

# CHILDREN TO HAVE HEARING IN COURT

## Charges Filed by Mrs. Alvina Johnson Will Be Given Careful Consideration.

### RELEASE OF GIRL SOUGHT

#### Judge Kavanaugh, Before Whom Ac- tion Was Instituted, Will Rule on Habeas Corpus Proceed- ings Within Few Days.

Complete investigation in open court of the charges brought against the juvenile court by Mrs. Alvina Johnson is to be made today, it was announced yesterday by Presiding Judge Kavanaugh, before whom a habeas corpus petition for the release of Mabel Johnson, 14-year-old daughter of the woman, is now pending.

Judge Kavanaugh yesterday said that the charges should be carefully considered by the court. He probably will assign the case to one of the Circuit Court departments within the next few days.

Speaking for County Judge Tarwell, who is confined to his home with tonsillitis, Mrs. Della Whiting, chief officer of the girls' division of the court, said yesterday that a thorough investigation of the charges would show that the juvenile court officers had acted only for the best interests of Mrs. Johnson and her children. She said she had nothing to fear as the result of a complete investigation.

Chief Officer Interrogated.

Mrs. Whiting admitted, however, that Mrs. Johnson probably was a competent person to have charge of her four children if she could remain at home with them in the evenings. She is now compelled to work as a car cleaner at night and necessarily her children must be left alone.

"Would the juvenile court be willing to assist Mrs. Johnson in getting a place where she could remain at night?" Mrs. Whiting was asked.

"It might," was her response, "but the juvenile court is not a free employment bureau."

"If she were able to get work in the day she probably could not earn enough to keep her children," she added.

"In that event, would the pension department give her back her widow's pension as a means of assistance?" Mrs. Whiting was then asked.

"I can't say as to that," she replied.

Mrs. Johnson was securing a widow's pension up until the time her children were declared dependent wards of the juvenile court. At that time her pension was stopped, although two of her children have lived at home with her a greater portion of the time and have been dependent upon her work for their support.

Children Declared Backward.

The investigation in the charges preferred by Mrs. Johnson Thursday will determine whether or not the juvenile court can "take out" children to persons living in Washington. In the case of the girl, Mabel, who is seeking release from the Fraser Detention Home through the habeas corpus petition, as well as the younger daughter, Gladys, both girls were given into the custody of persons living in Washington.

Mrs. Whiting charged yesterday that both Mabel and Gladys are backward in their mentality and should be in the special public school classes for backward children. This phase will also undergo investigation, as the authorities wish to determine why children who are said to be backward mentally are given over to the custody of persons instead of being placed in these special classes.

Judge Kavanaugh said yesterday he would decide the habeas corpus petition from a legal standpoint at an early date, although he expressed the desire to have the matter undergo thorough investigation.

### POULTRY RULING MODIFIED

#### Food Administrator Makes Con- cession to Prevent Losses.

Slight and temporary modification of the 30-cent-per-pound price for poultry was made yesterday by Federal Food Administrator W. B. Ayer, as the result of representations made by a delegation of Portland retail dealers.

In order that losses may not be sustained on supplies of poultry these dealers have purchased recently at high prices, they are permitted to sell stock on hand at 25 cents per pound until next Wednesday.

The administrator's notice reads: "The retail price on poultry of 30 cents applies on all new stock and on all stock, new and old, on and after Wednesday, February 20. For all stock in dealers' hands at the present time, and until the 19th, the retail price shall not exceed 25 cents."

### DATE FOR TRIAL IS SET

#### Clark Moore and R. P. Butchard to Appear Before Court May 6.

United States Judge Bean yesterday set May 6 as a tentative date for the trial of Clark Moore and R. P. Butchard, officials of the Oregon Portland Cement Company, who are under indictment charged with a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. Both men are now engaged in war

# PLAY PLAN IS NOVEL

## Recreation for Shipworkers Is Uncle Sam's Idea.

### VOICE OF MEN WILL RULE

#### Need of Making War Industries At- tractive to Workmen Realized.

#### Total of 1258 Volunteer to Work in Oregon Yards.

Uncle Sam is working out a pretentious plan for providing wholesome recreation and amusement for the hundreds of thousands of men who are now, or soon will be, engaged in speeding up the national shipbuilding program.

This is said to be the first time in history that the Government has ever undertaken to provide immediate supervision over the welfare activities of men engaged in large productive industries. It is the first step of its kind that has been taken since the beginning of the war, and in its scope, purpose and ramifications will follow closely the plans being carried out for the war camp recreation activities now under the jurisdiction of the Foodick Commission.

