

121-2 PCT. WAGE CUT ANNOUNCED BY PACKING COS.

200,000 Workers in Principal Markets of U. S. Affected.

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CHICAGO, March 8.—Wages of 200,000 employees of packing companies were cut approximately 12 1/2 per cent today.

The decision affects about 30,000 employees in Chicago and the remainder are in the other eleven principal markets of the country.

Notice of the reduction was posted at all packing plants. The men had not been informed of the move previously and there was considerable anxiety among the packers as to what the reaction would be.

Union leaders in the packing industry are now meeting in Omaha to decide on a course of action. There was considerable apprehension among the employees that it might result in a strike.

Outside of Chicago, the cities where large numbers of workers will be affected include Omaha, St. Louis, Kansas City, Indianapolis, St. Paul, St. Joseph, Mo., Sioux City, Ia., and St. Louis, Mo.

The minimum wage guarantee for employees will be kept at forty hours per week, the announcement said. Time and a half overtime will be paid only for work done after twelve hours in any one day or after fifty-four hours in any week, with the exception of double time on Sundays and the six leading holidays.

J. OGDEN ARMOUR, head of the Armour Packing Company, in a statement to the United Press, said:

"This does not mean the elimination of the eight-hour day; the whistle will blow in the Armour plants at the end of eight hours just as usual. The reduction affects chiefly the killing gangs, whose hours of labor are determined by live stock receipts, over which packers have no control. These receipts vary from day to day, providing much less than eight hours work on some days and more than eight hours on other days."

"The guarantee of forty hours' pay per week frequently results in employees being paid for many hours of work each week for which they actually perform no work. When on top of this is added the penalty resulting from a basic eight-hour day the burden becomes greater than the industry can bear and the public has shown plainly in the last two years that it will not carry it."

Armour said the "employers' desires under the circumstances are not at issue. The fact simply is that the business cannot exist if its expenses are greater than its margin."

CUT CONSIDERED VERY SMALL ONE.
"In view of the fact that packing house wages average three times as much to work as they were before the war, the reduction of 12 1/2 per cent is very small," Armour said.

Despite the lower rate of pay, Armour said employees can probably earn as much or more than under existing conditions.

"The forty-hour minimum wage, with its basic eight-hour day has demonstrated positively during the two years it has been in effect that it results in reduced productivity for employees," he stated.

"The adjustment should enable all plant employees to average forty-eight hours' wages per week and their earnings will compare favorably with the earnings of similar workmen in other industries."

Armour declared the company was in complete sympathy with short work days and fair wage theories and "our problem is to attain these theories as nearly as possible to the actualities which we encounter in dealing with the producer and consumer."

Another Woman Shies Head Gear in Ring
Special to The Times.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., March 8.—Mrs. Lina Schmalzried, wife of George Schmalzried, has officially announced herself as a candidate at the May primary for the Democratic nomination for mayor of Jeffersonville.

She says she intends to "break the ice for the women," and if elected will work for a clean city.

IRISH WIT OF MRS. HUGHES HALTS KEITH'S BILL

Thurston Has New Bag of Tricks—The Irish Also Win at Lyric

The Irish brogue and wit of Mrs. Gene Hughes as Peggy in "Contented Peggy" died up Keith's show yesterday afternoon, resulting in a well-earned demonstration of approval by an Indianapolis audience for a bright little sketch.

Gracious as she always is, Mrs. Hughes at first shared the curtains with her company, and when her company retired Mrs. Hughes faced the storm of approval and applause alone. Then she called her capable company back on the stage and insisted that they share the ovation with her.

That is what we call the right spirit of appreciation of support. Mrs. Hughes has never been guilty in our experience in covering the vaudeville stage of absorbing all the applause. Probably that is one reason why former members of the company are pleased to state that they have "supported" Mrs. Hughes.

Mrs. Hughes has created for herself a secure spot on the vaudeville stage. This season she is cast as Peggy, the wife of a suddenly rich former ditch-digger by the name of Pat. When Pat becomes wealthy he nearly forgets he is Irish. He insists that his wife "dell up" and entertain his society friends. Peggy at last decides to give her husband some of the medicine he deserves. Peggy prances out in an evening gown which caused her to remark "if any more shows" she will have to retire. Peggy at last gives her husband enough of his own medicine and he is happy to have his wife back but her former domestic role.

Mrs. Hughes is splendid as Peggy and obtains many laughs as only a true artist can. Supporting her are J. C. Tremayne, Barren Le Paige, Dorothy Whitney and Benton Ressler.

Vincent O'Donnell, who is announced as "The Kid McCormick" and who has the honor of stopping the show. He has a good voice and his songs are well selected. He has been one of the stars of the Lyric for a single he is finding the going very easy.

