## LABOR PROBLEM OF VAST IMPORT **CONFRONTS CITY**

Federal Employment Bu-Reau Reports Demand That Cannot Be Met

WAR AND ITS SEQUENCE

CONTRAST IN CONDITIONS OF LABOR NOW AND IN 1914

Stilled laborers coming to the
United States in Becal year 1914, 173,208
Same for fiscal year 1915, 50,638
Unskilled laborers admitted in
fiscal year 1914, 226,407
Same for fiscal year 1915, 48,851
Farm laborers admitted in fiscal
year 1914, 24,723
Unskilled labor wage scale 1914 \$1.75,82,00

Unskilled labor wage scale now 2.25- 2.50

Philadelphia is facing a labor problem. Whether it is one of labor distribution or of a shortage in the supply caused by or of a shortage in the supply caused by the war in Europe is a question upon which there is great diversity of opinion, yet the fact remains that unskilled labor in this city is now bringing from \$2.25 to \$2.50 a day, as against \$1.75 to \$2.00 a

year ago. The Federal Employment Bureau, at 125 South 2d street, has in the neighborhood of 700 "opportunities." for laborers, and is unable to obtain applicants for the places. Other employment bureaus of the city are unanimous in reporting a similar shortage of skilled and unskilled laborers. Labor leaders are besieged with applications from contractors, large companies and corporations, all desirous of recruiting men to carry on their vari-ous projects.

In view of these conditions, it is signifi-cant to notice that during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, there were 1,213,480 immigrant allens admitted to this country, while during the fiscal year ending June 20, 1915, there were only 236,700 immigrant aliens admitted. During the former period 184,438 immigrants were admitted to the State of Pennsylvania, but during the fiscal year just ended this number dropped to 24,596.

Immigration authorities point out that whereas 173,208 skilled laborers cannot that

whereas 173,208 skilled laborers came to the United States during the fiscal year ending in June, 1914, only 55,638 were admitted during the past fiscal year. Un-skilled laborers numbered 225,407 and farm laborers 228,503 during the Former period, and only 48,351 and 24,723, \*aspectively, in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915. During the last named period Philadelphia received only 7114 immigrant aliens, male

It is freely predicted in many quarters that the present conditions will prevail until the termination of the war in Europe, when, it is said, the labor market of the United States will be literally swamped with a flood of immigration. Commissioner Elmer E. Greenawalt, of the immigration station of this city, does not agree with such opinions.
"It must be remembered," he said, "that

untion is relieved.

#### FIRES STORE FOR INSURANCE

Camden Leather Dealer Admits He Committed Arson Hoping to Get \$3000

Get \$3000

A man stood up in police court before Recorder Stackhouse in Camden today and admitted that he had set his store on fire in the hope of being able to collect \$3000 fire insurance which he had bought but a few days before. He is J. Francis Cella, dealer in leather and shoe findings, of 1014 Broadway. Cella formerly was in business at Wilmington, where, he said, he failed six months ago.

The fire occurred early yesterday morning. Today Cella was committed without ball on the charge of arson. He was arrested late last night in a saloon near the scene of the fire. He said today that he came to Philadelphia after starting the blaze, but could not resist the inclination to go back and see how much damage had been done.

Firemen made short work of the fiames. They reached the place before the fire, set in four places had time to spread and the loss is not more than \$200. The fire aroused suspicion and an investigation was made. It was found that someone had planted waste in four different corners of the store, soaked it with oil and fired it.

### DOCTORS FAIL TO FIND MORE TETANUS CASES

Scores of Vaccinated Children Examined at Burlington After Deaths of Boys

Examination of scores of vaccinated school children, following the death from lockjaw of Charles and Frederick Perks. aged 5 and 7 years, respectively, of 218 West Pearl street, Burlington, N. J., has

West Pearl street, Burlington, N. J., has failed to disclose any additional cases of tetanus in that city.

Physicians were kept busy all day yesterday and last night by frightened parents whose children had been submitted to vaccination the last month, so that they might comply with the law before entering school, but in no case did the doctors find alarming symptoms.

