

STEEL COMPANIES INCREASE WAGES

20 Per Cent Advance for All Laborers in Plants

NEWS BIG SURPRISE

Others Expected to Follow Action Taken by Three Large Corporations

New York, Aug. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Three big steel corporations, employing normally nearly 300,000 workers today announced a 20 per cent wage increase for all laborers in their manufacturing plants. The United States Steel Corporation took the lead, but was quickly followed by the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company and the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company.

In the absence of Charles Schwab and Eugene Grace of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation no other official of that company would commit himself. Secretary Brown said, however, he did not know of any action that had been taken on the wage question. President Matthews, of the Crucible Steel Corporation, said his company had taken no action "as yet." It was generally believed in financial circles that all important independent steel firms would announce increases within a few days.

News of the increases came as a surprise to the financial district. Wage adjustments in other industries have been generally downward. It was followed by slight recessions in the prices of steel shares.

No explanation of the increase was given by the steel corporations. However, it is known that the immigration law has cut off the supply of unskilled laborers which formerly drifted to the iron and steel centers. When the labor shortage became acute last spring and the steel industry began to show signs of rehabilitation temporary relief was afforded by the employment of men thrown out of work by the coal strike.

Resumption of coal mining and the increasing demand for laborers in other industries, combined with the expected business revival this fall, is reported to have caused apprehension among mill managers, who feared that the higher wages elsewhere would cause sufficient desertions to hamper their operations.

The United States Steel Corporation employs approximately 220,000 men, of whom 150,000 are affected by the wage increases.

The highest rate paid by the company for day labor was forty-seven cents an hour from February to May, 1920. On May 16, 1920, a reduction of 20 per cent was announced and in July of the same year overtime was eliminated. On August 19, 1921, day labor was reduced to thirty cents an hour, the rate now in effect. The increase will bring the rate up to thirty-six cents an hour.

Average Pay Roll

The average pay roll of the corporation during 1918, the banner year, was over \$450,000,000, but it dropped to about \$332,000,000 in 1921, when there were approximately 190,000 men employed.

A forecast of what is to come is seen in the large orders for rolling stock recently received by railroad equipment companies. The demand in other lines is also growing and there is much rush work on hand, which calls for forces in many plants in excess of the number now available. In this connection it is reported that little success has been obtained thus far in inducing men laid off in the dull period a year ago to return at the wages prevailing before the increase just announced. Many of these men have left the steel centers.

WRIGHT TO GET JOB

Washington, Aug. 23.—Clinton L. Wright, acting postmaster at Norfolk, Va., will be recommended to day by Postmaster General Work, to President Harding for promotion to postmaster, as a result of a report just received from the civil service commission exonerating Mr. Wright of charges filed against him alleging his unfitness for office.

All Over the State Just Now



HAY LEADING CARR

Cheyenne, Wyo., Aug. 22.—Returns from 28 scattered precincts of Wyoming's 657 precincts showed Governor Robert D. Carr, former Progressive and personal friend of Theodore Roosevelt, nearly 200 votes behind John W. Hay, known as a "regular" Republican, in the race for the Republican nomination for Governor. The vote was: Hay 461, Carr 289.

ONE NEGRO SHOT;

OTHER BADLY CUT

Aiken, Aug. 22.—Warren Dennis and John Watson, negro hands at the Edisto kaolin works, near Wagener, became embroiled in a fight late Saturday night at the home of Carter Felder, and as a result both are dangerously near death. Dennis, it is alleged, was slashed across the throat by Watson, and Watson it is alleged, was shot in the lungs by Dennis. Constable Claude Sawyer of Magistrate Thornton Jones' district brought the wounded men to Aiken for treatment Sunday night.

CAIN AND ABEL MEET

IN YORK CAMPAIGN

York Aug. 23.—"Cain and Abel" were brought together at a York county Democratic campaign meeting the other day.

Ralph Cain, a candidate for probate judge was circulating among the voters.

He ran across Stewart Abell, who lives over the line in Chester county. Cain didn't know that and he shook hands with the man and introduced himself as all energetic candidates do.

"Cain is my name," said he. "Abell is my name," returned the Chester man.

Then the conversation was about the book of Genesis.

Can You Do It?



Six-month-old Paul B. Humphreys of Phillipsburg, Pa., started on an athletic career when he was two months old. His daddy trained him. The feat shown here is only one of his stunts. He weighs 18 pounds and has a chest measurement of 18 inches.

Summerton Sayings

Mr. J. W. Phillips returned to Asheville, N. C., with Mr. J. A. Richbourg last Monday. Mr. Richbourg has been staying with his brother, Mr. H. A. Richbourg for some weeks.

Last Sunday an alligator measuring over seven feet was captured in Dukes' Mill Pond near Summerton. It had been rumored for some time that an alligator was in this pond, but as many bathers had not seen it, the report was thought to be mythical.

Last Monday night the young people of the community enjoyed a dance given by Mr. Richardson in honor of his house guests.

Miss Mamie Hunter spent last week with her cousin, Miss Elinor Coskrey, in Wilson Mill.

