Vages of More Than 380,000 Workers Increased Ten Per Cent

TO MEET COST OF LIVING

U. S. Steel Pay Roll Soars Now to Over \$200,000,000 Mark. May Still Go Up

NEW YORK, Dec. 15,-What is perhaps to bluggest wage increase in the history of his United States became effective today, the pay of 250,000 workers of the Enfied States Steel Corporation was ingrassed ten per cent-the gross annual infrozes approximating \$20,000,000. The ineranse was made by the company due to its enormous prosperity. Its net earnings are how estimated at \$1,000,000 a day.

The increase is but one of many recently make by large employing concerns throughsot the country. Among them are:

Ten per cent increase to 35,000 employes at the American Woolen Company, Boston. Ten per cent increase to the 33,000 employee of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association of New Bedford.

Thirty-five to forty per cent increase to the 22,000 persons employed by the Ameri-eur Clothing Manufacturers' Association, New York (effective December 18). Ten per cent increase to the 3000 em-tores of the National India Rubber Com-any, Bristol, R. L.

Ten per cent increase to the 3000 men amployed by independent steel mills at and near Sharon, Pa.

Increase of not less than twenty-five cents day to 10,000 employes of the Bayonne, lizabeth and Claremont refineries of the landard Oil Company (action taken after a strike for higher wages at Bayonne, in which several persons were shot to death).

The city of New York contemplates a wage increase of \$1,147,180 to 18,486 municipal employes. This had not been determined finally.

The sach case, in announcing the increases, the concerns said they were made to enable their employes to meet the advancing cost of living. E. H. Gary, chairman of the steel corporation's board, said: "Ordinarily the question of wages would not come up for consideration or decision at this time of the year; but in consequence of the abnormal conditions ways existing it has been mal conditions now existing it has been decided to increase the wage rates of our iron and steel companies about ten per cent, effective December 15. As to the other de-partments, increases will be equitably pro-

The increase is the third the company has made during the year. Its payroll for 1915 was \$176,800,864; the 1916 total will be above \$200,000,000, and if high wages inue the 1917 roll will approach \$250,-

The Eastman Kodak Company, of Roshester, N. Y.; the Glove Manufacturers' Association, of Gloversville, N. Y., and the Arlinton Mills, of Lawrence, Mass., are concerns which have made substantial increases.

That lesser concerns have taken similar action is indicated by Chicago figures, where, according to John W. O'Leary, president of the Chicago Association of Commerce, twenty-five concerns have made \$10,000,000 increases to 105,000 employes during the year.

GIRL, IN NIGHTGOWN, BURNED

Lamp Ignites Flimsy Dress-Child in Hospital

Agnes Fritz, eight years old, is in the ozevelt Hospital suffering from burns reved early today when a lamp, which she a carrying, ignited her night clothes, a girl, who lives in the rear of 862 North orth street, had remained up until after duight, and when she started for her broom carried a lighted lawn. Her

bedroom carried a lighted lamp. Her mother heard her scream a few minutes later and found the child's filmsy night-gown ablaze.

Mrs. Fritz snatched up a blanket, smothered the flames, and carried her daughter to the hospital. The child's con-dition is serious.

WARNS OF CHRISTMAS RAFFLES District Attorney at Carlisle Tries to Halt "Chancing Off"

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HERMIT'S HOME GARAGE NOW; OLD MAN MUST GO

Ancient Stone Barn to Be Converted Into Auto Shelter. Occupant and Cats Sorry

A picture illustrating this story appears on the pictorial page.

Henry Abrams, hermit and philospher, has been notified to vacate his home in an old harn at Eleventh street and Allegheny avenue. The eviction notice includes the hermit's six cais—Aristotic, Horace, Plato, Euripides, Homer and Lucretius.

The notice to vacate has hit the hermitphilospher a hard blow—a blow that has langled his heart strings and caused a perpetual lump to lodge in the vicinity of his Adam's apple. For sighteen years Abrams has called a partitioned-off corner of the barn his home, and every clapboard, cranny and corner of the place is dear to him. Every crevice in the ancient old floor and the seams in the old walls are associated with things close to the heart and thoughts of the old philospher.

That irresistible onward movement of evolution in the mode of living of city dwellers is the force which is to blast the hermit from his stable domicile. City dwellers insist upon having automobiles, and there

slat upon having automobiles, and there must be garages in which to house these automobiles. William C. Carman, 1,29 West automobiles. William C. Carman, 1220 West Allegheny avenue, has purchased the barn, will rase the structure and upon its site erect a modern garage. Until last week the barn was leased to Leetle Alexander, 1122 Roy street, and Abrams cared for Alexander's horses. The horses have already been moved to other quarters. A shack will be constructed in the rear of the garage for Abrams, but he says it will not be like his old home. The barn is an old stone structure 125 years old.

Tears ellatered in the even of the hermit

Tears glistened in the eyes of the hermit as he talked about the giving up of the

"It's hard-very hard," he said slowly "It gives you kind of a pain down here to think of giving up a home which has shel-tered you for so many years." The hermit placed a weather-beaten hand over his breast to indicate where he felt the blow.

Abrams was born in a house at Ger-mantown avenue and Venango street fifty-nine years ago. His father, William Abrams was a presperous butcher, with a stall in the Second street market house. Abrams has four brothers who are enjoying pros-

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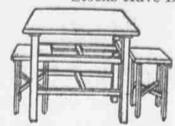


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