Lady Alice presents an act in which rats, cats, pigeons and some chickens are the stars. An interesting act for "children" of all ages. No one is ever too old to appreciate this act. "Ye Song Shop," an excuse for contrasting the songs of yesterday with the jazz songs of today, did not seem to be running even yesterday afternoon. One of the men of the company under the giving stage directions while the act was in progress. There are seven pretty women, who sing and dance and two men with the act. This act comes under the head of being pretty, but not a sensation.

The bill also includes Harry Bender and Barney Heer in an athletic offering: Elmer El Clove, Dick Duffley and Hazel Mann and Vinie Daly, who sings and dances.

The news item this week is unusually interesting because it shows many scenes of President Harding taking the oath of office.

At Keith's all week—W. D. H. L. THURSTON RETIRING AND HIS NEW TRICKS.

When Thurston, the magician, comes to town it is a good sign that the real father will take his entire family to enjoy a night of magic.

Last night there were many real for goodness fathers and mothers present at English's, because they took with them their sons and daughters.

Thurston today stands at the head of his profession. In the years he has been laboring on the stage he has successfully gone ahead of all of his competitors until today he is the greatest magician before the public.

This man actually does some very big things on the stage this season. He causes a piano and a pretty woman to disappear in the air. At another time Thurston causes a live lion to appear out of space, it seems, in a cage which has previously appeared to be empty. He causes a rooster and a duck to "swap" heads. He finds rabbits, geese, pigeons in the air and in the coats of citizens. Again he produces the famous cabinet scene in which "spirit" forms appear. This illusion is masterfully done.

Thurston again places much importance on an illusion called "The Levitation of Princess Karmaz," during which he causes a young woman to sleep quietly in the air with no means of support visible. He then causes her to vanish with twenty men standing close by. The magician is able to obtain much comedy during this offering.

Thurston again retains some of his most famous tricks and illusions, such as "The Vampire," spirit painting, the glass trunk, the famous triple mystery, the bungalow and one of the prettiest illusions on the stage today, called the mystery of the water fountains.

Andrew Mack, Irish singing comedian, features the vaudeville bill at the Lyric this week. Mr. Mack is well known in Indianapolis, having appeared here many times at the head of his own company, and his offering of Irish songs, rendered in his rich tenor voice, together with his interesting tales of humorous personal experiences delighted the audiences that packed the Lyric yesterday.

In addition to his careful rendition of Irish ballads, folk songs and popular melodies, he gives an Italian impersonation that is worthy of note. Mr. Mack's engagement should draw many of his admirers to the Lyric during the week.

A rural comedy, "Sippen's Corner," is presented by four men and a girl, who combine songs and dances to make an enjoyable small-town farce.

Barton and Hall, in an act entitled "A Vaudeville Rehearsal," sang several character songs and close with an excellent yodeling number.

Lowey and Ratner are eccentric dancers, a feature of their act being impersonations of several present-day dancing stars. Songs and bits of dialogue are mingled with their dance offerings.

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APPEARS TONIGHT



FEDORA ROSELLI AS LUCY LOOKIT.

Of interest to those who enjoy established things on the stage, "The Beggar's Opera," which will be revealed for the first time in this city at the Lyric tonight for the remainder of the week.

Probably will prove to be one of the bright spots of the season. The cast includes Sylvia Neils, Alfred Heather, Norma Lock, Fedora Rosselli, Edith Bartlett and others of the London company.

I am glad that Thurston retains his original card passes and in this line he stands head and shoulders above any I have seen. His stunt of "fishing" for birds in the air is a clever bit of work.

Opinion: I think that parents who will not take children to see Thurston and his bag of tricks should be indicted for cruelty. I am sure that if any father refuses to take his sons and daughters to English's this week, that Judge Frank Labr of the Juvenile Court will see to it that dad is forced to do it. Thurston is a treat to the young and the old.

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possession" at the Alhambra; "The Money-Changers" at Mister Smith's; "What's Worth Waiting" at the Isis and "The Road Demon" at the Regent.

PUSS IN BOOTS JR.

By David Cory.

You remember in the last story the Fairy Queen promised to help Puss regain his former size.

"Sit down and wait patiently, for it will take some time to brew the magic draught," said the Queen to Puss, who was very glad indeed to rest, for, not being accustomed to carry so much weight on his young legs, he felt very weary and somewhat discouraged.

Before long the three fairies returned, bearing between them a tiny Puss in a white liquid. As they approached the Queen herself came forth from her crystal palace, followed by many of her subjects.

Stepping up to where Puss lay, she said in a soft voice: "Do not rise, for even now you are much too tall. I myself must pour this magic wine upon your lips."

The next moment he felt a strange sensation running through him, and presently he was delighted to see that he was becoming smaller and smaller.

Though great was delight, he did not forget his manners, and turning to the little fairy he said: "How may I ever repay you for your great kindness to me?"

