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Municipal firemen in East Liverpool, O., have organized a labor union, chartered by the American Federation of Labor.

The annual food bill of the average family has grown from \$339.39 in 1913 to \$425.54 at present, says the United States department of labor.

About 500 employees of the various Philadelphia county offices received an aggregate of more than \$90,000 in salary increases beginning April 1.

After being before the tribunal for nearly two years the United States supreme court has handed down a decision upholding the constitutionality of the New York state workmen's compensation law.

The Typographical union of Los Angeles, Cal., has signed a two year agreement with newspaper publishers in that city. Rates for day work will be \$5 and for night work \$5.50. Each shift will consist of seven and one-half hours.

More Pay For Shoemakers.
Forty thousand shoe workers in the Old Colony district of Massachusetts, which includes the territory between Weymouth and New Bedford, will receive a 10 per cent increase in wages and a Saturday half holiday under an agreement tentatively arranged between the manufacturers and union officials. Representatives of the Lesters' union announced that negotiations virtually had been concluded and that the increase probably would go into effect May 1. The 10 per cent increase granted by Brockton manufacturers to their 13,000 employees three weeks ago will go into effect on that date. Manufacturers estimate that the total additional cost of production of shoes in the district would be close to \$5,000,000.

Raise For Shoe Workers.
A 10 per cent wage increase for 13,000 shoe workers, effective May 1, has been announced by the Brockton (Mass.) Manufacturers' association. Manufacturers said the new scale would add \$1,300,000 annually to the payroll of local factories. The operators also will get a half holiday on Saturdays.

LABOR URGED TO PLANT GARDENS

Every Vacant Lot Should Be Used to Raise Vegetables.

RELIEF FROM HIGH PRICES

Nation Would Become Richer If All Available Spaces Were Utilized, For Not Only Food, but All Wealth, Comes in the First Place From Land by Labor—Lower Cost of Living.

By BOLTON HALL.
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The flowers that bloom in the spring look sweet in the public parks, but to a mother with starving children not so sweet as potatoes and onions and beets.

The easiest way to bring down the prices of food is to raise more of it—and yet more. But today there is a prospect of less acreage. The farmers are planting less land because of the high price of seed, in some places potato seed cannot be had at all. The canners are reducing their output of vegetables because of the shortage of tins.

If you and I don't remedy this, food will cost twice as much next winter even if the European war is stopped.

Thirty millions of fighting men are now consuming and destroying produce of all sorts and even destroying the land from which their labor should produce it. And each soldier requires the entire earning of at least four persons to keep him in the field of battle instead of in the field of crops. Is it any wonder that, while wages have risen they only climb the stairs, while prices go up in the elevator? It is going to take some time to get those prices down.

Baron Devonport, the English food controller, with the despotic powers of the defense of the realm law has commandeered all lands in London which are needed for cultivation by women, children, invalids or old men.

He has followed our Mayor Pingree's potato patch plan and has had them divided into small plots and expects to have a quarter of a million people employed in London alone.

Richmond park, where William IV. and Mrs. Fitzherbert made love, is now making food for the people. Hyde park and lots of others are to be plowed up. A new cemetery at East Hampton has been planted with potatoes. Oxford and Cambridge college gardens are beginning to furnish nourishment for the body rather than delight for the mind.

All this would be a flea bite, but the ministers of agriculture in England, France and Italy have followed suit. Germany did it long ago. If England forces all her idle land into use food will be cheaper in England in spite of the submarines than ever before and England will be richer in spite of the wastes of war, for not only food, but all wealth comes in the first place from land by labor. Like ease, like rule; if we use our land we will have more money and will get more for it.

But you can help yourself even if others haven't sense enough to help. Is there an unsightly vacant lot near your house? Wouldn't you like to improve it this spring and in improving it save the \$200 you will otherwise have spent for vegetables?

Don't you think the owner should be glad to have it cleared of rubbish and cultivated and made attractive to prospective buyers?

Don't you know that one hour of that sort of work every evening or four evenings or mornings a week will improve you as well as the lot, make you stronger, give you better sleep and increase the respect in which you are held by your neighbors and by your neighbor's wife?

Sure thing!
The trouble is that many aren't smart enough to find the place and the wise ones haven't time to show them or they just don't care.

