

Chicago Merchants Want To Raise Wages To Girls

HOPE TO DODGE STRINGENT LAW BY THAT SCHEME

OHIO AND CALIFORNIA ARE PREPARING FOR THOROUGH INVESTIGATIONS.

OREGON ENLISTS IN WAR

Situation Throughout the Country as Pertains to Working Girls and Women Becomes Nationally Absorbing—Chicago Merchants to Make Overtures of Settlement Soon.

Chicago, March 12.—Hoping to prevent the passage of a minimum wage law as a result of the starvation wages and white slave revelation to the senate committee, big merchants of Chicago may voluntarily raise wages of girls. The State Retailers' association which included department stores, made overtures today for a conference with the state probers to this end. They think a satisfactory scale of wages for women can be adjusted by the agreement.

Probe Goes on. Springfield, March 12.—Stacks of telegrams and letters confronted the senate committee when they returned today to resume their deliberations. Communications from governors of 14 states, including Oregon, in response to letters from Governor O'Hara, promised immediate recommendations looking to white slave probes. It is learned by the probers that President Wilson sympathizes with the principle of a minimum wage and will be glad to receive them. The committee will probably decide tomorrow when to visit Washington, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Albany and Pittsburg.

After returning from the eastern trip the committee expects to delve into conditions existing in sweatshops and factories of Illinois. They probably will investigate conditions under which chorus girls are forced to work especially, regarding the danger of health and morals from improper dressing rooms in theatres where they are employed.

Ohio Taking Notice. Columbia, March 12.—Governor Cox is preparing a special message urging immediate passage of a minimum wage bill, now being drafted. It provides all mercantile establishments employing women and girls, shall furnish the state with names of the female employees, the number of hours they work and wages. It also provides a general investigation of wages to women.

California to Act. Sacramento, March 12.—"What is to become of working girls" is the question now of first importance before the California legislature. The senate is now ready to consider the minimum wage law, which Senator Bryant will lead the fight against the law. "Labor sees menace in minimum wage," said Bryant.

Government Forces Vaccinated. Washington March 12.—As a result of a smallpox scare employees of the war, navy and state departments were ordered vaccinated today. Secretary Garrison was the first man vaccinated in the war department.



THE GOAL.

—Macaulay in New York World.

REBEL FORCES GROW LARGER

FIVE HUNDRED MEN HEADING TOWARD SONORA. Fight Against the Huerta Government to Be Carried Forward.

Los Angeles, March 12.—With Nogales and Sonora as the objective point 125 California Mexicans, well armed, or moving eastward to cast fortunes with Constitutionalists who are fighting the Huerta troops in the Mexican border state. Five hundred have pledged themselves to the anti-Huerta movement.

Big Garrison Evacuated. Douglas, Ariz., March 12.—General Ojeda evacuated the federal post at Agua Prieta today, with command augmented by fugitives from the defeated garrisons at Nacozari and El Tigre. At the head were 500 men who marched westward apparently with Nogales as the objective point.

Commerce Court in Clash. Congress Held by That Body to Have Acted Unconstitutionally.

Washington, March 12.—Another clash between the federal court of commerce and congress, came today when the court decided congress was not empowered to make pipelines a common carrier and declared the interstate commerce law to that effect, was invalid. The decision involves the Standard Oil company in New Jersey and others. The court issued a preliminary injunction restraining the orders issued by the commerce commission regulating the pipelines.

PATROLMEN FACE QUIZZERS

WASHINGTON POLICE TESTIFY BEFORE COMMITTEE. Chief of Police Department Promises to Prosecute "Lowerdowns"

Washington March 12.—More than a dozen patrolmen and officers of the Washington police department were summoned to appear before the Jones investigating committee to explain why they failed to protect marchers in the suffragette parade.

Major Sylvester, head of the force, promised to prosecute some of the patrolmen before the police board.

California Demands Action. San Francisco, March 12.—Calling for the fullest investigation of the outrages perpetrated on women who marched in the suffragette parade at Washington, a telegram was today sent to the senate investigating committee signed by a joint committee of California suffragette organizations and also signed by many prominent leaders.

ARSON AGENT CONFESSES. Prominent Business Men and Insurance Adjusters Involved in Ring.

Chicago, March 12.—John Daniels, alleged captain of the arson trust, confessed today that he burned at least 20 stores in Chicago as an agent for the arson ring and said the loss in these fires reached half a million. He implicated a score of business men and insurance adjusters here and in other cities. The indictment of at least 40 prominent persons is expected.

GAYNOR MUST DEFEND LIBEL PROSECUTION

NEW YORK WORLD PUBLISHER WOULD AVENGE ALLEGED SLANDER.

ARREST OF MAYOR DELAYED

Magistrate Is Doubtful as to the Likelihood of the Charge Standing the Test—Late Veteran Editor Called Blackmailer by Gaynor in Speech of Recent Delivery.

New York, March 12.—Charging that Mayor Gaynor of New York libeled his father, the late Joseph Pulitzer, veteran editor, in a speech before a recent banquet of the South Brooklyn board of trade Ralph Pulitzer, one of the publishers of the World, today demanded of Magistrate Kernochan that he issue a warrant for Gaynor's arrest on alleged criminal libel.

Joseph Pulitzer amassed a fortune of \$20,000,000 by blackmail and indecency," is the statement which Ralph alleges the mayor made. The magistrate late today hasn't issued the warrant, declaring he is not sure the charge of libel would lie against the mayor, although a charge of slander might.

