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THE MANY RAILWAY EMPLOYEES WORK 12 HOURS A DAY

Highly Skilled Men Compelled To Labor Longer Than Least Responsible Workers.

Washington, Jan. 5.—A comparison of the hours of work in the iron and steel industry in the United States and for engineers and firemen in the Western territory has been made possible by a report just published by the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics on wages and hours in the iron and steel industry in 1913.

Using tabulations from the actual records of western railway companies, 30,000 engineers and firemen as the basis for the data for these railway employees, it appears that 88 per cent. work over 10 hours per day, 35 per cent. over 12 hours and 7 per cent. over 14 hours per day.

Contrasted with this is the fact that in a number of important departments in iron and steel making, the percentage of employees working over 10, 12 and 14 hours was considerably lower than in the case of engineers and firemen.

Although the responsibility placed upon engineers and firemen is incidentally greater, and although the strain is infinitely more serious and the danger to the public from fatigue of the workers greater in the case of locomotive engineers and firemen, they work on the average longer hours than even the unskilled laborers in the blast furnaces.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics data show that only 3 per cent. of the workers in sheet mills and only 5 per cent. in tin plate mills work over 10 hours a day. In the Bessemer converter departments 75 per cent. and in the bar mills 54 per cent. of the employees work over 10 hours a day as contrasted with 88 per cent. of the locomotive engineers and firemen on railroads in the western territory.

The standard rate of pay is less than 2 per cent. and in the bar, sheet, and tin plate mills less than one per cent. work over 14 hours per day as contrasted with 7 per cent. of the locomotive engineers and firemen.

The practice of requiring men to work on long shifts in blast furnaces which received the condemnation of a stockholders' committee of the United States Steel Corporation, has been called to the attention of statisticians who are inquiring into the justice of the claims of railway employees for shorter hours.

An examination of the reports of 76 Western railroads to the Interstate Commerce Commission showed that during the 18 months from July 1, 1912 to December 31, 1913, there were 49,286 cases where engineers and firemen worked for a continuous period of 14 hours or longer, and over 16,000 cases where they worked for a continuous period of 18 hours or more.

The extraordinary situation is thus presented of employing highly skilled men in places of great public responsibility under conditions which were unmistakably condemned by the federal government, the unions, and by representatives of employers for the most unskilled and least responsible workers in the iron and steel industry.

The comparison of hours of labor in the iron and steel industry with those for locomotive engineers and firemen is regarded as a significant one, since the hours of iron and steel workers are notoriously long.

Red Cross Stamps Furnish Revenue of \$3,200 in This City

The great success of the sale of the Red Cross Christmas seals during the two weeks preceding the holiday time will maintain the tuberculosis department of the Visiting Nurses' association during the next year with added efficiency. Over \$3,200 was realized from the sales, in the personal appeal through letters, the direct appeal to manufacturers and the work of the school children.

The results have almost tripled the amount received last year through the various departments. Prominent women and the younger members of society gave up the busy days preceding the holiday to take charge of the sales. Mrs. E. W. Fleck, chairman of the general distribution, was indefatigable, not only taking charge of the distribution in the stores but in the theatres and hotels wherever opportunity presented itself.

Mrs. Samuel E. Wheeler maintained the same enthusiasm among the school children and Mrs. Sanford Stoddard and Mrs. James T. Roche, Jr., chairman of the committee to appeal to the manufacturers, far exceeded the hopes of the executive board.

The board sincerely appreciates the co-operation of the public in its work in contributions and especially the efforts of the scores who conducted the sales.

OFF THE ICE WAGON IS COMING TO POLP'S THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY

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Amusements POLP'S

Tonight affords a final opportunity to lovers of high-class vaudeville and photoplays to see the very excellent program that marked the start of the new year at Polp's. Six big vaudeville acts and the best of feature photoplays comprise the program that has drawn capacity audiences to the big theatre all this week.

In the vaudeville bill, Les Mignones Revue, a Parisian musical novelty, introducing ten talented artists, tops the program. Their repertoire is one of real merit and the scenic investiture and electrical effects are elaborate.

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A masterful production is the five part Triangle feature "Between Men," being shown at the Plaza theatre with William S. Hart in the leading role. It is creating a tremendous comment in local circles. The story is one that holds the spectator in a grip of intense interest throughout and the climax is one of the most thrilling ever conceived.

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Tonight Valli Valli, the brilliant and versatile English actress, who appeared in "The Purple Road," "The Dollar Princess," "Queen of the Movies," and other stage successes on Broadway, will be seen on the screen here tonight at the West End theatre on State street, near Clinton avenue.

EMPIRE

If you have never lived in a big city that has the famous underground transportation systems called subways, you never can quite realize what wonderful systems these really are. Nor will you ever realize what terrible conditions exist in these same subways until you experience it yourself or see the famous third episode of that fascinating serial, "Graft," which will be shown at the above theatre this evening.

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BATEMAN SELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF STRATFORD FIREMEN

(Special to The Farmer.) Stratford, Jan. 5.—George Bateman was elected president of the Stratford fire department at the annual election of officers held last evening at the fire house. Other officers elected were: Harry Flood, vice president; Olaf Unbehagen, secretary; Chief Allen D. Judson, treasurer; Fred Palmer, trustee.

Following the election the newly elected officers were installed. Refreshments were served. Vocal and instrumental selections were given.

TRUMBULL

Mrs. Charles N. Shepherd is again able to be out after having been confined to her home for two weeks with a grip cold. The Christmas exercises of the Congregational Sunday school were held at the church, Sunday evening, and despite the inclement weather a large audience was present.

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