in cash prizes for the best Boys' and Girls' dairy teams demonstrating at the State Fair at Lincoln, Sept. 5 to 10. The following counties have dairy calf clubs: Dakota, Douglas, Seward, Hamilton, Hall and Scotts Bluff.

The potato harvest is on in Holt county, and indications are that the 1920 crop will be the greatest in the county's history.

Light rationing is being considered at Omaha because of the coal shortage, due to strikes in Illinois, Kansas and Indiana.

It is understood that the alfalfa meal mill which burned to the ground at Mitchell the other day, will not be rebuilt. No insurance was carried on the structure, or its contents, it is understood, and the plant, valued at \$30,000, is a total loss.

The whole of Cheyenne, Deuel and Garden counties was shocked beyond expression as the result of a terrible accident near Lodge Pole, when a fast U. P. train crashed into a Ford automobile containing Frank Zeigler, his wife and two sons. Mr. Zeigler and the two boys were killed, while Mrs. Zeigler escaped by jumping from the car. The party were on their way to their former home in Pennsylvania, having disposed of their homestead and property in Montana.

Threshers at the farm of John J. Durr in Otoe county, discovered pieces of chains, scraps of iron and other hard substances tied into shocks of wheat after the separator cylinder had been damaged almost beyond repair. County officials made an investigation, but no trace of the guilty party was found. Mr. Durr was an ardent war worker and it is believed that the deed was done by some disgruntled miscreant who disapproved of his aiding the government.

Nebraska soldiers and sailors who served in the Spanish-American war, or Philippine insurrection, in any degree disabled, are eligible to a pension under the Act of June 5, 1920, known as the Sells bill. Any one desiring further information, address Chas. L. Cline, 1470 So. 16th St., Omaha.

The importance of Dodge county as a seed wheat producing center is stressed in a statement issued by County Agent Houser, who announces that five other counties of the state are asking for Kanred wheat, produced in the county this year.

Saline county voters will decide on September 14 whether the county seat will be transferred from Wilber to Crete. The feud between the towns is of long duration since Wilber won the county seat from Crete in 1877 by a 100-vote margin.

Omaha's three daily newspapers, the Bee, World-Herald and Daily News, advanced their subscription rates August 1. Sunday papers are now sold at 10 cents and daily papers at 8 cents, as compared to former prices of 5 cents and 2 cents.

Thirty-five counties in the state, out of the 93, have been increased in valuation over the reports of the county assessors ranging from 5 to 50 per cent. Thirty-one counties were decreased and 26 remain as reported.

E. O. Johnson, who operates the John Gram farm, near Mead, threshed 20 acres of wheat that yielded 1,170 bushels, or 45 bushels per acre. This is one of the best yields for so large a piece of ground that has been reported.

Charles Shoemaker of Elk City won the horseshoe-pitching championship of Nebraska at the Fremont tournament. Over 100 horseshoe stars entered the match, which was the first annual state tournament.

Fire caused by lightning destroyed the Farmers' Union elevator at Knox, York county. Thirty-five hundred bushels of wheat, 1,300 bushels of oats and 200 bushels of corn were in the building.

A free trip to Europe, including a tour of the battlefields, will be among the prizes awarded during Merchants' Market Week, at Omaha, August 23 to August 29.

A large amount of new wheat is being received at the elevators in Gage county, and some of them have shut down because they are unable to get cars to move the grain.

A farmer near Wahoo has just finished harvesting three acres of a new variety of wheat called "Kanrad," which produced a yield of 53 bushels to the acre.

Six acres of oats on the Cook farm, near Beatrice, when threshed, showed a yield of 600 bushels, a record production for Gage county.

The Bloomfield school board has let a contract for the erection of an auxiliary school building, made necessary by increased attendance.

A movement is on foot at Greeley, backed by the Community club, to acquire a park and playground in the city.

A combination harvester-thresher used in an 800-acre wheat field near Paxton cut and threshed 700 bushels of wheat in a single day last week.

At the recent democratic pow-wow at Omaha former Governor Keith Neville of North Platte was named chairman of the party's state committee.

Plans have been completed for the erection of a \$650,000 Catholic seminary near Bellevue College in Douglas county.

