# **MEXICAN MUNITION PLANT** TO BE BUILT AT MANZANILLO

Manzanillo has been selected by the Colima has been installed the plant Mexican government as the site for of the Hydro-Electric Companythe huge cartridge-making plant now in course of installation, ac- made a profound impression on the dano. cording to a bulletin given out here mind of Porfirio Diaz, who, by the National Geographic Society, throughout his long administration. which says of this San Francisco of maintained a vigourous policy rela-Mexico:

"This is one of the oldest ports in Mexico, only recently modernized, teenth Century Emperor Charles V expressed great interest in projects South Sea, beyond New Spain, as Mexico was then known, and in the exploration of the then uncharted Pacific, and by cedula he enjoined Hernando Cortes to undertake the task. It was at Manzanillo that Cortes built and outfitted ships for the work, which appears not to have been consummated by him. For many years this was a favorite! resort of buccaneers who sailed out of the port to prey upon the richladen merchantmen returning from sated pyramid of rock extending the Philippine Islands and the Orient, and Manzanillo and its surrounding province, Colima, witnessed the Spanish subjugation of length with a solid deposit of conthe Aztecs who had sought in that crete 13 feet thick and 26 feet in province to establish an empire. In width. The most ponderous blocks 1565 Admiral Miguel Lopez Legaspi of granite ever placed by the hand built in this harbor some of the ships destined for the conquest of the Philippine Islands. "Had any such alliance taken

place as that which was reported to have been frustrated some time ago, the strategic importance of this slope. Following this work came west coast port would have given operations a wonderful advantage, over a mile. The work called for a It is the half-way station between protected area of 319 acres to acco-San Francisco and Panama, in direct touch with the "granary of Mexico," the populous and fertile State of Jalisco, and as the terminal of the Mexican Gentral Railroad. which connects with the entire and Southern Republic, it taps the great resources of that country. Its har- but the port, and the Province of bor will accommodate the biggest Coloma have fared less severely battleships afloat. Ores, timber, than the neighboring states and tercattle and agricultural products abound in the rich hinterland, and district possesses a keen appreciawhile in normal times the four tion of possibilities for Great Briother Pacific ports of Mexico- lian in that quarter, and has re-Guaymas, Mazatlan, Acapulco and cently earnestly advised British Santa Cruz-will play some part in merchants to "familiarize themthe future development of the selves with the rates and facilities country, through Manzanillo will of the new trade route via the the Pacific ports of the United their trade in that part of Mexico. zanillo by a narrow-gauge road- tion of her people."

### IMPORTANT MEETING TO SEVENTH WARDERS

One of the most important meet-Ward Improvement Association. Seventh Ward will be acted upon there will be addresses by some of ward. Refreshments will be served it is well to note that the society at by those who will attend.

the welfare of the ward at heart meetings of the society. will be acted upon.

Owing to the numerous matters to be considered the public is cordially invited to attend and offer suggestions which if feasible will be taken up and acted upon by the association. President Achille Blais Martinez and Captain David Jackhas issued an urgent appeal to all son, of the central station, while members to attend this meeting in it is alleged, they were making off order that their views may be had with a stolen tub of butter yesterupon the matters to be voted upon. day, John Behrman and Henry The meeting will be called at 7:30 o'clock sharp.

### IN A MACARONI PACTORY

Fire Did Small Damage to the Stock

of LaNess Brothers Fire of unascertained origin yesterday forenoon damaged the stock and building at 612-614 St. Philip street, occupied as a macaroni factory by James LaNasa Brothers, to the extent of \$550. Insurance covers the loss. Angelo Cusimano owns Derbes, 6227 West End Boulevard the structure. Patrolman Edward and stolen from in front of his resi-Harvey, of the third precinct sta- dence, was dound abandoned early tion, turned in the alarm. Considerably more damage might have trolman Walter Weysham, of the been done but for the timely arrival tenth precinct station, in Claiborne of the fire apparatus. Two serious blazes had occurred during the past that the car was merely taken for year in the neighborhod of yester- a joy" ride by some one who aban-

