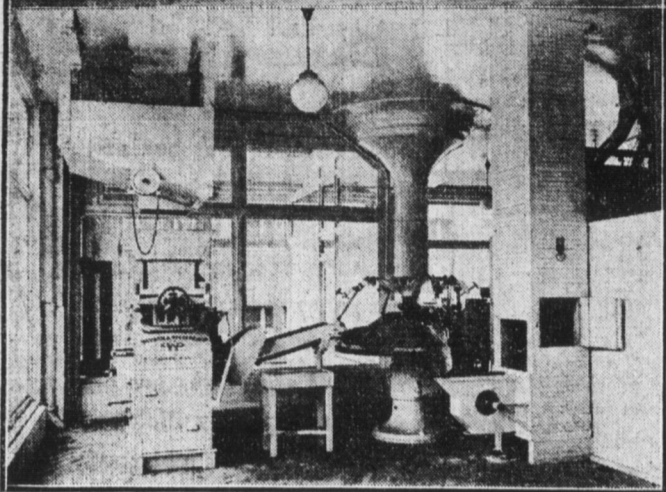
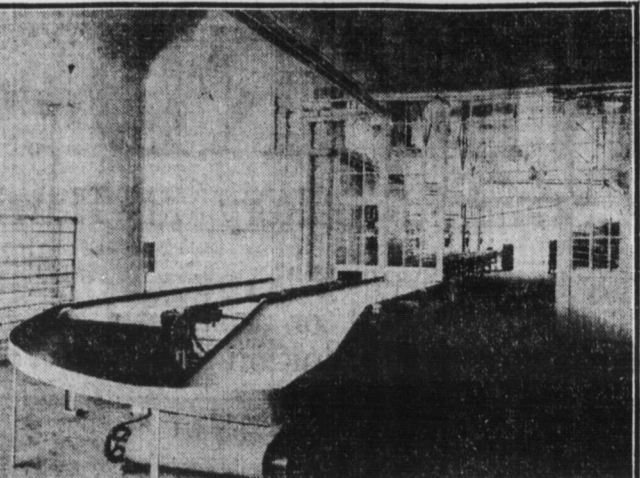
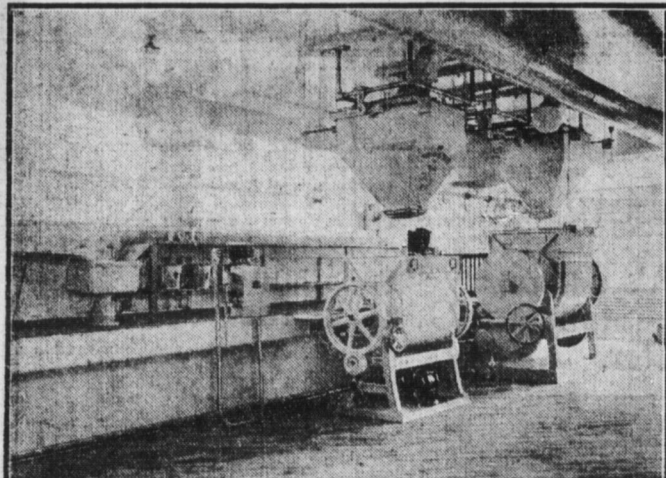


THREE SCENES IN STANDARD BAKING COMPANY'S NEW PLANT



CHAMBERSBURG IS BUSY CITY

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each. Every plant is working full time and night shifts are engaged, too. In one plant, plans are being made to put on a night force next week, if possible.

Although the iron works here are not actively engaged in the manufacture of munitions of war, machinery used in those productions are made here so that indirectly the town has been benefited by the great struggle for supremacy in Europe.

