

SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF THE UNEMPLOYED

The Department of Labor's efforts to solve the problem of the unemployed is making rapid headway. Although a new work, largely unorganized and not adequately provided for by appropriations, places for 12,000 applicants were found by the government during the last year.

Eight labor distribution branches have been established in eighteen large cities as follows: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, Jacksonville, New Orleans, Galveston, Cleveland, Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Denver, Helena, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

After the disastrous fire at Salem, Massachusetts, a little over a year ago, 3,670 wage-earners were thrown out of employment. Through the Department of Labor, positions were found almost immediately for 1,509 of these men.

The Post Office Department has thrown open its 2,000 post-offices to assist the advertising programme of the Department of Labor in its work. This assisted materially to create a network of communication between employers needing help without knowing where to get it and workers wanting employment without knowing where to find it.

The harvesting of last fall's grain crop was materially assisted by the government. Posters were placed in all federal public buildings in labor centers advertising the number of jobs available and the wages offered in the harvest regions. This was done in co-operation with the State and made harvest-help distribution much more effective than it was before.

In the far North West the work of picking and packing fruit was aided in a similar manner. State officials and business organizations in that section have given emphatic praise to the department's service.

Wholesale Agricultural Education. The Department of Agriculture plans to have a deputy Secretary of Agriculture in every agricultural county in the United States eventually. The new Agricultural Extension Act, recently passed, is a long step forward in this direction.

It is by this means only that the entire farming population of the country will get personal demonstration of how to increase the profits of farming by the application of scientific methods. The Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, in each case, will be known as the "County Agent."

The answer is found in many counties where agricultural methods are far advanced. Thus in DeKalb County, Illinois, the annual bill for the maintenance of a county agent, an assistant, rent of quarters, labor, seed, demonstration work, etc., is \$10,000. Of this sum, the State of Illinois \$1,200 and DeKalb County \$7,600. Would public sentiment in DeKalb County uphold the expenditure of this sum of money if it didn't pay and pay big?

A Week for the Babies. The first week in March will be Baby Week throughout the country. More than 400 communities representing every State in the Union are already laying their plans for its observance, according to the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor, in order that during these seven days the needs of the babies already presented so that all the parents in these communities will learn a little better how to care for their babies.

Worldwide Field for American Banks. Far-seeing financiers think the time is coming soon when American banks will flourish in all parts of the world. The Federal Reserve Act makes this possible.

Branch banks of large American institutions have already been established in the largest cities of South America. "There is no reason why during the next ten years," said William G. Malbar, First Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, recently, "we should not have banks also in Hongkong, in Yokohama, in Calcutta—even in Paris, Berlin and London."

Make An End of the "Deceitful Skule". The old-fashioned one-roomed schoolhouse which holds 40 or 50 ungraded pupils, having but a single teacher who knows nothing but books, is not a modern institution, though great men have issued from its door.

Five Oleo Frauds Exceed \$16,000,000. The total amount of taxes out of which the government has been defrauded through artificially colored oleomargarine being placed on the market under tax-paid stamps at one-fourth of 1 cent per pound instead of at the rate of 10 cents due on such product, in four of the largest cases of this character ever discovered, was definitely determined during 1915, and the sum found due reached the enormous total of \$17,692,410.47, representing the tax on practically all of the oleomargarine produced and placed on the market as uncolored under one-fourth cent stamps by these manufacturers since the inception of the present law.

In addition to the completion of these four cases, one case was discovered during the current year where the amount out of which the government had been defrauded reached a total of \$1,503,203.

The Senate adopted Senator Martin's resolution asking President Wilson to set aside a day as Jewish relief day for Jewish war sufferers.

The Surprise Store Announces Its Big Semi-Annual Event To Begin Saturday, January 8th

This is your chance to buy desirable and dependable winter goods just when you need them—and save money in the prices. Most of the real winter is still ahead of us, but it's against our policy to carry goods from one season to another—SO ALL OUR WINTER CLOTHING, FURNISHINGS, AND HATS FOR MEN AND BOYS MUST GO NOW WHILE THEY ARE IN DEMAND.

COME IN AND SEE HOW WE'VE REDUCED PRICES DURING THIS BIG—

You'll Find This Sale Different From Others

There will be no bait—everything is reduced—every single price will show a saving—and you'll have almost an entire factory's output to select from, with the assurance that you may return any unsatisfactory purchase.

Reductions of 25 and 50%



EVERY MAN'S SUIT and COAT IN THIS SALE IS OUR OWN MAKE

And we guarantee every one to give satisfaction in fit, looks and wear.

Suits and Overcoats

Worth \$7.50 and \$8.50

Are Now at \$4.85

They were formerly offered at about wholesale cost. They are now less than other stores can buy them at wholesale. All guaranteed fabrics in neat grays, browns and mixtures. Splendid assortment to choose from and all new patterns; newest models in both suits and coats. Full range of sizes for both men and young men.