Washington, D. C., April 2. - Jabout 60 miles-and in the town of

German-Mexican. "The potentialities of this port tive to port improvements. Here was a great natural harbor needing certain changes to render it a haven. During the first quarter of the Fif- While the mind of Diaz conceived. it was the hand of an American-Edgar K. Smoot, builder of the Galopened by the discovery of the veston jetties—that wrought out o the solid rock a quiet anchorage for the shuttle-cocks of trade. The Manzanillo breakwater is cyclopean, deeper and wider than the famous sea-walls of Plymouth and Cherhourg. Work began on it in March 1900 Thousands upon thousands of tons of blue granite were shewn and transported by rail from-blie Colomo quarries about six miles distant. and piece by piece there arose from the waters of the Pacific an elon-1450 feet into the sea, 87 feet in heighth, resting on a base 315 feet in width, and crowned its entire of man were brought from the Colomo quarries and deposited in this breakwater, those capping the outer surface weighing from 30 to 60 tons. Concrete monoliths weighing 30 tons were used to reinforce the outer

the harbor is 50 feet, alongside the wharves, 28 feet. "Industrially Manzanillo has sufextensive railroad system of the lances which have so enfeebled Charles Mexico during the past five years. ritories. The British consul in the

States, British Columbia, Central "When Mexico finally recovers and South America, and the Far from its political indisposition and personal injuries, \$2,060; Homeseck- street carman, returned less than East. The Pan-American Union, in gets down to business, the port of ers' Building and Loan Asociation an hour later from his work and 3914, reported that a group of Mexi- | Manzanillo will play a leading role can capitalists had made preli-lin her industrial development, and minary arrangements for the ex- the manufacture of vital, rather ploitation of the rich iron mines of than of lethal, commodities will oc-Colima, to be connected with Man-Jupy the larger share of the atten-

### NOTED HISTORIAN

MAY SPEAK HERE.

Through Mr. J. W. Craddock, a ings ever held by the Seventh member of the Louisiana Historical Society, John Trotwood, the well will take place Wednesday, April known historian and writer of Ath, at the hall 1634-36 North Dor- Nashville, particularly interested in renois Street. Matters of vital im- Louisiana history, the history of portance to every resident of the Andrew Jackson and the history of New Orleans, it is hoped says Mr. Farms, Inc. Judgment affirmed. and it is expected that there will be W. O. Hart, a member of the execua record breaking attendance. Be tive committee of the society, soon Bides the extremely important husi- will visit this city and address the ness which will be transacted, the members of the society, either at association will celebrate the fourth one of its regular meetings or peranniversary of its foundation and haps at a special meeting of which, of course, due notice will be given the most prominent citizens of the to the public. In this connection and an enjoyable time will be had its last meeting changed its meeting nights for the future, from the third Railway schedules on the Broad Wednesday to the third Tuesday, and Esplanade lines will be dis- finding that so many other meetings cussed and many other matters of were held on Wednesday as to inextreme interest to all those having tenfere with the attendance at the

#### BUTTER AND DOPE Two Alleged Drug Fiends Caught With Stolen Goods

Catching sight of Detective Henry Keuppier, said to be well known. police characters, dropped their burden in the store of Nick Roco. 1533 Gasquet street, and fled. Martinez and Jackson gave obase but the fugitives jumped over a fence two blocks away and escaped. According to Detective Martinez, they are drug fiends. The chase caused no little excitement in the neighbor-

# Stolen Automobile Was Recovered An automobile belonging to P. J.

vesterday morning by Mounted Pa--treet, near Canal. It is believed doned it after having his fun.