The charge that the deaths of the children was caused by impure vaccine virus

dren was caused by impure vaccine virus supplied by the H. K. Mulford Company, chemists, 212-28 South 13th street, was made by Dr. John S. Conroy, who vacci-nated the children. Physicians at the Pennsylvania Hospital, where the children died yesterday, also ascribed the disease to the virus.

H. K. Mulford, vice president of the company, emphatically denied that the vaccine virus could possibly cause

MR. MULFORD'S STATEMENT, The statement of Mr. Mulford follows "Vaccine virus supplied in the United States is produced exclusively by labora-tories operating under United States Govcomment license and under the personal supervision of the United States Depart-ment of Health," he said. "The methods of preparing and testing virus include aerobic and anaerobic tests, which preclude the presence of harmful germs of all kinds. An investigation conducted by Dr. John F. Anderson, director of the hygienic inheratories of the United States public health service, reported in Public Health Report No. 29, volume 30, July 30,

1915, proves conclusively that it is diffi-cult, if not impossible, to produce tetanus in susceptible animals by vaccination with virus, even if such virus contains a large number of tetanus organisms purposely placed therein, and that, in view of the failure to demonstrate tetanus or-ganisms in a large amount of vaccine virus specifically examined for the pur-pose, it seems exceedingly improbable that vaccine virus, as sold in the United States, contains tetanus organisms. "From 1994 to 1915, inclusive, more than

31.000,000 doses of vaccine virus were used in the United States, and of this number only 41 authentic cases of tetanus are recorded. If vaccine virus was the cause of tetanus, many more cases should have followed vaccination. During the same years more than \$85,000 men in the United States army and navy were vaccinated with the same supplies of vac cine as distributed through the States, without a single case of tetanus follow-

TAKES 10 DAYS TO DEVELOP.

"Cases of tetanus occurring 15 or 20 days subsequent to vaccination do not receive their infection through vaccine virus, but in all probability the infection is received about the tenth day after the vaccination is performed. Suppurating vaccination wounds may be infected with vaccination wounds may be infected with

"It must be remembered." he said. "that our laws will debar all men who have been crippled from coming to this country as immigrants, and in my opinion the strong, uninjured men will be detained in any other suppurating wound not rewise, to help in the work of rehabilitating their respective countries. Nor do I think we will have great numbers of widows and orphans immigrating, for our laws will not admit such people to this country as have no apparent means of making a livelihood."

Commissioner Greenawalt is also of the opinion, that this country will be been admitted to this country in such numbers that it has been impossible to assimilate them.

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it is improbable. Improbabilities sometimes occur, however.'

BADLY BURNED IN CAMP FIRE

Lad Who Wanted to Show Bravery in Dying Condition

Three-year-old Robert Chamberlain, of 2600 East Ontario street, is dying in the Episcopal Hospital today following a game of "Indians," played yesterday with a number of companions, in which he demonstrated his bravery by leaping through a campfire which they had built at Almond and Ontario streets last night. When the boy attempted the feat he tripped and fell into the fire. His companions were momentarily paralyzed with fear, and when they finally recovered sufficiently to drag their "chief" from the flames he was so badly burned that there was practically no hope of saving his life.

City Wallet Has \$13,716,152.22

The amount paid into the City Treasury during the week ending last night was \$75,317.06, and the payments amounted to \$2,280,377.97. With the balance on hand



PATRICK O'HARA The Phillies' capture of the pen-nant gave him a chance to shave after 15 years.

#### OFF COMES O'HARA'S 15-YEAR-OLD BEARD AS PHILLIES WIN

Waited Decade and a Half in Compliance With Vow When New Champs Were Near Cellar

PATIENT PAT REWARDED

Whiskers 15 years long were dislodged today from the face of Patrick O'Hara. The event is a tribute to the Phillies, for had they not won the pennant the bristly growth would still be reclining peacefully on the face of Pat.

