

BILLS INVOICATED
BY UNION LABOR

At Least Three Measures to
Be Offered in Legislature
Next Month.

WORK CONVICTS ON ROADS

Proposed Act Contemplates Ending
Private Employment by Contract.
Employers' Liability Law and
Eight-Hour Day Urged.

At least three measures of legisla-
tion will be proposed at the opening
session of the Legislature by organized
labor. They are an employers' liability
law, a measure providing a general
eight-hour workday and a law
that will put an end to the employ-
ment of convicts in competition with
union labor. The bill for the employ-
ers' liability law has been prepared and
the two other bills are being drafted.
The different measures will be consid-
ered at a meeting of the executive
board of the State Federation of Labor,
which will be held some time this
week. These three measures have been
indorsed and will be supported by the
State Grange. The trades unionists
and the Grange have adopted legisla-
tive committees which will have
charge of the proposed bills in the
Legislature.

The text of the employers' liability
bill has been published in a general
way it proposes that owners of prop-
erty and buildings shall be held di-
rectly responsible in suits brought for
the injury of employees. An effort
will be made to extend the provisions
of the eight-hour law to apply to all
classes of workmen. Such a regulation
of hours of labor is now enforced
only against state and county employ-
ees.

The organized labor forces, however,
will direct their hardest fight against
the working of convicts in competition
with union men. They will ask that
the contract be terminated between the
state and the Loewenberg & Golz
Company. Under this arrangement the
contracting company operates a large
foundry at the state penitentiary in
Salem, the state furnishing convicts at
about 25 cents a day. The product of
the foundry is sold in the open market
in competition with goods manufactured
by union labor. In lieu of this manner
of employing convicts, the labor people
will propose in their bill that the
contractors be employed in the construction
of roads throughout the state.

Says Contract is Unfair.

"The contract that exists between the
state and the Loewenberg & Golz
Company is most unfair, not only to
labor unions, but to the state itself,"
said C. H. Gram, president of the State
Federation of Labor, yesterday. "The
truth of it is that the state installed
its stove foundry, equipped it with
machinery, clothes and feeds the convict
laborers and even pays for the guards
that are necessary. After doing all
this, the state contracts the labor of
the convicts to the stove company for
about 25 cents a day, or scarcely
enough to feed and clothe them."

"The result is that the Loewenberg
& Golz Company manufactures and
places in the market, under those con-
ditions, stoves in competition with
union labor, which costs probably \$3.50
a day. This company has had a con-
tract for operating the stove foundry
at the Oregon penitentiary with convict
labor for several years, and it is an
outrage not only to other manufactur-
ers, but to union men, that the agree-
ment between the state and that com-
pany should longer be continued."

While the bill has not been com-
pleted, the committee probably will
include a provision for employing these
convicts building roads in different
parts of the state. A small appropria-
tion may be suggested in the bill that
an experiment be made in erecting
roads on the basis proposed by the labor
people. Their plan is to erect stockades
in such localities as roads are to be
constructed. It is argued that the
prisoners could successfully be detained
in the stockades at night and directed
in their work by day with a reasonable
number of guards.

Aid for Guards.

At the same time the labor people
may decide to propose still another
change in the practice of dealing with
convicts when they are discharged from
the penitentiary after serving their
sentences. Upon completing his term
under the present system, a convict is
provided with a suit of clothes and \$5
in cash. This is not a sufficient sum,
argue the labor unions, to be of any
substantial assistance to the ex-
prisoner who really desires to reform.
They may decide to include in their bill
a provision giving prisoners the priv-
ilege of continuing in the employ of
the state in roadbuilding work for
from 30 to 60 days following the com-
pletion of their sentences, at a per-
diem of \$1.50. This would give them
sufficient funds to get started right
and avoid bad associations. If they
were so disposed, is the argument of
the representatives of labor organiza-
tions.

A WORD ABOUT VOLTAIRE

His Influence Criticized From the
Religious Point of View.

PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—(To the Editor.)
—"Poor old Voltaire, been in hell a hun-
dred years." And yet, it must be ad-
mitted that Voltaire has been a man
of personal rectitude, vivacity of temper-
ment, intellectual shrewdness, with quick
susceptibility of sympathy.

The rock on which Voltaire wrecked
all was religion. This he thought was
a superstition and a nuisance, to be got
rid of and banished, the sooner the better.
He looked round on "the posturing
jungle of superstition," as he termed it,
and resolved to clear the earth of it for-
ever. With bold and skillful hand he set
his torch to that jungle, which for a time
blazed all over Europe, to the exhilara-
tion of the man who set it.

