# What High Wages Mean

Higher Living Costs, but Also More Active Human Minds.

High wages, it is said, do little good, for meat, potatoes, rent, bread go up as rapidly as wages, or more rapidly. The man who gets ten dollars where he used to get five

must spend ten dollars where he used to spend five. There is, however, one benefit in higher wages more important than extra money to spend or the temporary luxury or comfort of the individual.

When wages are low and men are cheap it is hard to get those that have power to pay attention to the workers.

There was a time when chimneys were cleaned by tying a string to the leg of a goose and dropping the goose down the chimney. Struggling, flapping her wings, the goose went down and took the soot with her.

In England and various other countries, in place of the goose a small child was used. Children were underfed purposely and thus kept thin that they might be able to go through the smallest chimneys.

At the same time other children were being used up in factories. Then one day the British government discovered that it lacked men big enough to go into the army. It cut down the army regulation size; still the men were too small.

Then it was discovered that chimney sweeping and factory work were harmful, and the government made laws to protect children. If plenty of big men had remained after small children had been used in factories and chimneys those laws would have been delayed.

Similarly in this and other countries, while men and children are plentiful and cheap little attention is paid to improving machinery or protecting children. The mine owners could hire small boys for a few cents a day to work on the breakers, picking the sharp slate from the coal with bleeding fingers. So the problem seemed perfectly solved by the "breaker boys."

But when unions developed strength, and even boys became expensive, their wages high, it was worth while to invent machinery that would do the work that the boys' fingers had been doing. When "patriotism" was at its height it was made even more simple by selling the coal with the slate in it.

A farm hand getting seven dollars a day will do a great deal to develop agricultural machinery.

Double wages for cotton pickers will probably bring forth the much-sought-for machine to pick cotton. It may be possible to do it on the "vacuum cleaner" basis.

Ditch digging will be done by machinery when diggers' wages rise to eight or ten dollars a day, or none are to be found, and so with other lines of work.

The ignorant, of course, will say that all these new machines will "cut down employment" and "starve the

But only the deeply ignorant will say it. A few printers objected to the printing machine, which employs more printers than ever set type by hand.

England rebelled against the improved machinery that now produces about a thousand times as much cloth, hires a hundred times as many men, and pays much higher wages. of years and attained to a certain the soldier himself. I am positively ficer, but quite often they are not in does a man with one limb gone, given When life is easy we take things easily. When human age. These two qualifications are not in favor of a bonus for all ex-

labor is cheap we use only human labor and are content. evidently the sole requirements con-When life becomes difficult and labor becomes expensive templated by the act. It was inspired \$1,000, or even \$10,000, for all soldiers many of the people are laboring unmen use their brains, and that means progress.

The high wages of this day will mean better machinery and consequently greater production, and incidentally higher wages in the future day.

# Votes For Washington

Congressman J. Will Taylor of Tennessee says it has frequently occurred to him during his service in Congress that the District of Columbia is entitled to and should have

CONG. J. WILL TAYLOR.

a Delegate in the House. elected in the same manner and with the same privileges that are now possessed by torial, "The Face With a Smile Is Not Delegates from Alaska, Ha- think that the vast majority of your waii, and the Philippines.

give the District all the rep- its effect and rather simless in its be free to continue the din on Arti- in payment therefor gave a resentation it needs," he addest city in the world. It is course, do not mean smirkiness or, the Lord preserve us, a continuous thereunto appertaining, would, took himself too seriously. in my opinion, cause the loss smile than with his pills. Smiling

