

NEW ENGLAND MILL OUTPUT CUT IN TWO

Curtailment of Textile Product Seriously Affects 300,000 Operatives

FEW WAGE REDUCTIONS

By the Associated Press
 Boston, Nov. 17.—Curtailment of production which began some months ago in New England textile industries employing 300,000 operatives now has reached a point where the total output is less than one-half that of one year ago, according to estimates made from a canvass today of the great mill centers. In some instances the curtailment runs as high as 80 per cent. A few mills have shut down entirely. The majority have adopted a working schedule of three or four days a week, which continues in operation on full time with full crews are exceptional.

Thus far only isolated announcements of wage reductions have appeared, and those have been for the most part in small mills where operatives have been presented the choice of a 10 per cent wage cut or a shutdown, the manufacturers contending that they had found themselves unable to continue business under the former wage expense.

In only one of the big textile mills now operating, that of the Lawrence Manufacturing Co. in Lowell, known as the largest hosiery plant in the world, has there been a wage cut. The mill recently resumed production after a shutdown with a wage reduction of from 20 to 35 per cent. Protests have been voiced by a section of the employees and a union has been formed, but the mill's operation on a short-time schedule has not been interrupted.

PRICES CUT IN LANCASTER

War of Dealers Causes Tumble in Bread, Sugar and Meats
 Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 17.—A bread and sugar war is being waged this morning by local grocers with the housewives taking immediate advantage of hostilities. In all sections of the town grocers' stores are counting with chain-store prices, which for bread and sugar are lower today than in years.

When the chain stores announced at 8 o'clock this morning that bread was to be sold in the future at 8 cents a loaf and sugar at 11 cents a pound, the competing grocers all over town announced the commodities at a cent lower. The chain stores answered the challenge and dropped a cent lower than the independent grocer.

Within a few days a chain store will operate here selling meats at cost price and, as a result, a reduction in meat prices is noticed at the independent stores this morning. Prices began to tumble in many other articles at the stores this morning.

Steps on 13,200 Volts and Lives

Coatesville, Pa., Nov. 17.—Thirteen thousand two hundred volts of electricity failed to cause the death yesterday of A. S. Fullerton, an engineer at the Midvale Steel and Ordnance plant. Fullerton was taken to his home after the accident and today is recovering, but stepped on a "live" wire, being rescued by Earl McMillen.

TODAY'S MYSTERY STORY

By PHILIP FRANCIS NOWLAN

Yesterday's Mystery Solution

THE murderer in the problem of "The Boiled Room" left the room by the door, and closed it. Puffing on both ends of the thread and doubled it, the loop he slipped over the knob of the bolt. Then he brought the two ends around to the outside of the door, and closed it. Puffing on both ends of the thread and doubled it, the loop he slipped over the knob of the bolt. Then he brought the two ends around to the outside of the door, and closed it. Puffing on both ends of the thread and doubled it, the loop he slipped over the knob of the bolt. Then he brought the two ends around to the outside of the door, and closed it.

Can you solve the reasoning in this problem?

Professional Bankruptcy

"GENTLEMEN—You have sold a bill of goods to National Sanville. It will pay you to investigate him. Your friend, OWL."

Harvey Hunt read the note through several times. It was postmarked "Trenton."

"What do you make of it yourself?" he asked, finally.

"I don't know whether to take it seriously or not," replied Greenfield, the credit manager of the wholesale dry-goods firm of Waters & Melvin. "We've sold several bills of goods to Sanville, and he's always met his obligations promptly. But it's true this last order of his is considerably larger than usual."

"Exactly what do you want me to do?" asked the criminal investigator.

"Tell me if you think this anonymous writer is sincere," replied the credit manager. "I'm inclined to doubt it myself. Probably some sorehead with a grudge. Why shouldn't he sign his name?"

"I think he is sincere," Hunt remarked, "and that you'd better take his advice and investigate this Sanville fellow."

"Will you undertake the case?" queried Greenfield.

Hunt agreed. Forty-eight hours later he sat in a room in the Trenton hotel, having previously ascertained there were about twenty-two merchants in that town who handled various kinds of dry-goods. Before him was spread the local paper, from which he made a list of all merchants advertising dry-goods. He completed the list with a total of thirteen names. They were:

A. B. Watson, Styles & Co., A. Hammarat, Charles Rees, K. H. Pettibone & Son, Purman Ritter, James Ott, Harry Thurman, Wallace Knowles, Herman King's Sons, A. P. Boston, Partrax Kirin and P. J. & R. O. Partridge.

Hunt studied the list a moment. Then, with an exclamation of satisfaction, he reached for his hat and sought the street.

It did not take him long to find the store he wanted. Luck was with him, for when he entered the proprietor was the only person about.