Piedmont Silk Mills Busy
A little more than two years ago, a company, known as the Piedmont Silk company, was organized and a big building at the outskirts of the town, which had some years previous, been used as a silk mill, was purchased. There were 100 looms in the building but when the Piedmont company began operations, they were started on a very small scale. Only two or three persons were employed and not more than a half dozen looms were operated. Generally the force was increased and more of the idle looms were put in operation until finally the entire 100 were turning out silk. Business continued to boom so the company continued to add more help and

to purchase more looms. Now there are 224 looms in use and 180 men and women on the payroll. The building is crowded and although officials of the company would not say positively, they intimated that the time is not far distant when a larger structure will be erected. Each day the mills turn out from 3,000 to 3,500 yards of plain and fancy silks, according to the trade orders. The entire output is sent to commission houses in New York and from there is distributed to many parts of the world.

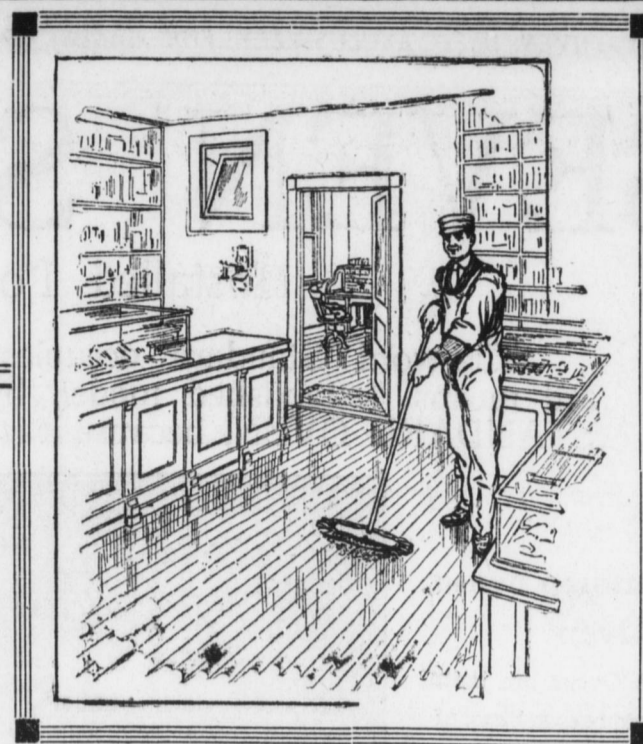
Big Iron Mills
Iron products of Chambersburg are not unknown in Harrisburg, for much of the shafting, pulleys, gears, clutches and power transmitting machinery used in equipping new shrapnel departments in the plant of the Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending company in the Capitol City, has been supplied by the T. B. Wood & Sons' company. The output of this concern finds sale in every part of the United States. The plant was founded in 1857 and at the time about 25 men were given employment. The local shops were located near the old Cumberland Valley station and from time to time additions were built. Absence of available ground for more building caused the company to erect an entire new plant a short distance from the original buildings about four years ago. With the 25 men as the nucleus in 1857, good business made an increase in the force necessary and now there are 350 men employed in the plant. But even this number is less than what the company would really like. Officials have even located to employ skilled workmen and when these can be secured the working force will be considerably enlarged. Aside from the pipe bending works, in Harrisburg the company furnishes its products and has helped equip the plant of the Harrisburg Boot and Shoe Manufacturing company, Hickok Manufacturing company, Pennsylvania Steel company, Paxton Flour and Feed company and many other plants in Harrisburg and adjacent territory. The company's business is without limits and shipments have been made to every part of the world. The power transmitting machinery is used in mills and factories of every description.

War Helps Mills
The Wolf company is another local organization which manufactures a product used in equipping mills and factories and its output in recent months has been put to various uses. Some of the machinery has been located in plants where munitions of war are manufactured but the company does not specialize in this alone. The manufacture of flour milling machinery is one of the company's big assets and shipments of this kind of goods are made in all directions. The war has proven a handicap because of the company's inability to make shipments to certain foreign ports. Every particle of machinery which leaves the local plant is turned out here from the raw materials. Three hundred men are given steady employment and with the declaration of peace in Europe this present force will likely be increased. Business is very good just now, but officials of the company know that as soon as peace is restored and the foreign trade will be greatly increased so that the outlook for the future is considered exceptionally bright.