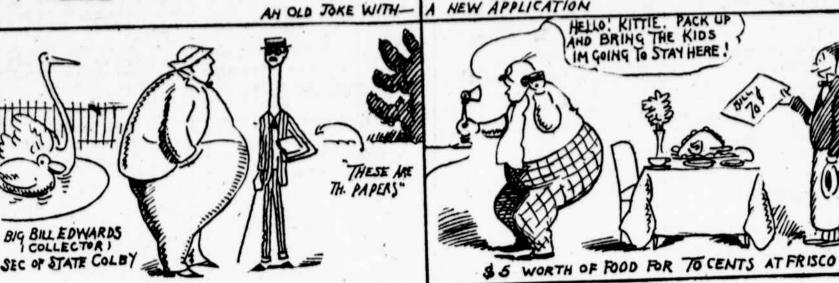
in a very large measure of its identity as the National City. "As a matter of fact, a large per cent of the residents of Washington retain their citizenship in the States whence they came and exercise the right of suffrage there. This is entirely proper and, in my opinion, is highly commendable.

"In view of its very limited area, it would certainly not ice man from Ohio a position without be entitled to Statehood, with the same representation in the Senate and the House that is now accorded to the States. This would, of course, be preposterous. However, it has frequently occurred to me, during my short service in Congress, that the District of Columbia is entitled to and should have a Delegate in the House, selected in the same manner and with the same privileges that are now possessed by Delegates from Alaska, Hawaii, and the Philippines. This, Says Bonus Will Increase Taxes. in my judgment, will give the District all of the representa- To the Editor of THE TIMES: tion that it needs."

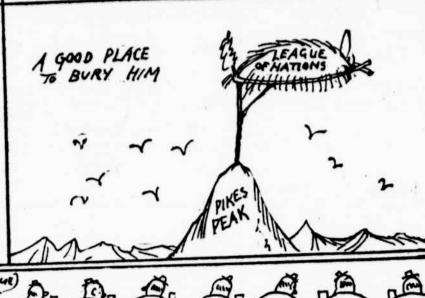
**Convention Sketches** 

DRY PLANK











# Letters From the Public to the Editor

tones of Marse Henry Watterson of template the flareback he was serving

other days, as the Sage of Mansfield up to the country. All but 20 per

BEAST OF BURDEN.

Practically all the men engaged in cloth making in To the Editor of THE TIMES:

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that the proposition of giving every To the Editor of THE TIMES:

The Sterling-Lehlbach act provides man who served in the late war, My attention was recently called to served. definitely set forth in the law and by a feeling of justice and humanity, and nowhere contains the suggestion of peremptory dismissal of any em-

I understand that regulations under the civil service law specify that applicants for examination must declare under oath that they are not over forty-five years of age. Under such a provision it would hardly seem possible for an employe regularly in years of age and yet have a credit of less than fifteen years' service. At any rate, I do not believe that the retirement law is applicable in any

way to such cases.

JOHN R. WEATHERS. 27 Iowa circle.

### A Good Healthy Smile Means Success.

to the Editor of THE TIMES: I was just looking over your edia Thinking Face," and, although I editorials are diadems of thought "This, in my judgment, will and good to follow, I yet think that the smile editorial is pernicious in

construction. A good, healthy smile means confied. "Washington is the great- there is no success. By a smile I, of

essentially the National City sigsle. It is the man who has never of the greatest country on the globe. Its chief importance there is virtue in frowns, and worry. and glory consists in that fact. that goes to his grave unhonored and unsung. Lincoln smiled often and To grant it the right of suf- much, yet his task was heavy and his frage, with all the prerogatives and responsibilities much, yet his task was heavy and his success beyond computation. It is said that Napoleon never smiled, and are perhaps Waterloo and St. Helena are perhaps Waterloo and St. Helena are not unfitting sequels to the man who on in New Eng-The doctor cures more with his helps the entire physical economy.
To be in a good frame of mind is to
be in good health. M. MUSSMAN.

### Give Service Man a Job. o the Editor of THE TIMES:

Let me tell you what Ohio is doing for the service men. They are in the rent law, Uncle near future going to give every servcivil service examination.

The best thing Congress can do

for the service man is give him a Government position without ex-Congress had better do something toon, and do it without delay. If they

publicans will look like a sick mule at the next Presidential election, in November, 1920.-From the Legion of

I agree with the fellow who re-

cently said in The Washington Times the money for such a move,

racted disease in the line of duty in the service of the United States. It favor of a bonus. A bonus to every the high cost of living cannot come until the taxes are reduced.