Mr. Orlando Scarborough returned Thursday to Darlington, where he is employed in a bank. Mr. Scarborough stopped by Paxville, to hear his brother, Julian make his initial address in his race for State Senator.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Cheiving, Sr., and their daughter, Alice have been spending some time in Hendersonville, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Carrigan returned Monday from several weeks' stay in Hendersonville, N. C.

Mr. Phillip Joseph is in Columbia, visiting his friend, Joe Totshe.

The people of Panola held an Ice Cream Supper last Thursday night for the benefit of their school fund. The county candidates spoke Thursday night.

The Christian Endeavorers enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Burgess in one of the most delightful socials of the season. The well planned chain of games, continuing from eight-thirty until twelve, was broken only by the serving of a delicious sweet course about eleven o'clock.

Mr. Bill Stuekey spent the weekend with his mother and brothers in Lamar.

Messrs. Tourie Briggs, Billie Brunson and Harry Grayson were home for the week-end from the shops in Florence.

Miss Susie May Ridgill is visiting her brother, Mr. R. A. Ridgill, of Sumter.

Mrs. F. E. Rogan of Sumter, is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Leon B. Davis.

Mr. John Joseph left last week for Abbeville, where he will work for some time.

Miss Johnnie Claire Harroll of Florence, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. J. Godwin.

Mrs. Edith Rice, of Charleston, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harry E. Copeland.

Mr. Thomas S. Rogan of Gaffney, is visiting friends. It has been suggested that Mr. Rogan is looking for the one to take charge of the new bakery, that he is operating in Gaffney.

Mr. G. A. Ridgill is spending a few days in Glenn Springs.

Frances Dingle entertained a few of her friends Friday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Marie Wells.

Miss Elinor Coskrey, of Wilson Mill, came over Sunday for a visit with Miss Mamie Hunter.

Miss Isabel Cantey of Bamberg, came to Summerton from Asheville, Saturday for a visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Cantey.

Mrs. Hinson is visiting relatives in Staunton, Ga.

Rev. J. A. Ansley is spending his vacation visiting several points in Florida.

One of the young white men of our town is lodged in the Sumter jail charged with the robbery or attempted robbery of a store in Pinewood. A Summerton visitor reports that he saw four white men, one white woman and only one negro in this jail Friday.

The candidates for county offices spoke here Friday before a quite representative audience. The attacks of Morrison and Logan upon each other were very much enjoyed. Judging from results of the talks in Summerton, Mr. Morrison will have an excellent chance to meet the President next year, with all expenses paid.

Who'll Be Elected?

Along towards the last of the season it is the privilege of every baseball enthusiast to nominate his all-star team. Having heard the candidates' speeches and reception in Paxville, Summerton and Turbeville, we would like to predict the results of the primary next Tuesday. Of course it is understood that after hearing the speeches in the Salem district this week the order may be changed considerably.

For State Senator, we salute Mr. Julian Scarborough. We believe that Mr. Scarborough will obtain a majority over both his opponents in the primary, although Mr. J. W. Wideman will poll the next greatest number of votes.

The platforms of the candidates for the House are also nearly alike that it is much more difficult to select from the six very able men offering. One voter at Paxville remarked that if all six could be elected we would have no taxes at all to pay. After Tuesday, we believe that their relative standing will be something like this: Medlin, Stakes, Mellette, Buddin, Allen, Davis.

There are no issues in any of the other county races; the voters have to depend on good looks, financial situation. In Paxville electioneer was basing one candidate's superiority upon his erect carriage and excellent physique.

For Auditor, we believe that the general election will have to be decided between Mr. Plowden and Mr. Langston, with odds in favor of the former to a slight extent.

Mr. Windham will no doubt obtain the office of Probate Judge for the next term with Mr. Turbeville as his opponent in the general election.

For Treasurer, I cannot make any safe prediction due to Mr. Spratt's sickness and failure to attend the meetings.

The above forecast is made in both in the spirit of fun and seriousness—

GROWERS SEEM PLEASED

Dixon Tells North Carolina They Need Not Worry

Lumberton, Aug. 22.—"You can count on South Carolina standing four square for co-operative marketing. We haven't got the kind of people who go back on their contract," said C. O. Dixon, of Mullins, warehouse manager of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association, in an interview with a representative of the Raleigh headquarters today. Mr. Dixon added: "I have been in the warehouse business for twenty-odd years and I have never seen as little dissatisfaction as at present under the co-operative system."

Mr. Dixon's statement was borne out by a visit of the writer to six markets of the South Carolina belt, including Florenceville, Manning, Nichols, Fair Bluff, Cerro Corde and Chadbourne.

Everywhere the enthusiasm and loyalty of members for their association were notable. On every market there were growers who received more for their first advance this year than for last year's entire crop.

Even more impressive than the wild enthusiasm with which the growers greeted Aaron Sapiro yesterday is their steadfast faith in the association and their repeated statements that they will see it through to success. Several cases of larger cash advances by the association than tenants of members received for their final price on the loose leaf floors were received today, one case in point being that of P. C. Jones, of Nichols, who received a cash advance of over 7.00 a hundred for the same curing for which his tenant received but \$5.00 on the auction floor.

