

# HIGHEST WAGES PAID IN WEST

Statistics Show That Section to Be Well in Advance of the East.

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Only Two Eastern States Give Workers Higher Reward for Their Labor—Figures for Both Male and Female Employees.

Ohio workmen receive an average of \$4.79 a day for a day of 7.7 working hours, according to statistics gathered by the state bureau of labor statistics among 24 industries in Ohio, employing 30,305 men. The same survey shows that Ohio women who work for a living, average 7.2 hours a day and receive an average of \$2.12 a day.

The average earnings for each hour worked was 62.2 cents for men and 29.5 cents for women. Ten other states paid workmen more than Ohio, but all but two of these states were in the West, the report showed.

The only eastern states in which the amount paid per hour was more were West Virginia, which paid 63.9 cents, and Pennsylvania, which paid 64.3 cents. Fifteen other states paid women more by the hour than Ohio.

## GENERAL LABOR NEWS

Three-fourths of all the coal of the world is being mined in eight-hour shifts.

Typographical workers in Philadelphia have received an increase of \$10 per week.

Philadelphia bricklayers are now commanding \$1.10 per hour for eight hours work.

Over 27,000,000 tons of coal were mined in coal mines of Japan during the past year.

The British Amalgamated Society of Engineers has a membership of over half a million.

Steam shovel, drag line and cable-way workers in Canada are receiving \$212 per month.

Total wages and salaries paid by the United States Steel corporation in 1918, \$452,063,524.

The minimum wage for adult women workers in Great Britain will be \$11 per week in the future.

Upholsterers in New York city now receive \$9.25 a day, an increase of \$3 over the old scale of wages.

From \$58 to \$61 per week is the average wage being received by bread-makers in the United States.

Mine workers in Indiana are demanding a minimum wage scale of \$7 per day for a six-hour work day.

Women upholsterers in New York who three years ago earned only \$9 per week are now receiving \$28.00 a week.

The cradle of the eight-hour day is to be found in five countries—Germany, England, Australia, America and France.

Issue of stock to employees as a reward for faithful service is a plan soon to be put in operation by the Standard Oil company.

Organized garment workers in Newark, N. J., have established the 44-hour week and secured substantial wage increases.

Between June, 1914, and July, 1919, the average weekly earnings of factory workers in New York state increased 82 per cent.

Bank clerks in Oakland, Cal., who have been receiving \$80 per month are forming an organization to better themselves in the way of wages.

Many thousands of girls between the ages of twelve and fifteen years are employed in the factories of Japan, the most of them in the textile industry.

A committee representing 24,000 workers in the military arsenals of Tokyo, Japan, have petitioned the government for an increase in wages ranging from 20 to 50 per cent.

The airplane factories in France employed 12,850 workers on January 1, 1915; 30,990 on January 1, 1916; 68,920 on January 1, 1917; 131,551 on January 1, 1918, and 186,003 on November 1, 1919.

Investigations made by a woman doctor among 2,500 Englishwomen employed on men's work in factories during the war showed that 42 per cent of the women were suffering from overfatigue and ill health.

All workers in Kingsport, Tenn., employed by ten large concerns, have been insured against death, sickness or accident under group policy, which will financially benefit almost every family in the town of 10,000.

If the women of the country continue to organize at the same rate proportionately for the next five years as they have within the past four years, they will be able to boast a membership little short of 4,000,000.

Pierre Guerard, who had worked for 26 years in a tannery at Quebec without any mishap, changed his job recently, and had barely started to work in another tannery when he was caught in a shaft and instantly killed.

The lowering of working hours in the cotton mills of the United States has resulted in the loss of the production of 3,000,000 spindles, according to estimates. It was pointed out that the reduction in the weekly working scales has entailed a curtailment of 11 per cent of the output in the northern mills and 9 per cent in those of the southern districts.

## In the Field of Labor.

Chorus girls and musicians in Madrid, Spain, have formed a labor union. Of the 130,000 people employed in the spinning mills in Japan, 96,000 are women.

London teamsters who are employed by the city engineer are asking for \$1 per hour.

Iron molders in Toronto, Canada, are receiving 75 cents an hour for eight hours a day.

In 1919 it took 127 men employed by the Pennsylvania railroad to do the work of 100 men in 1917.

Metal trades workers in Salt Lake City, Utah, are demanding a blanket increase in wages of \$1 a day.

Among Pennsylvania railroad workers 14 per cent more men did 11 per cent less work last year than in 1917.

Soda clerks of the first grade in New York drug stores have presented demands for a minimum salary of \$40 a week, while third-grade dispensers want \$20.

Police men of Ashtabula, Ohio, have petitioned council for the establishment of an eight-hour day, also for the creation of a pension fund. The matter is now in committee.

The Western Brick company of Danville, Ill., has entered into a contract with 450 employees that wages will be increased or decreased every three months in accordance with the cost of living. The price of 13 articles of food is taken as the standard.

Fourteen of the leading retail stores of Providence, R. I., have issued statements to their employees that they will not allow them to join any union. They declare that while unions are of use in many industries, the retail trade is not suited to them.

