

COMPENSATION BILL SIGNED

Washington.—Last week President Wilson signed the Kern-McGillcuddy Workmen's Compensation act, which provides compensation for injuries and fatalities to the 400,000 employees of the federal government.

Former legislation covered but one-fourth of this number, or those engaged in hazardous occupations. A government commission is created to administer the new law. Three commissioners at \$5,000 a year will be appointed by the President, and they will make such rules and regulations as are necessary for the enforcement of the act, and are empowered to make decisions.

The payments for disability, as specified in the act, are as follows:

Total disability, 66 2/3 per cent of the monthly pay during the continuance of the disability, not to exceed \$66.67 a month, and not less than \$33.33, unless the employee's monthly pay is less than \$33.33, in which case the compensation is to be full pay.

Partial disability, 66 2/3 per cent of the difference between the monthly pay at the time of the injury and the monthly wage-earning capacity after the beginning of the partial disability, not to exceed \$66.67 per month.

Medical, surgical and hospital services and supplies for a reasonable time and in a reasonable amount will be furnished to the injured employe by the government. The exact details of this provision are left to the commission.

STEAM ENGINEERS MEET.

Newark, N. J.—The biennial convention of the International Union of Steam and Operating Engineers was held in this city during the week. President Gompers addressed the delegates, devoting considerable time to the legislative gains made by organized labor during the past year.

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INJUNCTION JUDGE SCORNE BY WORKERS

Detroit.—Judge Van Zile trudged up the long stairs to the county jail and offered freedom to five striking pattern makers, who have been jailed by him for violating an injunction, if they would promise to discontinue picketing.

When Judge Van Zile sentenced these workers he thundered on the sacredness of property and personal liberty which cost this nation billions of dollars to establish.

But this wise and fearless expounder of justice, who told his victims he is a candidate for re-election, is shown in another light as he offered freedom on his terms. "I thought you'd like to get in the Labor Day parade tomorrow," he whined.

The pattern makers said they would give him a reply later, and when their visitor had retired they jointly signed the following letter and forwarded it to Judge Van Zile's residence by special messenger:

"Relative to your conference with us this afternoon, we submit the following answer to your proposition to release us from jail after being confined here for 14 days, to-wit:

"Under no consideration will we surrender our constitutional rights to satisfy any employer of labor.
"We hold that no one man has the right to deny us the privilege of passing any shop whether on strike or not, or to prevent us from talking to any man with the object in view of joining our organization to better his condition in life."

Detroit.—Judge Connolly has ordered the release of five striking pattern makers on bonds of \$500 each until the supreme court passes on the decision of Judge Van Zile, who fined and sentenced these unionists to jail for violating an injunction not to picket or visit the homes of strikebreakers.

Judge Connolly's order was contested by attorneys representing the Detroit Manufacturers' association.

DANGERS IN MATTRESS MAKING.

Albany, N. Y.—The state commission, acting under authority of a law passed by the last legislature, is attempting to enforce sanitary conditions in the mattress industry. In a recent speech to manufacturers of bedding, Dr. Roos, medical inspector of the department of labor, said:

"Early in my work I noted the large percentage of disease among the men employed in mattress factories and presented the facts to the bureau of industrial hygiene which ordered a survey made and my department visited all the larger plants in New York city, 97 in all, and the conditions we found were simply appalling. In most of the plants dust lay thick on the floors, machines, walls and even on the ceilings—the very atmosphere was permeated with it and fully 20 per cent, on an average, of the workmen were suffering from tuberculosis while others had various forms of skin and eruptive diseases. Some of the factories were in cellars, others in converted tenement houses, former stables, etc., and few had any adequate system of ventilation or proper toilet facilities.

"In many factories there were piles of second-hand mattresses laying around which the manufacturers said were to be remade for private parties, etc., and in one place we found about 75 mattresses that had come from a Bowery lodging house and you can imagine the dirt, filth, vermin and disease they carried. There can be no doubt that these mattresses were to be made up—not for private parties, but as part of new goods."

WOOD CARVERS WANT MORE.

Chicago.—The Wood Carvers' union is preparing to enforce a demand for wage increases of 5 cents an hour, to take effect October 1.

MOVIE OPERATORS GAIN.

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