#### BOARD OF HEALTH DAILY RECORD.

Births Mrs. Gustave Chabaud, a giri 501

South Alexander street. Mrs. Percy Malone, a girl 1421

Music stret. Mrs. John Stanley, a boy, 632 Tole-

Mrs. Sebastani Villani, a boy. Charity hospital.

Mrs. Alexander Hill, a girl, 7462 Esther street.

Mrs. John Lacher, a girl, 4124 Coli-

### eum street.

Achillo Juned and Miss Alyn Cross. Arthur Vaughn and Miss Alice McGinnis.

Paoli Cucia and Miss Rosa Cosenja. Willie Jones and Lizzie Coleman.

Deaths J. S. Brady, 72 years. Joseph Jennings, 38 years.

Eugene Kelin. Conrad Kober, 39 years, 3129 North Claiborne street

Mrs. R. T. Leland, Mrs. (Widow) Mary Wilts, 56 Lawrence Duray, 43 years, Char-

Harold Joseph, 2 years, Charity hospital. T. H. Humphrey, 30 years, Tourd

ity hospital.

Shakespeare home. Josephine Watkins, 66 years, 3521 Saratoga street.

### THE COURTS

Civil District Court. Victor Lareche vs. David Wolf addict. Sirader De Falta ys. Eddie Chargois, notes, \$170; Peter Richard vs. Banker's Loan and Security Co., the construction of sea-walls for Inc., damages, personal injuries, to the power holding it as a base of the town having an extension of \$10,000; Harold Mathieu Muller vs. Emile Muller and August Muller vs Emile Muller and August Muller, modate nearly 200 of the deepest partition; Charles Larrigue vs. John drafts ships. The general depth of Loland, damages, \$7,500; Stanley A. Harvey vs. Henry Nienaber, claim.

\$192.50; Canebrake Mercantile Company vs. Kaufman and Flonacher. fered from the political disturb- et al., damages \$10,000; Henry Tissot vs. Sophie Spirs. widow, first marriage of Alfred Ruiz, now wife of Henry Charles Tissot, divorce; Alfred Turnbull vs. Edna Sarah Vance, his wife, bed and board: French Market Homestead Association vs. Mrs. Kate Cellar et al, ex. process, \$1,100; Mmc, Josephine M. Johnston vs. Jas. J. Howe. her husband, bed and board; Sixth ture show with her four-year-old District Building and Loan Association vs. Mrs. Eva Ross, et als., executory process, \$584.30; H. T. Cottam pass the bulk of Mexico's trade with Canal' with a view to extending and Company vs. P. Centanni, claim, \$120.57; Alphonse Bilito vs. N. O. missing all fears from her mind spe Railway and Light Co., damages, retired. Mrs. Conway's husband, a vs. Thomas E. Lynch et al., concussus; C. F. Dulaney vs. Jacob Schultz.

> damages, \$3,000. Successions

Ignazia Labordera, wife of Guisep-A. Liebel and Mrs. Elizabeth Kehrvalt, his wife.

tion. Court of Appeals

rendered the following decisions: By Judge St. Paul:

J. E. McAdams vs. Southern Express Co. Judgment affirmed. W. H. Hodges vs. Loisel's Model

J. E. McMahon vs. People's National Fire Insurance Co. Judgment reversed.

By Judge Godchaux: Charles Melito vs. Gaspar Pretri Judgment affirmed.

Paul Bottazzi vs. American Union Fire Insurance Co., of Philadelphia. Judgment affirmed. Miss Irma Victing et als. vs. N. K

Fairbanks Co. Former decree reinstated. By Judge Claiborne:

S. A. Harvey vs. Mrs. R. S. Hoyle et al. Judgment reversed.

Succession of F. A. von Puhl, Judgment reversed and rule dismissed as in case of non-suit.

Florence Heinrich, appellant vs William F. Kell, appellee. Judgment affirmed.