### Contented Workers Wanted.

This programme, conceived to render more attractive the service in the shipyards, was announced in a message to Franklin T. Griffith, state director of the Public Service Reserve, from the United States Shipping Board last night. It is intimated that the details will be ready for announcement before the capacity production of present and future shipyards has been reached, a few months hence.

The plan as outlined by the Shipping Board is announced in the following statement:

Realizing that many of the shipyard plants are new and that in other plants the number of workmen has been and will be greatly increased, that the accommodations and surroundings are not what they will be at a later date, the United States Shipping Board is making a comprehensive plan to provide means for recreation and amusement for the men who will be performing the necessary and patriotic work in the yards.

It is planned to work this out so that the men themselves will have the strongest voice in determining the kinds and character of amusement most suitable and also as to how the same shall be conducted, but, of necessity, under all circumstances, it will be necessary to ask the aid of various agencies already organized that may be of definite assistance, especially at the inception of the plan.

In the connection it is expected to call upon the State Councils of Defense in the various shipbuilding states, the women's committee, the Y. M. C. A., the Red Cross, the Knights of Columbus and others.

The fact that recreation has been shown as a necessary part of the National Army has made it plain that the welfare of shipyard workers must be taken care of in a similar way, as the work they are now performing is an essential, necessary and patriotic as can be performed.

### Fourteen Counties Enroll 1258.

Reports of the enrollment of shipyard volunteers had been received at state headquarters from a total of 14 out of the 36 counties of the state, up to last night. The aggregate registration at that time was 1258, as against a minimum quota of 3294 for the state. This showing for Oregon is below the pace she has set in practically all other war work activities, and intensive effort will be made from now on by the Public Service Reserve staff, county chairmen and local enrollment agents to boost Oregon over the top in her old-time form.

The detailed registration by counties is as follows:

Baker	101	Multnomah	803
Clatsop	145	Washington	37
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Definite instructions were received here yesterday from W. E. Hall, Federal director of the Public Service Reserve, to continue the enrollment drive for one more week. That this action would be taken was forecasted in advance received Thursday, and was decided upon in view of the fact that particular effort is being made everywhere to secure 100 per cent of the skilled workers who will be ready to step into shipyard service without further training or experience.

Director Hall also notified the local board to continue the campaign in this state until the full quota had been reached.

### ALASKA MINES INCREASING

#### Output for 1916, \$50,000,000, Is Greatest in History.

JUNEAU, Alaska, Feb. 6.—Alaska's mineral production for the calendar year 1916 was the greatest in its history, amounting to \$50,000,000 as compared with \$32,850,000 in 1915 according to Governor J. F. A. Strong's report. The increase, 54 per cent, was due largely to the increased copper production which amounted to 125,189,000 pounds, valued at \$32,400,000. There was a small increase in the gold output, which in 1916 was \$17,050,000, and in 1915, \$16,700,000.

The value of Alaska's lesser mineral products in 1916 was: Silver, \$950,000; tin, \$120,000; lead, \$110,000; antimony, \$80,000; tungsten, \$50,000; coal, \$36,000; petroleum, marble, gypsum, etc., \$130,000.

### SHIPWORKERS TO BENEFIT

#### Plans Being Made to Provide for Employees' Entertainment.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Wholesome recreation and amusement is to be provided for the great army of workers employed in the Nation's shipyards. The Shipping Board has announced that it is working out a co-operative plan and expects to ask aid in the work from the Y. M. C. A., Knights of Columbus, Red Cross, the women's committee and the state councils of defense in ship building states.

### LIVESTOCK EXPERT CALLED

#### Montana Professor to Help Build Up French Farms.

BOZEMAN, Mont., Feb. 17.—C. N. Annett, professor of husbandry in the State College here, has been granted leave of absence and has gone to France to take up under the direction of the Red Cross the rebuilding of the farm and livestock industries in the vicinities of the base hospitals.

Near each hospital a farm will be established for convalescent soldiers, with the idea of aiding in the food production of the country.

### ITALIANS CHEER AMERICA

#### Departure of Red Cross Ambulances for Front Wins Praises.

TURIN, Italy, Feb. 14.—The departure of the fourth section of the American Red Cross, made up of 25 ambulances, was the occasion today of an enthusiastic demonstration for the United States.

Flowers were heaped on the ambulances, crowds cheered, hands played American airs and soldiers paid military honors.

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