Suits and Overcoats

Worth up to \$15

Are Now at \$7.50

Garments of the very grades other stores are selling right now at \$12.50 and \$15—and which we are offering at five to seven-fifty lower than they ought to be priced. You'll say so yourself when you see the splendid all-wool materials and the rich and stylish patterns and models.

Suits and Overcoats

Worth \$16 and \$18.50

Are Now at \$9.85

There are some 800 or 900 in this lot; all this season's most favored models and fabrics in a big assortment and variety; sizes and models to suit all tastes; every garment carries a guarantee, the same as if you paid regular price.

Suits and Overcoats

Worth \$20 and \$22

Are Now at \$11.85

In these garments there are \$25 worth of looks and \$20 worth of quality in every model and fabric—and that's one of the reasons they sell so rapidly all season; blues, grays, stripes, browns, plaids and checks—they are all here for men and youths; 1915 models in both the suits and coats, all hand tailored; scores to select from; full range of sizes 31 to 46, including stouts.

Suits and Overcoats

Worth \$23 to \$25

Are Now at \$14.85

Many of these suits and overcoats would pass as \$30 garments, but we value them no higher than \$25. Finest all-wool imported and domestic fabrics. Men's and Youths' custom models, hand-tailored throughout; all the new patterns; swagger overcoats and gents' suits in styles for all builds. Sizes 31 to 46, including stouts.

Our Double Guarantee

It is no makeshift; nor is it a lot of meaningless words. We tell you plainly—and we ask you kindly—to bring or send back to us any article purchased in this store, if it doesn't satisfy you in every particular. We will refund your money instantly if you desire it; or we will give you new goods in exchange.

All Clothing bought here pressed and kept in repair free for one year.

See Reductions Below

Nearly Half Prices for Men's Pants

In season we sell more pants than any store in the city. We ought to beat our previous record during this sale.

\$1.50 and \$1.75 Pants

Good, dressy and serviceable garments in black, blue, tan, and gray, worsteds, 28 to 42 waist measure at \$1.00

\$2 and \$2.25 Pants

Splendid qualities and a good assortment of patterns to select from; there are blue serges, worsteds and fancy mixtures and corduroys; sizes up to 50 waist at \$1.50

\$2.75 and \$3 Pants

One of our leading grades—because they are all exceptional values; neat in appearance and serviceable in quality; serges, fancy worsteds, corduroys and cassimeres; 28 to 52 waist at \$2.00

\$3.50 and \$3.75 Pants

They are worth the above prices—and you can see it yourself; unusually good quality and neat patterns; mixtures and brown, blue and gray stripe worsteds; big assortment at \$2.50

\$4.50 and \$5 Pants

There's no better than these made at the above prices; guaranteed all wool fabrics, blue serges, black ribbed, extra heavy cassimeres and fancy worsteds; 28 to 52 waist; at \$3.50

Boys' Winter Suits and Overcoats

SUITS AND OVERCOATS

Worth \$3.00 \$1.95

Are Now

They are splendid values at \$3.00—and you will admit it when you examine the quality and workmanship of each garment.

SUITS AND OVERCOATS

Worth \$5.50 \$3.95

Are Now

Fine garments in the latest and most popular models; all stylish and well made and of the highest class.

Boys' Suits and Overcoats

Worth \$2.00 and \$2.50; Russian Blouses and Norfolk Suits; Russian Overcoats in button to neck styles; 3 to 9 years; sale price \$1.45

Men's Winter Furnishings

You can judge for yourself from the following items that it will pay you to supply your needs here now. Read and see.

- Men's 79c Negligee Shirts 59c
Men's \$1.25 Negligee Shirts 79c
Men's \$1.49 Negligee Shirts 95c
59c Blue Work Shirts 39c
\$1.19 Gray Flannel Shirts 79c

SWEATERS

- \$1.75 Sweater Coats 95c
\$2.25 Sweater Coats \$1.45

Miscellaneous Furnishings

- 59c Underwear 39c
15c Collars 8c
25c Suspenders 17c
25c Neckwear 18c
15c Pad Garters 7c
15c Socks 8c
5c White Handkerchiefs 3c

MEN'S \$2 SOFT

Hats and Derbies. The season's most-wanted colors, shapes, brims and crowns; all fine felts; the regular \$2.00 grades; sale price \$1.00

Boys' Furnishings and Hats

- \$2 Sweaters: Tan, Oxford, red, brown, and blue; fine garments with wool stitch; sale price \$1.45
15c Stockings: Strong and serviceable; fast black, heavy rib 10c
Bloomer KneePants: The 50c grades in blues and fancy mixtures; sizes 5 to 16 years 33c
79c Sweaters: Warm and durable garments with shawl collar, heavy knit 45c
Boys' 39c Caps: Variety of checks and stripes with inside fur band 19c
Boys' 35c Blouses: Made of good, fast-color percales in neat stripes, at 22c

The Surprise Store

STORE OPEN SATURDAY EVENING

1119-1123 Main Street

FIVE MINERS WANTED HERE IN CONNECTICUT!

