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\$3,000 Fee, Money Well Spent---Baltimore County Has Since 1918 Received Over \$50,000 A Year As Result

3,000,000 WITHOUT WORK
Government Investigation Shows Vast Army Of Unemployed In The United States.

(From the Washington Correspondent of The Jeffersonian.)

Between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 workers are out of employment. Department of Labor officials estimate. The estimate is a conservative one, according to Wade Skinner, assistant director of employment, speaking in the absence of Director John B. Demmons.

The division of employment is getting machinery ready to make a nationwide industrial survey. When this information is complete, the Department of Labor and Commerce are expected to act to avert national disaster.

Labor leaders predict soup kitchens and hunger riots in the coming winter unless steps are taken immediately to check what they claim is the worst wave of unemployment since the panic of 1917.

Warning that conditions such as now exist breed Bolshevism, will be issued by the public against buying is the un-Canadian Federation of Labor if a statement, now contemplated, is drafted calling on the unions to resist nationwide slashing of wages.

According to Department of Labor officials, conditions will not be permitted to reach the alarming state forecast by the labor leaders. A strike by the public against buying is the underlying cause of the present slump in industry, they said.

At the Washington headquarters of the National Industrial Conference Board, which represents the big employers of the country, it was stated that the situation is not so serious as it appears; that a readjustment of prices is taking place and that retail prices are bound to follow the downward trend of wholesale prices. There is enough work, the board claims, but unemployed workers refuse to accept jobs at reduced wages.

According to the Department of Labor, the industries chiefly affected by the slump in production are the textile, automobile, rubber and machine tools. Reopening the Warrenton, Ore., plant is increasing through the shutting down of construction and road building jobs.

According to assistant Employment Director Skinner, the "normal" number of unemployed in the United States each year is 1,000,000. During the years of the war and from the signing of the armistice up to the present time there was a shortage of labor. The unemployed could have had their pick of jobs at high wages.

The increasing flow of immigrants has complicated the present unemployment problem. The American Federation of Labor will demand restricted immigration through the raising of educational requirements and a distribution plan by which large percentage of the incoming European hordes may be diverted from factories to farms.

It is usual at this time of the year for the railroads to lay off men in certain departments, railroad officials stated; but more than the normal number of railroad workers are out of employment because of the decrease in shipments of steel and grain.

Lack of stabilization in industry preventing and industrial uniting caused by refusal of employers to deal with trade unions through collective bargaining are attributed by the American Federation of Labor as causes of the slump in production.

President's Thanksgiving Proclamation

The season approaches when it behooves us to turn from the distractions and preoccupations of our daily life, that we may contemplate the mercies which have been vouchsafed to us, and render heartfelt and unfeigned thanks unto God for His manifold goodness.

"This is an old observance of the American people, deeply imbedded in our thought and habit. The burden and the stresses of life have their own insistence.

"We have abundant cause for thanksgiving. The lessons of the war are rapidly healing. The great army of freemen, which America sent to the defense of liberty, returning to the grateful embrace of the nation, has resumed the useful pursuits of peace, as simply and promptly as it rushed to arms in obedience to the country's call.

"The equal justice of our laws has received steady vindication in the support of law-abiding people against various and sinister attacks, which have reflected only the baser agitations of war, now happily passing.

"In plenty, security and peace, our virtuous and self-reliant people face the future, its duties and its opportunities. May we have vision to discern our duties; the strength, both of hand and resolve, to discharge them, and the soundness of heart to realize that the trust opportunities are those of service.

"In a spirit, then, of devotion and stewardship we should give thanks in our hearts and dedicate ourselves to the service of God's merciful and loving purposes to His children.

"Wherefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of November next as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and I call upon my countrymen to cease from their ordinary tasks and avocations upon that day, giving it up to the remembrance of God and His blessings, and their dutiful and grateful acknowledgments."

WORTHY OF SUPPORT

Minstrel Show By Ex-Soldier Boys At Normal School Promises To Be Successful.

