VAGE INCREASES FOR WORKERS IN BIG WAR PLANTS

announcement of More Voluntary Pay Advances by Large Firms Is Expected.

Influx of Great Munition Orders From Allies Cause Corresponding Rise in Employes' Pay_Two Companies Act. More to Follow.

Workers in the manufacturing industries in and about Philadelphia are soon to share in the benefits of the prosperity brought to this country by the immense fatur of European war orders. The general tendency toward an advance in wages, which has been apparent for some time, is beginning to materialize into congrets action. Already two local firms have granted an advance of 10 per cent. to their employes, and it is expected that other large plants will follow.

The largest Philadelphia firm to advance the wage scale is the machinery plant of William Sellers & Co. Several thousand men will be affected by this increase, which went into effect at the beginning of this week. The other firm is the Autocar Company, of Ardmore, which has also granted an increase of 10 per cent. About 500 men will be benefited by this action.

It is pointed out that workmen in many plants will be benefited by the war orders without a formal advance in the prevailing wage rate. In shops like that of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, where each workman is engaged in an unchanging operation, and where specialization is carried to the highest possible level, workers will be able to produce much more man under normal pressure. Since most of these operations are paid for on a plece-work basis, the men engaged in them will earn a substantial increase over the normal wages.

the normal wages.

"The increase in wages," said a representative of several large plants in this city today, "is in line with the settled policy of local business men. Philadelphia has ben noted as a non-union city and also has been noted as a city where ability in workmen has been appreciated. This is not spoken of so often as it deserves, but it is, nevertheless, a fact, and the small influence of labor agitators in the city is the best proof that it is true. The manufacturers who are granting the present increase are giving it as a war bonus, and their who are granting the present increase are giving it as a war bonus, and their object seems to give the worker a share

abject seems to give the worker a share in the general prosperity which he is helping to create.

"There was much ado some time ago at the prospects of a general strike of workmen for a share in the profits arising from war orders. This alleged spirit of agitation, which was said to have reached this city, existed only in the facility impringations of those who made. farile imaginations of those who made the statements. There has been no spirit of desatlestaction among the workers in Philadelphia, and they have shown a willingness to co-operate with the man-ufacturers in getting a maximum pro-

The largest plant in which an increase of wages has been awarded to the workers in that of the Bethlehem Steel annually. In a statement explaining the reason for the company's action President E. G. Grace, said the advance has been stanted "in recognition of the loyal and faithful service the company has received from its employes, and it is made pos-sible by the general improvement in busi-

Officials of the labor unions profess to see in the increased wages a scheme to prevent trouble. They assert that a strike prevent trouble. They assert that a strike for higher wages was certain unless the companies took some such action as that which has been done by the three concerns mentioned. If the plants in Philadelphia grant their employes better wages and better working conditions, they say, they will feel that the threat of labor trouble was justified.

U. S. TO REJECT BRITAIN'S DEFENSE OF SEA POLICY

Endorsement of Interference With Neutral Rights Unsatisfactory. WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.

The United States will decline to accept the British indorsement of its armed interference with the freedom of the seas. Administration officials made this very plain today, in discussing the text of the three notes from England given to the public this morning. Although it was admitted that the documents were couched in most adroit ianguage, and seemed to fry to be conciliatory, officials pointed and that there was a significant similarity in the British reply and the continuous art up by Germany in defense of her submarine warfare.

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"We are sorry that neutral rights are being violated, but war is war," is the sectance of the contention of all of the da United States. As a result, officials as to dipiematic course is studded with discress rocks that will require the most caleful navigation if disaster is not to be encountered.

Changed conditions of warfare, the British rotes declare, require a new appli-cation of the principles of international

Germany must be overcome, the British feelare, "in view of her shocking violation of the recognized rules and principles of tivilized warfare," and therefore the Essicate brought into use are justified. England flatly rejects the American containing that where a belitgerent is so missised that his commerce can pass through the own territory his opponent is a rule to interfere.

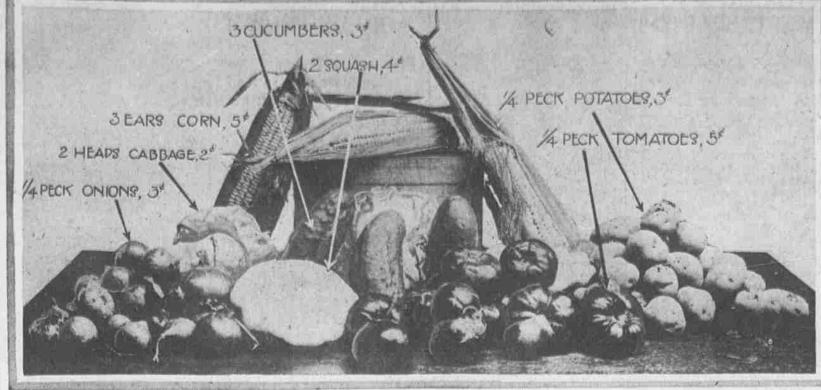
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The United States, officials declare, cannot accept any such statement. It is initiated in all of its dealings with lemany that the belligerents cannot use the rules of the game so far as atrais are conterned.