But they will care next winter when they have to foot the bills for vegetables—instead of for other jewels.

Vacant lot cultivation takes the sting out of charity by putting men and their families on the vacant lands and make them self supporting and at the same time provides pure air and healthful living for the ailing wives and children.

For the home owners: Why not improve the block in which you live, supply your dinner table and supply yourself with an appetite that will be a joy in itself?

For the asylums, sanitariums, hospitals, reformatories, prisons and charity associations: why not put the "down and outs" to work in the absence of other labor and in helping them teach them to help themselves and you?

Not only the unemployed or the disemployed, but the sick, the dependent, the consumptive and the inebriate can produce \$300 or \$500 worth of food on each acre. Yet we are appointing endless commissions to inquire into the cost of food as if we didn't know all about that and are always trying to indict somebody for conspiring to raise prices. No one in this country seems to have thought of inquiring why so many available parts of the earth are kept idle, the very places where food should be produced and raw material produced.

Idle lands that are needed mean idle hands that are in need.

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FROM ALL PARTS OF TENNESSEE

Reports of Interesting Events Boiled Down for Hasty Perusal.

Chattanooga.—Albert R. Adams, 72 years old, a Confederate veteran, is lead.

Knoxville.—A military officers' training school is being conducted at the Y. M. C. A.

Lexington.—The first charges of infraction of the bonded law in this town were lodged last week.

Jackson.—Bert Neely and R. A. Hurt elected as members of the newly created highway commission by the county court.

Dyersburg.—The negroes of Dyersburg held a patriotic rally at the court house and pledged their loyalty to the government.

Brownsville.—Under the direction of Miss Bessie Murphy, of Memphis, a community club has been organized in this city and county.

Adams.—Old Glory now flies from the flagpole on Bell high school here for the first time since the building was erected five years ago.

Chattanooga.—The ninety-ninth anniversary of Odd Fellowship was celebrated by the local lodges last week with a special program of music and addresses.

London.—Prof. Harry Clark, of the University of Tennessee, addressed a joint gathering of the churches here in the interest of the campaign of food preparedness.

Springfield.—The annual ministers' and deacons' meeting of the Cumberland Association, Free Will Baptist church, was held at Head's church, several miles south of Springfield.

Memphis.—The body of Thomas M. Dies, politician and capitalist, was found in a back room of his laundry in South Memphis with a bullet hole in his right temple and a pistol in his hand.

Alexandria.—Isaac High, formerly of Alexandria, was killed at Modesta, Cal., when a train struck the automobile in which he was driving. Mr. High's body was hurled a distance of fifty feet.

Franklin.—The officers of the fire department are making it hot for the bootleggers and around Franklin, Tenn., they are making it hot for those who receive \$12 a week. This means an average increase of 18 per cent since the union was organized.

Bookbinders Organize.
Officers of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders in Indianapolis report that bookbinders at Racine, Wis.; Mason City, Fort Dodge and Marshalltown, Ia., and Jackson, Miss., have organized. It is also stated that bookbinders in Danville, Ill., have asked for the reissuance of their charter.

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Our Query and Reply Department
Will you please print President Lincoln's letter to a woman who had lost five sons killed during the civil war. Following is the letter as given in Hay and Nicolay's "Life of Lincoln":
Washington, Nov. 21, 1864.
Mrs. Bixby, Boston, Mass.
Dear Madam—I have been shown in the files of the war department a statement of the adjutant general of Massachusetts that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously on the field of battle. I feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the republic they died to save. I pray that our heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom. Yours very sincerely and respectfully,
ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

(1) What is low Dutch, and what is high Dutch? (2) Why do most Americans call Germans "Dutchmen?" Isn't it wrong? (3) Are there other kinds of Dutch besides Holland Dutch?

(1) These terms used to be applied to the German language, but they have been replaced by "German" and "Low German" and have nothing to do with Holland. (2) Some Americans call Germans "Dutchmen" because they know no better, but the error can be traced to the resemblance of the word Dutch to the German word for "German," which is "Deutsch." Many years ago all Germanic peoples were called Dutchmen, but now the name is applied only to Hollanders, and its application to Germans is resented by both Dutchmen and Germans. (3) No.