One thousand employees of the Federal Lead company were called out on strike at Bonne Terre, Mo. They are asking for a closed shop and 25 per cent increase in pay. The company has announced it is preparing for an indefinite slowdown.

As the result of conference between various German organizations, the Clerical Office Workers' union has been organized. It comprises more than 350,000 members, making it, it is contended, the biggest organization of office workers in the world.

The strike of metal workers in Berlin, Germany, has been settled, according to announcement. Gustav Noske, minister of defense, speaking in the national assembly, declared these responsible for the strike would be punished for "disturbing the vital functions of public life."

The marked increase in the number of highway robberies and burglaries the last few days has resulted in the issuance of an order by Chief of Police O'Brien of St. Louis which will mean that all unemployed are subject to arrest and prosecution as idlers. The order also empowers the police to investigate and search all motor cars out after midnight.

A demand for a 35 to 65 per cent increase in wages and that all coal-burning locomotives weighing 200,000 pounds and more in road service be equipped with mechanical stokers and two firemen be placed in all such engines until they are so equipped was adopted by a conference of 300 general chairmen of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

The leather industry ranks as the third greatest manufacturing industry in the United States. According to the census of manufacturers for 1914, about 250,000 persons are engaged in the tanning and leather trades, the remainder being principally shoemakers and harness makers.

Houston, Texas, has produced something new in the line of unions. It is claimed that the Undertakers and Embalmers' union, chartered by the American Federation of Labor, is the first of its kind in existence. Undertakers and embalmers in Galveston, Beaumont and other cities of southwestern Texas are also contemplating pursuing a similar course.

The report of the Indiana industrial board includes the report of the department of mines and mining, which shows a coal production for the year ending September 30, 1918, of 28,795,682 short tons. This coal was secured from 239 mines employing 27,932 workmen, whose average annual earnings were \$1,424.06. During the year there were 114 fatal accidents, 106 to persons employed in the mines and eight to persons employed on the surface; this gives a rate of 4.08 persons killed per 1,000 employed.

Notices were posted in the offices of the Western Union Telegraph company of a 15 per cent increase in pay beginning Jan. 1, 1920, for all employees of the company who have been in service one year or more and a 10 per cent raise for those in its employ for six months. It was announced also that on Nov. 1 all employees will receive a bonus of 30 per cent of their salaries for the months of August, September and October. On Jan. 1 next another bonus will be paid of 20 per cent of the salaries for November and December.

Fifteen thousand weavers employed by 50 mills at Alcoy, Spain, engaged in the manufacture of cloth for uniforms, struck, demanding a 50 per cent increase in wages. The employers have offered a 20 per cent advance, but this has been rejected.

Unions in Butte, Anaconda and Great Falls, affiliated with the Metal Trades council, by a referendum vote cast in the three cities, have formally ended the strike that has been in progress among the Butte copper mines and the smelter plants in Anaconda and Great Falls for the last two months. It was announced today.

## Woman Suffrage in Wyoming.

For more than half a century the men of Wyoming have insisted that women deserved the same rights as men. It is now 61 years since the voters of Wyoming, then a territory, first stunned the rest of the world by conferring full suffrage upon women without a preliminary battle on the part of the women themselves, considering it simple fairness. When the men were taken to task they replied that their women folks had endured the same hardships as themselves and demonstrated equal ability as pioneers. When statehood was applied for in 1890 feeling was so intense against admitting the territory that congress found itself in an uproar, and the Wyoming legislature was notified that statehood could hardly be possible unless the suffrage clause was eliminated. The legislature replied, "We will remain out of the Union 100 years rather than come in without woman suffrage."—Philadelphia Ledger.

**Looked Bad.**  
The Browne family possessed a whole sheaf of umbrellas, but they were all sadly in need of repair. One morning on his way to the office, Browne took them along to be mended. At lunch time he went into a restaurant and on leaving absent-mindedly walked off with a lady's umbrella.

He apologized profusely and returned it.

In the evening he called for the umbrellas again. He boarded a car and found himself sitting opposite the lady of the luncheon episode.

She leaned over and whispered dramatically: "I say, you've had a good day, haven't you?"

**No Wonder Mona Smiled.**  
If Whistler's conceit was a pose he assumed it quite early in his career. We are told that as an art student he used to copy famous paintings at the Louvre, and on one occasion a brother artist came upon him as he was finishing a copy of "Mona Lisa."

"You've done a fine thing there," said the other.

"Yes, I'm quite pleased with it," agreed Whistler, and then in his quizzical way he added, "I wonder what they'll do with the poor old original now?"—Boston Transcript.

**Air Propellers on Cars.**  
Before long we are likely to see many motorcars driven by air propellers like those of airplanes. Experiments are being made with such air-driven cars in Europe, and they are said to have worked out very satisfactorily. The power utilizable in this way for a vehicle on land is so great that it has been found practicable to run freight cars on railroads at high speed with an air propeller in front and another behind.—Kansas City

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