The British suggestion that where the marginal thinks its rights have been imaged by the British Priss Courts the little be referred to arbitration will also be rejected, at least for the present.

The United States will declare that until the great general principle is settled all made leates must be sidetracked.

Several Hurt in Train Collision The verte strongly injured in a rear-ticle verte strongly injured in a rear-cultum of a level and semi-spread on at the New York, New Haver and History Railroad stating have shortly COUNTRY PRODUCE NOW SO LOW YOU CAN BUY ALL THIS FOR A QUARTER



Lere is enough food to provide a meal for a cozen vegetarians, and it all can be had for 25 cents. Wholesale prices have sunk to remarkably low levels, due to the great size of the crops, but most retail dealers are keeping their prices up, declaring that the 5-cents-a-basket tomatoes and other cheap products are not edible. The above portrayed examples of the bargains which are provided by a few retailers seem to be in first-class shape and by no means impaired by their small cost.

INDEPENDENTS READY FOR FIRST MOVE IN MAYORALTY CAMPAIGN

Executive Committee of "One Hundred" to Outline Plans for Fight Today-Organization Split Appears Imminent.

The first important moves to be made by independent forces in the mayoralty campaign will be planned today. The Executive Committee of the Public Service Committee of One Hundred will outline plans of campaign at a meeting this afternoon in the Builetin Building, and tonight the Washington Party City Committee will meet to devise ways and means of battle.

With every prospect of a break in the Organization similar to that of four years ago, the independent leaders are preparing to launch a vigorous campaign to give Philadelphia at least four more years of good, clean government, such as has been seen under Mayor Blankenburg.

The Executive Committee of the Committee of One Hundred, which was named

last week, follows: Alba B. Johnson, George W. Norris, William R. Nicholson, Franklin Spencer Edmonds, Richard L. Austin, Cyrus H. K. Curtis, John C. Winston, Arthur H. Lea, James Mapes Dodge, Joseph M. Steele, John D. McIlhenny, Samuel S. Fels, Percy H. Clark, Calvin M. Smyth, Walter F. Ballinger, Herbert D. Allman

and Charles Z. Tryon. It is not thought that any one candis has been awarded to the work-that of the Bethlehem Steel day, although it is believed that the Beginning this week, the workers name of Director Porter will be submitted at the steel plant will receive increases to the committee. The present political situation will be carefully reviewed and plans will be discussed for getting out fell of the company about \$1,500,000 | the full strength of the independent vote

at the primary election next month. Independent and Organization leaders alike are anxiously awaiting the next move of Congressman Vare. Despite the action of the labor men's committee in in-viting Vare to become their candidate and the reply of the South Philadelphia leader that he would consider their request, Sen-ator McNichol reiterated his belief of har-mony when he returned to the city late

In one quarter it was rumored that the Vares were willing to support W. Freeland Kendrick, Receiver of Taxes, provided he would be acceptable as the harmony candidate, but it is considered very doubtful whether Senator McNichol could be prevailed upon to accept Kendrick as be prevailed upon to accept Kendrick as the harmony choice. In other quarters it is said that a dear-cut contest between Congressman J. Hampton Moore and Con-gressman William S. Vare is inevitable.

VIENNA REPORTS REPULSE OF FIVE ITALIAN ATTACKS

Assaults on Monte Sei Busi and in Carnic Alps Fail.

VIENNA, Aug. 4.- The following offi-

dal statement was issued from general headquarters today: 5 The coastal district from Krn to the

"The coastal district from Krn to the bridgehead at Gorisia is almost completely quiet. The border plateau of Polasze has been attacked by strong Italian forces five times. The enemy stracked our infantry who held positions east of the village and at Monte Sel Busi. On each occasion, after heavy fighting, the attack was repulsed. The Italians suffered great losses. Reinforcements brought up by the Italians were surprised by our artiflery and dispersed.

persed.

"While this battle was raging other sections of the plateau were kept under atrong fire by the artillery of the enemy.

"On the Carinthian frontier the enemy, under cover of a thick fog, attempted an attack against Gelion Kofel. east of Plosken, which compistely failed; otherwise there is nothing new on this front. "In the district of Monte Cristallo one of our patrols met a strong enemy detachment, and in a short skirmish the enemy lost 2 men."

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The oversupply of vegetables has brought wholesale prices down so low that housewives, by purchasing carefully, can buy tomatoes, potatoes, onions, cabbuge and a few other vegetables at rates very much cheaper than usual.

