

HOOVER'S BOARD HITS CAPITALISTS

Blames Managements for 50 P. C. of Industrial Waste, Labor for 25 P. C.

APPEAL TO REDUCE LOSSES

By the Associated Press
St. Louis, June 3.—Responsibility for more than 50 per cent of the waste in industrial processes, which is causing enormous annual losses to the Nation, can be placed at the door of the management and less than 25 per cent at the door of labor, declared a report of the American Engineering Council's committee on elimination of waste in industry made public today at a meeting of the council's Executive Board.

The committee was appointed by Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, when he was head of the council. The report showed that the margin of unemployment amounted to more than a million men, that billions of dollars were tied up in idle equipment, that high labor turnover was a rough index of one of the commonest wastes, and that waste of time and energy and money through duplications and estimates and bids in building trades ran into millions annually.

Both employer and employee restrict output, it was said. Both capital and labor are blamed for existing abuses, but the annual losses through waste by conflicts between them is much less than popularly supposed.

From four to five million workers were idle during January and February of this year. In 1921 half a billion dollars will be lost in wages in the building trades, it was said.

The committee outlined the following proposed program of governmental assistance to eliminate waste:

"A national industrial information service should be established to furnish more timely, regular and complete information, covering current production and a consumption and stocks of commodity."

"A national statistical service should be established, covering employment requirements."

Public Health Policy Urged
"A national policy regarding public health should be fostered and encouraged."

"The national program for industrial rehabilitation should be encouraged and should offer opportunities for education and placement to those having physical defects as well as those handicapped because of industrial accidents."

"A nation-wide program of industrial standardization should be encouraged in conjunction with industrial interests."

"The Government should recognize the necessity for a revision of such Federal laws as those interfering with the stabilization of industry."

SIR OLIVER LODGE SEES AID FOR HARVEST IN SUN SPOTS

Ventures Opinion That Electrical Particles Thrown Off by Luminary May Increase Vegetation

By the Associated Press
London, June 3.—Recent solar eruptions which caused brilliant auroras and disorganized cable and telegraph service throughout the world may result in the earth receiving an increased quota of sunshine during the remainder of the year, says Sir Oliver Lodge, the noted scientist.

Sir Oliver declares it is probable the monsoon will be strengthened, and that in consequence the Indian harvest will be improved. He even ventures the opinion that the electrified particles thrown off by the sun during the disturbance may assist in the development of vegetation and reduce the amount of dust held suspended in the atmosphere.

Magnetic disturbances that attended the solar eruption were due, he says, to a torrent of electrified particles, which constituted a gigantic electric current. This opinion is also held by Camille Flammarion, the veteran French astronomer, who has expressed surprise at a storm of such unusual violence occurring at this time. M. Flammarion has pointed out that the sun is now at a period of diminishing activity, the eruptions on the surface of the luminary recurring at intervals of eleven years. Sir Frank Dyson, the astronomer royal, declares the disturbances caused by the sun spots were the worst ever experienced in England.

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