The Chambersburg Engineering Company controls the Queen City's other pig iron industry and at this plant men are working both night and day. More than 400 men are on the company's payroll and this plant, too, is willing to employ more skilled labor. The engineering company makes steam drop hammers, hydraulic machinery, cranes, riveters and many other kinds of machinery and appliances. The company's hammers, used for making drop forgings, are especially well known over the country and it is noted with authority that at least 50 per cent of the drop forgings used on automobiles made in the United States are produced under hammers manufactured by the Chambersburg company. Then, too, the company's hammers and other products are used in turning out parts of shrapnel shells so that the concern has secured some benefits as a result of the war. The first building for the engineering company was constructed in 1897 and when completed 25 men were given employment. The force has increased to 400. A year ago it was necessary to add a night shift to take care of the large number of orders and the plant has been running night and day since. The company has supplied equipment to the Pennsylvania Steel company, Middletown Car company, Harrisburg Foundry and Machine Works, Pennsylvania railroad shops at Harrisburg, Jackson Manufacturing company, Harrisburg, Central Iron and Steel company, Harrisburg, Harrisburg Pipe Bending company, D. Wilcox Manufacturing company, Mechanicsburg, and other plants in Central Pennsylvania.

Railroad Big Factor
In the big shops of the Cumberland Valley Railroad company, 300 men are given employment and they make the heavy repairs to all of the cars and locomotives owned by the company. Then, too, cars and engines are rebuilt in the shops. The company has roundhouses at Hagerstown and White Hill and light repairs can be made there, but all of the heavy work is done in the shops here. During January there was an average of 27 engines repaired daily. Heavier shipment over the road this month means the average will be somewhat larger for February. The shops here are equipped for all kinds of work on engines and cars so that they can be turned out here with the appearance of being new. No new engines or cars are made here, but until about 1908 the shopmen did build street cars for the Valley Railways company. Chambersburg also houses the main offices of the Cumberland Valley Railroad company and in addition to the 300 men in the shops and the many employees on trains, a big force of men is given employment in the office building.

Overcoats For Soldiers
The Melville Woolen company controls another very important industry here, and gives employment to 155 men and women. The company's plant is equipped to receive wool



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from the sheep's back and weave it into cloth for the market. The wool is first spun on the nine "mules" and then put onto the looms where it is woven and made ready for the market. The Melville plant is known as a seven "set" mill and contains thirty-five broad looms in addition to the other necessary machinery. During last year the looms were turning out cloth for overcoats for the French, Italian and Swiss soldiers, but this year domestic orders have been so heavy that the foreign trade has almost been thrown into the discard. Domestic orders on hand at the present time would keep the plant running for ten months to come and inasmuch as other orders are expected within the next few days, the company is making arrangements to take care of the increased business by adding a night force in the spinning department. This shift will be put to work during the coming week if sufficient help can be procured. The Melville

plant was established in 1843 and has been running almost continuously since that time. Two knitting mills complete the industries of Chambersburg and it is needless to say that both are turning out capacity outputs and looking for more help. The one plant is the Blue Ridge Knitting company and the other the Chambersburg Hosiery company. At the latter plant 170 persons are given employment and in a day this force produces about 1,200 dozens of men's and women's seamless hosiery daily. The company's output is shipped to jobbing houses and from there shipped in all directions. A week ago a carload of hosiery, containing 7,600 dozen pairs, was shipped to Philadelphia, to be forwarded to England. This factory was opened in 1889 and at the present time has so much work that officials are letting out a loud cry for help. Some years ago the company did find some relief by opening a

branch factory at Fort Loudon and at that plant forty persons are employed. The Blue Ridge Knitting company is one of the biggest organizations of its kind in the Cumberland Valley. The main factory is at Hagerstown. One branch is located here and another at Mechanicsburg. At the local plant there are 55 persons employed, mostly girls and the output reaches 700 dozen pairs of men's hose daily. The hosiery is shipped to Hagerstown where it is dyed and then sent to jobbing houses for distribution. Chambersburg at present is enjoying excellent industrial health and every person is doing something to help boost the town. At the present time efforts are being made to induce the Quincey Engine company, located at Quincey, near Waynesboro, to move here and by public subscription sufficient money is being raised to make the change possible.

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