Hartford, Jan. 7.—The state free employment bureau has just received a somewhat unusual request for help. This is a call for five miners from the Kaolin Co. of Cornwall, Conn., for employment in their underground clay pits.

Either Russians or Italians are desired, both married and single. "Single men are requested to bring their own bedding with them," is the company's remark. To those who are willing to work underground, liberal wages will be paid.

A request for work of such sort is very unusual, and it is somewhat surprising to learn that Hartford should be considered as a field for the recruiting of miners.

The last week, according to Supt. Clarke, has been one of unusual pressure of business at the employment bureau. The office has been regularly filled with a crowd of applicants for work. There have been twice as many as there was at the corresponding time last year, despite the great prosperity enjoyed by Hartford this winter.

Commander Charles O. Brinckerhoff, of the Second Battalion, Naval Militia, Brooklyn, died at the Brooklyn hospital. He was 52 years of age.

CALAIS.

The first foreign foreign occupation of the French seaport of Calais came to an end 53 years ago to-day, when the English, who had held the town for more than two centuries, were driven out by the Duke of Guise.

The French again lost Calais in 1596, when it was taken by the Spaniards, who held it for two years, when it was restored to the French. Calais was one of the most important of the Kaiser's objectives in the present war, since its proximity to England would enable him to "hold a pistol at the heart of John Bull," but the German efforts ended in failure.

The loss of Calais was a great blow to Queen Mary, and she died soon afterward, declaring that "you will find 'Calais' engraved upon my heart. The victory of the Duke of Guise on Jan. 7, 1558, was not a matter for boasting, for he led against the city an army of 30,000 men, while the English garrison numbered only 500.

At the time of the English occupation Calais was only a fishing village, but it has become since then a highly important port, and the French terminus of the principal route between England and the continent. It is possible, on a clear day, to see the cliffs of England from Calais.

Farmer Want Ads. One Cent a Word

BOASTS HE SHOT 24 PRISONERS IN ROW AS REPRISAL

How one British officer lined up 24 German captives in a row and then shot each one dead as a reprisal appears in the "North American Review."

"Well, sir, I love my Tommies, by God, I love 'em, and that's all there is of it; and it about breaks my heart to have to leave 'em to take in a new battery."

"Well, anyhow, it was a beastly little scrimmage at best, but what do you suppose those scoundrels did? Why, 'em, they—but say, did you ever see a body mangled by reversed bullets? No? Well, don't that's all I have to say."

"Seven of my boys went in a heap, and we were in a bad way when some fresh lads came up and gave 'em the steel. When it was over we had 24 white feathers on our hands quite ready to slip over 'o nice, comfortable

quarters around here and receive bouquets and chewing gum from Lord Haldane's friends. And, mind you, they were my prisoners.

"Tells of Reversed Bullets. "We found the reversed bullets in their guns all right, remember that. Well, I took one glance at that sickening mass at my feet and looked into the eyes of my boys and they looked into mine. I didn't want to get them into trouble, and my chances were better than theirs, anyway."

"All I had them do was to stand those 24 up in a row, and then, one after another and without any particular hurry, I dropped every man in his tracks dead as a door nail. Oh, it's war all right; I must say, they took it very well."

"But, say, there is one thing you may as well know, and I swear to you I speak for every fellow from America in the bunch."

"There are just two men in the world I should have liked to have a line with those 24. One is the kaiser and well, never mind who the other is."

The British war office forbids such reprisals in "nice civilized warfare," and the officer was reprimanded. He was reprimanded for another exploit of which he tells: Wrecked Ambulance "You can imagine how strict they

(the orders) were when I tell you that she four successive days the German banged away at our ambulances with particular relish, and we stood there and let them gather up a heap of wounded and never pulled a trigger.

"But the time came when my pal, as fine a young Englishman as God ever made, got his along with a dozen or more others, but was still able to wave that he was only wounded. Two of my boys were just lifting him into the ambulance when all three men were shot to pieces."

"Then I hid my time, which was not long in coming. A crew of 30 or 40 Germans lay writhing in a heap after a futile assault, and I got range for my 18-pounder and waited."

"Sure enough, in 20 minutes or so out came an ambulance, and I guess a dozen soldiers as nonchalantly as you please and feeling safe as a clock, as they had every reason to feel."

"They got their wounded aboard and were just starting back when I blew the whole damned lot to hell and gone. Of course, I got it in the neck as headquarters the next morning, but they let our ambulances alone after that."

The Navy Department plans to spend \$150,000 to repair the historic frigate Constitution which has lain at the Boston navy yard since 1892.