

for 90 days are paid by the employer. If he is totally disabled for even so long as four years this pay goes on—but no longer.

If he is only partly laid up, he gets a part of the 56 per cent of his wages, which a "total wreck" is entitled to.

So much for John the pressman, who draws \$25 per. If Mr. Superintendent, who gets \$5,000

fore they get its benefits.

If employers "stay out from under the law"—as they may if they choose—the law makes it pretty easy for the "ambulance chasers" so far as their workpeople's injuries are concerned. It's made that way on purpose so that the employers will get in line under the law.

The law became effective last

* **TWO NEWS ITEMS SHOW TWO WAYS THE WISCONSIN LAW WORKS** *

* **Madison, Wis., Dec. 27.**—The first accident claim against * the state under the workmen's compensation act has been settled * by the industrial commission. John W. Dougherty of Minocqua, * was the victim. He was an employe of the state forestry commis- * sion and a tree fell upon him, causing serious injuries. He will * be paid a weekly compensation of \$9.38 for an indefinite period * and the state will pay the hospital bill for 90 days. *

* **Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 27.**—Instead of receiving \$3,000 * asked by the father of Frank Windfelder for the death of his son * who was killed while employed by the city of Milwaukee, the * Wisconsin industrial commission in the first case against the * city under the new law, awarded the parent \$102. It was shown * the father was not dependent on the son's wages. *

a year is disabled, the Wisconsin law will compensate him, but only at the rate of 65 per cent of \$750 a year.

The \$5,000-a-year families are not supposed to be in such dire need. And even if the poor fellow was working for 50 cents a day, the state will see that he gets remunerated after his hurt, on a basis of \$375 a year for less than \$375 a year.

Does it apply to all working men? No, not yet. It doesn't apply to all others. Employers have to "come in under the law" be-

Sept. 1 and a month ago it was declared constitutional by the state supreme court. but already it is a success. More than a hundred and fifty employers have filed their elections to "come in" under the law. Over 50,000 working people are in the employment of these 150 concerns.

More than two hundred injured working people have thus far received the benefits of the law. Half of these had filed final receipts showing that their cases had been fully settled up.

All these accidents had been