

## STEEL MEN ARE DIVIDED ON AN EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Independents Doubt Success of New Policy Said to be Contemplated.

### FAILURE IN SWEDEN HAS BEEN CITED

Drift of Labor to Plants Working Longer Hours is Predicted.

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Pittsburgh, March 18.—(Continuation of the shorter working-period policy said to be contemplated by the United States Steel Corporation will result in failure and that there will be a drift of workmen to independent mills which retain the longer day, was heard in comment today by leading independent steel men of the Pittsburgh district.

While admitting there are two sides to the question, James A. Campbell, president of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co., largest independent in the Mahoning valley, declares he is opposed to a general eight-hour day because, as a general proposal, men cannot earn more than a living by eight hours' work, whereas they should have opportunity to "put some things aside for emergencies and old age."

He illustrates his point by citing the experience of Sweden, where the Socialist parliament inaugurated an eight-hour day only to bring the reduction, since, that it is a failure.

The independents point out that if their plants were to retain the longer work day, employees would be able to earn more wages than in eight-hour mills, and there might consequently be a drift to the advantage of the additional compensation.

Lately the eight-hour day has been in effect at many independent plants, but only because it is desired to divide what work there is as equitably as possible.

Mr. Campbell says he believes there

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## Deposed Priest To Be Absolved Now

Rome, March 18.—Bishop Fallon of London, Ont., has been authorized by the Holy See to absolve Rev. Philip Gnam, a priest who was excommunicated by a consistorial decree in May, 1914.

The case arose when Father Gnam, who was in charge of the parish at Wrentham, Ont., questioned the right of Bishop Fallon to remove him to another parish.

The case dragged through the civil courts and was carried to Rome when Father Gnam committed a breach of church law in calling the papal delegates before a civil court as a witness.

Later he admitted that he was in the wrong and made a public apology, and has been reinstated, and is now in charge of the parish at Aylmer, Ont.

### SUBMARINE RE-FLOATED

Westerly, R. I., March 18.—The United States submarine No. 1, which ran on Watch Hill reef, while manoeuvring yesterday, was floated early today, and taken in tow for the New London submarine base. She was apparently undamaged.

### ST. JOHN MAN CHOSEN

Ottawa, March 18.—At the annual convention of the public works Federation yesterday, officers elected included President T. G. Mathison, Toronto, and vice-president H. F. Bennett, St. John, N. B.

are instances where the eight-hour day should be enforced. In the sheet mills, for instance, where operations must be continuous in order to keep rolls at an even temperature, and where the work is constant, as well as hot and hard, he believes the eight-hour day is a necessity. He also is opposed to the long hours in other departments requiring continuous operation, such as blast furnaces and coke works, and has suggested that some arrangement be worked out whereby a sixty-hour week could be inaugurated.

Jonathan Warner, president of the Trumbull Steel Co., said that company has generally adopted the eight-hour day in all departments.

There is a general belief among independents that the seven-day week and the twenty-four-hour turn in changing shifts should be abolished. S. P. Kerr, president of the Sharon Steel Hoop Co., says three elements enter into adoption of the eight-hour day by the steel industry—attitude of the affected workmen, labor supply in normal times and the housing situation.

"It is a question," he says, "whether the workmen themselves will accept the reduced wage rate which it may be necessary to pay in cutting hours. Unskilled labor, as a class, is more interested in the amount of compensation than the length of the work-day."

### Housing a Serious Problem.

"The housing situation I regard as the most serious difficulty confronting the general adoption of the eight-hour day." In a letter such as Youngstown, thousands of additional workmen would be required to operate existing establishments. There are hardly enough houses and apartments now to supply the demand. How the housing needs of many thousands of additional workers could be speedily met is a question I am not prepared to answer."

The majority of the leading independents are uncertain as to what effect the institution of the shorter day would have in the industry, although almost to a man they are heartily in accord with the movement to abolish the seven-day week and the long shifts at turn changes.

Thomas J. Bray, president of the Republic Iron and Steel Co., and James H. Goss, head of the Briar Mill Steel Co., which ranks with the leading independents of the country, expressed sentiment not unlike Mr. Campbell and Mr. Kerr.

## Fancy Styles Dye In Men's Footwear

Visible Eyelets, French Toes, Ball Strapping, Colored Stitching Among Novelties.

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Boston, March 18.—Shoe manufacturers completing Easter orders, and post-Easter work, are trying to stimulate summer trade with a style production not equaled in many years in the men's line of shoes.

The men's trade is still slow, and most of the merchants are trying to move leftover stock by injecting novel ideas into it. Manufacturers and retailers have co-operated in this effort. Three types, especially, are coming in to favor among dealers for exhibition in the near future.

There is a return to the visible eyelets, renewed interest in the customs last, but the great feature will be the modified French toe. The chief characteristics of this is that it is square at the end, with a slight recess from the end and a slightly walled side. Another new last gives a short vamp, medium toe and outside and inside Ball-straps, extreme edge which gives a spade effect at the shank. One of the modified French toe last factories in Rockland, Mass., has already received orders for about 45,000 pairs.

Many New Styles.

There is such a profusion of fancy patterns in men's shoes for the coming season, showing perforations, pinking, ball straps effects and colored stitching that the coming fall season will sparkle with style ideas. Present indications are that the high-grade shoes will be selling on the retail market at between \$13 and \$15, and the medium grade will range between \$8 and \$12. Many new styles in the medium grades than in the high grades.

In the leather markets the business is quiet and apathy. Tanners are getting orders for only small quantities of sole leather and upper leather business is rather slow, as the manufacturers are well covered on their Easter orders. The demand for calfskins continues to be brisk, particularly in the light shades of tans for women's footwear. Smooth finished calf leather in men's weights ranges from forty to fifty cents and women's weights can be had from forty-five cents down on regular shades.

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