# WAGE SLUMP IN ENGLAND IS INEVITABLE

### Cost of Living Is Dropping and Industry Demands Revision of Scale

London, Feb. 19.—Labor correspondents of various London newspapers assert the cost of living has declined in Great Britain and that a reduction of wages is inevitable. They report decreases in wages already have occurred in cases where sliding scales of pay were based on the selling prices of the goods produced.

These wage cuts however, are mostly in trades which are poorly organized. There is a good deal of speculation among the labor writers as to the attitude of workers in highly organized trades when they are called upon to accept a lower wage, in accordance with previously arranged plans based upon the cost of living.

The Ministry of Labor official figures on the cost of living for working class families show that at the end of December the percentage was 169 higher than in 1914 against the November figure of 176, while for January it was expected to reach 165.

This, while alleviating the lot of the worker to some extent and assisting employers, will not solve the present acute unemployment situation and many agreements have been come to during the past week or two whereby workers have decided to go on short time or accept less money in order to avoid a total closing down of works.

The Furness Iron masters and representatives of the men's union have met and the latter decided to accept a reduction of wages from 22 shillings and eight pence to 19 and seven pence a day, so that work may be resumed in the iron mines.

The number of unemployed in Great Britain is given on Labor Exchange books as 859,000 while other authorities place the total of people without work at 1,500,000.

Short time is soon to go into force in the government dock yards and other government establishments.

# CRIME WAVE NOT AFTERMATH OF WORLD WAR

### Kansas City Police Chief Says It Is Due to Lax Law Enforcement

Kansas City, Feb. 19.—The nation-wide crime wave, an aftermath of the passions roused by the great war, is an "alibi," pure and simple, a myth concocted by inefficient police heads to excuse the prevalence of crime. This is the statement of Charles Edwards, a former major in the American Expeditionary Forces, recently appointed police chief of Kansas City.

Increased crime is attributed by Major Edwards in large measure to lax law enforcement, and strict and impartial law enforcement will wipe out the "crime wave," he asserts. Edwards, who was a police captain before the war, says he is familiar with crime conditions both before and since the war, and insists that the war has had nothing to do with crime increases.

"Not one man in fifty who runs amuck of the police is an ex-soldier," he said, "and the occasional one we find is usually not an overseas fighter at all, but an habitual criminal who was a criminal before the war and was a soldier simply because he happened to be caught in the selective draft."

Co-operation with state and federal authorities is one of the methods employed by the new chief in his efforts to eliminate crime. Under his instructions the police are raiding bootlegging establishments, particularly wholesale bootleggers, and arresting vendors of narcotics.

"We are attempting," the chief said, "to stop crime at its sources. Those sources are the bootlegger—and if you get the wholesaler you shut off the retailer, the seller of narcotic drugs and the gambler. We are arresting gamblers. In an effort to stop bank robbers, payroll thieves and motor bandits, we have stationed men at all banks.

"Every police captain is responsible for the suppression of all forms of law-breaking in his district. He is held as strictly accountable for his district as a company commander in the army is for his company. If he can't deliver the goods, we get somebody who can.

"We have handled the vagrancy problem in this way. The man who wants to work is sent to the board of public welfare, and the board of public welfare finds him work. If he does not want to work he goes to the municipal farm. Drug addicts, who form the great majority of petty thieves, are sent to the municipal farm to take the drug cure. Perhaps 50 percent of them are cured.

"There is no mystery connected with the suppression of crime. The answer is alert, strict, and impartial enforcement of the law—of all the laws on the statute books. Because an offense is punishable under a federal statute is not a reason for leaving the arrest of the violator to federal authorities. We arrest the man and turn him over to the federal authorities.

"We have closed all-night shows because we have found them rendezvous for the lawless. Men meet there and plan crimes and in the small hours of the morning go out to perpetrate them. We have therefore closed the places.

"Meanwhile, we are replacing the corrupt and inefficient policeman with a man who will perform the duties to which he is sworn."

Chief Edwards is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, the Philippine insurrection and the world war.

## ERECTING INAUGURAL STAND

The small stand where Harding will be inaugurated March 4 is being erected. It will cover only part of the east front stairway of the Capitol as shown in the left picture. On the right, Congressman C. J. McLeod, aged 25, "the baby of the house," is shown driving the first nail in the stand.

# PUBLICITY FOR FARM AS AID TO REFORM

### L. E. Potter, President of Farm Bureau Urges Co-Operation

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 19.—Publicity of farm problems, particularly those which deal with the setting of prices and the distribution of farm products was urged by L. E. Potter, president of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation, in an address before members of the Minnesota Editorial association in annual convention at St. Paul today.

