



HOURS AND WAGES OF GIRLS ARE FIXED

Oregon Again Leads in Laws for Employes

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION ACTS

Female Workers Under 18 to Quit Before 6 P. M.

LOWEST PAY IS \$1 A DAY

Ruling Does Not Apply to Domestic Service—Day of 8 Hours and 20 Minutes Is Maximum—Employers Get One Concession.

It will be unlawful in Oregon to employ a girl under 18 years of age for more than eight hours and 20 minutes a day, or 70 hours a week, after October 4, 1913.

It will also be unlawful to keep a girl under 18 employed after 6 P. M., or to pay a girl from 16 to 18 less than \$1 a day, except in the cases of apprentices and learners.

Such was the first ruling of the Oregon Industrial Welfare Commission. The Commission was organized last June under the law enacted by the last Oregon Legislature, which provides that the ruling shall take effect 60 days after its adoption.

The ruling is the first instance of compulsory minimum wage legislation in the United States. Massachusetts has a minimum wage law, which is not compulsory. California and Washington have minimum wage laws, modeled after Oregon's, and Wisconsin and Minnesota, now have similar laws, but the commissions of these states were slower in getting into action than the Oregon Commission.

Penalties Are Provided.

The law provides that any employer who shall violate the ruling of the Commission shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$25, nor more than \$100, or imprisonment in the county jail for not less than ten days, nor more than three months, or both fine and imprisonment, for each offense.

The ruling applies to girls employed in virtually every capacity except that of domestic service. It includes retail and wholesale stores, telephone exchange, telegraph offices, hotels, restaurants, laundries and factories.

For the reason that male minors are employed at such a diversity of work and under conditions different from those under which girls work, the Commission did not include them in its ruling. After further investigation, the Commission will submit its recommendations to another public hearing, as was done yesterday, and issue a ruling applying to them.

Two Procedures Differ.

The procedure of the Industrial Welfare Commission in regard to minor workers, or those under 18, differs from its dealings with adult workers in that no conference is called to consider the case of the minor. The Commission makes its own investigations, decides on its recommendations, submits them to a public hearing, at which the issues involved are open for discussion from all angles, and then renders its ruling. In dealing with the cases of adult women workers—for adult males workers are not included in the scope of the Commission—the Commission calls a conference, the recommendations of which it may accept or reject, but which in their final form it submits to a public hearing before making its ruling.

The recommendation of the Commission, as submitted yesterday, was for an eight-hour day, or 48 hours a week for girl workers under 18.

Employer Asks Concession.

Rev. Father O'Hara, chairman of the Commission, presided, and when he asked for expressions from the representatives of the various industries, W. P. Olds, of Olds, Wortman & King's department store, said that a little more than eight hours was needed, and asked for eight hours and 15 minutes.

"We employ 800 women, and only 64 minors, including boys and girls," said Mr. Olds. "We have tried to arrange our day's work so that the public will be best accommodated during the luncheon period, and so that the employes may get streetcars for home before the evening rush. We open at 8:30 and close at 5:30, with three-quarters of an hour for lunch."

Chairman O'Hara asked if Mr. Olds desired that minors should work eight and a quarter hours.

"Yes," said Mr. Olds, "and we believe that in comparison to other lines of work in which longer hours have been established—manufacturing, with a nine-hour day—this is reasonable. Conditions are much better in the stores than they are in the factories, and the work is less fatiguing."

Six o'Clock Ruling Favored.

Mr. Olds said he had no objection to the recommendation that the girls should not be employed after 6 o'clock, as the ruling would apply to all stores.

"This question of having the day long enough so that we can give our patrons proper service at noon is one in which we are most concerned," he said.

Neither had the department stores any objection to paying girls between 16 and 18 a minimum wage of \$1 a day, he said, as that wage is already paid.

E. Beening, district commercial su-

FIREBOAT FAILS AT WATERFRONT BLAZE

CAMPBELL FALLS DOWN THIRD TIME WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

Vessel Shows Grace and Speed but Appears Unable to Raise Steam When Flames Break.

Portland's new \$125,000 fireboat, the David Campbell, was tried and found wanting again last night for the third time within two weeks.

Fire broke out in the plant of the Western Mantle Works at 25 Front street at 9:30 last night. Two alarms were turned in, and the David Campbell responded by running up to the dock in the rear of the building in which the fire was located, about 175 feet from the waterfront.