### A TRIO OF PEACE DISTURBERS

Hauled to the Calaboose-Quarrel - Over Money Led to the Row

Three men were arrested yesterday at the saloon of Charles Schutten. 419 St. Charles street, by Patrolman Bouny on charges of disturbing the peace. They were Dantel Showers. and Ray Pace, both of Gulfport Miss., and Harry Scull, 3721. Ulloa street. Bouny says the trouble started when Showers complained o fbeing robbed. The money, however, was later found in the complainant's pockets. He was additionally charged with being drunk.

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### FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Louisiana State Federation of Labor at the Association of Commerce

convention at the Association of Joseph Horton and Cleodice Meyers Commerce. The session, beginning on a charge of having a poisonous Monday, April 2, will close Wednes- drug in their posession. The police day, April 4. Delegates from every say a hypodermic needle and sevpart of the State are represented, eral morphine tablets were found They are requested to call at the in the woman's room. secretary's headquarters at the Monteleone Hotel for the purpose of registering their names.

The social deatures of the session nclude:

Monday, a sight-seeing tour of the city, in automobiles; an evening at the Orpheum theatre.

Tuesday night, hanquet at the Monteleone Hotel, addresses by Governor Pleasant and Mayor Behrman. Wednesday, excursion on the river on board the dock commissioners' boat Samson.

The program for today will be as follows: Invocation, the Rev. Mr. Reese; business session and nomination of officers. The entire day will he devoted to the nomination of officers. On the closing day the sessions will commence at 9 a. m., with the invocation by the Rev. Mr. Reese, followed by a business session. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the elec-

The joint committee on arrange ments comprises: E. J. Glannen. chairman; A. O. Leaumont, secretary and treasurer; E. G. Kleiser, A. M. Hull, George W. Moore, M. Korn, Frank Breverd, the Rev. William Reese, Otto mardElre foAttoramET 11 Reese, Ottomar Edler, O. G. Fernandez, J. W. A. Richardson, James Leonard, P. Brown and G. Wendt.

### BRUTAL BLACK BANDITS

Three Negro Robbers Beat, Gagged and Robbed Mrs. James Con-

way in Her Home. Police last night were still in the dark as to the identity of the negroes who early yesterday morning entered the residence of Mrs. James R. Conway, 35 years old, 3215 Bienville street, and after brutally beating her, stole jewelry and money amounting to \$31. She was unable to furnish a description of her assailants. Upon returning home from a nearby pieson Sunday night, Mrs. Conway beard a noise in the itchen. Seeing a cat in the rear she concluded the animal made the noise, and, disfound his wife lying on the floor 5:45 p. m.—Mobile Accommodation, 11:45 a. unconscious. Her arms were that 5:00 a. m.—Mostgomery Accome. unconscious. Her arms were tied behind her back and she was gagged,

As soon as Mrs. Conway recovered 7:30 a.m. - Sinday Gulf Coast Exand told of what had occurred, her pi Guglielmo; Mrs. Sophie Hunsing- husband notified the police and Paer, widow of Conrad Burger, John trolman Louis Kuepferle was assigned to the case. "The noise I heard I thought was caused by the 12:01 p. m.—Alexandria Local .... 3:15 p. m. cat." Mrs. Conway said yesterday. Miss Myrtle Garatic, emancipa- cat." Mrs. Conway said yesterday. "But I am now convinced that it was made by the negroes who were The court of appeals Monday hiding somewhere in the rear of the house.

"I don't know how long I was siceping when I was awakened by a noise in my rom and saw two negroes bending over me. I was too excited at the time to remember what they looked like."

Mrs. Conway told the police that after being bound and agged by the blacks, she was rendered unconscious by a blow on the head. The robbery was discovered some

time after Conway found her. While she was not badly injured in her scuffle with the negroes. Mrs. Conway was in a very nervous and excited condition yesterday. It had only been a month since Mr. Conway left a hospital after a serious operation.

## AN ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE

Despondency Over Illness Caused Eugene Mailhes to Take Poison.

