

**POWER OF WORKERS
MUST BE INCREASED**

IF WAGES ARE BOOSTED

College President Discusses Economic Conditions in Great Britain and Other Foreign Lands

Unless Great Britain increases the available power of her workers — power in the sense of helpful devices and machines—she will be unable to pay one-half of the American wage, and may be reduced to one-third of the American wage," according to President Walter Dill Scott of Northwestern University, who addressed the summer session of Cornell University at Ithaca, N. Y., recently. The tremendous man-power of the working men and working women of the United States, Dr. Scott indicated, is derived from the successful output of the brains of American inventors who have placed power on the farm, in the home, in the factory, in the transportation systems, mines, and, indeed, in all of Uncle Sam's busy industries.

Other nations, judged by this development alone, are somewhat lagging and this accounts, as the educator said, for the progress attained by the United States since the close of the Civil war.

Traces Evolution

Enlarging considerably on a recent public statement respecting the scores of unseen 'slaves' which each American workman now commands, Dr. Scott traced the evolution of industry and agriculture from primitive days to the present. He ascribed to the more progressive, ancient nations their state of high development because each man had at his command at that time more power than did the nationals of competing countries. President Scott used the illustration of Robinson Crusoe and his man Friday, saying that this story established the truth that man alone with his own hands can do little, but that, as help is recruited in manpower, man's efficiency naturally is augmented. The speaker by a bit of mathematical logic showed that each American citizen, who works, is now actually a captain of industry as he has at his command the equivalent of 250 slaves to aid him.

German "Efficiency"

Applying this internationally, Dr. Scott commented on the much-advertised German efficiency and said: "The assertion has frequently been made that the power on the part of the military authorities of Germany led to the downfall of the empire. I believe, however, that it is a fact that power widely distributed among inhabitants of a nation is a great factor in promoting civilization."

Referring again to England, the Northwestern university executive declared: "It is estimated that the horse-power available for each inhabitant in England is second only to that of the United States but that the horse-power thus available for each Englishman is one third of that available for each American. The wages that England is attempting to pay her workers is about one half that which we in America are paying our workers, but inasmuch as each American worker is supported by three times as much power as each English worker it is probable that England can not pay one half of the American wage, and any attempt to do so would result in unemployment."

Third in Power
President Scott said that Germany stands third in the possession of power and has slightly less than England. Striking out into another contrast he passed down from America to the more primitive lands, saying:

"The coolie who works with a minimum of power in China is paid 20 cents a day for his labor. There are certain fields in which 20 cents a day would be very cheap labor, but when the coolie comes in direct competition with modern engines and other modern appliances, his 20 cents a day is an excessive rate and can not be permanently sustained."

In concluding, Dr. Scott said the lesson to be learned of this amazing development of man-power in the United States is the fact that "human engineering" assumes an importance quite beyond that of other ages and of other lands. If every worker brings to bear 250 slave-power, it is of the utmost importance to see that such that such a worker is properly stimulated and directed in order that he may utilize to the maximum the power at his disposal."

**DRIVE ACCORDING TO
CONDITION OF ROAD**

"The kind and the condition of a pavement should be given serious consideration by the motorists," says a bulletin issued by the accident prevention department of the Chicago Motor Club. "An element of danger, for instance, lurks in wood block pavement, especially when it is wet. Not only do the blocks swell when they become saturated with moisture, thus causing dangerous bumps, but the surface becomes slippery, and a sudden turn or the jamming of the brakes will cause the car to skid."

"Another road to watch carefully is the clay road when it is the least but wet. The freshly oiled road falls into the same category, nor is the road covered with loose gravel, without its element of danger. Most motorists believe that the clay road when dry makes for pleasant and safe driving, yet even here some precaution is necessary. The dry clay road soon becomes dusty. A tiny particle of dust lodged in the eye of the driver has been known to be the direct cause of serious accidents. The driver who wears goggles will never lose control of his car because of flying particles of dust."

**DEMONSTRATION OIL
WELLS AT BIG FAIR**
How It Is Drilled and Petroleum Pumped Shown at Illinois Exhibition

How an oil well is drilled, and the crude petroleum is pumped and stored, refined and distributed, illustrated through ingenious working models, forms an interesting part of "Egypt's Own Exhibition," for which reservation is made in Machinery hall at the Illinois State Fair.

A miniature oil field, showing a model well rig, turning away at the work of sinking a hole; miniature pumps, driving the actual crude oil through pipe lines into a storage tank, and the various steps in products, form interesting details of the finished product.

With this display, is a typical Southern Illinois hard road scene, in cleverly constructed models. A paved roadway, and the inevitable filling station on the corner, are shown in the foreground. "Down the road," a representative rural homestead scene is presented. A neat garage, a residence, a big cattle barn, with a silo—all built on a wealth actual size, will be found very attractive to sight-seers at the fair. The lawns surrounding these buildings are sodded, and trees and foliage plants are interspersed throughout the view.

Interesting figures, presenting the little-known extent of petroleum production in the Southern Illinois oil fields, will be displayed in conjunction with this exhibit, and other information relative to the resources of "Egypt" will be made available to the public. Around this part of the Machinery Hall, real Southern Illinois hospitality will prevail, and the attendants in charge invite the public to visit with them, and learn more about what they consider the garden spot of the earth.

The president of the United States is said to go to bed at 10:30, but the young crowd have important business making it necessary to stay up far beyond that hour.

**MANY ENROLL IN
STATE FAIR SCHOOL**
More than 200 Illinois Youths Have Applied; Expecting over 300

W. S. Booth, assistant superintendent of public institutions, principal of the boys' state fair school, announces that to date, 200 Illinois youths have enrolled for that valuable educational feature of the fair. Sixty counties are represented on the school register at this time.

Plans for the apportionment of the 332 entrants allowable under the rules are as follows: Fifteen may enter from Cook county, and two from each of the other counties, with three additional from the fifteen

counties with population between sixty and one hundred thousand and two additional from the ten counties ranging in population from forty to sixty thousand people. In addition to the geographic apportionments, each of the nine members of the advisory board of the state fair may appoint one eligible youth, and Walter W. Lindley, general manager of the Fair, is empowered to appoint thirty-one more, thus filling the list. In case any counties fail to fill their quota, others may fill the vacancies.

Sixteen county school superintendents, appointed by congressional districts, are to act as assistant superintendents of the school, and each will be in direct charge of the lads from his district.

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