

WAGES AND EXPENSES

Bureau of Labor Compiles Statistics for Nineteen Hundred and Six.

FIGURES APPLY TO SKILLED MEN

Earnings of This Class More Than Keep Pace with Expenses.

OTHERS DO NOT FARE SO WELL

Hours of Labor for Mechanics Show a Small Decrease.

CONDITIONS APPLY TO ALL

Only One Industry, that of Pulp, Shows a Decrease in the Wages of Employees.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The investigation of the bureau of wages and the retail prices of the report on which has just been in the hands of the printer, and in the principal manufacturing and mechanical industries of the country average wages per hour in 1906 were 4.5 per cent higher than in 1905, the retail prices of labor per hour were 4.5 per cent lower, and the number of employees in the establishment investigated was 7 per cent greater.

During 1905 wages were increased generally in nearly all industries, forty of the forty-one industries covered by the investigation showing some increase. The greatest increase was in the manufacture of cotton goods, where the average wages per hour in 1905 were 11.2 per cent higher than in 1904. In the manufacture of electrical apparatus and supplies the increase was 10.1 per cent. In street and sewer work done by contract the increase was 8.7 per cent. In iron and steel, beamer converting, 8.5 per cent, and in the manufacture of bar iron the increase in wages per hour was 6.9 per cent and in the building trades 6.1 per cent. Briefly stated, two industries showed an increase in hourly wages of more than 10 per cent, seven industries an increase of 5 per cent, but less than 10 per cent, and thirty-one industries an increase of less than 5 per cent. In one industry—paper and wood pulp—there was a decrease of 1.1 per cent. In the industries as a whole, weighted according to importance, the increase in hourly wages was 4.5 per cent.

Only Applied to Factory Workers. The fact should be borne in mind that these figures apply only to wage workers in manufacturing and mechanical industries and do not show conditions so far as salaried employees are concerned. The retail prices of food, weighted according to consumption in representative families, were 2.3 per cent higher in 1906 than in 1905. As the advance in wages per hour from 1905 to 1906 was greater than the advance in the retail price of food, the purchasing power of an hour's wages, as measured by food, was greater in 1906 than in 1905. In 1906 the purchasing power of a full week's wages as expended for food was 1.4 per cent greater than in 1905, and the purchasing power of a full week's wages was 1 per cent greater in 1906 than in 1905, or, in other words, an hour's wages in 1906 was 1 per cent greater than in 1905 in the purchasing power of an hour's wages as expended for food.

ARMY TO OCCUPY MOROCCO

France Proposes Sending of Fifty Thousand Men to That Country. PARIS, Sept. 8.—The Echo de Paris correspondent says that France is rumored in military circles that France has proposed to Spain to send a Franco-Spanish army of 50,000 men to occupy the Moroccan ports and to go as far as Fez, if necessary. The correspondent says it is stated that Premier Maury and General Martignol, chief of the headquarters staff, are opposed to this plan, but that the minister of war, General Primo Rivera, supports it. The Echo's Madrid correspondent says that Great Britain's influence contributed to a modification of Spain's attitude toward Morocco, Great Britain perceiving it to be opposed actively with French action and conform to its obligations as recognized by the treaty of Algiers.

UNION PACIFIC PROXIES

Secretary of Company Says Form Used This Year is Not Novel. NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Officials of the Union Pacific Railroad company stated that there is nothing new in the proxy for the coming annual meeting, which authorizes the approval and ratification of all actions of the board of directors and of the executive committee since the last annual meeting of the stockholders. The following statement was made public by the secretary of the company: "There is nothing at all unusual in the provision of the proxy for the next annual meeting of the Union Pacific Railroad company, authorizing approval of the action of the board of directors and the executive committee. Precisely the same provision has been contained in all the proxies voted at every annual meeting for five years at least. It is one of the settled forms of the company."

EAGLES ELECT OFFICERS

Administration Ticket Wins and Kansas City Carries for Drill. NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 8.—The official announcement yesterday of the vote in Friday's election for officers of the grand eagle, Fraternal Order of Eagles, showed the administration ticket, headed by Theodore A. Bell of California. Seattle was chosen as the next place of meeting over Jamestown, N. Y. The proposition for a standard uniform is strongly opposed, with the result yet in doubt. If the standard proposal prevails it will simply require the standard uniform for a specific number in each series, with the right of the series to continue individual uniforms if desired. A resolution was adopted requiring unqualified closing of all Eagle homes on Sunday. Kansas City was this afternoon awarded the prize for the best drilled degree team.

MOVEMENTS OF OMAHA STRAIGHTS

Table with columns: Port, Arrivals, Departures. Lists movements for New York, Liverpool, London, etc.

TAFT REPLIES TO BRYAN

Secretary of War Says He is in Favor of Tariff Revision.

TACOMA, Sept. 8.—Secretary Taft wired today lifted the gaze of controversy hurled at him by William Jennings Bryan. He spoke at Olympia and Tacoma to two big audiences.

One thousand persons cheered him this afternoon in this city at Wright's park, where he spoke in the open air. He said, in part: "Mr. Bryan, discussing some of my views on the tariff and other matters, has done me the honor to call me 'the great postponer.'"

"With respect to the tariff, I was in favor of revision last year, and I am still in favor of revision, but I am a party man, and hope a practical man, and I realize the lack of revision, but I am a party man, and party and to the country, in attempting a revision of the tariff in the midst of a presidential campaign. I am convinced that the republican party, as a party, will come to the next presidential election, and I am in favor of practical results, not of theories and platitudes; of doing things which should be done, if it cannot be done this year, I am in favor of doing it next year."

