

ENGLISH MILL WAGES

Comparison Shown by Manufacturer Who Operates Mills Here and Abroad

GET BENEFIT OF TARIFF

Mill Operatives in United States Receive About Twice the Amount the Operatives in the English Mills Receive for the Same Class of Work and the Cost of Living is About the Same—Manager of Rhode Island Mill Says He Has Never Known an English Workman to Return to Live in England—Can Save More Money Where Tariff Protects His Labor.

The Mill News, a textile paper published at Charlotte, publishes a very interesting article showing that the tariff is the salvation of the millions of hands employed in the mills in this country, as well as for those in the other walks of life.

Mr. Harrison Benn, of Joseph Benn & Sons, Incorporated, is chairman of a company which began business in 1860 in Bradford, England, and president of a company which began building, in 1903, the huge plant, employing 1,500 persons at Greystone, Rhode Island, just outside of Providence.

The firm is one of the best known in the world in its line. The Rhode Island plant was erected on account of the tariff in order to compete for the business of the American market. The mills are now the largest of their kind in America, and their specialties are the finest grades of mohairs and alpacas.

In a recent statement Mr. Benn said: "I believe in tariff reform for England. I know that if the English workmen wish to improve their position, receive higher wages and have more constant employment, they should adopt a tariff policy for their country. I spend my time alternating between England and America, and I became so convinced of the importance of this whole matter that I caused a careful comparison of wages to be made to be made. Here are the results:

Wages paid in Yorkshire, England, and in Rhode Island to operators working upon the same machinery and using the same materials. The English workers had a week of 55 1-2 hours, the Rhode Island workers a week of 56 hours.

Table comparing wages in Eng. and Rhode Is. for various mill jobs like Wool-sorters, Men box minders, etc.

The workmen in our American mills do the same work that is done by our English operatives and get more than twice the wages that are paid in our plant in Yorkshire. Here at our Rhode Island plant they comb, spin and weave exactly the same classes of wool, alpaca and mohair and the same qualities of yarn and cloth as do the operatives in our English mills. They use identically the same machinery. They do precisely the same things. Indeed, many of our workmen here were working in the English mills only six years ago. The length of the working week is almost the same—56 hours here and 55 1-2 hours over there.

Mr. Benn also referred to the cost of living in the two countries, and said:

"I have never known a workman to return to live in England. The company has built a model village about the mills at Greystone and the operatives conduct their own co-operative store, just as they do in England. The secretaries of these stores made computations and the comparisons I have here."

Comparisons of food prices in co-operative stores managed entirely by the workmen of the textile plants in Yorkshire and Rhode Island:

Table comparing food prices in Eng. and Rhode Is. for items like Best flour, Best butter, etc.

"A Yorkshire butcher employed by the Greystone co-operative stores that the joints are not cut the same,

but that the prices realized for the whole animal are about the same as in England. I have ascertained the quantities of every-day necessities consumed by families ranging from two to thirteen persons and find the average cost at Greystone is 7 1/2 cents more than in Yorkshire, that a family of five will have to earn jointly 37 1/2 cents more per week to be equal to the families in England."

COMMITTEES AT WORK.

That they will be for him if he and his tariff board support the kind of modifications of the tariff schedules which will cover the difference in the cost of production here and abroad, which the President has continuously declared that he favors and which he has further declared can only be intelligently made when he has secured the facts through his tariff board and reported the same to Congress.

Where the Next Election Hinges.

This is the position which The Caucasian took several months ago, and which it emphasized as the true situation when the President started on his long swing around the Western circle. In short, if the President's tariff board makes as intelligent and correct report, which the Democrats cannot prove is untrue, and the President urges such revision upon Congress, then the country will stand with him, and if the Democratic House refuses to adopt such tariff reforms, the Democratic party will be hopelessly beaten before the next campaign begins.

The New President of Mexico.

On yesterday, President Madero was sworn in as the new President of the Mexican Republic. His inaugural address or message contained a special message to the American people, of which the following is an extract:

"I want to see American energy, brains and capital come to Mexico and assist in its development and progress. Americans will always find a friend in me and may government."

