VICTORIA SEMI-WEEKLY COLONIST FRIDAY JANUARY 3 '90 E OF FRANCE'S Railway laborers in Japan are paid TRADED HIS WIFE FOR HORSES. from \$5 to \$6 a month, and work from 14 to 18 hours a day. Shareholders get 30 to 40 per cent in dividends. THE WORLD OF LABOR When He Wanted To Swap Back The Woman Helped To Beat Him. **MODERN FABLES** VERSES GRAVE AND GAY. BIG MONOPOLIES The members of the Masters' and Pilots' Association of Pittaburg, Pa., went on strike for an increase in salary from \$2,000 to \$3,000 a year. Tobacco Industry and the Large Profits Drawn From It. Consul John C. Covert, at Lyons, to the State Department at dgton an interesting report on the o industry in France. The to-business in France, he says, is a oly of the government, no indiviof the government, no indivi-g the right to make or sell a tobacco in any form sell ops," he continues, "are pt by women, the widows of fficers, often by old soldiers I am told that the widow to petition for permission all tobacco and cigar store, es in care of an agent. vn. In all the large cities e are also establishments de luxe, where the finer and tobacco are sold and y are owned by the gov-charge of men appointed are not permitted to reindividuals whom pen cigar stores. whom it right to keep a retail toigar store is considered rth worki.g for, and i every change of ministry is e an opportunity to the exer-appointine power of the govugments the number of sold in France annually tes to the state about \$79,137,-he expense to the state of buying terial, labor, freight, etc., is \$14,-leaving the very handsome profit 01,\$13. The state factories use 10 kilograms (59,026,325 pounds) stic tobacco and 15,000,000 kflo-33,075,000 pounds) of imported he domestic costs \$17.27 per 2000 and the imported \$27.88 per 200 Thirteen million kilograms 000 pounds) of the imported to-smes from the New World, most-the United States, and the larg-ntity of this (called Bunley) is entucky. the state about \$79,137 aty of the works in Lyons in other parts of France. Luca factories in France-three in d the others in the large cities, they employed 17,184 hands, 15,-whom were women and girls. Be-acse, there are 714 persons emis directors, overseers, foremen, ext year the factory in Lyons the 22,000 kilograms (48,501 fine-cut chewing tobacco, pounds of common smoking to-176,000 pounds of pure Mary-8,000 points of pure Mary-show points superior (composed publication of Kentucky, Mary-d the best domestic), and 2,530,-inds of common, called 'Scaffer-cheap smoking tobacco. This

156 630012 good cigars. 1 an effort were good market would be found in France. The Connecticut and seed filler ought also to ar among the cigars de luxe in cigar business in the United specially outside the large cities, l on largely in small shops and es, a description of the work-the factory in Lyons may teresting, and perhaps useful building ory is a four-story three acres of ground. g done to the tobacco, prepara-is transformation into cigars, is it in salted water. Then, in-pressing the weed to free if strong rank odor-contracted hile being packed during ship is dried in a hollow iron whee olves 100 times per minute o tobacco is stripped, the stem d into large vats, under presstream of water percolating rough them, and the juice thu dissold for sixteen cents per Last year the Lyons factory nearly 2,000 francs (\$386) from rce. One quart of this juice con-grams of nicotine—sometimes as 60 grams. It is sold to verurgeons, who use it upon anl-cted with the itch or other skin Large quantities of it are ex-Buenos Ayres, where, I am egarded as a cure for sheep' and ready for market, the packed by machinery, the ee girls contributing to make e. One places the wrapper tin frame, another places oden orifice and fills it with ch has been weighed by A slow hydraulic presought down upon the to-reducing it, when the tin anded back to the first pernishes the packing and pre-her form. The girls work dy. Three of them pack ckages a day, their wages weively, 60, 70 and 75 cents Thus 12,500 packs of tobacco p for about \$2.05, not countof the machinery. out women and young girls in making cigars, cigarette and in cutting wrappers s, and in cutting wrappers, is all done on the principle of of labor; the cutting of the the breaking of the fillers, the of the latter in the wrapper, utting of the little kinky head ar, all of which is done by one the small shops in the United done by five different indithe state tobacco factory in woman who cuts the with a little revolving with on the end of a handle, in e on the end of a namule, in-with the usual cigarmakers he cuts many thousands of a day, the work all being weight, and the girls by weight, and the girls or to whom the wrappers and brought ready for use make to 800 cigars r day. for which ve 45, 50 and 60 cents. hundred find eighty - eight ad girls, from 16 to 28 years ten hours a day in the ork ten hours a day in the intrument, and only one of them high as \$1 a day. Their situa-rery desirable, and there is now montications for places contain-tion names. There is one filler 500 names. There is one filler on which two women break ers per day. A enuning ma-use here, invented by an ema here, incented by an em-es the head on clears after iled, and does the work of lozen hands. Another ma-lakes 140,000 clearattes per to f the boxes in which the rs are packed are made of The wooden boxes are word from the heads of hoge-high tobacco comes here from States."

p tobacco is used on the fro where smuggling is preval-meet the competition of the con-article. Large quantities ar d to the inmates of information

state tobacco factory at Lyon ext year manufacture 5,500,000 that sell for two cents, and 1,-one-cent cigars, 20,000,000 cigar

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 llions of cigarettes. cco is grown in France, but antities are imported from the states, Brazil, Cuba and Java. imports from the United States, om Ohio is the favorite as rethe tavorue as ite-general preparation, aighest for cleareries, pronounced, good for places this belie incking and