Eugene Mailhes, 21 years old, 1030 St. Claude street, attempted suicide. by taking muriatic acid while alone in the plumbing shop of his brother at 1034 St. Claude stret, where he was employed as a helper. He was taken to the Charity hospital, where his condition last night was reported not serious.

Young Mailhes was found lying on the floor by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Michel Mailhes, 1030 St. Claude street. According to the police report, the youth's mother, Mrs. Louis Mailhes, attributes his attempt at self destruction to illness.

#### RIVER FORECAST The Mississippi River, below

Vicksburg, and the Atchafalaya will rise; at Natchez a crest stage of 47.0 to 47.5 feet, will be reached April 10th to 15th, and below Natchez the flood stages, 35 feet at Baton Rouge, 28 feet at Donaldsonville, and 18 feet at New Orleans, will be approximately reached April 12th to 18th; flood stage, 37 feet at Melville by April 12th; the Red River, below Shreveport, will fall and the Ouachila will not change much during the next is hours.

#### DUSKY DOPE DEALERS

Myrtle Herzog, alias Mabel Holmes negress, 1540 Centi street, and Morris Moore, negro, 1423 Ursuline The Louisiana State Federation of street, were arested yesterday at Labor is holding its fifth annual the former address by Patrolmen

### RAILROAD SCHEDULES.

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10 p. m -- McComb Accomoda-. m., 6:15 p. m., 9:30 p. m., and 11:25 p. m

o m. -Delta Express 20 a .m.—Baton Rouge Limited, 8:35 p 55 p. m.—Memphis Fast Express 7:35 a p. m.—Bayou Sara and Woodville Passenger tion will be held and the place selected for the next convention.

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The joint committee on automas. Southern Parific Lines.

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for Lafayette and all stations

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Fort Worth, Dallas, San An-California and intermediate

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Brownsville and other Texas points ..... LOCISVILLE AND NASHVILLE R. R. 9:35 p. m.—N. Y. & N. O. Limited 7:30 8:30 a. m.—Wash. & N. Y. Mail., 8:55

9:35 p. m. Birmingham & Cincin-nati 8:30 a. m.—Saheville Express. 8

8:30 a m.-Louisville dation 7:05 p. m. 3:25 p. m.—Guif Coast Accomodation (daily except Sunday 8:56 a. m.

TRANS-MISSISSIPPI STATION.

Texas and Pacific. port, ballas, Fort Worth and 

:45 b. m .- Torras Local 

### TERMINAL STATION.

Southern Railway System.
(New Orleans & Northeastern Railroad)

o. m.—St. Louis & Chicago., 9:40 a. n . m.—St. Louis & Chicago., 9:40 a. n . m.—Cincinnati & Asheville 9:05 p. n 8:45 a. m.—St. Louis & Chicago., 9:05 p. 5:00 a. m.—Meridian Accomoda-

New Orleans Great Northern. Depart.

rt. m.—Jackson. Columbia, p m.—Columbia, Bogalusa, Tylertown, Folsom 8:43 a. (Sunday Only)
7:35 a. m.—Jackson. Columbia,
Tylertown, Bognilisa. 8:03 p. 6:00 p. m.—Folsom. Columbia.

7:85 s. m.—Folsom. Govington, Abita Springs, Mandeville, Forest Glen, Lacombe. (isb. lawn. street.) Worest Glen, Lacombe, Oak-lawn, Hygela, Son Fouca ... 8:03 p. r Louisiana Railway and Navigation Co.

5:00 p. m. Lv... Shreveport .. Ar. 7:40 a. 2853 a.m. Lv... Angola ... Lv. 9:08 p. 8:48 a.m. Lv.. Bayou Sara Lv. 9:08 p. 5:95 a.m. Ar. Baton Bouge Lv. 8:00 p. 8:05 a.m. Ar. New Orleans Lv. 5:00 p. Angois ... Ar. 12:01 p. m 2:68 p. m. Lv... Bayou Sara .. Lv. 11:00 a. c 4:00 p. m. Lv. Baton Rouge Lv. 10:00 a. m. 7.03 p. m. Ar. New Orleans Lv. 6:55 a m

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(Unity)
7:30 a. m.—Point a la Hache .... 6:30 p. m.

