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WAGE-HOUR DIVISION APPROVES WESTERN UNION ALLOWANCE TO MESSENGERS FOR USE OF  
BIKES

More than 10,000 Western Union messengers throughout the United States will get increased compensation ranging from \$10.42 to \$20.80 a year for use of their bicycles in the company's service, Thomas W. Holland, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, announced today.

Messengers using their bicycles on company business during the day will receive 1/2 cent an hour, while night messengers, because they must provide headlights and batteries, will get one cent an hour on the basis of a cost of operation study conducted by Western Union and approved by the Wage and Hour Division.

The additional compensation will aggregate more than \$100,000 a year.

Under the Fair Labor Standards Act the employer must pay for the use of equipment or tools necessary to the conduct of his business when such equipment or tools are owned or furnished by an employee.

Messengers who use motor bikes and motorcycles already are being paid by the company for use of these vehicles.

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