

LACK OF WORK MAY KEEP MEN IN ARMY

The labor supply is rapidly approaching the point where it will exceed demands, although there is still a shortage of workers, taking the country as a whole, Department of Labor reports show.

Department officials yesterday warned that unless remedies are started at once the situation may become serious during the winter months.

Reports today showed unemployment in 32 out of 111 districts, while three weeks ago only seven out of the same communities reported idleness.

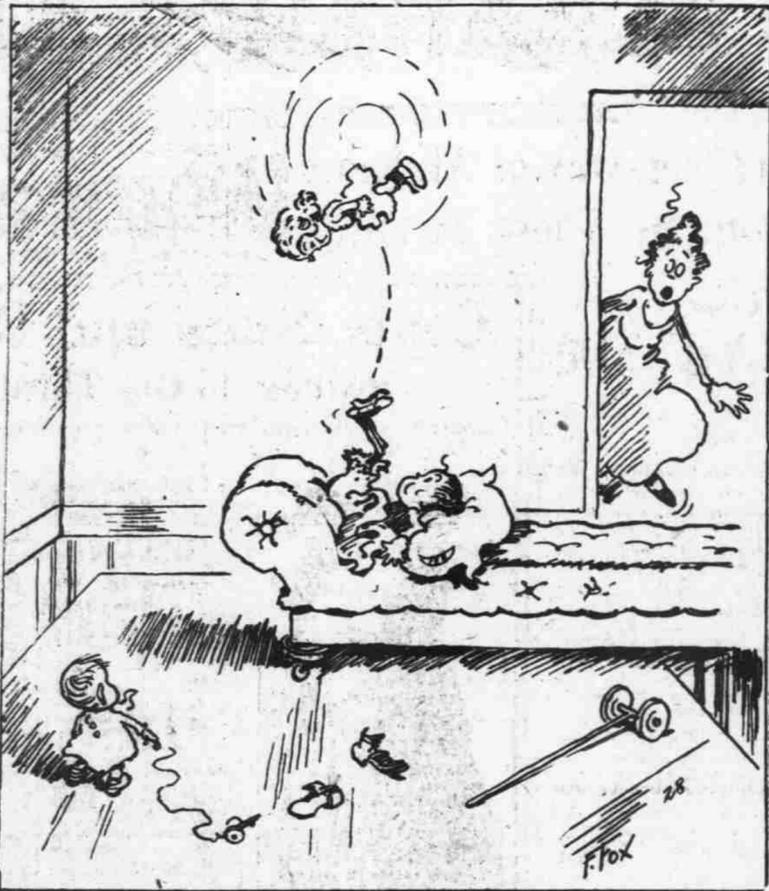
Very heavy shortages are still indicated in Pennsylvania, and in no district is a surplus reported although Philadelphia's shortage has been reduced from 15,000 to 10,000.

Baltimore Needs Labor. Baltimore, Norfolk and some sections of Georgia continue to show shortages.

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Mother Discovers Tomboy Taylor Actually Playing With a Doll.

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TO SEIZE GERMAN HOLDINGS TO SOUTH

Germany's extensive commercial and financial interests in South America will be taken over in full by the entente as a portion of the war indemnity.

Small German traders and German private interests could be interfered with in no way, it is pointed out, but these would no longer be channels of German intrigue.

MCCORMICK AND BARUCH LEAVE TO SAIL FOR EUROPE

Vance McCormick, chairman of the War Trade Board, and Bernard Baruch, former chairman of the War Industries Board, left Washington yesterday afternoon for New York.

Baruch and McCormick were called to Europe a few weeks ago by President Wilson to act as allied advisers for the reconstruction period.

NO PREFERRED DISCHARGES FROM ARMY FOR STUDENTS

College men who hoped to doff their uniforms and get back to their books and games this winter must take their chances with other men in the service.

Senator New of Indiana received a letter yesterday from Third Assistant Secretary of War Keppel, explaining that there would be no "preferential discharge" of this character.

Firm in Belief Son Will Return Despite Death Announcement

MARYSVILLE, Cal., Dec. 28.—That his son is not dead and will return to him unhurt is the firm belief of J. B. Hall, of this city, despite the telegram sent him by the War Department last Sunday.

Hall's first resort after receiving the unwelcome dispatch was the Bible. Opening the book, the first words that greeted his vision were: "And he came from over the seas to the land of his own country."

FIND BODY OF MAN IN RAILROAD YARD

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 28.—The mangled remains of an unidentified man, believed to be J. H. Whitby, of the yards near the railroad station.

A summons calling upon J. H. Whitby to appear before the Colbert county grand jury was found near the body.

FRENCH TO PATROL RHINE RIVER DURING OCCUPATION

A French flotilla will patrol the Rhine during the period of the entente occupation of the Rhineland, a Paris dispatch today announced.

DANIELS TO TELL HOUSE NEED OF LARGE NAVY

Secretary Daniels tomorrow will tell the House Naval Affairs Committee why the United States should have a navy equal to that of any other nation in the world.

ADVERTISMENT Cured His RUPTURE

I was badly ruptured while lifting a trunk several years ago. Doctors said my only hope of cure was an operation.

QUEEN MARY IS LIKE NICE SCHOOL MA'AM

LONDON, Dec. 27.—(Delayed)—Picture a neat, elderly, slender school ma'am, with a kind, pleased smile, making a chap feel happy that he has done his lessons right.

CHICAGO HOTEL MEN DEFY WAITERS' AND COOKS' UNION

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—"Fight to the death" was the deft which Chicago hotel proprietors threw yesterday at the waiters' and cooks' unions.

