

U. S. STANDARDS OF LIVING ARE HIGHEST

How America Would Lose If Internationalists Succeeded in Their Efforts

What Americans would have to lose in the proposed reduction of the standard of living in the United States to that of the rest of the world, as proposed by the international industrialists and bankers and all others opposing the imposition of protective tariffs equal to the difference in wages at home and abroad, is shown by figures presented in an article by Prof. Thomas J. Wertenbaker, of Princeton university, in "Current History" for October.

An American bricklayer receives as much for eight hours work as a bricklayer receives in Paris in eighty hours. The wages of American bricklayers are made possible by the general level of wages in American industry, which of course must sink to the competitive European level if importations are not weighted with the difference in labor costs at home and abroad.

Seven Per Cent of Population

We have seven per cent of the world's population, but consume 56 per cent of the world's rubber, 21 per cent of its sugar, 36 per cent of its coal, 42 per cent of its pig iron and 69 per cent of its petroleum. The purchasing power of our 122 million inhabitants is equal to that of 500,000,000 Europeans or more than a billion Asiatics. The average annual wage for both sexes is \$1,280 in the United States, and while this is attacked as below a theoretical cost of living by socialists and radicals generally, there is no country in Europe, Asia or South America in which the average wage level reaches half that amount, or where the purchasing power of the average wage is as much as one half that of the average wage in the United States.

This condition prevails in the United States despite the fact that since 1902 we have absorbed some sixteen million immigrants, few of whom came to this country with any property of consequence. In other words, Americans have divided up their wealth with this poverty, and yet have vastly increased the purchasing power of the average wage since 1902.

Yet we are compelled to confront a formidable effort to integrate the economic system of the United States

with that of Europe and the rest of the world with an announced objective of bringing about a common level of economic welfare throughout the world—a levelling process in which the American people must be subjected to a degradation of their standards.

Enforcing Trapping Law Mostly Matter of Education Is Report

Obtaining obedience to the laws relating to trapping furbearing animals, and having pelts in possession out of season, according to Director Ralph F. Bradford, of the state department of conservation, is largely a matter of cooperation and education. To this end, he has worked out plans whereby the big mail-order houses in Chicago pledge their aid in impressing the necessity of obedience to trapping laws upon the patrons sending them their pelts. All dealers in raw furs, he says, are required to keep records, open to inspection by state and federal investigators, through which violations of the law are readily detected. His records list some 50 arrests within the past few months, on charges of possessing pelts out of season.

Says Poultry Business Maintains Prices Best

The poultry industry of America, within the past decade, has been the most fortunate of all branches of the farming business in regard to relative price levels, Gov. Louis L. Emmerson asserted, in an address officially opening the National Poultry Exposition, in session last week in Chicago. In relation to pre-war price levels, he said, poultry and eggs stand at 158 compared to 134 for grain and 123 for livestock. In his address, the governor traced the trend of poultry raising from sideline, carried on largely by women, to a specialized industry.

Mayor Unveils Postor

Detroit, Mich.—The American Legion postor here was recently unveiled by Mayor Frank Murphy at impressive ceremonies held on the steps of the City hall.



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Employment Agencies Get Many Applications

Free employment offices, conducted by the state department of labor, received 7676 applications for jobs and placed 2564 during the week ending Nov. 22, Director Barney Cohen reports. The five Chicago offices found work for 1,382 of 5,238 applicants. Higher percentages of placements in relation to applications were reported from the bureaus in the 15 downstate

cities — Aurora, Bloomington, Cicero, Danville, Decatur, East St. Louis, Galesburg, Joliet, Moline, Peoria, Quincy, Rockford, Rock Island, Springfield and Waukegan.

Diluted

The estate of the soup millionaire who left \$150,000,000 must pay a \$29,000,000 tax. Thinning it a bit for the heirs.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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