

GIRLS POORLY PAID CANDY FACTORIES

New York Legislature Commission Declares "Something Must Be Done."

WAGES AVERAGE \$5 WEEK

Lieutenant-Governor Heads Body That Learns 2000 in Greater New York Get Less Than \$6 in Paper Box Plants.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Low wages are paid in the confectionery and paper box industries of the state, the state factory investigating commission reported to the Legislature tonight along with an urgent recommendation for better remuneration for these classes of employees.

The report shows that in Greater New York city confectionery workers generally obtain \$5 a week. The majority of male workers receive between \$5 and \$14. More than half of the men receive less than \$10 a week. One-half of the women get less than \$8 a week, while some receive as low as \$4.50 a week.

In the paper box industry the majority of women workers are rated under \$6.50 a week. Almost 2000 women, or nearly one-half of all over 18 years of age in the trade, earn less than \$6 for a week's work. More than 700 girls under 18 years of age, or almost half of those reported, earn less than \$5 a week.

"These figures show conclusively the necessity for an improvement in wages," Lieutenant-Governor Wagner, chairman of the commission, said. "No woman can live properly and be self-supporting on a wage of \$5 or \$6 or even \$7 a week, yet we find thousands of women receiving those amounts. It is clear that something must be done to remedy the situation. Just what the remedy shall be has not been determined."

The commission, together with its report, submitted a complete recodification of the labor law. The maximum penalty was increased for a first offense from \$50 to \$500 and a prison sentence of 10 days made possible for a second offense the penalty was raised from \$250 to \$2500.

Investigation into the wages paid in department stores, mercantile establishments and shirt factories is still in progress.

DENVER CAMPAIGN ENDS

Voters to Decide on Water Plant and Tunnel Bonds Today.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 16.—With more than 12 hours devoted to almost continuous speaking throughout the business and residential sections of Denver, one of the bitterest election campaigns in the history of the state came to an end tonight. Eight charter amendments are to be voted upon, but the interest of the campaign centered in the controversy between what was known as the retailers' contract plan, which provides for the municipal purchase of the Denver Union Water Company, now operating without a franchise, and the Consumers' League, which favors the construction of a new water plant by the city.

An amendment authorizing the issuance of \$20,000,000 bonds for the construction of a railroad tunnel west through Jamez and the adjoining Denver directly with Salt Lake City, and other of the more important questions to be decided at tomorrow's election.

LAW OFFICERS SENTENCED

Deputies Who Killed Striking Copper Miner Go to Prison.

HOUGHTON, Mich., Feb. 16.—The four defendants in the Seaberville murder case, convicted yesterday of manslaughter for the killing of Steve Pritch, a striking copper miner, were sentenced today to indeterminate terms in Marquette Prison tomorrow.

James Cooper, Arthur Davis and William Groff, guards employed by the Waddell-Mahon agency, must serve a minimum of seven years, a maximum of 15, with a recommended maximum of 15. Edward Polkinghorne, a deputy sheriff, subject of the same maximum and minimum, received a recommended minimum of 13 years because the jury suggested clemency in his case.

A motion for a new trial was overruled and the four men will be taken to Marquette Prison tomorrow.

A subscription fund was started at a meeting of citizens for the dependents of the convicted men.

REBELS HOLD HAITI TOWNS

Commander of Gunboat Reports No Places in Hands of Federals.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Progress of the Haitian government campaign against the rebels in the north of the island was reported in naval dispatches today. Commander Dier, of the gunboat Wheeling, at Port au Paix, under yesterday's date, announced that he had found no place in the hands of federal troops and that the town was quiet. The Haitian gunboat Nord Alexis was to leave Port au Paix for Cape Haytien yesterday under orders from General Zaner to blockade Cape Haytien and Port Liberte.

Commander Harrison, aboard the cruiser San Francisco at Cape Haytien, reported the place quiet with about 100 revolutionists in possession of the town.