MICHIGAN TO VOTE ON LIGHT WINES AND BEER

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 28.—Michigan will have a chance to vote on the light wine and beer amendment in the elections of April 7.

DECLARE BERGER APPROVED DRAFT PROTEST MEETINGS

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ENDORSE MEMORIAL TREES.

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WAR RISK 'DELAYS' NOT DELAYS AT ALL

Following close on the heels of scathing Congressional criticism of the War Risk Insurance Bureau for delays in paying allotments and family allowances to soldiers' dependents, it developed that instead of being delayed, 70,000 such payments have been cut off.

The suspension of these allowances has resulted from investigations which disclosed that the alleged dependents were not actually dependent, or that the Government had been paying more than the soldiers had contributed to their dependents before they entered the army.

Most of the cases in which the allowances were stopped, it was said, showed an attempt to defraud the Government.

Where such Government payments have been found unwarranted and suspended, the parents receiving the money have been requested to make refunds to the Government.

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Criticism of the bureau's investigations also has been made in Congress. It has been charged that the bureau's inspectors work secretly and in many cases their reports are not in accordance with the facts.

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Art's Two Previsions. In defense of the bureau, it is explained that the Government makes no payment of allowances unless two conditions exist.

In the 70,000 cases where allowances were withdrawn the bureau says its investigations have shown that either one or both of the conditions necessary to the payment of the allowance had not existed.

A case in point is that of a boy who stated that he contributed \$25 a month to his mother. He allotted \$15 and asked that an allowance of \$10 a month be made to her.

The United Press correspondent got a close-up view and a close-up impression of the Queen when she and King George stood on the carpeted steps at Buckingham Palace following the reception to the President and his wife.

This correspondent got the shock of his life when he met the Queen. "How do you do," he said, stretching out his hand.

The King also grabbed a hand. He has a chance to vote on the light wine and beer amendment in the elections of April 7.

The State supreme court yesterday turned down the suit of the Anti-Saloon League to mandamus the secretary of state to reject the light wine and beer amendment filed by representatives of the Michigan Hotel Men's Association.

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CONGRESS HAS BIG TASK FOR 51 DAYS

With only two months of life remaining, the Sixty-fifth Congress still has to dispose of the bulk of the work of its last session.

When the two houses get down to business again after New Year Day they will have just fifty-one working days before they must quit.

Getting the big revenue bill through conference and finally passed is the first thing on the calendar.

Only two appropriation bills, the District of Columbia and postoffice measures, have passed the House, and none has passed the Senate.

The remainder of the appropriation bills would make a full program for the short session with the Congress working at ordinary speed.

Big Navy Is Up. The naval policy of the future must be gone over and Congress must give its verdict on Secretary Daniels' decision for a navy "second to none."

Provision must be made for paying the wheat producer the guaranteed price of \$2.26 a bushel for the billion bushel wheat crop.

The war contract bill was given preference at the insistence of the War Department.

Secretary of War Baker, Assistant Secretary Crowell and General Goetz, director of purchases and supplies, all have told Congress that they must have the measure to prevent many firms going into bankruptcy.

Chairman Sherman, of the House Appropriations Committee, Chairman Dent, of the Military Committee, and Congressman Kahn of California urged passage of the bill.

Over 600 Amendments. While some members of the House and Senate deny it will take this long, there are, in fact, more than 600 amendments to the bill.

It is going to be less easy because of the controversy over the child labor amendment to which both Senator Simmons, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and Leader Kitchin, chairman of Ways and Means Committee, are opposed.

Mr. Kitchin already has said that if the bill remains in conference as long as Mr. Kitchin professes to think it will, it will be about March 2 before the conference committee reports it back.

Well-informed members said today that if the revenue bill is as late as that in coming back from conference it would not become law this session.

What this means is obvious. It is not unlikely that on motion of Mr. Randall the House will concur in the Senate "bone-dry" amendment.

The opponents of the "bone-dry" measure, therefore, still can take heart.

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ASKS ALL NATIONS TO FAVOR COLONIES

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 28.—An open-door policy for colonies of all nations was urged by Dutch Minister Cramer, speaking before the American Economic Association here last night.

Bleeding of colonies by "mother" countries, preferential customs tariffs and other devices for restricting trade should be scrapped, Minister Cramer declared.

"Many of the colonies which were originally conceived to exist solely for the benefit of the mother country are yet far from being now held in trust for the benefit of the inhabitants of those colonies," Cramer declared.

"They are far from seeing their doors opened. Countries most prone to give equal rights and freedom to their own citizens, countries which are looked upon as the bulwarks of religious and political freedom, do not feel that the far-away souls they have charge of claim not only that same freedom, but economic freedom.

Holland's open-door policy, adopted some time ago, toward her colonies, has stimulated home enterprises through foreign competition. It has won the complete loyalty of colonial natives at less expense than a large fleet and strong army would have cost, Cramer said.

He referred to the American Revolution as the revolt of a colony which objected to being exploited by the mother country.

"Let us prevent similar tea parties elsewhere," Cramer said. "Let those who now feel strong and hearty throw away their differential bandages, their differential crutches and discriminating easy chairs, and let us do it now."

FAULTY MOTOR CAUSED BAKER'S FALL TO DEATH

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Capt. Hober Baker's fall in an airplane at the Tours airfield December 21, which resulted in his death, was caused by the failure of his motor, it was officially reported yesterday.

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THE LINEN SHOP Announces the Opening of our Annual January White Sale on Monday morning, January the 6th

See Sunday papers, January 5th, for complete details.

"In Flanders Fields" The War's Greatest Poem written by Lieutenant-Colonel Dr. John McCrea, of Montreal, Canada, while the second battle of Ypres was in progress.

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