In due time this flame, whose heat so
greatly comforted the heart of this man,
but especially over Germany and France,
here faith and hope were withered and
with them whatever belonged to the
finer nature of man.

The conflagration started by Voltaire

was indeed dreadful. Where beautiful
trees hitherto bloomed and brought forth
their goodly fruits were found only bar-
renness and desolation. Nor is this mere
"preacher talk." Goethe, with alarm, dis-
covered himself in the midst of this deso-
lation, rising out of it after years of
struggle, to mature life. Carlyle, who
made Voltaire and his work a life-long
study, declares it. Neither of these men
was partial to the clergy, who, as a class,
assailed Voltaire. When the conflagra-
tion lighted by the most ardent character
the race has produced, had burned his
way, the life of man was circumscribed
to a few mourning earthly years of daily
drudgery; his five senses were the only
source of things to be desired.

Unhappily, such feelings are by no
means infrequent with ourselves in this
day. It is a matter of observation that
the influence of Voltaire cast upon the
two nations specified, still pervades with
faded force, as it does more or less
throughout the whole of Europe. He worked
with the highest personages of his time,
in circles of authority and reputation,
and his influence has been early percol-
ated down through the humbler walks
of life.

For a generation Germany and France,
each in its own way, have felt that the
first of all moral problems is how to
cast off the blighting pall laid upon its
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Hash Business Passes
Through Slump

Too Much Christmas Makes the
Festive "Blasphemous" Develop
a Sad and Melancholy Face.

"I WANT some breaded veal cutlets,
some shoestring potatoes, some
stewed tomatoes, a cup of coffee and
some grape-fruit," said the thin man,
as he sat down at Sadie's table in his
favorite restaurant Friday night.

"Lord bless you," said Sadie, a large
and enthusiastic grin spreading over
her features. "It does me good to hear
your order. Everybody who has been
in here today has ordered toast and
coffee and hasn't eaten that. There
must have been an awful lot of Christ-
mas dinner eaten yesterday. Honest,
the hash business has been 'on the
hog' today, and the boss is that crazy
he don't know what to do. Here he's
ordered a swell layout for today, and
it will all have to be made over into
entrees. All our regular customers
went away Christmas, and we girls
didn't get no tips, and now today
everybody's got a R-E-M-O-R-S-E
headache and eats toast as if it hurt
'em. My Gracie, we waitress ladies
sure do have a hard time."

The thin man pulled out a handful
of change. "Help yourself, dear," he
said. "I had no work yesterday. Here's
hopin' you have better luck next year.
And you might give me some celery,
too."

DINNER MENUS
FOR THE WEEK

- BY LILIAN TINGLE.
- Tuesday.
Fish Chowder
Roasted Beef
Boiled Potatoes
Cabbage Relish
Lettuce Salad
Apple Charlotte
Wednesday.
Corned Beef
Barley Crystal Soup
Fish Croquettes
Braised Tongue
Pumpkin in Brown Sauce
Apple and Celery Salad
Orange Pudding
Thursday.
Cream of Celery Soup
Baked or Fried Potatoes
Staked or Fried Bananas
Cheery Salad
Chocolate Pudding
Coffee
Friday.
Bean Soup (Mexican)
Canned Corn
Pasta Balls
Nicoise Sauce
Lemon Jelly with Mixed Fruits
Coffee
Saturday.
Rice-Tomato Soup
Roast Chicken
Moulded Cauliflower, British Style
Cress Salad
Strawberry Tarts
Coffee
Sunday.
Cream of Cauliflower Soup
Anchovy Aligrette
Roast Veal, Stuffed
Spiced Peas
Mashed Potatoes
Creamed Leeks
Orange Salad
Frozen Chestnut Pudding
Coffee
Monday.
Brown Onion Soup
Veal and Ham Hash with
Shrimp Salad
Fig Short Cake with Cream
Coffee

FRANCE SEES NO DANGER

Recent Disturbances Not Looked
Upon as Serious.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The entire press
of France, with the exception of such re-
actionary newspapers as La Libre
Parole and L'Action Francaise, con-
sider the attack made yesterday in the
streets of Paris on President Faure
by an unemployed waiter named Mat-
theu, a fantastic act without political
importance.

"If the cause of the Bourbons and
the Bonapartists were not as dead as
a doornail, such pitiful exhibitions of
impotent fury would completely dis-
credit them," voices the general opin-
ion.

Nevertheless, some of the Republican
organs express the opinion that the
Government should do something to
prevent such a campaign being con-
ducted persistently by a small group
of militant royalists, aided by clerical
organizations, with the object of keep-
ing public opinion inflamed.