The man was astounded and terror-stricken when Hunt charged him point-blank with having written the letter. He had not signed his own name for fear of his life if Sanville found it out. He was trying to do an honest business, but stepped on a "live" wire, and a number of other merchants were banded together in a clique

U. S. OFFICER NOT HANGED

Shishmanian, Released by French, Is Now Safe in Damascus
 Fresno, Calif., Nov. 17.—(By A. P.)—Captain John A. Shishmanian, of Fresno, reported to have been hanged by the French, has been released and is safe in Damascus, according to a special dispatch to the Fresno Republican yesterday from headquarters of the Near East Relief in New York city. The Near East office report that they have been so advised by a brother-in-law of Shishmanian, residing in New York.

HARDING UNDECIDED ON MEXICAN TRIP

President-Elect Will Reply to Oregon's Invitation Within 24 Hours

EN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS

By the Associated Press
 Brownsville, Tex., Nov. 17.—President-elect Harding's reply to the invitation given him yesterday to visit Mexico during his southern trip probably will be determined upon during the next twenty-four hours as he travels by special train from Brownsville to New Orleans.

Leaving here at 10 o'clock this morning at the end of a nine-day vacation, Senator Harding was to reach New Orleans at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning and in the course of a five-hour stay was to deliver an address before the New Orleans Association of Commerce. If it should be decided to change his steno-graphic course to permit a call at Vera Cruz, it is probable that an announcement will be made before he reaches the Louisiana port. There were

no indications before his departure, however, whether or not he would accept the invitation, which came to him yesterday from Mexican officials.

The invitation was brought to Brownsville by Elias L. Torres, who said he spoke both for the Mexican foreign office and for General Obregon, the Mexican president-elect. In an hour's conference with the senator, who is passing here the last day of his Texas vacation, Mr. Torres made a special plea that the senator be present at Obregon's inauguration in the Mexican capital on November 30.

Mr. Harding is represented by his friends as weighing carefully two considerations before making a decision. It is said he is anxious to take every step to cement relations between the two republics, but that on the other hand, he is determined to do nothing that might be construed as an international impropriety.

He has told his friends that if he sets

foot on soil of any foreign country in his trip, he will do so solely as a private citizen and not in any sense of official representative of the United States Government.

Aside from the two courses remains the question of whether the sailing arrangements already made by the president-elect can be so modified as to permit a call on the Mexican coast. He left here this morning and will take ship at New Orleans tomorrow afternoon for the Canal Zone.

Senator Fall, of New Mexico, who was chairman of the Senate sub-committee that investigated Mexican affairs, came to Brownsville with Mr. Torres, and was at the conference between the Mexican envoy and Mr. Harding.

In describing the talk between Mr. Harding and Mr. Torres, Senator Fall said the invitation contemplated that the President-elect should go into the territory as "the guest of the Mexican Republic."

"It was pointed out that since his election to the Mexican presidency, General Obregon has visited several places in the United States for the purpose of attesting the warm sentiment he entertains for the United States and, therefore, that it would be entirely appropriate for Senator Harding, if he

were so inclined, to return the visit by accepting the invitation to Mexico."

San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 17.—(By A. P.)—Recognition of the Mexican Government by the United States soon after the inauguration of President-elect Obregon was predicted by El Herald, of Mexico City.

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Follow this Master Recipe
 Out of the sunny south comes this master recipe for cooking rice. It is so simple, that anyone by following it can easily cook rice the first time they try.

Wash rice thoroughly in a strainer. Use a deep porcelain or agate-ware kettle. To four cups of boiling water add one level teaspoonful of salt. Then add one cup of washed rice so slowly that water continues to boil. Lift rice occasionally with a fork, and shake kettle so that no kernels stick to bottom. But—this is important—never stir the rice. Boil twenty minutes. Then pour water off, if any, and place in open oven where it will finish swelling without burning. Each grain will stand alone, plump, tender, and delicious.

Consult any standard cook book for a number of excellent recipes for rice. Here are a few others.

PILOU
 Cut four pounds of meat from the bone into pieces of about two ounces each, mix one-half cup flour and one teaspoonful salt together, rub the pieces of meat in this. Place in a pot in which has been melted two tablespoonfuls lard and one large sliced onion. Let fry five minutes, then add one and one-half pints water, a little cayenne, one bunch sweet herbs and simmer for one and one-half hours. Place the meat and sauce in center of dish and make a border of boiled rice. Place in oven for five minutes and serve.

TENDERLOIN WITH RICE
 Slice the beef into thin small pieces. Let brown one small onion and one tablespoonful of butter in a sauce pan, add the sliced meat and let fry for five minutes. Cover with one cup of cold boiled rice. Sprinkle over one tablespoonful of four, two cups of milk, two tablespoonfuls of Worcester's sauce, and let cook for a few minutes longer and serve in a warmed dish.

CLAM CHOWDER AND RICE
 Cut a quarter of a pound of salt pork into thin slices and fry until brown and crisp, add to it a pint of cold boiled rice. Chop two dozen clams quite fine. Put all into a kettle in alternate layers, season with salt and pepper and pour in three cups of hot water. Cover with a tight fitting lid and simmer fifteen minutes. Any kind of fish sauce may be served with this chowder.

EAT RICE