6:00 s. m.-Shell Beach (Sunday Only)

# JERUSALEM MAY SOON PASS INTO HANDS OF CHRISTIANS

troops close to the walls of Jeru-phat. salem, and brings the possibility The most practical of all the enthat another race may write its deavors to modernize and amelioname in the long list of those who rate the conditions of life in Jeruhave field possession of the Holy salem are those projected and fi-City whose history, covering, as nanced under the deadership of a authenticated, nearly thirty-five philanthropic American, Nathan centuries, has recorded so many Straus, whose enterprises embraced changes of sovereignty in which the not only the establishment of bene-Israelite, the Assyrian, the Persian, the Egyptian, the Roman, the Greek, the development of industrial actithe Moslem, and the Frank have had vity suitable to the environment. their place. Jew, Pagan, Christian "Modern Jerusalem lies substanand Ottoman have in turn played tially within the lines of the old the part of besieged and besieger; walls, though an extra-mural comand it is now exactly four centuries munity has been developed in since the old walls were last threat- which are to be found the homes of ened, for it was in 1617 that the the more affluent of the city's peputhe roar of hostile guns.

about ten years after the Crucifix- the poorest of the people. ion, is hardly better defined than Railway connection is had with hand.

fence. The city possesses five noroad to Bethany,

ion those of the five hills-within has been able to "divide and rule."

Washington, D. C., April 2. - The the city, the highest of which is National Geographic Society, with Mount Zion, standing at 2529 feet headquarters in this city, in its above sea level and overtopping the daily statement concerning the geo-surrounding Valley of Hinnom by graphy of the European war, says of exactly five hundred feet, while Mount Moriah, a little farther to the "The progress of the British cam- east, rises nearly three hundred paign in Syria is bringing English feet above the valley of Jehosha-

ficent charities but also undertook

Egyptian Sultans were driven out lation, the foreign consulates, the by the Ottoman Turks, who then more important of the monasteries, captured the city. It is doubtful if schools and hotels. Neither here any city of like or even comparative nor within the walls, however, can importance has passed the period modern conditions of city life be since the invention of gunpowder found, due chiefly, of course, to the (1354) amid such immunity from fact that Jerusalem is without any natural water supply, the principal "The defences of the city, design- dependence in this regard being ed of course for earlier methods of upon rainfall which is husbanded in warfare, comprise the ancient walls, cisterns, the number of which, for a series three in number, and none private use have increased so it is evident, capable of resistance to greatly that the public pools are modern weapons. The last of these left with but scant supply and are defences, constructed by Agrippa used only in case of necessity by

either of its predecessors; and none the seaport of Jaffa, but there are of them can afford more than a none but the most primitive of strategic line to be strengthened by means of communication within the earthworks for the emplacement of town, where only a few streets are howitzers or other heavy guns, if it suitable for wheeled conveyance of he assumed that the Turks possess any kind. The population is about such weapons and have them at 85,000, the majority of whom are Jews, while the Moslems and tho "Topographically, however, Jeru- Christians of various sects number salem should be capable of being about 9,000 in each group. There is put into condition for prolonged de- little love lost among the Ohristian sectaries, it must be said, and their table hills within its limits, it is jealousies, especially as regards surrounded on every hand by fairly their privileges at the Church of the deep valleys, the most noteworthy sepulchre, have long been a jest to being the Valley of Kedron which the Mohammedan ruler; who has lies between the city precincts and seen at the Saviour's tomb a strikthe Mount of Olives, lying to the ing example of the envies and ambieast, and from which descends the trons which so long have enabled the Turkish conqueror to hold in "The heights of the Mount of subjection the masses of Christian Olives only slightly exceed in eleva- peoples in the Near East whom he

