

1912 it had reached the low point of 94.6. The decline in the silk industry was from 99.6 to 96.6.

But the worst conditions for the workers are indicated for the cotton mills, which show the most marked decrease in full time. In 1900 the record shows that they were running slightly overtime. In 1901 they were running slightly under time, and since 1902 there has been a steady decline in full time hours so that in 1912 the percentage had fallen to 92.4.

The significance of these figures lies in the fact that they show an absolute decline in real wages. Since in practically every instance the number of employes has increased in these industries, the running of short time means that this increased number of employes have worked progressively fewer hours per week and consequently that their real wages have declined in proportion.

THE INDUSTRIAL WAR

There will be no strike of the 1,500 telegraphers employed by the Rock Island system. G. W. M. Manger, mediator appointed under the Newlands act, announced today that both sides had made concessions after a two weeks' conference.

The road granted a 5 per cent increase in wages, instead of the 15 per cent asked. Relief operators will receive \$1 per day expenses, except when absent from their homes. Operators who have worked nine and one-half hours a day, with one hour for lunch, will be permitted to lunch at their keys, shortening the working day to eight and one-half hours. The men withdrew their demand for a fifteen days' vacation with pay, annual passes and shorter hours everywhere on the system.

James Hogan, immigration inspector at Chicago, has been delegated by U. S. Secretary of Labor Wilson to offer government's aid in settling demands of Chicago & Alton shopmen.

MEMBER OF NEW INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION



John B. Lennon.

The American Federation of Labor is strongly represented on the new industrial relations commission by John B. Lennon of Bloomington, Ill. He is the federation's treasurer, and has been for years.

THE CHIEF OF POLICE RACE

The race for chief of police has narrowed down to three men, according to the wise ones.

These three are: Capt. Charles C. Healey, mounted police, whose candidacy is backed by the Ass'n of Commerce; Capt. Morgan Collins of South Chicago, and Capt. James Gleason of the Shakespeare avenue station.

Congressman Sabath is still using his newly-acquired title of H.-H. boss to strengthen the chances of Capt. John E. Ptacek, while the Hearst element is trying to put Paddy Lavin over.

Lieut. M. J. Gallery is still being boosted for the place by union men.