Farmers and business men of De Witt are erecting a sales pavilion to cost approximately \$10,000.

Federal census figures give Greeley county a population of 8,685.

Farmers of the Virginia vicinity, organized under the name of the Virginia Farmers' Co-operative company, have purchased the privately owned elevator at that place.

Nebraska's assessed property valuation may take a jump of \$208,000,000 when reports from all counties are in, according to indications. The total last year was \$372,000,000 and state officials estimate it will run to \$750,000,000 this year. The increase is said to be due largely to advanced values of farm lands and corresponding increase in the price of city lots.

Plans are being formulated for holding a fall festival and carnival at Fremont this year.

C. D. Casper, for years editor of the Bridgeport Herald, and widely known as an editorial writer, died at Hot Springs, S. D. He was 75 years of age, a veteran of the civil war, and a past master of the Masons.

Thirty-three members of the state legislature, 11 from the senate and 22 from the house, filed an argument in the state supreme court at Lincoln against the appeal of the Reynolds primary law.

FARMERS DO WELL

Record Prices Paid Wheat Growers of Western Canada.

Will Get Above 40 Cents Over the Fixed Scale Set—World Looking to the Dominion for Its Grain.

It will be of interest to many readers to learn that their farmer friends in Canada will do so well out of the wheat they grew on western Canada's prairies last year.

There was a fixed price of \$2.15 per bushel paid for their wheat last season.

Not knowing the price at which it would be possible to market the crop, the Canadian grain board, which organization handled the whole of the crop last summer, fixed \$2.15 as a minimum price for No. 1 wheat, and arranged that each farmer should be given certificates for the quantity of wheat he delivered. The amount received over and above the fixed price which was paid to the farmers when selling their wheat was to be divided pro rata at the end of the season, and the holders of these certificates will, therefore, participate in the extra price received according to the quantity of wheat sold.

The latest advices are that the wheat board will pay at least 40 cents a bushel over the fixed rate of \$2.15 a bushel for their wheat of last season. This means that about 240,000,000 will be distributed among the farmers of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. This sum represents the difference in the price at which the wheat crop was sold and the price that was fixed for last season's crop.

Canadian Wheat in Demand.

A declaration that Canadian wheat would in all probability sell this year at between \$3 and \$5 per bushel, was made recently before a conference of western supporters of the government by Dr. Robert Magill, who was one of a deputation from the Winnipeg grain exchange. Dr. Magill argued in favor of open trading from the aspect of world conditions. He stated that no wheat could be exported from Russia owing to internal troubles.

Roumania would have absolutely none to export, India was prohibiting export, while Australia's acreage would fall from 12,000,000 to 7,000,000. The result would be that Australia would scarcely have enough to feed herself, and there would be absolutely no wheat for Europe, except from the Argentine and North America.

Dr. Magill, according to formal announcement, though it would be impossible to secure as good a price for the producer by control as by the open market. The United States market was now open, and according to present prospects, there would be mighty little to spare from that quarter. The net result would be that Canadian wheat would undoubtedly go to a record figure.—Advertisement.

Sixty-Year Old Apple Tree.

In 1858 a Missouri farmer decided that he wanted to take Greeley's advice and go west to do a little growing up with the country. He took with him a tiny apple tree growing on his farm, to see what luck it might bring him. From all appearances he made a wise move, for the tree is still growing and showering apples all over the orchard each year.

