

State Commissioner Reports Much Idleness In Big Cities

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Raleigh, Sept. 14.—"Unless conditions change materially for the better in a short time, you are going to see long lines and soup kitchens in the larger cities of the country," declares Commissioner of Labor M. L. Shipman, who has just returned from a meeting of the International Employment Services in Buffalo, N. Y. The commissioner is convinced of his first impression of several weeks ago when he returned from a visit to some of the Northern cities, that employment conditions are much better in North Carolina and possibly other Southern states than they are in the Northern cities. He found more people unemployed in the North than the reports from the various bureaus indicate there are in this State, when the populations are compared.

The main trouble with the situation now is the inability of the employers to get together on a reduction in the cost of production, and the tendency on the part of some of the larger employers of labor not to be willing to take a smaller profit than they have been getting. He believes the Hoover conference of the employers which has been called for an early date will help conditions considerably if it is possible to get the employers of labor to see that unless they open their shops and make the business which will keep them open, conditions will get very much worse instead of better. The commissioner of labor believes the Hoover conference has much potential good in it, if it can put some of the things Secretary Herbert Hoover has in mind in asking for the meeting.

In connection with his discussion of the unemployment conditions generally, Mr. Shipman makes public the results of the work of the employment bureaus in five North Carolina cities.

dies during the week ending September 10. During that week there were requests for work from 232 men and 83 women. Employers of labor asked the different bureaus to find men for 290 jobs and women for 42 jobs. The five bureaus referred 263 men and 63 women to possible places where they could secure jobs, and actually found jobs for 239 men and 46 women, which is a pretty fair batting average as compared with the registrations. The division of the cities follows: Charlotte 55, Greensboro 40, Raleigh 72, Wilmington 67, Winston-Salem 51, or a total jobs found for 285 people. Of this number 87 were skilled laborers, 125 unskilled, 30 clerical and professional, 8 industrial and 25 domestic.

THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS.

Students from every section of the State continued to come to Raleigh on every train today to enter some of the educational institutions located here. The heads of the various schools declared it was impossible to get an accurate idea of the registration and class work would not start until the latter part of the week and all of the registrations would not be completed until that time.

Both State College and Meredith College were filled to capacity with boarding students last year, and the indications now are that there will be even larger numbers of students at both of these institutions this year than last. Rooms are being secured for the out-of-town students at homes in the community. St. Mary's and Peace Institute are also crowded.

The city schools opened on Tuesday for organization, with a registration that is over 500 larger than the previous year. The high school alone showed 100 more students this year than last. This is considered an especially good sign for the department of education has been making an effort to get more students to continue from the grammar grades through the high school.

Economic conditions are not causing any big decrease in the number of boarding students at the various other institutions in the city. It was predicted during the last session of the legislature that the schools were riding the tidal wave of prosperity which had washed to unexpected amounts of money in the rural communities of North Carolina, but that the schools would not need so much room during the coming year. Many students would drop out of the higher institutions of learning, and would enter some kind of immediately gainful work. But that prediction is not carried out this September for despite the economic conditions and the crop disasters and prices dropping, the farmers of North Carolina are sending their boys and girls to college in just as great if not greater numbers than ever before. State College, where many farmer boys come, will have more than it can comfortably take care of.

COL. JOYNER'S SNAKE STORY.

The Norwood dispatch of the black snake which swallowed a door knob and was afterwards killed arouses the interests of Colonel Andrew Joyner of the Insurance department, who is a thing of a student of nature and philosopher along with being statistician and publicity man for the department, for he has a snake story that lays this Norwood yarn in the shade. He does not doubt the suggestion that the Norwood snake swallowed the door knob. In fact he believes it entirely plausible but thinks the snake would have died of indigestion if it had not been killed.

Colonel Joyner's story might be properly entitled "The Sin of Greed" or "The Evil Effect of Mixed Diet" for it has to do with a lady snake who swallowed a china egg and some other things which did not balance up her ration properly, and thereby got into trouble.