ELsie CAWTHORNE MARRIED. "Undesirable" Girl Marries Oregonian at Walla Walla.

Walla Walla, March 12.—Elsie M. Cawthorne, author of "A Year Without a Chaperone," and many short stories and whom the government authorities are trying to deport on the ground that she is unlawfully in the United States, was married today to John A. McNeill, of Sherman county, Oregon.

Mine Workers May Strike. Charleston, W. Va., May 12.—A strike of 75,000 miners of West Virginia is the announced plan today of Vice President Hayes of union mine workers. Hayes declared the strike will be called April first unless the strikes at Paint Creek and Cabin Creek districts are settled before that date.

SONS OF ERIN PLAN PROGRAM

MONDAY NIGHT TO FIND SUITABLE ENTERTAINMENT.

L. D. S. Tabernacle to Be Used to House All Who Wish to Attend.

The shamrock will be elaborately revered and Irish songs beautifully sung at a big St. Patrick's day celebration to be staged by the Knights of Columbus next Monday night. A program of music, presenting Irish pieces especially, will be carried out by local talent, and the address of the evening is to be delivered by Father J. F. Murphy.

The address and program is to be staged in the L. D. S. tabernacle where plenty of seating facilities prevail. In this way all who like to hear the old-time songs of Erin, sung by well known artists, and hear an entertaining address in harmony with the nature of the celebration, will be welcomed and accommodated. The complete program is now in the course of formation.

GEORGE WESTINGHOUSE. Air Brakes Inventor and Head of Electrical Manufacturing.



BOLD ESCAPE PLOTS BROKEN

MURDERER AND DYNAMITE TRY GETAWAY.

Man Who Is to Die Friday Stands on Guards for an Hour.

San Quentin, Cal., March 12.—Following sensational attempts at escape, Ponies Prantikos, a murderer and Carl Reidelbach, the dynamiter, are under double guards in the penitentiary today. Prantikos who will die Friday for the murder of two policemen in San Francisco, jumped from a low gallery as he was being led to the death cell. He climbed a tower in the prison yard and for nearly an hour resisted all attempts to dislodge him. Finally, bound hand and foot, he was lowered down.

Reidelbach, who terrorized the Los Angeles police station with an infernal machine was missed at the "check up," and search revealed him stretched on a belt in the jute mill, the body completely hidden.

ALASKA FILINGS THEME

Incriminating Letters Admitted in the Chicago Trial Today.

Chicago, March 12.—Incriminating letter were introduced in the trial today of Albert Frost and five others, charged with swindling the government out of ten millions in Alaska coal lands. J. E. Ballaine of Seattle identified a letter he admitted Frost wrote him in 1905, in which Ballaine is asked to see McCarthy and have the latter ask Fred Watson of Spokane, who filed on a claim to "stop talking so freely for publication," and is alleged to have bragged that Watson is co-defendant with Frost his claim was worth \$30,000.

J. P. Morgan may be asked upon his return from Europe, to testify in the case. Frost hoped to have Morgan establish a possible connection between the Guggenheim interests and efforts of private monopolies and individuals to secure rich government lands in the far north.

Adrianople Asks Help.

Constantinople, March 12.—Francis appeals for aid, accompanied by the declaration, "We can hold out only a week longer" have been received by army officials in cipher wireless dispatches from Shukri Pasha, he Turkish commander at Adrianople. He said that the exhausted supply of food and ammunition, scurvy, intestinal disorders are ravaging the ranks of the defenders.

FUSION PLAN ONLY REMEDY SAYS MUNSEY

EDITOR CALLS ON PROGRESSIVES AND REPUBLICAN TO JOIN FORCES.

JOINT CONFERENCE WANTED

With Republican Money Available the Two Could Join Forces and Form a New Party That Would Override the Democrats at the Next General Election—Individually, a Failure.

New York, March 12.—Apparently abandoning the idea that Progressives alone will prove strong enough to win the next national battle from the Democrats, Frank Munsey, friend of Colonel Roosevelt, has issued today an appeal in his publication to both Republicans and Progressives to meet on neutral ground and organize a new party.

Munsey says the Republicans have plenty of money and more newspapers than the Progressives and declares the plan to raise campaign funds by popular subscription will prove a fallacy, adding, "All attempts to raise money of considerable amount that way will prove flat failures."

Munsey suggests that if 40 per cent of the Republican voters will pledge themselves to send delegates to the national conference and a like percentage of Progressives do the same, it will mean victory in the end.

BROTHERHOOD CHIEF HERE

ASSISTANT TO CHIEF STONE CALLS ON MEMBERS.

Local Division Has Special Meeting to Meet Prominent Official.

Members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, this division, are today enjoying a fraternal visit from one of the highest officials in the national brotherhood, Ash Kennedy, assistant grand chief—under Grand Chief Warren S. Stone, at the head of what has long been known as the greatest labor organization in history—is in the city today and this afternoon meet with the division at a specifically called meeting. Mr. Kennedy lives at Winnipeg, Canada, and is touring the western states, calling on the brotherhood divisions. The La Grande division is entertaining their distinguished guest today and as many engineers as possible have been meeting.

B. of L. E. Chairman George Barnhart of the O.-W. is here with Mr. Kennedy as escort.

Clark Given Rights. Washington, March 12.—Speaker Clark was permitted today to practice before the supreme court. He neglected to obtain admission before.

SALOONS TO OBSERVE GOOD FRIDAY.

San Francisco, March 11.—Two hundred and fifty saloons will close from noon to three on Good Friday in honor of the death of Christ. Many moving picture houses will do likewise.