

BUILDING WORKERS WAGES DOUBLE IN FIVE YEARS, REPORT

(By Associated Press)
COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 18—Wages of workers engaged in the building trades have just about doubled in the last five years in Ohio cities, data prepared by George F. Miles, chief statistician of the state industrial commission shows.

Mr. Miles prepared the report at the request of various civic organizations, which are trying to fathom the high cost of building, and of other organizations of private nature, which are trying to make 1921 one of the greatest in the state's history for the erection of new homes.

In the city of Columbus, painters have been given an increase of 45 cents an hour, within the last six years, their wages today being 85 cents an hour, as compared to 40 cents in 1914. This is the greatest increase which has been made in the wages of Columbus workmen, according to Miles. Engineers and hod carriers now are receiving just double the wages they did in 1914 and 1915, the former being paid \$1 an hour, as compared with 50 cents, and the latter 80 cents, as compared with 40 cents, the report said.

Bricklayers are being paid \$1.25 an hour, as compared with 70 cents five years ago; carpenters, 90 cents, as compared with 50 cents in 1914; cement workers, 80 cents, an advance of 30 cents an hour; plasterers, \$1.12½, as against 60 cents; plumbers, \$1 an hour, compared to 55 cents; sheet metal workers, 60 cents, as against 37½ cents, and stone masons \$1.15, as against 65 cents an hour six years ago.

Carpenters in the city of Akron were granted the largest increase, they being paid \$1.10 an hour this year, as

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paid, is one of the cities of the state that is showing a lower price trend as much as any Ohio city of its size. In Italy the tax for an average automobile runs to between 2,000 and \$3,000 a year.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS ATTACK HIGH PRICES

(By Associated Press)
BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Socialist newspapers and communist agitators are making much of the misery resulting from unemployment, high cost of necessities and the winter, and are contrasting the condition of the poor with the prodigal spending of the profiteers. There is perhaps less extravagance than there was before the war, but the number of idle and very poor is said to be greater, and emphasizes present conditions.

Workers for the "red revolution" with the slogan of "poverty and profiteer," the ammunition they most frequently employ, are urging the overthrow of the government and the establishment of a dictatorship of the proletariat to relieve the conditions they call intolerable. As the misery of the workless increases with the advancing winter they expect to gain enough strength to make an effort to overturn the present regime, which

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Die Freiheit, organ of the Independent Social democratic party, issues an "earnest warning" to the government that conditions are coming to a head and that it will be ill for the administration if some tangible effort is not made to relieve idleness. It adds: "It is time for the capitalistic regime to take heed. The proletariat has not sage money.

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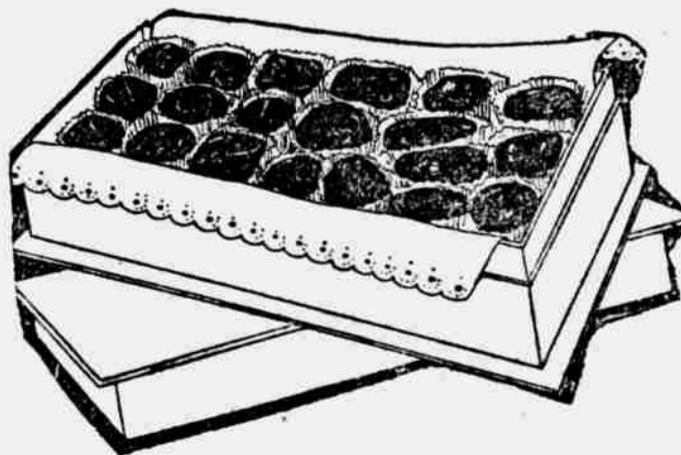
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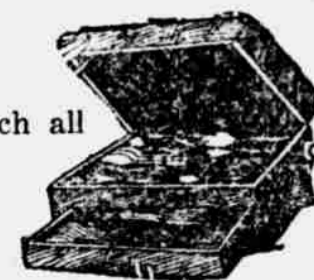
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