Newspaperdom may welcome Presi-

Grayson, who adds that the Chief Ex-

ecutive is considering becoming head

seat on the old

bus. Will some

one please page

Joseph L. Bristow,

wheat fields?

of the Kansas

building up the

standard of the

University makes

doctor of laws.

Calvin Coolidge a

As they put on

the finishing

touches of bawl-

ing out the Ball

Sam drops his

towel as second to

the rent commis-

to the fracas him-

us will dream of it as Maurice Thomp-

Governor Bickett passes the suf-

son pictured it in the days of Alice.

injustice both to the country and to I have the greatest respect for an of- they do not have to accept it. How freckles: soldiers. However, I am in favor of tion should be taken in a question of the nineteen dollars per month he remen. For every officer receiving a seems to me that all true Americans very good rate of pay, and there are who are ex-soldiers are also not in hundreds who received more pay in soldier, etc., at this time only tends to life, there are multitudes of enlisted make the taxes higher, and certainly men who received a very inferior sum and a large percentage who received

In the League of Shoppers, Mrs.

the White House

Prince as the halo

hangs over Fris-

to have the New

York district at-

torney, as he ham

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bridge expert,

looked into the

thanks of the rest of the world.

### Coatless Men Urged. permanently disabled, or who con- officer there are scores of enlisted To the Editor of THE TIMES:

such a small remuneration that it is EVERETTE E. NEAL, A. E. F. | hardly comparable with that re-The Crow's Nest

Why don't your H and S men-folks start a COATLESS campaign, no matter how many howls from prudes and "He who dallies is a dastard. He Whoever selected the slogan, "Back cranks? It would mean comfort and who doubts is damned," echo the to the Farm," evidently did not con-

disdains to watch the new breeds fid- coat tails' facing the old orchard and It's true that women may want to meadow and the returns are not all in. vote, but we are still on the job cooking meals for men, darning their socks, washing and ironing their nice dent Wilson into its ranks after he Babe Ruth is also poling out some shirts to prevent wear and tear and to save laundry bills, besides numerleaves the White House, says Admiral average, as the dispatches say she bought twenty-five hats in a Waterof a college. In either sphere he will bury, Conn., shop the other day and bands. When we ride in street cars be free to continue the din on Arti- in payment therefor gave a check we appreciate seats offered by gen-MRS. R. T. P.

### Bonus For the Boys.

backs the Crown Don't give England our money! We need it to pay our own soldiers a bonus. England has already paid her soldiers a bonus at our expense, or, at It's refreshing Now there is talk of canceling her debt that she owes the United States. The billions England owes us is more mers at the Elwell mystery, coin the than sufficient to make a fair readphrase, "a man in the case." justment to our army salary of \$365 and not only that, they NEED His partner held bonus, so don't let us hear any more the final trump when Elwell, about calling England's debt off. EDWIN C. GEORGE.

face of the arbiter To the Editor of THE TIMES: earthly existence. The raw material in a pound of bread costs 5 cents and the public is Trotzky, Soviet compelled to pay 12 cents a pound war minister, has for bread. In Europe, bread made from American flour is sold for 71/2 ber his enemies cents per pound, and that allows a reasonable profit. There is a standing custom in France and on the acts as his own continent that the price of bread Governor Roberts of Tennessee in shall be the same per pound as the Vincennes, Ind., has felt the hand of told by President Wilson that first the price of flour. It takes two-thirds of party needs the passage of the wom-an suffrage amendment, and then the a pound of flour for a pound of bread and a pound of wheat makes twocountry can benefit. What's become thirds of a pound of flour. In bakof the President of the Whole People? ers' parlance, they mix so pounds of water with enough flour The allies have set aside Turkey frage buck to Tennessee and also as the "Zone of Straits," and if they to give it the consistency of dough. takes a swipe at the call of President Wilson by declaring that the ites straight for the rest of time, they country are not perm Tar Heels have neither the time nor will have the favor of Allah and the other nation on earth. country are not permitted in any