Anyone who has had an opportunity to "peep in" at the rehearsals for the minstrel show which will be presented in the auditorium of the State Normal School here on the evenings of December 10 and 11 by the Towson Post, No. 22, American Legion, wouldn't miss it for the world, neither would anyone who wants to have a good time and enjoy an evening of real laughter.

No one can doubt the excellence of the show when they realize that such fellows as Neil Hughes, of "Paint and Powder" fame, will be in the cast. He is recognized as one of the best black and white comedians in this locality. Bruce Hamilton, another member of the old "Paint and Powder" Club, but who is now known as "Rocks," will be in the black face circle of laugh agitators with his famous "Lam of Goodness." White Jack Butler is a stern old judge in his little court room at Towson, "Rocks" upon the stage at the Normal School will be quite a different character.

Albert Wheeler and "Chick" Gause, both well-known about the county seat singing and playing, will be heard in solo selections and in the chorus.

"Doug" Coulter, a "uke" player of no mean ability, will be on the program with the Hawaiian Trio from the Johns Hopkins University. "Russ" Greer, of Black Decade fame, will "split" his "chilly beans" to the accompaniment of a banjo. Yes, let us not forget Harry F. Kinkefelter, who has whistled before nearly everyone excepting kings and queens, and this may have been due to Harry's dislike to cross "the pond." Among the group of entertainers will also be the Hamilton Brothers, dance artists and bone ratters.

The closing feature of the show will be a solo from "Carmen" by George Castle, of Baltimore Opera Company, supported by a chorus of 20 trained voices. Mr. Castle is directing all of the choruses.

There will be no make-shifts in the way of scenery or orchestra, in fact any detail that goes to make up a first class performance. Scenery has been procured to suit the occasion and the orchestra will be under the direction of Capt. Louis Fischer, who, during the war, was leader of General Pershing's own band "Over There."

The efforts on the part of our ex-soldier boys deserves the hearty support of all inasmuch as they are endeavoring to raise funds to either purchase or build a permanent club house in Towson.

WILL BE DE-LIGHTED

News That Summerfield Crowther Has Left For West Will Please Price Et Al.

Members of the Baltimore County Taxpayers' League—or at least that portion of the membership now in active control of the League's activities—will no doubt hail with delight the departure of Mr. John Summerfield Crowther, of Bengie, who left yesterday for Toledo, Ohio, where he will sojourn for the next six months at the home of his son.

Although an active member of the League since its formation, Mr. Crowther did not approve of the League's fight for the proposed charter, and as the fight progressed he became more or less of a "thorn in the side" of the officers of the League who were leading the fight. At the last meeting of the League, Mr. Crowther was hissed and named as he attempted to voice his sentiments, and was treated with great discourtesy. He did not lose his temper, however, and recalling that old adage about "the love that became him, laughs best" bided his time, and since his election he has worn that smile that simply won't wear off.

Mr. Crowther planned to attend the meeting of the League called for Tuesday night at the City Club, and was deeply disappointed when he learned that the meeting had been called off on account of the rain. Perhaps the officers of the League got into the habit of a resolution which Mr. Crowther had prepared and had intended to submit for consideration before the meeting was called off. And now Mr. Crowther is off. But he left a copy of his resolution behind him. Perhaps some member will offer it at the next meeting of the League. It is as follows:



NO NEED FOR TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE'S FRANTIC EFFORTS TO ASCERTAIN WHAT FEE WAS FOR Commissioners Employed Special Counsel To Check Legislation That Would Deprive County Of Vast Revenue From Race Tracks; Duty Would Not Have Been Without Effort To Retain Sum

As a result of publication in one of the Baltimore papers of a certain fee of \$3,000 paid by the County Commissioners of Baltimore county to Attorney Elmer J. Cook for services rendered in behalf of the county at the Legislature of 1920, members of the Taxpayers' League (so-called) have since been making more or less frantic efforts to ascertain what the fee is for, and some have gone so far as to intimate that it was "graft," pure and simple.