"Thank me no more," answered the Fairy Queen, "for gladly will I do a favor for one who thinks of his father first. If in the future you should need my aid, I am sure that a bluebird's throat will send him to me." And with these words she placed a slender gold ring upon Puss Junior's little toe.

During all this time Puss had been growing smaller and smaller. He had almost forgotten this when his little

friend, the Gnome, exclaimed: "There you're your own self again!" So, bidding farewell to his kind friend, the Fairy Queen, he followed his little guide, the Gnome King, down the valley. And in the next story you shall hear what happened after that—Copy-right, 1921.

(To Be Continued.)

TWO ARE HURT BY STREET CAR

Man and Wife Knocked Down—Crew Arrested.

When a Brightwood street car backed suddenly at Roosevelt and Thalmann avenues last night two persons were knocked down and rolled under the car. Edward Kraus, 58, 1930 Thalmann avenue, is in the city hospital, seriously injured. His wife, Lucy Kraus, was hurt and taken to her home in an ambulance. Elsie Kraus, 12, their daughter, escaped injury. The accident occurred at 10:20 o'clock.

Mr. Kraus, his wife and daughter, had left the street car at Thalmann avenue and started to walk behind it. Albert Frost, 27, 1666 Columbia avenue, motorist, said the red light suddenly showed, indicating that another car had entered the single track and that he would have to back his car. He said the conductor gave him the proper signal. He stopped the car before the victims could be crushed by the wheels. L. W. Whitehead, 29, 1888 Ludlow avenue, was the conductor.

Five men on the rear platform of the car, including Patrolman Oel Thayer, told Lieutenant Woolen the conductor failed to look back when he gave the signal. Both the conductor and motorist were arrested, charged with assault and battery.

Mr. Kraus was hurt about the head and shoulders and is believed to have suffered internal injuries.

Masons Will Build Temple at So. Bend

Special to The Times.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 7.—Official announcement has been made here of the purchase of a site for a new Masonic temple in South Bend by the St. Joseph Valley Temple Association.

Tentative plans call for the erection of either a four or five-story building to cost between \$500,000 and \$750,000. The building will be devoted strictly to Masonry and will house all branches of the order.

HOW TO DARKEN GRAY HAIR

A Cincinnati Barber Tells How to Make a Remedy for Gray Hair.

A well known resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, who has been a barber for more than forty years, recently made the following statement:

"Any one can prepare a simple mixture at home, at very little cost, that will darken gray hair, and make it soft and glossy. To a half pint of water add 1 ounce bay rum, a small box of Barbo Compound and 4-ounce glycerine. These ingredients can be bought at any drug store at a very little cost. Apply to the hair twice a week until the desired shade is obtained. This will make a gray-haired person look twenty years younger. It is easy to use, does not color the most delicate scalp, is not sticky or greasy and does not rub off."—Advertisement.

Marrying Parson Wants Federal Job

Special to The Times.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 8.—The Rev. E. G. S. Burdette, for many years pastor of the Twelfth Avenue Baptist Church here, has announced that he will seek appointment as deputy United States marshal at Evansville to succeed Louis Bender, Democrat, who expects to retire when a Republican marshal is appointed to take the place of Mark Storen.

Rev. Burdette is known as the "marrying parson," and in the last several years has married many eloping couples from southern Indiana, southern Illinois and northern Kentucky.

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"Every Picture Tells a Story"

aches, dizzy spells and annoying kidney irregularities, too, with a tired, nervous, depressed feeling. Don't wait until the trouble becomes serious. Take things easier for awhile, eat little meat, and strengthen the weakened kidneys with Doan's Kidney Pills. Doan's have helped thousands. They should help you. Ask your neighbor!

These are Indianapolis Cases:

South East Street
Mrs. William Gaham, 530 S. East St., says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills for backache and weakness across my loins and obtained the best results. This remedy acts directly on the kidneys, giving them strength. The pains and aches resulting from a weakened and disordered condition of these organs disappear." (Statement given Aug. 15, 1915)
On June 4, 1920, Mrs. Gaham added: "I think more highly of Doan's Kidney Pills today than when I recommended them in 1915, the cure they made for me has remained permanent."

East Pratt Street
Robt. M. Newby, city fireman, 418 E. Pratt St., says: "My kidneys became weak and caused me many days of misery. Sometimes my back pained so much I could not get up. I performed my work. The kidney secretions caused much annoyance. Doan's Kidney Pills were recommended and I used them with good results. I have much better health since using Doan's Kidney Pills and give them a hearty endorsement for the benefit of others."

North East Street
Mrs. Samuel Demaree, 125 N. East St., says: "I used Doan's Kidney Pills and they relieved my kidney trouble. My back ached considerably and I might say pretty nearly all the time. I had dizzy spells and just couldn't hold myself. I had to sit down for fear of falling. I saw Doan's Kidney Pills recommended in the paper, so I got two boxes. After using them I got all right and have felt well ever since. I can't say too much in praise of Doan's."

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