Please permit this in reply to one of your male critics: If men had courage they wouldn't button up in swelttering clothes, and they wouldn't criticise women who make themselves comfortable. When women made up they did it regardless of criticism. It makes us uncomfortable to see men wearing hot coats in summer.

lingers by his Kentucky mint bed and cent of our population now have their the gander.

signed by the home run king for \$840. There's a vacant AND THEY CALL THE HORSE THE Burleson says

To the Editor of THE TIMES:

### Bread Prices in Europe.

## Congressmen Poorly Paid---Who's Looney Now?

By BILL PRICE.

Washington's wealthy and highly overpaid Government employes—those described by the Honorable Soda Fountain BLANTON of Texas as having "cinches" in life's struggles-cannot fail to be deeply interested in an interview in the admirable hotel-corridor column of the Post.

This interview is with "Colonel"-Tennesseeans never have subordinate titles-THOMAS C. LOONEY, of Memphis. Colonel Looney sympathizes deeply with members of Congress and high officers of the Government in the small salaries paid them. 'He feels that "they are hit as hard" by the high cost of living as "salaried persons in all other walks of life." Those are the quoted words.

Probably the colonel, whose human sympathies do not necessarily indicate he is "looney" now, or ever will be, does not know the facts about Washington salary workers. The pay of a Congressman is \$7,500 a year. The Tennesseean frankly concedes that many of them are not worth that; are truly overpaid. The 100,000 or more Federal and District Government employes in Washington average little above a statutory salary of \$1,200 a year, a difference in pay of more than \$6,000 a year.

Thousands of Government employes are paid less than \$900 a year.

We grant that a Congressman must put up "a front." Most of them got into Congress that way. Many housekeepers judge a can of tomatoes by the pretty label thereon. The tomatoes thus "get by." We grant that a national legislator should dress somewhat better than the middleclass salary man or the mechanic, not that he is any better than any other man, but that other nations and peoples would be badly impressed to see able statesmen like Uncle JOE CANNON wearing overalls, with his sleeves turned up and face and arms black with grime.

We concede that the cost of putting up "a front" is considerable, but the main cost of living now is in food supplies, the absolute necessaries of life. And as to that the "front" should disappear. A Congressman's stomach may be larger than that of a \$1,200 Government clerk-and it usually is-but it is not entitled to any more inside of it or to any better quality of food. Neither prestige nor possession of money removes the fact that a poor man requires as much to sustain life as his more fortunate fellow being. And what the small-salary man buys in essentials cost him just as much as it costs a Congressman. His underworked digestive tract enjoys a juicy steak as much as the other man's overworked digestive engine.

Nobody will begrudge a Congressman salary sufficient to maintain himself in reasonable station, but he should not deny-as he has done-a living wage to the Government worker, a wage that will enable that worker to have reasonable comforts.

THE FRECKLES GIRL. | SHOULD "GREAT FALLS" Here's a little advice for the flapper, who asked you how to cure

A little bit of powder, A little bit of paint Make little freckles Look just what they ain't. C. R. LOVELACE.

"You can't turn a sow's ear into silk purse," but at the present price of hog meat it would be advantageous if we could turn a silk purse into a sow's ear.

FRED VETTER. TWO RIDDLES A DAY.

What was the first bet ever made 2. What word of eight letters is there from which you can subtract five letters and leave ten? ANSWERS. 1. The alphabet.

2. Tendency.

V. S SNOW.

B. D. MONKS, Washingtonian now at Los Angeles, Cal., writes that an earthquake out there recently made the "concrete shimmie."

Mary had a little Thomas cat
Which sang like Caruse.
Some one hit it with a bat
And now it doesn't do so.
JAMES C. DENT.