The David Campbell remained in this position—a strategic one as long as the fire did not become general, in which case she would have been in grave peril—for about 30 minutes, during which time she was utterly unable to "raise the vacuum," which is the technical way of saying that she didn't throw any water.

However, the Campbell proved her ability to make good, in which case, even under the most humiliating circumstances, by gracefully steaming out into the river after the fire had been subdued by the engines.

Those who watched the performance last night declare the new fireboat is in no danger from destruction from any fire that does not originate in her own hold.

The fire started last night in the second story of the two-story brick building occupied by the gas mantle factory. It is thought from combustion of acids used in the preparation of the mantles.

The building occupied by the Goodman Brothers Shoe Company, 30-32 Front street, caught from the roof and some damage was done in a garage on the top of the building and its stock, mainly due to the wetting, is estimated at about \$1000. The damage to the building occupied by the Western Mantle Works is about \$700, with an additional loss of several hundred dollars on the equipment.

CITY EMPLOYEES LOSE JOBS

Workers in Engineering and Water Departments Are Dropped.

Following announcement yesterday by City Commissioner Dieck that the number of employees of the City Engineering Department is to be materially reduced, four employees of the Street Extension Department were notified that they would be dropped from the service within the next few days. The four are Martin R. Hausmann, Minnie Wohlers and E. L. Vinman, clerks, and Wilhelmina L. Lindhard, stenographer.

The cases given for their removal is lack of funds in the department, shortage of work and a change in the methods of transacting the business. Commissioner Dieck said yesterday that other changes would be made.

A change in the Water Department will result in the dismissal of probably 30 employes this morning.

The office force of the Water Department now numbers 47. It is said a plan has been worked out whereby the number can be reduced to 14.

DOCK DANCE FLOORS URGED

Business Men's Club Wants City to Use Space for Fun.

Dancing on the roofs of the docks which the Dock Commission will construct, dancing on a concrete floor 550x300 feet, band concerts and other entertainments are some of the things which the executive committee of the East Side Business Men's Club proposes and which are being urged upon the Dock Commission and the City Commissioners. Plans for utilizing the roofs of the docks were outlined at a meeting yesterday.

The executive committee of the Business Men's Club favors dances under municipal auspices, holding that no floor is so ideal for proper worship of the Goddess Terpsichore as a concrete floor. The roofs are part of the plans and specifications of the new docks, and to date no suggestions other than this have been put forward for making use of the space they will occupy.

It is argued that the river front also is ideal for band concerts.

CHURCH GETS BIG LEGACY

Walla Walla Man Leaves \$5 to Widow, \$10,000 to Religious Aid.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—The will of Campbell Robinson, who died last week in Seattle while on a visit from Walla Walla, was filed here today.

Robinson leaves \$10,000 to the First Baptist Church, \$5 each to his widow and F. V. C. D. and Samuel E. three sons. A life interest in his town home is given to another daughter, Lillie M., and the rest of the estate goes to Harry H. Robinson and Myrtle Robinson, the two youngest children.

23 CONVICTS BAPTIZED

Laundry Tank Utilized by Those Who Prefer Immersion.

LANSING, Kan., Aug. 5.—While scores of their fellows stood about witnessing the ceremony, 23 convicts at the State Prison here were baptized in the prison laundry Sunday afternoon. Thirteen of the converts were women.

A week ago Sunday 19 prisoners were baptized by sprinkling. Last Sunday, however, a huge tank in the laundry was utilized and the converts were immersed.

HUERTA REITERATES 'HANDS OFF' POLICY

No Compromise Will Be Considered.

RESIGNATION NOT COMING

Lind's Mission as Mediator Held to Be Gratuitous.

ENVOY MAY BE IGNORED

Official High in Mexican Life Says People Will Resent Interference—Exciting Reception Is Not Impossible.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 5.—President Huerta tonight reiterated the declaration of his policy of "hands off" in reply to a question as to what would be his attitude in case an offer of mediation should be made by the United States through John Lind, who is coming here as the personal representative of President Wilson, to act as adviser to the American embassy.

"I have said publicly," President Huerta declared, "that I will not accept mediation or intervention of any kind, because national dignity and honor do not allow it. I have declared also that I will not treat with rebels, and much less will I do so if doing so involves a flagrant violation of our sovereignty.

"All should be joined in the bonds of peace, rejecting all suggestions of a violation of a sovereign and insult that may be offered to our national dignity."

Huerta Will Not Resign.