This can be done, however, only by close study of the prices being asked by the various merchants in each locality, for there still are many sellers of vegeables who are taking advantage of the consumer by asking prices out of all pro-jection to the low wholesale rates. There is no relief in sight for the armer and the commission merchants from the bardships imposed by the vege-able glut. It is the general opinion that he rain of yesterday and today will take conditions even worse by stimulat

ing the growth of the crops, which are already too large, the farmers say.

A representative of the Evening Language bought as large a quantity of vegetables as he could for 25 cents. This is what he purchased:

A quarter peck of potatoes. A quarter peck of tomatoes.

A quarter peck of onions. Three ears of corn. Three cucumbers. Two heads of cabbage.

Two squashes. PRICES NOT OFTEN LOWERED. Before obtaining so much for his money Before obtaining so much to his money he had to canvass many stores, however. He found that only about one store in a dozen asked prices as low as seemed warranted by comparison with the prices being asked in Dock street. Even in the sections of the city where the poorer classes live and where one would expect whose to be lower than elsewhere, bar-

gains could be obtained only with diffi-Prices were found to vary greatly often between stores but a block spart. One produce man was selling potatoes for 8 cents a quarter peck, while a competitor a short distance away was asking only 3 cents and making a profit at that.

rices to be lower than elsewhere, bar

RAIN A NEW HARDSHIP. "The rain will make the farmers worse off than before," said Samuel Daniela, secretary of the Produce Exchange, today. "Ordinarily, crops need rain in order to flourish, and dry spells waste the crops. But now the farmers would be better off if the crops didn't flourish,

for the larger the supply, the lower

VATICAN NOTES PEACE TONE

Hopes for Discussion Leading to End

Discussing the messages and statements issued in various countries on the first anniversary of the war, the Osservatore Romano, official organ of the Vatican.

"Reading these foreign messages we are pleased to note that the language adopted has been modified in tone, so that

in a sense it is more pacific or more humane. In place of inexorable war cries and proposals to annihilate the enemy, there begins to be substituted a more

"Atthough circumscribed, we see in this the possibility of a discussion leading to peace. It is a most comforting sign, al-

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REPLACING WAR CLAMOR

ROME, Aug. 4.

"We are having good crops and the farmer is getting no benefit. There are more poor farmers this year than ever Prices are so ridiculously low that the farmer cannot afford to gather his vegetables, but will be just as well off if he leaves them to rot in the fields or turns them over for fertilizer."

Mr. Daniels said he was of the opin-ion that little could be done by the in-vestigators from the Department of Commerce who reached here this morning to look into the situation. He saw no re-lief through Government interference.

The inspectors working in this city are under the direction of the division of city marketing and rural organization, under the direction of G. P. Branch.

One of the plans of Mr. Branch is to

etablish a co-operative housewives' buying agency in West Philadelphia. He
believes that the co-operation of the city
is necessary, and to this end consulted
with Charles W. Baldwin, of the Bureau
of City Property. He said that if the
housewives would buy as a unit rather
than from the hucksters and vegetable stands they could get prices much more reasonable. He announced that one of the plans of the United States Government calls for a canning week, during which all housewives in the East will be urged to can quantities of peaches and other fruits and vegetables.

Meadville Also Flooded

MEADVILLE, Pa. Aug. 4.—Northweat-ern Pennsylvania suffered heavily by heavy rains last night. Nearly every street in Meadville was swept by floods, and business houses in the centre of the city were inundated. A 50-200t concrete wall around Allegheny College, high up on a hill, was torn away by the water.

Cambridge Springs reports the heaviest rainfall in its history. All streets were flooded, and the business section suffered serious loss. All business was forced to

serious loss. All business was forced to suspend when the electric light plant was put out of commission.

Titusville reports heavy rains, and Cochranton was flooded by Sugar Creek and suffered heavily. The damage throughout Crawford County was heavy.

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LAW MAY TAKE JOBS FROM MARRIED MEN

Contractors Learn Compensation Act Makes It Expensive to Hire Them.

Married men of this city, employed by ompanies belonging to the Contractors' Association of Philadelphia, were alarmed today by the prespect of being throws out of employment this winter, following a meeting of the association, in the Commercial Trust Building, when Horace M. Schell, an attorney, made it clear that under the new workmen's compensation act it will be to the advantage of all companies to employ only single men.

The act, which goes into effect January 1, 1916, requires, among other things, that If a workman is killed the employer must pay 25 per cent, of the deceased's wages to the widow until her children are it years old. For each child in excess of two the payment to the widow is increased by 10 per cent, until 60 per cent of the workman's ware is reached. It was pointed out that companies would be liable to the payment of such compensation for periods as high as 15 years.

Mr. Shell asserted that the only proan, Shell asserted that the only pro-tection offered the contractors was to insure with the State Workmen's Com-pensation Fund, in a mutual insurance company or in a stock insurance com-pany. Such protection, it was said, would be an exceedingly heavy expense, par-ticularly if the men insured were married.

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