It was expected that this fee would be the main topic of discussion at a meeting of the League scheduled for Tuesday night at the City Club rooms, Baltimore, but on account of the heavy down-pour of rain that night it was feared by the officers of the League that a quorum would not be present, and the meeting was accordingly called off.

In the official invitation to this meeting, sent out over the signature of William R. Price, Secretary, it was stated: "The recent revelation of the fee paid by the County Commissioners for lobby work at the last session of the Legislature is food for thought to all citizens who are interested in this money? The work of the League so far has revealed the conditions which must be overcome to get results."

In the opinion of a great many disgruntled taxpayers who are familiar with the circumstances under which Mr. Cook was paid the fee of \$3,000 for legislative services rendered at the last session, the League will "get results" detrimental to the general welfare of the county if its leaders insist upon making an "issue" concerning the payment of the fee in question.

The Acts of 1918, Chapters 89 and 90 provide that two-thirds of the racing license fees, amounting to \$3,000 per day, shall be paid over each year to the County of Baltimore for the construction or maintenance of public roads and bridges, the same to be equally divided between, and paid to the Maryland State Fair & Agricultural Society of Baltimore County, and the Whole-Hall Farmers' Club and Improvement Association after deducting expenses of the Race Track Commission, not exceeding \$1,800 per year. The county has thus received each year over fifty thousand dollars from these license fees.

The County Commissioners employed Mr. Cook as legislative counsel to represent them at the session of 1920, particularly with reference to any legislation that would deprive the county of this revenue. Chapter 273 of the Acts of 1920, Section 8, (being the Act which creates the Maryland Racing Commission) provides that this money shall still be paid to the Treasurer of Baltimore county, and Baltimore county is now receiving about fifty thousand dollars each year, in addition to about twelve thousand dollars each, that Timonium and White Hall Fair receive.

In view of the racing legislation proposed at the last session of the Legislature, which if passed would have deprived the county of this revenue, the County Commissioners would not have done their duty if they had not employed competent legislative counsel to represent them in the matter, and everyone familiar with Mr. Cook's work at Annapolis can testify that he earned his fee. Had he not been non the job the county, as well as the Timonium and White Hall Fair, would in all probability have been deprived of this revenue altogether. It was a hard, close fight that Mr. Cook had on his hands with many conflicting interests involved, but he won. And the fee he charged the Commissioners represented just about one day's receipts from the racing license fees, a very reasonable charge in view of the extent and character of services rendered, and the results achieved.

These license fees come mainly from the Pimlico track, which is now within the corporate limits of Baltimore City, due to the recent election in Baltimore county, due to the enfranchisement of women. Mr. Supervisors of Elections "cut according to the cloth" on the costs and were but about \$1500 in excess of their appropriation.

The entire election cost \$30,346.84. It is estimated that in the very near future a great many new precincts will have to be added to facilitate the election work.

DAMAGE IN "LOWRE END"

High Wind Causes Boats To Capsize And Wharves To Be Demolished.

In the "lower end" of Baltimore county, along the water front, considerable damage was done by the high winds of Wednesday last, launches and row boats anchored in the streams were capsized and in many places wharves were blown away; shore bungalows were also damaged considerably.

SMILING "RUSS" GREER.



Mr. Greer, who is associated in the Sales Department of The Black & Decker Mfg. Co., is a member of the advisory committee which is coaching the members of the Towson Post No. 22, American Legion, who will participate in the big minstrel show to be held in the auditorium of the State Normal School here on the evenings of December 10 and 11.

THANKS JEFFERSONIAN

Senator John Walter Smith Expresses Appreciation of Support Given By This Paper.

United States Senator John Walter Smith, who card a Baltimore unity over his opponent, O. E. Weller, but was defeated for re-election, sent the following letter to The Jeffersonian, November 6, 1920, Towson, Md., Gentlemen:

Please allow me to express to you my sincere thanks and appreciation of the interest manifested by your paper in my candidacy for re-election to the Senate and to assure you I am grateful for your kind articles in my behalf.