# WAGE INCREASES DO NOT KEEP PACE WITH RISES IN PRICES

down ten pounds, in 1916 that dollar purchased only a trifle more than compared with 1907, according to Labor Statistics in the U.S. Department of Labor, as reported in the April Monthly Review of the Bu-Despite an average increase of 19

per cent in wages per hour in the same period, and a reduction in cut the pay of the American work-

46 cities on food prices. In these clothes, which cost him more. cities live about one-fifth (twenty) the average cost in 1907. Of course, but wouldn't fit one of them,

A vital fact should be considered

It a dollar's worth of food, hought | men. In 1907 there were no jobs to in 1907, weighed the market basket | dodge. The land was crowded with dele men. At a conference of workers held at the Department of Commerce and Labor in 1909 to discuss seven pounds. The retail prices of the problem of unemployment, foo! jumped 39 percent in 1916, as Samuel Compers, President of the American Federation of Labor. the investigations of the Bureau of stated that "since October, 1907. nearly 2,000,000 workers were out of jobs," who had been working steadily prior to that time. Other estimates placed the number of men then idle at from three to four millions, Nowadays every man who wants work can find it-and that is a very important fact.

To make the difference in living hours worked of four per cent, the costs plainer, take the experience of rising cost of foods has operated to Denny O'Neill. Denny worked on the railroad in 1907 for \$1.40 a day of ten hours. Denny is a steady ingman about 16 per cent expressed man and he kept his work right in terms of food his wages will buy along. He got \$8,40 a week in 1907. A workingman who made three Denny's pay now-on the averages dollars a day in 1907, working ten found by the Department of Laborhours, in 1916 worked nine hours twenty-odd minutes less each day is \$9.75 a week. He works about and thirty-six minutes a day and than he did. In 1907 Denny paid drew \$3.48 for it; but it cost him five dollars a week for food. In \$1.17 to buy the same quantity of 1916 Denny had to pay \$6.95 a week food his \$3.00 would cover in 1907; for the same quantity of food. So so he really was 69 cents worse off. Denny's living was actually cut The Bureau of Labor Statistics during these nine years of rising gathers figures from forty-eight wages. He loses 60 cents a week, leading cities of the United States, not counting rent, which has not on union scales of wages, and from changed for Denny, nor counting

The averages of food and of pay millions) of our people. The wage qualified by reductions in hours returns come from eleven groups of worked rose at about the same rate organized workers. There figures from 1912 to 1915, so that during are taken from two bulletins, giving that time wages would pay for scales of wages and hours of tahor, about even quantities of food each and retail prices of food. Index year Actually, workers enjoyed numbers, percentages showing pro- better conditions in 1915 than in portionate rates of increase of re 1912, because they had more and duction, are shown for each year, steadier work. But war losses got The Department has learned that into the equation in 1916 and pushed that abnormal increase in food up food prices faster than wagese. prices shown in 1916 is still further There were some crop shortages increased in January, to 56 per cent, also, which contributed their share. and in February to 62 percent above Besides this, however, there is reason to fear that other elements are all these figures are based on conspiring to raise prices. Cold averages, and may not apply exactly storage, rebilling, reshipping and to individual cases. If an army withholding of commodities from uniform were made on the average marekt are suspected to contribute measurements of the soldiers if to the present abnormal rise in the would represent their average size, prices of food. Whether some persons have conspired to engross the markets the Department of Labor here, however: these figures do not cannot state. But the reports of the account for idle time. Until recent-Bureau of Labor Statistics seem to ly the Department could not get sa- lend some color to such an opinion. tisfactory figures on this point. viewed in the light of conditions re-But it is a matter of common knowl- vealed by a comparison of figures edge that jobs now are chasing through a range of years,