

### Labor Conditions Growing Better

### Unemployment Conditions Throughout World Show Improvement, Report Says.

London.—The unemployment situation throughout the world is favorable compared with that of a year ago, says the current issue of the International Labor Review, the monthly publication of the international labor office of the league of nations at Geneva. The periodical has just finished a world-wide survey on unemployment.

In France and Belgium unemployment is almost nonexistent. In North America employment was exceedingly good toward the close of 1922 as compared with 1921, though in Canada figures for October and November show a contraction as compared with previous years.

In the United States employment has been steadily increasing during the last year and business conditions continue to improve. Production was very good during January, 1923, and

apparently no one a year ago expected such a rapid recovery. In the United Kingdom the general unemployment index numbers show little change at the end of January, 1923, as compared with December, 1922. The activity in coal mining, in steel-sheet manufacture, and in the worsted industry was satisfactory, but most of the other principal industries are still under the spell of depression.

In the Scandinavian countries and in the Netherlands the situation shows improvement.

In Italy the great increase of the numbers unemployed recorded the end of the year was due to unemployment in the mining and outdoor industries, as well as in agriculture.

Polish industries were comparatively active during the last three months of 1922, and a comparison with the corresponding month of last year shows that unemployment has greatly diminished. In Switzerland unemployment is still declining.

Austria and Germany are the only two countries for which unemployment figures show a substantial increase at the end of 1922 as compared with 1921. It has been estimated that Austrian industries were working at 10 per cent of their capacity at the end of 1922. In Germany reasonable unemployment in the building industry is especially acute this year. Em-

### Son of Armour Official Is Killed by Gunshot

Chicago, Sept. 8.—Fred E. White accidentally shot himself to death late yesterday. He was the son of F. E. White, president of Armour & Co.

Young White, who was only 15, had been hunting on his father's Lake Forest estate with Arthur Armour, son of A. W. Armour, the vice president of Armour & Co.

A bull charged toward the boys and White attempted to beat it off with the stock of the gun. In some manner the weapon was discharged, tearing a hole in young White's side.

**Mayor Hylan Better.**  
Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Sept. 8.—Mayor Hylan of New York, who is suffering from pleuro-pneumonia, was somewhat better this morning. His physicians issued the following bulletin:

"Mayor Hylan was somewhat better this morning. Pain less, breathing better. Temperature, 99; pulse, 108; respiration, 30."

The physicians expect that he will recover. His temperature last night was 103.

### Mail Superintendent Raises Giant Vegetables at Suburban Home

### But His Phone Rings When Friends Become Too Inquisitive.

William J. Mettlen, superintendent of mails, central postoffice, moved from the Coronado apartments out to a place in the suburbs last spring. He expressed to his fellow employees the philosophy of the great open spaces, communing with nature and particularly raising one's own garden vegetables.

Now, "Met" is one of the hardest workers in Uncle Sam's mail department, having office hours (according to Pat McGovern) from 1 a. m. till 12 midnight.

After he moved to his new place at 4213 Mayberry avenue, he received frequent queries as to how the garden was coming along. His report was always optimistic. He described his early radishes and lettuce as the best of their kind.

"I never saw anything like them. Radishes the size of a fist, heads of lettuce the size of a bucket. It's the way I tend 'em that makes 'em grow."

And the unbelievers chuckled sardonically.

The other day Mr. Mettlen came in with an enormous tomato. It was red and smooth-faced and weighed just over two and a half pounds on the postoffice scales.

"Here's one I just picked off the vines this morning," he said. "Fair



graph, telephone and other electric wires cross each other at overhead intersections on the streets and roads of the United States. In all, more than 20 such projects have been completed or are now under way.

Even the language of industrial and technical men has become so complicated and confused in the rapid development of science and industry during recent years that it has become necessary to simplify and standardize words and their meanings and symbols.

The standards committee reports that the national movement for industrial standardization accomplished more during the last year than in any preceding year, and the work has now reached the stage of mass production. Trade associations and general commercial bodies have shown decidedly increased interest in standardization work, which, in its earliest stages, was considered of interest principally to engineers.

### Manufacturers of Country Will Standardize Products

New York, Sept. 2.—The business of life, at least that portion of it having to do with the manufacture, sale and use of material things, has become so complicated in recent years that more than 200 national industrial associations and government departments are now engaged in a co-operative effort to straighten out the tangle.

The straightening process has taken the form of simplification, unification and standardization of raw materials, manufacturing processes and of finished products.