How many children has Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany and what are their names? How many are married and which ones? To what rulers of Europe is he related? Is his daughter married and to whom?

Kaiser Wilhelm in 1881 married Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, and they had six sons and one daughter—Friedrich Wilhelm, William Eitel Friedrich, Adalbert, August Wilhelm, Oscar, Joachim and Victoria Louise. All of these are married. The daughter, Victoria Louise, was married in 1913 to Prince Ernest August, duke of Cumberland. Kaiser Wilhelm is a cousin of the present king of England, also of the czarina of Russia, the queen of Spain and a brother-in-law of the king of Greece.

Proves Value of Unions.
The Rubber Workers' union of Milwaukee has reduced working hours from fifty-five to fifty-two and a half a week and increased wages 10 per cent for those earning less than \$12 a week. This means an average increase of 18 per cent since the union was organized.

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Enlist in the army of patriotic citizens of this great and peaceful land who believe in spending their money for American goods only so that they will benefit themselves and the poor man who is out of work.

NON-RESIDENT ATTACHMENT NOTICE.

TO F. E. TROTTER, Mrs. GEGGIE STRATTON, Mrs. J. G. CLAYTON, EDGAR VANDEU EN, WILLIAM G. TROTTER, JAS. N. W. MIXTER, Mrs. ETILGE, AND THE UNKNWN HEIRS OF EDGAR TROTTER
State of Tennessee et al. vs. F. E. Trotter, et al.
State of Tennessee, in Chancery Court of Knox County. No. 15280

In this case, it appearing from the bill filed, which is sworn to, that the defendants, F. E. Trotter, Mrs. J. G. Clayton, William G. Trotter, Edgar Van Deusen, Mrs. George Stratton, Jas. N. W. Mixter, M. S. Etilge and the unknown heirs of Edgar Trotter whose residence is unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon them and an attachment having been issued and levied on the defendants' property, it is ordered that said defendants appear before the Chancery Court, at Knoxville, Tennessee, on or before the first Monday of June next, and make defense to said bill, or the same will be taken for confessed and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to them. This notice will be published in the KNOXVILLE INDEPENDENT for four consecutive weeks.

This 28th day of April 1917
J. C. FORD, Clerk & Master.
Roy A. Johnston, Sol.
May 5 12 19 26 1917

Non-Resident Attachment Notice.
Service Garage Co. vs. L. C. Rumbaugh
Before J. R. Ailor Justice of the Peace for Knox County, Tenn.

In this case, it appears by affidavit that the defendant L. C. Rumbaugh is justly indebted to the plaintiff and is a non-resident of Tennessee, so that the ordinary process cannot be served upon him and an original attachment to me having been issued and returned to me with levy upon an Overland Roadster Automobile it is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Knoxville Independent, a newspaper published in the city of Knoxville, for four consecutive weeks, commanding that said defendant appear before me, at my office in Knoxville, Tennessee, on the 16th day of May, 1917 and make defense to said suit, or it will be proceeded with ex parte.

This 17th day of April 1917
J. R. Ailor, Justice of the Peace for Knox County, Tennessee.

TO FRANK MAUSER
John George Mauser vs. Rhinehart Mauser et al.
State of Tennessee, in Chancery Court of Knox County. No. 15253
In this case, it appearing from the bill filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Frank Mauser is a non-resident of Tennessee, so that the ordinary process cannot be served upon him, it is ordered that said defendant appear before the Chancery Court, at Knoxville, Tennessee, on or before the first Monday of June next, and make defense to said bill, or the same will be taken for confessed and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to him. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Independent for four consecutive weeks. This 14th day of April 1917
J. C. Ford Clerk & Master
Wm. Myerhoff, Sol.
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IO Wm. C. RILEY
Laura V. Riley vs. Wm. C. Riley
State of Tennessee, in Chancery Court of Knox County. No. 15263
In this case, it appearing from the bill filed, which is sworn to, that the defendant Wm. C. Riley is a non-resident of Tennessee, so that the ordinary process cannot be served upon him, it is ordered that said defendant appear before the Chancery Court, at Knoxville, Tennessee, on or before the first Monday of June next, and make defense to said bill, or the same will be taken for confessed and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to him. This notice will be published in the Knoxville Independent for four successive weeks. This 19th day of April 1917
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