

WORKERS ACCEPT NEW CONDITIONS

Labor Department Reports Spirit of Cooperation Despite Reduction in Wages.

INDUSTRY SOON TO BOOM

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Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.

A friendly spirit of cooperation now marks relations between workers and employers throughout the United States despite the necessity of a policy of general wage reductions.

Settlement of industrial disputes is more quickly and promptly adjusted than at any time within the past two years, according to Director Kerwin of the Bureau of Mediation and Conciliation of the Labor Department.

"Both workers and employers now seem willing to mediate and to keep the factories running while adjustments are being effected," said Kerwin. "Upward of sixty cases of differences between employers and employees now are before this bureau for mediation and settlement."

Labor Department officials to-day estimated the number of men now idle through strikes as smaller than at any time since the armistice.

Government officials generally believe a new era in industrial relations is developing despite reports of a coming nationwide battle between capital and organized labor over the open shop question.

Officials at the American Federation of Labor deny, however, that any organized workers are voluntarily accepting wage reductions.

Workers throughout the country now are receiving far higher scales than ever before, even when the wage reductions are taken into account, according to reports here.

BALTIMORE FOOD PRICES LOWER; CLOTHING ALSO

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. BALTIMORE, Jan. 5.—Meat and vegetable prices in Baltimore are very much lower to-day, but breadstuffs and milk continue at rates above normal.

Clothing, hats and shoes are much cheaper, but complaint is made that the material used does not measure up to the standard of those manufactured before the war.

NORMAL CONDITIONS SEEN IN CINCINNATI

Continued from First Page. they will be in the spring. Most of the local merchants are now floating liquidation sales in order to make room for their spring stock and are making real sacrifice sales.

ONE-FOURTH NIPPED OFF FOOD IN PHILADELPHIA

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—The dollar is coming back to its own in Philadelphia. In fact, it has almost reached the stage wherein it is able to assert itself.

Rentals of houses and apartments are still exorbitant, and along with purchase prices are apparently going higher, rentals probably because of the exorbitant tax increases of the last two years and the continued housing shortage.

Food, with the exception of a few staples such as butter and eggs, is now within the reach of the average month. Although it is difficult to conceive of an average drop in food prices, a fair average would be about 25 per cent.

SPRINGFIELD COMBINE KEEPS UP THE RENT

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 5.—Springfield has been enjoying a series of bargain days since the first of the year and for the first time since the war. The price reductions are getting away from the luxuries and into the necessities.

A combination of real estate owners, the result of a fight against the tenants in Springfield, is keeping the rents in Springfield at the peak figure.

ST. LOUIS BUYERS STILL SHY, WITH CUTS FEW

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. ST. LOUIS, Jan. 5.—There is little indication of any but a minor decrease in the cost of food, rents, clothing, shoes, &c., in St. Louis.

Retail merchants are advertising huge reductions, which do not seem to convince buyers that they are all the advertisements claim.

INDIANAPOLIS FOOD PRICES GOING DOWN

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 5.—Prices of meat and other foodstuffs are continuing to decline, said Dwight S. Ritter, City Purchasing Agent, to-day.

There has been a wild scramble on the part of Indianapolis merchants to "unload their winter stock of clothing."

EPISCOPAL-GREEK MERGER.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—Bishop Edward M. Parker of New Hampshire to-day urged a merger of the Protestant Episcopal and Greek Orthodox faiths in an address at a Russian church here.

RENTS HAVE STARTED DOWN IN CLEVELAND

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. CLEVELAND, Jan. 5.—Retail prices of commodities dropped 3 per cent. in Cleveland during the last two months of 1920, Federal estimates have shown.

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Either the present crop will be withdrawn from the markets, pooled and held for a rise in prices, with bankers over the State lending the money for financing, or the present crop will be thrown back on the sales floors to bring what it will.

Two meetings, independent of each other, have been called in Lexington for Friday and the two bodies are already in conflict.

At 10 A. M., at a State convention called for the largest theatre in the city, will begin the movement for a complete cutoff of the crop this year, which would leave the 200,000,000 pounds now hung up as the only white burley tobacco outside the possession of the manufacturers.

An official of the Fourth District Federal Reserve Bank, with which the eastern half of Kentucky is affiliated, will be requested to attend the afternoon meeting to give advice and let it be known, if possible, if any help can be obtained from the government.

Bankers in this section are ready to do what they can to aid the growers, because so much of the business interest of the State depends on tobacco.

An organization is strongly against a movement to cut out the crop this year, according to a statement issued to-day by John W. Newman, the president. He points out that the association was organized on a non-cutout basis and that the body will not be officially represented at Friday's convention of growers.

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Whitney Studio Club. 147 West Fourth Street. ANNOUNCES AN EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS by Karoly Fulop and William Grimm. January 5 to 23, incl.

The Annual Sale of Alexander Shoes for men, women, and children, comprising the surplus stock and discontinued lines, is now in progress at both stores. Prices are very low and quality the same as for 64 years. ANDREW ALEXANDER. Sixth Avenue Corner 19th St. 548 Fifth Ave. Above 43rd St.

Los Angeles Limited. Out of Doors in Winter. THE Los Angeles Limited takes you directly, speedily and comfortably to Sunny California. It's a crack train. All Pullman—club-observation car—barber and valet—dining car. Unusually well-seasoned, heavily ballasted road-bed. Automatic electric safety signals.

The Future of the Automobile and of Your Business. Vast Building Program Assures Prosperity. Your business will prosper just as soon as work upon the greatest building program America has ever known gets under way. The present change is normal. It is healthy and it must be of short duration. We turn to new work just as pressing and far reaching as was the influence which upset the dire predictions of 1918. Will You Be Ready Then? Production of practically all merchandise has been at reduced volume for three to five months. In the meantime we have been consuming and wearing out clothing, houses, furnishings, automobiles, etc. It is possible we face a shortage similar to that which came upon us in the spring of 1919. America has not overbuilt or overreached her requirements in any fundamental or essential activity. The accumulated surplus of five years prosperity is stored in many ways. Not in years has everyone been so eager to work. Economical production and economical distribution will now be possible. A Million Automobiles For Replacements. That is the normal requirement to fill the gaps left by worn out cars. No one who has ever owned an automobile will long endure without one. Without the automobile, industry would stop. Transportation would be paralyzed. Distances between town and country and between producer and consumer could not be covered. Living costs would rise. Land values would fall. The new need is for transportation and in the part it plays the automobile has no substitute. See America's future in the light of her needs. There is demand for nearly every article. Be prepared to do your part. Have faith and remember it is not likely that any manufacture will be able to get back into production quick enough when spring buying starts. Go to the Automobile Show if you would share in the confidence held by America's first industry in finished products. National Automobile Chamber of Commerce Motor and Accessory Manufacturers Association.