H. L. Ayers, of the association warehouse at Nichols, said "six men came to me yesterday begging to sign the contract. If they would turn me loose I could get fifty signers from this territory in one day."

At Chadbourne scores of hogsheds were being filled for shipment. Two hundred and fifty hogsheds from that point alone have been sold for the association and shipped to dealers and manufacturers with steady deliveries on Monday and Tuesday and satisfaction at all points. The receipts of the association should be heavy this week.

CHARLESTON BANKS

ARE CONSOLIDATED

Charleston, Aug. 23.—Announcement was officially made yesterday of the consolidation of the Dime Bank and Trust company, northwest corner of King and Wentworth streets, with the Peoples National Bank, a joint statement being issued by the two presidents.

The Dime Bank organized in 1889, is listed with capital of \$200,000 and surplus of \$50,000. Mr. J. L. Davis is president. The Peoples National Bank, incorporated in 1855, is listed with capital of \$500,000 and surplus of \$400,000. Mr. R. Goodwyn Rhett is president.

U. D. C. MEETING

The August meeting of the U. D. C. will be held at the Court House Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Ladies let's attend these meetings and keep up the interest of the Chapter. There was no meeting in July for lack of a quorum. The following is the program:

Roll Call—Answer with quotation from Southern facts.
Sidney Lanier—His Life and Poems, Mrs. F. O. Richardson.
Poem by Lanier—Mrs. J. D. Gerald.
Lee and John Brown's Raid—Mrs. S. J. Clark.

and like the weather forecast and many "guarantees" is liable to change without notice. I hope that those candidates, who are not the lucky ones will merely pass it off as a good joke and prove that I am wrong. I must say, however, that, at present (Tuesday), I firmly believe that the primary will agree with me.

Turbeville-Olanta.

Turbeville, August 22.—Turbeville defeated Olanta here today 4 to 2 in an excellent game. After the first inning, however, Turbeville was not allowed to score. Individual stars were: for Turbeville, Coker M., and Coker T., for Olanta Truluck H., and Truluck K., Batteries: Turbeville, Coker and Robison, Olanta Nettles and Truluck Serres.

CONGRESS DESIRES COAL STRIKE FACTS

Ready to Rush Through an "Investigation" Measure

BORAH INTRODUCES BILL

President Does Not Want Miners or Operators Represented on Body

Washington, Aug. 22.—Congress was ready tonight to rush through its first stage tomorrow a bill recommended by the President for the creation of a federal commission to get all the facts relating to the coal industry and on which miners and operators would not be represented.

Two bills, slightly different in some essential provisions, were reported, one to the Senate and the other to the House. The Winslow measure, introduced Monday, will be taken up by the House tomorrow under a special rule, giving it the right of way. There was an intimation that the Borah commission bill ordered reported to the Senate by its labor committee, of which Senator Borah is chairman, might also be called up tomorrow, but there was a possibility that the Senate would delay consideration until the House had acted.

While the general view was that the House would pass the Winslow bill by a wide margin of votes there were rumblings of an impending fight, to be led by Representative Bland, Republican, Indiana, author of a fact finding commission bill, now on the House calendar which stipulates that both miners and operators shall have equal representation on the commission.

An authorized spokesman for the administration declared at the White House during the day, however, that the President was opposed to a commission composed in part of mine owners and miners. The Winslow bill would make them ineligible for membership, but the Borah measure would leave their selection to the President.

Lewis Takes Hand

Advised of the stand of the President and the committee, John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, took a hand in the controversy, in a telegram from Philadelphia to Representative Bland. Mr. Lewis declared that the Cleveland conference agreement provided for equal representation on an investigating committee and if the federal government proposed to disregard their rights and privileges in making an independent inquiry, "responsibility will lie with those who recommended such action."

Meanwhile work proceeded on the draft of emergency legislation to control coal prices and to provide for equitable distribution of fuel. Word reached House leaders this morning that the bill would be submitted tomorrow to the President for approval by the coal committee of which Secretary Hoover is chairman. As explained by Secretary Fall, a member of the committee, two plans were proposed, one giving added powers to the Interstate Commerce Commission to enable it to use its authority for allocation of cars as a means of holding operators to fair prices. The other, it was stated, would follow the suggestion of the President for use of funds by a special ly created agency to stabilize coal prices. Members of the House interstate commerce committee, to which the bill will be presented, said, however, that it would contain no provision for any government agency to buy or sell coal.

COUNTY CAMPAIGN

The County campaign opened at Paxville Thursday, and all of the candidates were there and had their little say, except Mr. Joe Spott, who was taken ill after he got there and was forced to go to bed. All of the boys offering for the House and Senate are in favor of lowering taxes, which we hope they can succeed in doing. The tax question seems to be the main issue with all of them. They speak at New Zion today, Sardinia tomorrow, Alcolu tomorrow night and Manning on Friday.

Officers for Solicitor will speak here also on Friday with the County candidates.