There is now over five hundred millions of American capital invested in Mexico, and therefore this message will be received with the greatest interest and with the greatest pleasure and relief by our people. If President Madero establishes the reforms in Mexico for which he has declared, it will mean that double the amount of American capital will soon be invested in our sister Republic of the South, which is so rich in natural resources.

Humboldt, in writing up his travels of the world, referred to Mexico as the treasure house of the world.

The Manchu Dynasty in China Overthrown.

It has been clear to every one who is familiar with Chinese history and who has followed the progress of the

present revolution that the Manchu dynasty, which conquered China less than four hundred years ago, was doomed.

The latest news this evening is to the effect that the Chinese revolutionists, who are the real native Chinese, have just captured Peking, the capital of China, and that a large part of the imperial fleet has deserted the Manchu cause and declared for the new government or for a Republic.

The Chinese Emperor and his nobles are reported to be fleeing from China back to Manchuria beyond the great wall. All of the leading foreign governments are represented on the scene by a sufficient force to protect European and American interests.

News also comes that Dr. Wu, who is so well known in this country as former Chinese Minister, has been appointed Director of the Foreign Office of the provisional Republican government which has been established by the revolutionists, and that Dr. Wu has declared his intention of accepting the office. Dr. Wu is a man of great learning and ability and was highly esteemed in the United States. His connection with the revolutionary movement is not only most significant, but will give confidence to the rest of the world that there are brains and stability behind the new government.

The Italian and Turkish War.

The latest reports are that Italy and Turkey are still engaged in deadly conflict over Tripoli. On yesterday, the Government of Italy proclaimed that Tripoli had been annexed to the Italian Government, and at the same time the Turkish Government sent out an appeal to the United States and European powers for intervention. It is not thought that our Government will intervene at this stage.

As has been pointed out before in these letters to The Caucasian, it will be some time before Italy has subjugated the Mohammedan Arabs who live in the hill country and the oases of the desert back of Tripoli, but one thing seems clear, and that is, that Turkey has been forever expelled from Northern Africa.

Missouri ex-Congressman Indicted for Using the Mails to Defraud.

Harry Marcy Coudrey, Democratic Congressman from the Twelfth District of Missouri until the last session, was arrested in New York Saturday by agents of the Department of Justice on an indictment returned against him and eight other officials of a life insurance company by the St. Louis Federal grand jury charging him with using the mails to defraud. He was taken back to St. Louis.

Though we never have lost any, most of us are looking for money just the same.

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Beattie's Lawyers Ask for Writ of Error.

Lawyers for Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., sentenced to be electrocuted in Richmond, Va., November 24th for wife murder, have filed with the Supreme Court of Appeals a petition for a writ of error. This move will act as a stay unless the court gives its decision before the date set for the execution.

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PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS.

NORTH CAROLINA—Wake County. In the Superior Court—Before Millard Mial, Clerk.

J. S. Hailey, Administrator of Samuel Chavis, vs. John W. Chavis and others.

This publication is to notify you that the above-named plaintiff has brought special proceeding in Wake Superior Court before Millard Mial, Clerk, against you as one of the heirs-at-law of Samuel Chavis, for the sale of the following lot of land, lying and being in House's Creek Township, and more particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Adjoining the lands of Thomas P. Warren and the heirs of James Cooke and commencing at a forked old-field pine between Turkey Creek and Sycamore Creek, and running south forty (40) poles just crossing Turkey Creek to the line of Cook; thence east thirty-six and one-third (36 1-3) poles to a pine, the line of T. P. Warren; thence north fifty-

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That the summons issued to Wake County for the above-named defendant—John W. Chavis—has been returned by the Sheriff of Wake County with this endorsement thereon: "After exercising due diligence the defendant—John W. Chavis—is not to be found in Wake County."

MILLARD MIAL, Clerk Wake Superior Court. Nov. 4th, 1911. J. C. L. HARRIS, Attorney.

The plaintiff has good reason to believe and does believe that the said John W. Chavis is now and has been for some time a resident of the city of Richmond, Virginia.

You are, John W. Chavis, therefore, notified to appear before the Clerk of Wake Superior Court on the 11th day of December, 1911, and answer, demur or plead to the petition which is now on file in the office of said Clerk, otherwise, the plaintiff will apply to the court for an order directing the sale of the land herein described, and the appointment of a commissioner to make the sale and execute a deed to the purchaser.

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