NAVY OFFICER OUT ON BAIL

Surgeon Shoots Annapolis Boy Who Breaks Ice on Skating Rink.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 16.—Superintendent Pulliam, of the Naval Academy, ordered a board of investigation today to inquire into the action of Passed Assistant Surgeon Ralph W. McDowell, who shot Frank Green, of Annapolis, yesterday. The latter was breaking ice in a creek on which the officer and a party of friends were skating. Surgeon McDowell has been admitted to bail and will soon have a hearing. Green is not seriously wounded.

COAL CASES ARE ARGUED

Federal Prosecutor Says Men Hired to Take Up Claims.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 16.—Arguments in the trial of Charles F. Munday and Archie W. Shiels, charged with

conspiracy to defraud the United States of Alaska coal lands by the use of dummy entries, were begun today. Burdette D. Townsend, assistant to the Attorney-General of the United States, summing up for the Government, declared the evidence showed that in 1904 Algernon H. Stracey paid men \$100 each for the use of their names in the locations.

The men were marched up, filed notices of locations, gave powers of attorney and deeds to their locations to the Alaska Development Company and drew their pay," said Townsend. Afterward, said the prosecutor, the Land Office ruled that such transfers were void, and Stracey, who had filed the papers with the Recorder of the Kayak office, wrote to Recorder Britton and begged him, if his conscience would let him, to cancel all the locations. The same lands were afterward located by another group of men, who also gave deeds to the Alaska Development Company, which were not recorded, the prosecutor said.

Townsend had not concluded when court adjourned at noon, and continued this afternoon. He will be followed by the three attorneys for the defense. It is expected the case will go to the jury tomorrow night.

PLANS FOR DUEL HALT

QUINTON TELLS AVIATOR VEDRINES TO FIGHT ROUX FIRST.

Birdman Who Insulted Roux Now Declines to Meet Him Until Jury of Honor Shall Clear Charges.

PARIS, Feb. 16.—An apparent deadlock has occurred in the arrangements for the duel between Jules Vedrines, the aviator, and Rene Quinton, president of the French Aerial League. M. Quinton's seconds met M. Vedrines' seconds, speaking throughout the day according to the laws of the duel, Vedrines must fight Henri Roux, whom he insulted and then refused satisfaction, before any other duel could be considered. They added that, quite apart from this, they were of the opinion that M. Quinton's telegram to Vedrines, suggesting that he fight Roux, did not constitute a cause for complaint.

Vedrines' seconds communicated this decision to him in writing and the aviator explained that he had struck Roux because he had serious reasons for doing so and that he refused to fight Roux until a jury of honor had cleared Roux of charges which lay against him.

Roux, Vedrines continued, declined to submit himself to a jury. It now seemed that as long as he maintained that position Quinton would not fight.

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HOMAGE PAID TO HEROES OF MAINE

Ceremony at National Cemetery Marks 16th Anniversary of Disaster.

SNOWY GRAVES BEDECKED

Stanch Little Vessel Ploughs Into Ice Floes of Potomac to Strew Evergreens on Water—President of Cuba Sends Note.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Homage to the men of the battleship Maine, who lost their lives in the epoch-making catastrophe in Havana harbor 16 years ago, was paid today by the Navy and high officers of the Nation at Arlington National Cemetery. Snow-covered graves were decorated with floral tributes, and a stanch little vessel ploughed through the ice floes of the Potomac to strew sprigs of evergreen on the water.

Over the graves a detachment of bluejackets fired three volleys and a National salute, and a bugler sounded "Taps."

Impressive exercises were held indoors at Fort Meyer, the blizzard making it impossible to carry out the programme planned at the cemetery. Hundreds had braved the freezing blasts, however, to participate in the ceremony.

President Wilson, confined by his physician's orders to the White House, sent a beautiful floral tribute. President Mendieta of Cuba, cabled his expression of the reverence of his government for the death of the sailors.

The President expressed deep regret that he could not participate in the services, but added, "but my mind will be with all for I have to mourn with you for the brave officers and sailors of the Maine."

Orations were delivered at Fort Meyer by Commander-in-Chief Washington Gardner, of the Grand Army of the Republic; Representative Logie, of Pennsylvania; the Rev. Eugene A. Hanan, representing the Rev. Mr. Chadwick, who was chaplain of the Maine; and by John McElroy, of the Army and Navy Union.

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