The far-reaching proportion this work assumed during 1922 is revealed in the year book of the American engineering standards committee, a federation of the industrial, technical, social and governmental agencies engaged in national standardization work. The projects under way range from standardization of the proportions of bolts, nuts and rivets to the standardization of the dimensions of motion picture films; from the standardization of the methods of testing automobile headlights to standardization of methods of testing wood, steel or Portland cement; from standardization of methods of sampling coal and coke to the standardization of the methods of testing cotton fabrics; from the standardization of rules concerning electricity meters to standardization of the manner in which tele-

### Ad-Sell League Will Start Fall Program

Ralph Partlette, vice president of the Partlette-Padget company, publishers, will address the opening fall meeting of the Omaha Ad-Sell league at Hotel Fontenelle, Monday night at 6.

E. Elmo Martin of Cleveland, O.,

author, lecturer, and industrial engineer, will address the league September 24. Other speakers during the fall will include Lawrence W. Rogers, physiologist, New York City; Dr. Preston Bradley of Chicago; E. St. Elmo Lewis, vice president of the Campbell Ewald company; Edmund Vance Cook, poet; Samuel Grathwell, Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, Herbert Leon Cope and Robert C.

Fay, sales manager of the La Salle Extension university.

That the Order of DeMolay for Boys, an organization composed of sons of Master Masons and their companions, between the ages of 16 and 21, is a fast-growing body is shown by the fact that they have established, in addition to the many in this country, councils in Milan, Rome,

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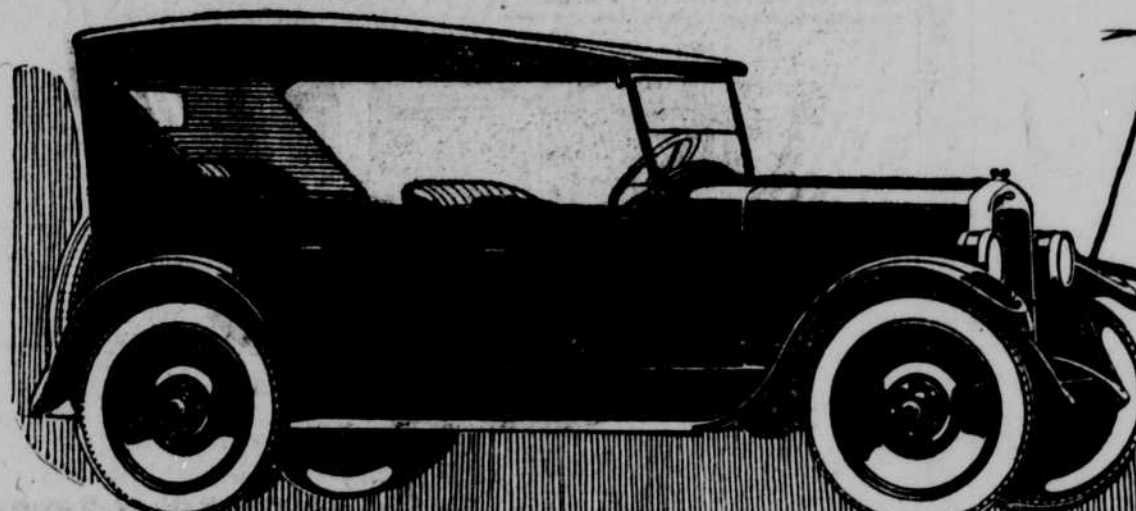
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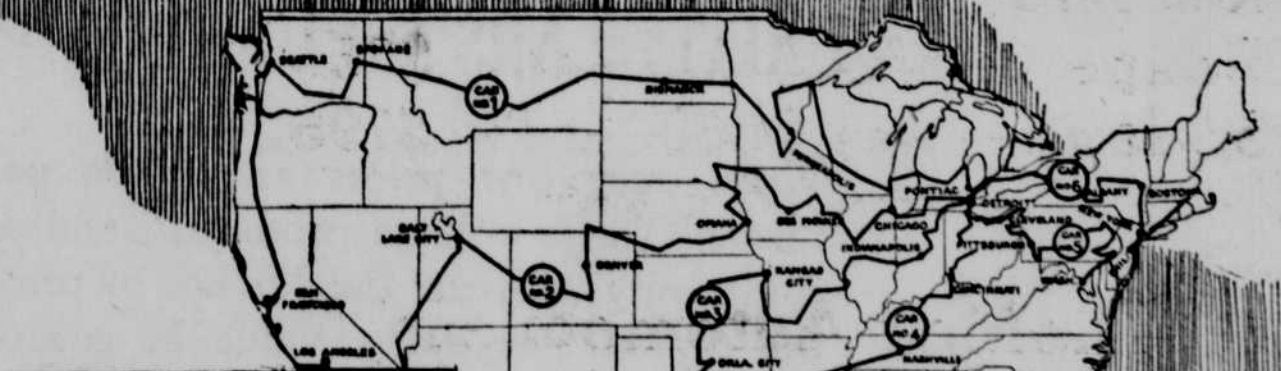
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