The recent disorders at the Academy
of Medicine, which originated from
genuine dissatisfaction with the new
system of examination, are attributed
largely to these same royalists and cler-
ical agitators, which some time ago
brought about the retirement of Pro-
fessor Thoinot, whose office was con-
sisted in writing a history of Joan d'Arc
to prove that the stories of her divine
inspirations were mere legends devoid
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Air Navigation to Be Taught.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The
government is considering the estab-
lishment of professional chairs for motor
ship navigation at several of the tech-
nical high schools.

The University of Goettingen is espe-
cially singled out as possessing one of
the largest physical institutes.

TRIM CLAWS OF
ANTI-TRUST LAW

Sherman Act Should Be Re-
pealed, Says President
of Cornell.

DR. SCHURMAN IS IN CITY

Speaks at Commercial Club and Is
Guest of University Club at Din-
ner—Discusses Vital Poli-
tical Issues of Today.

Amendment of the Sherman anti-trust
law to the extent that it shall apply only
to monopolistic combinations is essential
to the further industrial growth and pros-
perity of the country, according to Dr.
Jacob Gould Schurman, President of
Cornell University, who is spending two
days in Portland. Dr. Schurman reached
Portland yesterday from San Francisco
and leaves tonight for Puget Sound
points. After attending the Washington



Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, President of Cornell University.

State Teachers' Association at Spokane,
the noted educator goes direct to Ithaca,
N. Y., to attend the annual convention
of the National Association of American
Universities, of which he is an ex-pres-
ident.

Following an automobile tour of the
city yesterday, the guest of H. L. Powers
and Wells Gilbert, of the Cornell Alumni
Association, the distinguished educator
was entertained at luncheon at the Com-
mercial Club. The luncheon was at-
tended by the following prominent busi-
ness and professional men of this city:
C. W. Hodson, president of the Com-
mercial Club; F. Swinney, president of
the Chamber of Commerce; H. L.
Powers, Wells Gilbert, E. L. Thompson,
Dr. J. Whitcomb, president of the
Ladd, Hernal, Wittberg and Fran-
ziger, Superintendent of public schools.
It was at the conclusion of the luncheon
that Dr. Schurman delivered a short ad-
dress in which he urged the necessity for
amending the anti-trust law.

"There has taken place a change for
the better in the methods of conducting
business during the last few years,"
Dr. Schurman said. "This was perhaps
not as much needed here in the West as
it was in the East. But there has been a
marked change in the business and polit-
ical morality of the country—a condition
that has been contributed to largely by
two or three men prominent in National
Affairs. Charles E. Hughes, who has been
re-elected Governor of New York, inaugu-
rated a new period of business morality
when he conducted his searching in-
vestigation of the insurance companies.
Roosevelt followed this up with larger
and more important duties just as fear-
lessly discharged.

Soloists Bad Business Men.

"But the period of agitation for this
reform is pretty well over. We may
now reasonably expect an expansion of
business on safe and prudent lines
without serious interference from the
Legislature or from politicians. Polit-
icians are the worst men in the world
to carry on any business. Business
prosperity in proportion as it is let
alone by Legislatures and politicians,
but the interference of the last few
years has been necessary to a higher
standard of morality in business and
fair play. There is in sight a greater
expansion of business than the country
has ever witnessed. Taft, as the
successor of Roosevelt, is a man well
trained in the law, having great so-
briety of judgment. For these reasons
he is regarded a safe man to whom
the business interests of the country
may be confided.

Should Avoid Oppression.

"But there is a reform needed, and
which I consider is indispensable to the
business interests of the country. It
is not tariff revision, either, although
I firmly believe in tariff reform down-
ward. This needed reform is an amend-
ment to the Sherman anti-trust law
to the end that its provisions
shall apply only to monopolistic
combinations that prove oppressive to
the people. The trouble has been that
the business capacity of Americans has
increased more rapidly than their moral
sense has developed. But the time has
arrived when a higher standard of mor-
ality is being applied in the business
world.

"In its present form the Sherman
anti-trust law is directly opposed to
combinations in the business or indus-
trial world. The law does not except
from its operation these combinations
that prove of benefit to the people
without proving oppressive. Combina-
tion is the economic law of today. The
public does not care whether it buys
from such a combination or not so
long as the conditions under which
that combination exists are not op-
pressive and rivals have an equal
chance. This law should be amend-
ed to those combinations that exercise
monopolistic oppression."