Minnesota farmers want to give the true facts of their problems to the public and let the impartial verdict of all classes of citizens decide whether the present system of price setting and distribution of food products is just, Mr. Potter said:

"Americans don't go wrong when they know the facts," he said. "We farmers are not asking for special privileges; we are only asking for justice, and we are sure that if the people of Minnesota know what we ask and why we ask it, they will be with us.

"We believe in co-operative marketing; but it has been proven that co-operative marketing never has increased the price the consumer is compelled to pay for his food. We believe that the men who produce the crops that feed the world should have something to say about the price of those crops; but we do not want to set ourselves up as arbitrary price fixers, and we have no intention of saddling this country with great monopoly.

"The farmers of the state, through their county farm bureaus, as well as through their own community meetings, have ordered the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation to fight for a law that will prevent manipulation of our grain markets by speculation in futures. But the farmers have no desire to cripple the grain trade. They have told federation headquarters to see that legitimate hedging is protected, by virtually unanimous vote, where they have discussed the grain futures bill, the farmers have told the legislature that they expect them to pass the bill making speculation in grain futures illegal."

Mr. Potter concluded with a plea for co operation of all classes of citizens, and that the status of the farm question be given publicity through the press.

### $1 FOR MAN LONG DEAD.

Portland, Ind., Feb. 18.—Blaine Wehrley, jeweler, received a letter containing $1. A note said: "Please give this to your father." No name. Wehrley's father died in 1902.

# "STUDY IN SPRING" SAYS EDUCATOR

"Usually we have more calls for help in Winter than we have graduates to fill the places," says F. L. Watkins, Pres., Dakota Business College, Fargo, N. D. He observes that pupils who enroll in Spring have the best chances to step from school into well-paid jobs. D. E. Gustafson was recently sent to the First State Bank, Monticello, as asst. cashier. Miss L. E. Potter took a responsible position with Hirschy & Co., wholesalers of Duluth, Minn.

"Follow the $ucce$$ful." Write F. L. Watkins, Pres., 806 Front St., Fargo, N. D., for terms, etc

### THREATEN BOLSHEVIKS.

Berne, Feb. 18.—Insurgents are menacing the Bolshevik government of Tee, Russia. A reign of terror there in January cost the lives of 1,000 persons.


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# COMMERCIAL MEN FIGHT HOTEL RATES

### Letters Have Been Sent Out to 600,000 Travelers of Nation

(By Associated Press)

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 19.—Letters have been sent to the 600,000 commercial travelers urging them to institute a 30-day strike against hotels that charge what the organization terms exorbitant prices for room and food.

"Jesse James was a piker in his palmiest days when compared with the prices some hotels are asking," says the letter.

The letters have been sent out by the hotel committee of the International Federation of Commercial Travelers organizations and says in part:

"Traveling men all over the country have reached the conclusion that the prices charged by hotels for rooms and meals have reached the peak. The traveling fraternity has the same weapon with which to wage warfare upon the hotel proprietors and hotel corporations that the general public used in refusing to purchase wearing apparel and shoes at prices which they thought unreasonable and out of proportion. Therefore, the hotel committee of the International Federation of Commercial Travelers organizations urges the recipient of this letter to refuse to patronize such hotels as are charging or asking exorbitant prices for rooms and food. This letter is being sent to six hundred thousand (600,000) traveling men and each and every man must do his part for only in unison is there strength, and only by the concentrated efforts of the army of six hundred thousand of your craft can it be expected to get results.

"A thirty days' strike" along the line herein suggested will cause the hotels to soon offer more favorable terms and inducements. When you step up to a hotel register and you are told the price of a room, if you believe it is exorbitant after taking into consideration the service offered and the investment of the hotel, do not hesitate to say so and walk out. This must also be done in restaurants.

"Traveling men from different parts of the country have sent the hotel committee copies of menu cards of leading hotels and by scanning the prices published thereon it makes one think that Jesse James was a piker in his palmiest days when compared with the prices some hotels are asking for accommodations. You cannot bring down these prices by submitting to them and then go out and kick. Your complaint must be made to the hotel proprietor and he must be given to understand that you and the members of your craft intend to refuse to pay them."

### Cleaning the Muffler.

In cleaning the muffler after taking it apart, it is well to go over all the holes with a punch to make sure that these holes are not reduced in size with accumulations of burned oil or carbon.


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