Personal friends of President Huerta, who appear to enjoy his confidence, vigorously assert that he will not consider resigning or any compromise with the rebels. They say they would regard as gratuitous the sending of a representative here by the United States with the announcement that he is intended ultimately to be Ambassador, but whose primary mission is to act as mediator. They insist that if the United States is sincere in its desire to restore peace, the most practicable way to this end would be the recognition of the Huerta government.

That any suggestion by Mr. Lind or any other foreigner that President Huerta shall resign in favor of a provisional President or that a compromise be effected with the rebels would be regarded as unfriendly interference and would be resented by the government, was the comment of one man high in official life today. He added that mediation from the outside was out of the question.

As simply a personal representative of President Wilson, this man concluded on Page 3.

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DIGGS PLEADS IN VAIN FOR CHANGE

Trial in Sacramento Not Permitted

CONTENTION IS CUT SHORT

Judge Says Delay of Year Would Be Result.

GIRLS NOT IN COURTROOM

Beginning Made in Selection of Jury to Try Young Man Accused of Violation of Federal White Slave Act.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 5.—(Special.) Strenuous attempts on the part of the defense to have the trial of Maury I. Diggs, ex-State Architect, accused of violating the Mann white slave act, transferred to Sacramento, were frustrated today when Judge Van Fleet, sitting in the first division of the United States District Court, denied the motion of Attorney Marshall Woodworth, for the defense, for a change of venue.

Immediately following the denial of Woodworth's motion, the impanelment of the jury was begun. Only 27 names remained out of the 100 summoned on the regular term venire, all the others having been excused either for the whole or a portion of the three months' term.

When court adjourned at noon the box was filled with 12 of the 27 men remaining on the panel, not one of whom had been passed.

Many Veniremen Excused.

More than an hour of the morning session was consumed with the hearing of excuses by the veniremen, scores of whom were excused on account of interference with business, family illness, official connection with the United States Government and other reasons.

After the hearing of excuses, Attorney Woodworth moved that the trial of Diggs be transferred to Sacramento, reading a lengthy affidavit made by Diggs in support of his motion.

The affidavit set forth that the defendant invoked his constitutional right to be tried where the alleged offense was charged in the indictment to have been committed. It said that Diggs's home, relatives and friends were all in Sacramento and that it would seriously hinder and embarrass his defense to try him in San Francisco.

Diggs Has 30 Witnesses.

The affidavit said that Diggs had 28 witnesses in his behalf from Sacramento and ten from Reno. He pleaded inability to pay the cost of transportation.

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VEREIN CONDEMNS ANTHEM "AMERICA"

NATIONAL HYMN DECLARED TO BELIEVE ITS NAME.

DEMOCRATIC RIFT ON CURRENCY WIDE

Bill Goes to Caucus in Face of Protests

FIGHT WILL BE CONTINUED

Savings and Trust Amendment to Be Opposed.

OPEN CAUCUS DEMANDED

While House Members Dispute Over Provisions, Senators Also Have Passage at Arms Over Proposed Legislation.

CATTLE RUSH TO MARKET

Drouth in Middle West Forces Prices Down in Kansas City.

"LAZY" POLITICIAN IS HELD

Washington Democrat Is Arrested for Deserting His Family.

TRAIN HITS GILTNER AUTO

Portland Attorney, Wife and Two Friends Have Narrow Escape.

LIGHTNING DOESN'T WAKEN

Sleeper Dreams on Amid Wreckage of Demolished Bed.

GARRISON TROOPS LOSE

Government Administration Re-Established in Chin Kiang.

SHANGHAI

Aug. 5.—Northern troops, under command of General Hu, inflicted a severe defeat on the Chin Kiang garrison yesterday. Terms were then made with General Hsu for the re-establishment of the government administration in the town. Late last night, finding the northerners occupying positions on the Chin Kiang side of the Chankai River, the garrison attacked the northerners. Two hundred northerners were killed.

BIG CAT ATTACKS CHILDREN

Leopard, Escape From Circus, Kills Dog and Hides From posse.

RED LAKE FALLS, Minn., Aug. 5.—A leopard, which has been at large since escaping from a circus at Crookston several weeks ago, attacked the two children of William Wageman at his farmhouse near here today. The lives of the children were saved by the family dog, a Scotch collie, which charged the animal, diverting its attention while the children escaped into the house. After it had killed the dog, the leopard escaped into a cornfield.

This afternoon more than 100 citizens, including business men and farmers, organized to participate in a systematic hunt for the animal.