"I had two black snakes about one of my tobacco barns down in Pitt county," Colonel Joyner declares, "kept them there to catch the rats about the place. The chickens on the farm, with a knowledge peculiar to the female of the poultry species, made up their minds that the tobacco barn was an ideal place for depositing their eggs, and had consequently made nests in many places about the barn."

"During the early tobacco curing season, I noticed one big black snake come out of the barn every day, climb a tree and drop from one of the limbs to the ground. This snake did this acrobatic act so often that it aroused my interest, and going to my old natural history I found that snakes, after eating an egg, would climb a tree, crawl out on a limb and fall to the ground for the purpose of breaking the egg. The next day Mr. Snake mounted the limb, I shot him, and true enough found out why I had not been getting my regular quota of eggs from the barn nests."

"Knowing this about a snake's nature and habits, I tickled me to think of that old Norwood snake climbing a tree and falling out in an effort to break the door knob," Colonel Joyner continued.

"But let me tell you what the lady snake around my barns did. She was eating the eggs also, but she was a believer in the conservation of energy. Instead of laboring over climbing a tree and falling off a limb to break the egg, she had discovered a small crack in a fence and after swallowing the egg she would crawl through this crack, the pressure on her body breaking the egg and enabling her to digest it."

"It was this circumstance, coupled with her greed, which prevented the use of a shot gun to rid the barn of this particular robber," Colonel Joyner continues. "Like the Norwood snake this male of the tree climber made the mistake one day of swallowing the china nest egg instead of her regular diet. On the day she made this indiscriminating mistake she started to crawl through the crack in the fence and was about half way through when she spied a gay and festive cotton tail in the fence corner. Putting her well known charms to work, the lady snake cast the spell of her evil eye on this little rabbit, and soon had him near enough to swallow him. This she did in short order and then tried to continue her journey through the crack in the fence. But when her body reached the china egg further navigation was impossible. The china nest egg would not give and the fence crack would not stretch."

"So there she was with an indigestible china egg in that part of her body on one side of the fence, and the rabbit in the head end. After struggling vainly for awhile, using up the strength of her tail trying to break the china, and the strength of the other part of her body trying to digest or disgorge the rabbit, she gave up her snakey ghost."

"Having seen that with my own eyes, and knowing the nature of the snake, every time I think of that old Norwood snake falling out of a tree trying to break the door-knob it tickles me better than a minstrel show," the philosopher and nature student of the Insurance department declared.



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Frocks for Fall have been treated to the straight silhouette perhaps with malice of forethought since it affords such wide scope for the display of eccentric Oriental trimmings of the most voguish contriving.

Suits are fashioned along two silhouettes — the jaunty box coat swinging loose from the shoulder or the long unbelted jacket, straight and slim. Foremost fashion forecasters state, "It's a matter of taste which one women choose."

Lingerie in the new tailored styles possesses a primness that is bewitching, a modesty that well becomes it, a practicalness that makes you long to wear it. And Autumn lingerie needs are so many.

Blouses in trim tailored styles will be selected for sports and shopping but costume Blouses, quite long, elaborately ornamented and in many smart new shades—Mohawk, Hydrangea Blue, Yellowstone, are Autumn's distinctive offerings.

Skirts of which at least one is so essential and more than one in these dashing new striped and plaided fabrics so desirable, are wonderfully varied. They're a veritable summons to the sports-woman.

Fabrics in the new Autumn colors and patterns are an inducement even to the novice who has never before been tempted to design her own costumes. The woolens of exquisite softness and the pebbled texture of satiny crepes are attractive starting points for the Autumn wardrobe.

Hats in every size and shape may be said this Fall without exaggeration and fine feathers bedeck many of them. For sports, for shopping, for evening wear, are becoming hats in the season's mode.

Hosiery is ever so sheer and plain of weave, and though longer skirts have come, Hosiery will still be prominent for Autumn footwear takes such pleasure in sandal effects.

Gloves to be worn with the tailleur and others as accessories to evening gowns besides the many in-between Glove needs are met by our Autumn groups in a way that insures correctness.

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