He added: "For two presidential campaigns Mr. Bryan urged the free sinning of silver at 16 to 1, but now he is opposing the issue until he can bring it forward again as a panacea in times of financial disaster. "Secondly, Mr. Bryan is now emphasizing the subject of anti-imperialism and the oppression of the Philippines, but he postponed the subject of anti-imperialism in his effort the treaty of Paris was adopted and the sovereignty of the Philippines was transferred from Spain to the United States. This is really the only piece of actual affirmative, constructive statesmanship with which Mr. Bryan's name has been connected in the past, and he has been engaged in attempting to explain it away."

FLEA CARRIES THE PLAGUE

Health Authorities of San Francisco Issue a Statement.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 8.—An additional case of bubonic plague was discovered today by the Board of Health and four more suspected cases have been isolated and are under observation. The board has authorized the establishment of a temporary hospital at Ingleside. To that place the 750 inmates of the city and county hospital will be moved, and the latter buildings, old frame structures long ago condemned, will probably be burned down. The board, at a meeting today, attended by President Rauschenberger of the State Board of Health and Colonel Austin of the marine hospital service, adopted a report of the plague's situation prepared by Health Officer Watkins. In part it says: "The first case of bubonic plague appeared in the city on August 12, when two cases were reported from the North Beach district. Immediately the officials of all hospitals and dispensaries were warned to be on the lookout for similar cases. In fact, today, fifteen authentic cases in all have been reported. Of these eighteen, thirteen are at the city hospital, and five are at the temporary hospital at Ingleside. There exists today no doubt of the cause of the so-called bubonic plague, nor of the means by which it is propagated. Wherever international commerce exists, and in proportion to the volume of that commerce, there is a risk of the plague. One of which is plague, are bound to appear. There are said to be some five million of them in the world, and they are transmitted by the flea, the rat, and by man. Other modes of infection exist, but very much less frequent."

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BETTER FINANCIAL FEELING

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MONEY COMING OUT OF COVER

Big Burlington Dividend and Presence of Money to Move Crooked Causes a More Reassuring Feeling. NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—There was a distinct improvement in sentiment over the financial outlook last week, which was traceable to an important extent to the failure of some of the prognostications of trouble which had been credited. In several instances where the event justified the apprehensions the market showed that the bear party had more than sufficiently anticipated the bad news, and the buying to cover shorts helped on the recovery in prices. These conditions in the market to the extent of estimating the improvement indicated by the near recovery in prices. There was a marked subsidence in the pressure of selling and a decrease in the feeling of apprehension could be inferred from this as much as anything else. There were not lacking some positive developments. A principal item in the brightening prospect was the easier money market. This strain of the September 1 settlements, which were usually large, proved much less severe than was expected. The call money market did not get above 4 per cent at any time, and promptly relaxed, while in the open market there was something like a collapse. This was considered as the widening effect of the relief measures of the United States treasury, the announcement of which led to an almost immediate relaxation in foreign money markets and in foreign exchange rates here. Interior exchanges on New York rose also, and the conviction spread that feeling had grown overexuberant about the immediate money situation.

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MEXICAN MINE IS ON FIRE

Two Men Are Said to Have Been Killed or Lost at Esperanza. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Sept. 8.—A special to the Express from Monterey, Mexico, says: News reached this city from Musquillo, Coahuila today that another terrible mine fire occurred at the Esperanza mines today in which two men were killed. The fire originated in No. 1, and is supposed to have been caused by fire damp. A large force of medical men are at work doing all in their power to alleviate the sufferings of the wounded, while every effort is being made to get the bodies of the dead out of the mine. Consternation reigns among the miners employed at Esperanza on account of the number of mine fires that have occurred there of late.

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Two Men Hold Up Gambling House and Take Twenty-One Hundred Dollars in Cash. CASPER, Wyo., Sept. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—D. A. Robertson's saloon was held up by two masked outlaws at 1 o'clock this morning and \$2,100, which was the bank roll of the gambling games, was stolen. The bandits appeared in the door of the saloon and covered those in the place with four revolvers, commanding "hands up." There was no attempt at resistance and one of the robbers appropriated the bank roll while the other kept the crowd covered. The robbers then backed through the door and disappeared. The authorities have no clue to their identity nor have they been able to find any trace of them. At the time of the hold-up the gambling bank had just been checked up for the night and there were many employees and patrons in the room.

MEXICAN MINE IS ON FIRE

Two Men Are Said to Have Been Killed or Lost at Esperanza. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Sept. 8.—A special to the Express from Monterey, Mexico, says: News reached this city from Musquillo, Coahuila today that another terrible mine fire occurred at the Esperanza mines today in which two men were killed. The fire originated in No. 1, and is supposed to have been caused by fire damp. A large force of medical men are at work doing all in their power to alleviate the sufferings of the wounded, while every effort is being made to get the bodies of the dead out of the mine. Consternation reigns among the miners employed at Esperanza on account of the number of mine fires that have occurred there of late.

SMIFF IS CONVICTED

Missouri Valley Editor Found Guilty on Manslaughter Charge.

KILLING OF MORT S. BRUNDIGE

Defendant Out on Bond Moves for a New Trial. The verdict was returned at 1 o'clock this morning by the jury in Judge Green's court before which the trial of Mort S. Brundige was held. The trial had lasted one week. Lew T. Genung made the closing argument for the state. Counsel for the defense filed a motion for a new trial.

JURY AT LIBERTY ONE DAY

Fact Which Form Chief Ground of the Application. From the time of the tragedy until the evening of the verdict, the jury was the keener and widest interest. Every stage of the trial has been followed with zeal and the outcome is but the culmination of a period of intense excitement. Friends of the editor are shocked at the thought of his conviction on a charge so grave.

ITEM IN PAPER CAUSES TRAGEDY

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