

Wages in Building Trades in Jersey To Go Down May 1

Essex County Employers Announce General Reduction of From 10 to 20 P.C. Involving 8,000 Men

Members of the Building Trades Employers' Association of Essex County, N. J., announced yesterday that a reduction in wages would be put into effect May 1 for nearly all the trades in the building industry. About 8,000 men in the locality will be affected. The cuts range from 10 to 20 per cent.

The reductions were decided upon at a meeting of the association members last Thursday, when it was resolved that the condition of the building industry made the wage cut necessary.

The cut provides for the following scale: Bricklayers, masons and plasterers \$9 a day, instead of \$10; sheet-metal workers, \$8, instead of \$9; steamfitters' helpers, \$5, instead of \$7; steamfitters, \$8, instead of \$10; plumbers, \$8, instead of \$10; ironworkers, \$8, instead of \$9; metal and wood lathers, \$8, instead of \$9; mill workers, \$5.50, instead of \$6.80; hodcarriers and mason laborers, \$5.50, instead of \$7.

The wages of carpenters, painters, decorators and paperhangers remain unchanged. The builders hold that the building industry has had a serious slump, the owners refusing to go ahead because of the excessive costs and difficulty in financing. There has now come a material reduction in building materials, they say, one large supply firm announcing general reductions of approximately 30 per cent.

In addition, they point out, there has been a considerable reduction in the cost of living, and inasmuch as the increases given the men last year were advanced on the basis of the high living costs, the workers should now agree to the reductions. The general lopping off in the costs of building, they add, will eventually redound to the benefit of the workers in lower rents.

Binghamton Painters Accept Cut in Wages

Agree to a Reduction of 15 Cents an Hour; Lower Scale for Indianapolis Builders

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., March 26.—The union painters of this city are the first of the trades organizations to accept a cut in wages. It was announced today that the men had agreed to accept a reduction of 15 cents an hour, accepting employment at 75 cents instead of 90 cents an hour. The wage scale that has prevailed up to the present time. It is believed that other reductions will be made voluntarily by the various trades before May 1.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 26.—Recommendations that building craftsmen accept a reduction of from 15 to 20 per cent in wages has been made by the general labor committee of the Associated Building Contractors of Indiana, it was announced here today.

Following the announcement Charles W. Kern, president of the State Building Trades Council, declared the executive board of the council at a recent meeting held there was no justification for such a decrease. At that meeting, it was pointed out, some increases were recommended. All indications, it was said, were that the proposed decreases would be resisted by the union men.

BOSTON, March 26.—Governor Cox let it be known today that early next week he would probably name a committee to investigate the building trades labor troubles in this city and report on what steps should be taken in the public interest.

An Unexpected SALE of LANS Antiques

We have been notified by the City of New York that part of our building will have to be moved back in order to accommodate the widening of Madison Avenue.

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Orphan Turtle Eats 4 Steaks And a Shoe, So Spring Is Here

Hatchet Face, Staten Island's Amiable Reptile, Awakes After Five Months' Nap, When "Chow Call" Sounds, and Has Breakfast in Bed

Hatchet Face woke up yesterday, and had no sooner opened one dizzy eye on a rather dull world than he sought food. He started with four pounds of raw beef and ended by biting the sole of E. J. Burns's shoe.

All of which indicates to the residents of St. George, S. I., that spring is here.

Hatchet Face is a snapping turtle. He is twenty years old, and is said to be the second largest of his kind ever found around New York. He was acquired by the museum in St. George early last summer. So far as any one knows he is an orphan.

Although in the care of a friendly museum, Hatchet Face is not without ideas of his own on certain subjects. One of them is winter. He does not see any sense in a lot of snow and wind and frost, and when he feels that all these things are about to come into his life he fools them by going to sleep and staying that way until something pleasant awakens him.

He's Not Easy to Wake

That something pleasant is supposed to be spring, but yesterday it looked very much like 417 persons and a piece of raw beef.

The awakening of Hatchet Face for the purpose of telling what time of the year it is not so simple as it sounds. After a few months he's what one might call sound asleep. Last year Hatchet Face began to snooze on October 23. Spring, accompanied by 400 school children, E. J. Burns, assistant keeper of the museum; Miss Geraldine

Ogley, of the educational department of the Museum, and fifteen photographers, were on top of him before he knew it.

They waited while Mr. Burns went in to Hatchet Face's winter quarters and tickled his feet, hammered him on the back and yelled at him: "Hey, it's fifteen minutes of spring and you haven't had breakfast yet! Snap out of it!"

Finally Hatchet Face was dragged out of his resting place. His head was still tucked under his shell, and if he was awake he was keeping it secret.

But Beef Roused Him

Miss Ogley saved the day. She speared a piece of raw beef with a long prong and held it at the place where Hatchet Face's head came out. She held it there for perhaps three seconds. Hatchet Face came out of his shell slowly, and opened one eye part way. Then he opened his mouth and the beef vanished. Spring had come.

By the time Hatchet Face had both his eyes open he had also eaten three pebbles. Then he ate four pieces of wood and was looking around for something more when he caught sight of Burns's shoes.

