

## 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 12½ per cent today. The basic eight-hour day which was placed in effect during the war was abolished.

The decision affects about 30,000 employees in Chicago and the remainder are in the other eleven principal market centers 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 employers that it might result in a strike.

Outside of Chicago, the cities where large packing concerns will be affected include Omaha, St. Louis, Kansas City, Indianapolis, St. Paul, St. Joseph, Mo., Sioux City and Ft. Worth, Texas.

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 ten hours in any one day or after fifteen hours in any week, with the exception of double time on Sundays and the six leading holidays.

J. OGDEN ARMOUR,  
MAKES STATEMENT.

In explaining the cut in hours of work, J. Ogden Armour, head of the packing company of that name, in a statement to the Times 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 revision affects chiefly the killing gangs, whose hours of labor are determined by live stock receipts. 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 more hours of work each week than 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' desire 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 day as they were before the war, the reduction of 12½ per cent is very small," Armour said.

Due to 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 weekly earnings 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 attune 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 Jeffersville.

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

APPEARS TONIGHT



FEDORA ROSELLI AS LUCY LOOKIT.

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

The cast includes Sylvia Nels, Alfred Heather, Norine Lock, Fedora Roselli, Eddie 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 is that the persons who will not take children to see Thurston will not be afraid to 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 Lahr 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.

At English's all week.—W. D. H.

ANDREW MACK HEADS

NEW BILL AT THE LYRIC.

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 numerous personal experiences delighted the audiences that packed the Lyric yesterday.

Thurston today stands at the head of his bill. In addition to his own work, he has successfully given 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 is a stage which he has previously appeared to be empty. He causes a rooster and a duck to "swallow" 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 Lamentation of Princess Karnac," during which he causes a young woman to grow quietly in a small box and then to reappear visible. He then causes her to vanish with twenty men standing close by. The magician is able to obtain much comedy during this offering.

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bats, and George Wichman, who models rapidly and expertly in clay.

LOEW'S OFFERS COMBINATION BILL.

Jack London's mystery drama, "The Star Rover," with Courtney Foote as Dr. Hugh Standing, the star, is being featured at the Loew's State. It deals with the murder of a prominent politician who was shot from a theater box occupied by Dr. Standing. He is arrested and submitted to the "third degree," which includes a harrowing torture process, during which periods his mind reverts to pre-existences and he bubbles of his experiences.

His torture discoveres that he is being subjected to such human treatment and gets aid from the district attorney, but when she hears the strange tale of his mind wanderings while under torture she urges another round of agony for her lover which ends in the solution of the murder mystery and the finding of the real murderer.

A bill of varied vaudeville acts includes Johnny Clark and Company in a tumbling, revue of acrobatics, novelties, David and Bertha Makarenko, character entertainers who give a mixture of operatic and comedy numbers; a humorous skit of domestic life by La Costa and Bonavae and Victor Hyde's presentation of the "Dance Festival," a combination of new songs and original dances by a company composed of Mr. Hyde and six girls.

—J. L.

'THE JOY RIDERS' IS A MUSICAL REVUE.

George Jaffee is presenting "The Joy Riders" at the Park this week in a musical revue in two acts entitled "It Just Happened." The cast is headed by Billy Mossy, a rotund comedian, who keeps things humming during the entire performance.

There are some pretty scene effects, and the girls who compose the chorus, as well as the principals, are well costumed.

The first act is in seven scenes, starting on the lawn of the Long Chester Golf Club and ending in Fairyland, where an opportunity is given to disclose the charms of practically all the remaining members of the company. A feature of the first act is the singing of the "Quintette" composed of Billy Mossy, Bud Purcell, Charles Pendley and Charles Campbell.

The songs include "He's Got Everybody's Number," Joe Burton: "Don't Take Away Those Blues," Caroline Wagner: "Wholl Take the Place of Mary?" Charles Campbell; "Japanese Sandman," Dorothy Douglas, and "Mamma's Apron Strings," Grace Fernside.

The setting for the second act discloses that the entire company has moved to a house in Hawaii, and the girls of the chorus are garbed in accordance with the Southern setting. Mr. Campbell sings "A Young Man's Fancy" as a feature number while Miss Bartlett and Miss Pittel dance. Miss Douglas offers a medley of popular musical comedy songs. Miss Wagner sings "Georgia Home" with the chorus, and Miss Fernside brings the show to a close, accompanied by the chorus, with "Hold Me."

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THURSTON RETURNS WITH MANY 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 English's, because they took with their sons and daughters.

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

Gracefully 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

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

friend, the Gnome, exclaimed: "There you're your own self again."

So, bidding farewell to his kind friend, the Fairy Queen 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.)

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 weak and somewhat discouraged.

Before long the three fairies returned, bearing between them a lily filled with 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. In a present, he realized that he 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, 20, 1838 Ludlow avenue, was the conductor.

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

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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 two or three-story building to cost between \$50,000 and \$75,000. The building will be devoted strictly to Masonic purposes and will house all branches of the order.

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 is appointed to take his place of Mark Stover.

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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