SAYS THIS IS DIFFICULT. A hard thing to do is to place eight checkers on an ordinary checker board so they will not be in a straight line horizontally, perpendicularly or diagonally. Either the black or red squares may be used. Try it. RAY A. GANTZ.

THE CLOSED-EYE

KISSING GAME Girls shouldn't bear all the blame
In this closed-eye kissing game.
When a young man kisses his pretty mi
It fills his heart and soul with bliss;
His eyes will automatically close
Because he's paralysed to his toes.
J. H. GRIMES.

A college professor once said: "Love is an emotion foisted upon the world by a sap-headed novelist who needed copy." What would he have written on your all-ab-sorbing topic, "Why does she close her eyes when being kiss-ed?" PHILIP EBERT.

As to this kissing bee: A Puritan might say that she who kisses with her eyes shut tight closes them to strength. You tell 'em, holey socks, I don't give a all consequences. But the Puritan might be wrong, as he often was. F. VETTER.

What I'm worrying about is that this discussion may cause the girls to stop kissing altogether. If there is any danger in this let me die now.

Tou tell 'em, conductor, freight make the car-go.
You tell 'em, back door, why you belted Tou tell 'em, wild duck, they know you're game.
You tell 'em, August, or April May. JOHN M.

Kiss an old maid once, she loses her sight; Kiss her twice she'll enjoy it all night; Kiss her again and she hollers for more, To the old girl it's the golden shore. MILO H.

(A girl once wrote H and S that Milo H is single. He at least seems Milo H is single. He at least seems Partial to old maids.)

You tell 'em, brofiteer, you know I sonk 'em.
You tell 'em, profiteer, you know I would be tell 'em, oven, I'm overheated by EUGENE SCHELLBERG.

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the coroner reported it a case of sewercide.

M. H. D.

BEAK ANOTHER NAMES This from Dr. WILLIAM TINDALL will interest all Washingtonians, par-ticularly the local historians:

DEAR BILL PRICE:

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It has often occurred to me that the name "Great Falla," as applied to the rapids of the Potomac, should be superseded by a less pretentious title, as most strangers who visit those rapids are disappointed to find a much less volume of water there than the name indicates. The falls are not a great waterfail, but are one of the most picturesque, combination of forest, rock and river that I have seen—especially grand as to the rocks.

While the amount of water there dees not begin to compare with that at the Dalles of the Columbia river, the variety and arrangement of the composition are incomparably more attractive, and constitute a scenic gem which should not be exposed to disparagement by a name which leads visitors to expect to view a rival to Niagara or other majestic cataracts. I have heard visitors express their disappointment in terms which indicated that the anticipations excited by the name were far from having been confirmed.

Perhaps some of the bright readers or contributors to the H and S might suggest a title for our waterfall that would more appropriately describe its morits.

WILLIAM TINDALL.

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EXPLAIN THIS TRISH COIN. I have an Irish coin with a harp on it. The date is worn off and I would like very much to know how this coin came to be issued.

There's a spot in The Times Full of riddles and rhymes, Nonsense and good reading, too. It's called Heard and Seen And it prints nothing mean:
Just good cheer for those who are blue
MRS. B. H

Find three consecutive numbers such that if they are divided by 2, 3, and 4, respectively, the sum of the quotient will be the next consecutive number.

### MORE YOU TELL 'EMS.

noise.
You tell 'em, Dardanella, I'm in 'Baby's Arma."
By EDMUND M. SULLIVAN—
You tell 'em, fisherman, you've go good line.
By A. W.—
You tell 'em, limberger, you've got

darn.
You tell 'em, gand pile, you've got the grit.
You tell 'em, gizzard, you've got the gail.
You tell 'em, Saks & Co., we know you A girl closes her eyes when kissed Kann. You tell 'em, dance hall, you've got the

you're game.
You tell 'em, August, or April May.
You tell 'em, June, but don't you March.
By H. D. HAWKINS—
You tell 'em, baseball, you're under cover.

You tell 'em. X-ray, I can't see through