Very truly yours,
JOHN WALTER SMITH.

NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

GRACE.
Revival meeting starts at Grace M. E. Church tomorrow night.

Judge J. E. Bentz and wife, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Tracey and Mr. and Mrs. day with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Martin, day with Mr. and Mrs. Olivia Martin.

Miss Alma Shamburger Allen Miller and Edgar Benson spent Sunday with Misses Erna and Marie Armacost.

GLYDON.
Mrs. E. M. Mellor, of Sykesville, has been visiting Mrs. M. West and Mrs. Oscar Gray, of Butler, has been a recent guest of her mother, Mrs. J. Penn.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Cohen have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rita, to Mr. Abe M. Caplan, of Prince Frederick, Md.

ASHLAND.
Mrs. Rachel Martin and son, Frank, of Evans, visited her granddaughter, Mrs. Dora Perry, and great-granddaughter, Miss Mary Ann, Mrs. Martin is in good health and enjoying the fifth generation of her children.

Private suppers were given Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Wm. Perry. Mr. Long is expecting his discharge the first week in December.

PHOENIX.
Mrs. Charles Lyn and son, Hayes, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Arthur McCaskey.

The Women's Auxiliary of Frazier P. E. Church was entertained on Friday evening at the home of the Misses Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Prior, with their family, have moved to Lancaster Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Foster have moved to Mount Washington.

MANOR GLEN.
Gunners were out in full force in Manor Glen this week-end, owing to the scarcity of game in this section, many of them were disappointed.

Mr. and Mrs. M. and Mrs. Wm. of Baltimore, visited friends and relatives in the past week here.

Miss C. D. Henderson spent the week-end at the home of her parents.

Farmers in this section are busy getting their corn in before winter.

UPPER FALLS.
Mr. David Davidson, our efficient undertaker, has purchased a new Buick auto for his business.

King Winter arrived this past week and found many families unprepared with wood and coal. We will be very grateful if the storm passes without leaving a blanket of snow behind.

The gunning season is here in full force and the rabbits and partridges must be plentiful, according to some of the luck some of the gunners have.

Miss Virginia French, of Baltimore, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Thomas French, of Sherwood Forest.

Mrs. John Weise, of Towson, and family spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. French.

Mr. Wallace Kemp removed all his household effects from his home here to his new home on the Severn River last Tuesday.

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"Rainy Day" Philosophy==

"For this information you don't have to pay,
It should keep you in fine feather;
Lay something by for a rainy day,
And you'll always have dry weather."
—Luke McLuke in Cincinnati Enquirer.

There are so many better reasons for saving money that we do not like to urge people to save for the proverbial "rainy day."

However, it is well enough to be prepared for any contingency that may arise, and ready money is usually a great help in time of trouble. If in your own particular case you can find no other reasons for saving, then by all means save for a "rainy day." And may you "awys have dry weather!"

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WANTS \$656,285.52

School Board Asks This Sum For Year 1921. Estimate Includes Increase For Teachers.

Wednesday morning Superintendent of Public Schools, Clarence G. Cooper, was in consultation with the Board of County Commissioners with reference to the School Board's requirements for the year 1921, and presented a budget, in which it is estimated \$656,285.52 will be required to run the educational end of the county for the ensuing year.

The amount asked includes the running expenses of the schools, new buildings and increased compensation for the teaching force. In lieu of the vast amount of money asked for by the School Board and the continual cry for roads, there seems no likelihood of the Commissioners being able to hold the tax rate down.

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MAY INSPECT AUTOS

Motor Commissioner Noticing Developments of "Try-Out" In Other States.

Additional hardships may be put into practice, if the tests made in other States and being watched eagerly by Motor Commissioner E. Austin Baughman prove satisfactory.

It is understood that in the State of New Jersey as well as some others, regular inspections are being made of all automobiles and trucks to ascertain if brakes, steering gear, and all vital parts are in a number one working order. If the scheme is adopted in Maryland it will mean that a policeman may stop one anywhere and make the driver go to the nearest inspection station for a "test."

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