He is a fan of the loyal sort, and any one who lives near his home at 133 Kram's avenue, Manayunk, will tell you debate on the motion to appoint a comso. With his old friend the late Pat Cowley, of Ashland Heights, O'Hara followed the fortunes of the fighting Phils for many years. But when the American League was born about 15 years ago Cow-

ley's sentiment switched to the Athletics.
O'Hara remained a Philly rooter.
They argued for hours and reviewed every detail of each day's fight on the diamond. Finally the two fans agreed that neither would shave until his pet hall team had were a remain. Both ball team had won a pennant. Both rooters compared favorably with Kris Kingle for several years. When the Ath-

he years of sacrifics to interfere with he execution of his wager. Pat left the Nixon Paper Mills where he is employed long enough to pose for a nicture. You can see the look of smug satisfaction which pervades his open countenance and observe what it means

**40,000 PERSONS SEE** SPLENDID EXHIBITS AT THE LANCASTER FAIR

Two Big Tents Necessary to Cover Dog Show, Which Has 500 Entries, 200 More Than Last Year

FAMOUS ANIMALS THERE

LANCASTER, Pa., Sept. 30. - Forty thousand persons thronged the Lancaste County Fair grounds today. Many had come from York, Berks and Chester Counties.

The special feature of the fair today, aside from the races, was the dog show, held in two big tents. There were 500 entries, 200 more than last year. Of this number 219 dogs are owned by Lancaster citizens.

The dahlia show, the only one of its kind Lancaster has ever seen, is credited to the Lancaster Florists' Association, whose members gave their time and money to the show. The following were the prize winners:

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David Rose, three firsts; Frank Suter, florists' display, first prize and the silver cup for sweepstake prize for the best display; Mrs. J. Breneman, first prize for cut dahlias, and A. F. Strickler, second. Among the florists exhibiting but not competing for prizes were the S. S. Pennock-Meehan Company and the H. F. Michell Company, both of Philadelphia. The poultry exhibit, chickens, ducks and pigeons, is exceptionally fine, 101 exhibitors showing 1900 birds. The largest single exhibit is that of Mrs. J. H. Sell, Jr., of Hanover, 150 fowls. The Valley Poultry Farm, of Spring Grove, Ps., has Poultry Farm, of Spring Grove, Ps., has

#### P. ALADELPHIA ACCUSED OF 'CINCHING MISSIONS'

Lansdale Pastor Resents Activities in Country on Part of **Baptist Society** 

By a Staff Correspondent

LANSDALE, Pa., Sept. 30 .- The Rev. M. E. Hare, pastor of the First Baptlet Church here, in the course of a spirited mittee to work in conjunction with the Philadelphia Missionary Society in the matter of mission apportionments, said: "It looks to me as though the Philadel-

Watch Company Gets War Order Another Philadelphia firm has added its name to the list of "war order" companies that have obtained large contracts in war munitions for the belligerent countries in Europe. Announcement has been made that the Keystone Watch Case Company has obtained an order for fur-

Ticket Office Romance

Pennsylvania Rallroad, has culminated in to be an optimist.

Put will be on the job in every game of the world series—Asked who he expected to win, he said:

"There's nothin' to it. Boston has

luniper & Filbert Sts.

The cooks to me as though the Philadelphians were trying to get a cinch on country churches. This city mission business is all for Philadelphia, and I fear not for the other churches."

He said he does not believe, for instance, that the city missions should send workers to country churches to establish missions for Italians.

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The original motion for the appointment of a committee was made by the Rev. Waiter Whitney, of Glenside. The Rev. L. W. Hainer, Norristown, said he believed suburban churches must take a hand in helping Philadelphia missions, that the city churches have a hard task and need help.

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There have been 33 deaths of members of churches in the association. The Rev. George D. Smith, Malvern, moderator, was required to return to his home this morning, and the Rev. A. W. Smith. Southampton Church, Davisville, took his place. The report of the frances place. The report of the trustees was read by C. H. Button.

nishing brass parts for 1,000,000 fuses to be used in the making of shrapnel for England. The gross value of the contract will run well above \$4,000,000.

A romance, which had its origin in the finding of a handbag by a ticket agent at the West Philadelphia Station of the



for the Fall season

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