Nebraska Directory

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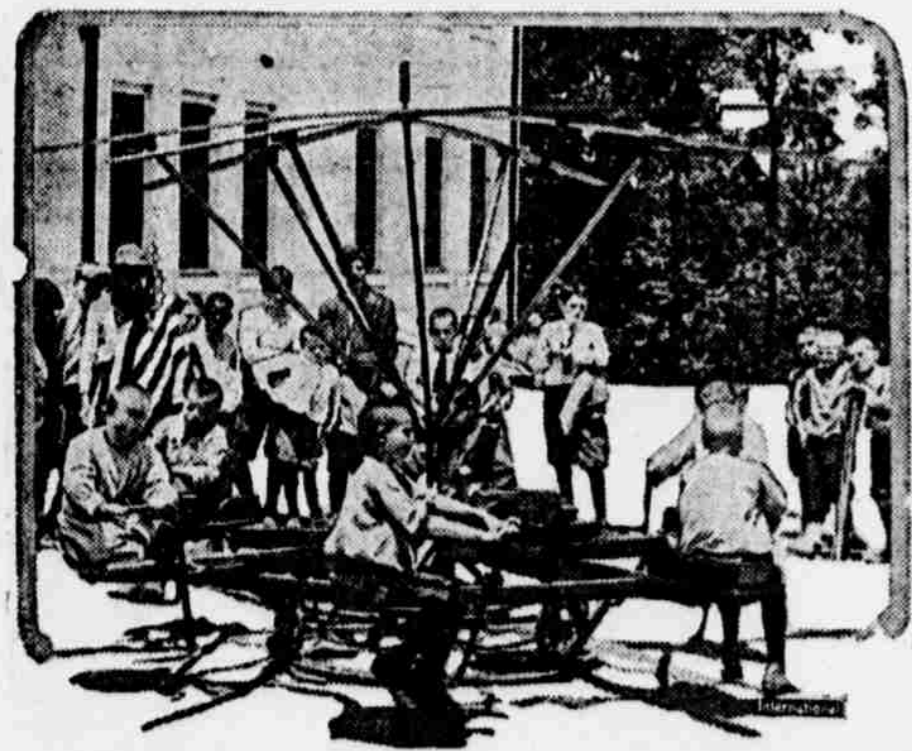
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Crippled Children at Play



Several hundred crippled kiddies are being taught at the St. Charles Home for Crippled Children at Port Jefferson, New York, and how to become useful citizens in spite of their handicaps. The picture shows crippled boys playing on the carousel.

ARMY TO ENLIST ILLITERATES

Will Educate Them as Well as Aliens in New Order Issued by Secretary of War.

Washington.—On and after July 20 illiterates and non-English speaking citizens and aliens who declare their intention to become citizens will be permitted to enlist in the United States army for terms of three years. Instructions to this effect were issued by Secretary of War Baker.

These illiterates and non-English speaking recruits will be distributed to recruit educational centers, and in any case where enlistment is for special assignment, the recruit as soon as enlisted will be sent to that recruit educational center nearest to the organization for which he enlisted. Transfers will be made promptly upon the completion of the course at the educational center.

To carry out this policy recruit educational centers will be organized at Camps Jackson, Pike, Grant, Travis and Lewis, modeled after that at Camp Upton, New York.

TEACH U. S. HISTORY

Oxford University to Have Chair With American Professor.

Viscount Rothermere Makes \$100,000 Endowment in Memory of His Dead Son.

London.—Viscount Rothermere has given the University of Oxford £20,000 for the establishment and endowment of a professorship of history of the United States of America, which will be known as the Harold Vyvyan Harmsworth professorship of American history, in memory of his son, Capt. Harold Vyvyan Harmsworth of the Irish guards, formerly a compeer of Christ Church, who was killed in the war.

Under the conditions of the endowment the holder of the professorship must at the time of his election be a citizen of the United States. He shall hold the professorship for ten years

Playful Mule Devours His Master's Pay Check

Hazleton, Pa.—John Yudatis, a mule driver in the Onelda mines of the Lehigh Valley Coal company, demanded that headquarters issue him a new pay check for \$32.38. He said his steed made a playful effort to bite him and caught the side of his coat, taking pocket, pay check and all in its teeth and swallowing the mouthful.

and shall be eligible for appointment for another ten years.

The appointment shall be made by an electoral board consisting of the American ambassador at the time of the election, who shall have a casting vote; the chancellor of the university, an elector nominated by the university and Lord Rothermere, and each succeeding holder of the viscounty.

Lord Rothermere has endowed two other professorships at English universities. In 1910 he gave £20,000 to Cambridge university for the foundation of the King Edward VII. chair of English literature, and in 1918 he gave a similar sum to Cambridge as an endowment fund for the Vere Harmsworth professorship of naval history, in memory of his second son, who was killed in the battle of the Ancre.

A watchmaker's apprentice at play discovered the principle of the telescope.