Burns was just telling the photographers that the snapping turtle was named after a well known Aquenong Indian and that when he ceased hibernating he was usually hungry. Hatchet Face substantiated the remarks of Mr. Burns by ambling over and, with one deft twist of his head, ripping off the sole of one of Mr. Burns' shoes, chewing it carefully to avoid indigestion.

print provides that the companies shall pay a notice advising the consumer that the surcharge is imposed pending the determination of the litigation in the courts. The argument on the appeal was set for April 1, but Justice Dowling said that if the city were not ready on that date the argument would be put over until April 15.

Court Stays Electric Surcharge Injunction

Edison and United Companies Required by Dowling to File Bonds of \$260,000

Joseph A. Devery, Assistant Corporation Counsel, announced yesterday that Justice Victor J. Dowling, of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, had signed an order staying the injunction granted recently by Justice Daniel F. Cohalan which prevented the New York Edison Company and the United Electric Light and Power Company from making a surcharge to consumers of electric current. The two companies for the last three months have been charging 9-10 of a cent a kilowatt hour on bills as a surcharge because of the increased cost of coal.

Mr. Devery said that the electric companies had applied to Justice Cohalan for a stay pending an appeal to the Appellate Division, but that this had been denied. In granting the stay Justice Dowling directed that the Edison company file a bond of \$200,000 pending the determination of the appeal from Justice Cohalan's injunction. The United company is required to file a bond of \$60,000. The companies are also required to file statements of the amount received from the surcharge made for coal and to print in red ink on the face of the consumer's receipt the notice: "Reserve this bill to protect your rights."

On the reverse side of the bill the

Phone Co. to Fight Injunction Against Increase in Rates

McCulloch Asserts It Would Be Public Misfortune if City Wins; Tells of Demands for Extended Operation

The New York Telephone Company, through its counsel, "will use all proper and reasonable efforts" to defeat the injunction granted by Supreme Court Justice Newburger against a temporary increase in charges for telephone exchange service and facilities in this city, J. S. McCulloch, vice-president of the company, announced yesterday. Meanwhile the company will observe any order by the court in this action.

The company has been served with an order in the action brought by the city to show cause why the company should not be enjoined from carrying out the order of the Public Service Commission, 2d District, dated March 17, 1921, consenting to a temporary increase in the charges. Mr. McCulloch says it would be a public misfortune if the city should be successful in its action, "as the company would be compelled to discontinue or indefinitely postpone the work now under way and planned for meeting the requirements of more than 80,000 unsatisfied applicants for service who are now on our books and the thousands of other applicants who will ask for service in the months to come."

"With its present plant the company cannot take care of these demands," Mr. McCulloch said. "Our task is less than half finished. Its completion means more to the city of New York than it does to the telephone company, and any delay to this construction work must inevitably react upon the public interest in a way that may be serious."

"It has been shown that in six of the last eight months the company has not earned even its bare operating expenses.

"The order of the commission complained of by the city was made after the commission had carefully considered the facts disclosed by its own investigation and by the testimony given before the commission at the many hearings held since last October on the company's petition for increased rates."

The commission in its order said

that the temporary increase was granted without prejudice to its final determination on the company's petition for increased rates. Pending such determination, Mr. McCulloch said, the commission required that the company should file a bond to secure any amounts paid by subscribers in excess of the rates finally determined, with interest at 6 per cent a year on this excess.

The company, Mr. McCulloch said, already has filed such a bond with the commission.

Grand Street Merchants Want Ferry to Brooklyn Reopened

Grand Street merchants are planning a campaign to reopen the Grand Street ferry, running to Broadway, Brooklyn. Alderman Louis Zeltner is taking an active part in the campaign.

A committee of fifty business men comprising the Grand Street Merchants' Association, at a meeting held yesterday, adopted a resolution urging the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Estimate to do what could be done as speedily as possible to bring about the resumption of the suspended ferry service.

Insurance Man Is Charged With \$100,000 Swindle

Merchant Asserts He Became Bankrupt Paying \$45,000 Notes Given for Loan That Never Was Made to Him

Benjamin Goldsmith, forty-two years old, of 80 West Eighty-second Street, a member of the insurance firm of Goldsmith Brothers, with offices at 91 William Street, was arrested yesterday as he was leaving his offices by Brooklyn police and charged with grand larceny. Goldsmith was taken to Brooklyn and, following a grilling, District Attorney Harry E. Lewis announced that the prisoner had confessed to participating in a swindling scheme which had netted him more than \$100,000 in the last three years.

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Goldsmith will be arraigned in the Adams Street Court, Brooklyn, this morning, and the facts will be presented to the grand jury to-morrow, District Attorney Lewis announced.

The arrest followed a conference which Benjamin Reicher, of 355 Pearl Street, Brooklyn, held earlier in the day with Mr. Lewis. Reicher told the District Attorney that until he was declared bankrupt on Friday he was the proprietor of two men's furnishing stores, one in Brooklyn and one in Manhattan. His involuntary bankruptcy, he charged, resulted from dealings with Goldsmith.

Reicher was induced to borrow \$35,000 from Goldsmith as capital to open additional stores. For this favor, according to Reicher, he was to give Goldsmith time notes and checks for the amount of \$45,000.

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