In concluding his remarks Dr. Schur-
man spoke in a complimentary vein of
Portland and the advantageous posi-
tion this city occupies with respect to
the Pacific Northwest.

"Portland certainly occupies a highly
advantageous position," said he. "Its
position between the mountains and the
ocean at the confluence of two great
rivers is truly a strategic one. Ore-
gon is one of the great, prosperous and
growing states of the Union, and it is
impossible to forecast the possible
development of this section that another

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ENGLISH GIRL COMMITS SU-
CIDe AS RESULT.

Fearful to Go Home With So Little,
and Therefore Jumped Into
the Thames.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Because
she had earned only 80 cents last week
and could not bring home \$1.25 as her
step-mother had told her she must, Mabel
Agnes Gillett, an unusually pretty girl of
16, committed suicide by jumping into the
Thames.

Before the coroner's jury the father
stated that the girl had been working in
a factory, but had only been earning
from two shillings to three shillings a
week.

The coroner read a letter addressed to
the girl that had got up on bitterly
cold mornings at 4:20 o'clock and do
washing and clean doorsteps and window
sills before going to work.

Two girl friends stated that Mabel had
told them that she was expected to take
home five shillings every week and that
her mother complained if she did not.
The forewoman at the factory said Mabel
had cried and asked her to lend her
money.

SET UPON BY STUDENTS

Chivitous Frenchmen Object to
Remarks on Joan of Arc.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The Latin
Quarter students are again restless. This
time it is not Professor Nicholas who oc-
cupies their attention, but M. Thalmas,
professor of history at Charlemagne Col-
lege. M. Thalmas entered the amphithe-
ater of the Sorbonne to give a course
of lectures on "The Historic Method,"
and was immediately greeted with insults,
followed by a hail of objects of all sorts.
The lecturer left the room, but was
set upon by a dozen students who hustled
and struck him. On a previous occasion
the lecturer had made some disparaging
remarks on Joan of Arc, and it was on
account of the sacrilegious observations
that the attack was made upon him yester-
day. The students afterwards demon-
strated round the statue of Joan of Arc.

STRANGE CASE OF TOURIST

Traveler Found in Railway Car
With Throat Cut.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—A strange
mystery of the London and North-Western
Railway is being investigated by
Scotland-yard and the railway police. A
young man named William Ewart Brett
was found on Tuesday night in a car-
riage of the London and North-Western
Railway outside Bedford with his throat
cut. He was taken to the Bedford Gen-
eral Hospital where he now lies in a seri-
ous condition.

He has made a statement in which he
tells a remarkable story. He says that
he was on his way to Ireland, carrying
some important confidential documents
and a sum of \$10 in bank notes and gold,
when a man, whom he has described,
entered the carriage, attacked him and
robbed him of the papers and money.

REVOLUTIONISTS IN BATTLE

Many Killed in Conflict With Rus-
sian Police.

MOSCOW, Dec. 26.—Baron Cotte, chief
of the secret political police, was killed
and Colonel Muraki was wounded in a
fierce encounter today with revolutionists
who were entrenched in a suburban villa.
During the fight several policemen were
killed and others wounded. Troops were
summoned to the aid of the policemen
and a regular battle ensued. Artillery
had to finally be brought up to bombard
the villa before the revolutionists were
subdued. The occurrence is the most seri-
ous since the uprising of December,
1906. The villa where the fighting took
place occupies a strategic position on Elk
island, an isle in the river near Moscow
and a favorite summer resort.

The leaders of a revolutionary move-
ment were holding a meeting in the
house. The police got wind of the affair
and surrounded the villa with the pur-

KAISER DESIRES PRIVACY

Reserve Placed About His Public
Acts to Extend to Private Life.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—It seems
probable that the reserve which the
Kaiser has promised to maintain concern-
ing his public affairs will be extended to
his private life.

According to a court news agency,
Emperor William has instructed various
court officials not to make known unim-
portant incidents connected with the
doings of the imperial family—for ex-
ample the hunting expeditions of the
Crown Prince, or the fact that one of the
imperial Princes has dined with the of-
ficers of a certain regiment. Heretofore
all such incidents have been published
from day to day and nothing has been
too trivial for notice.

The Emperor has also expressed the
wish that in the future the German
newspapers shall not publish insignificant
details of the court routine. Hereafter
the Court Circular must be submitted
first to the Imperial Literary Bureau of
the Prussian State Ministry, and then to
the press department of the Foreign Of-
fice before being published.

In this way His Majesty hopes to se-
cure greater privacy.

SECRET OF CANCER CURE

Professor Laurens Answers Critics
of His Use of Formalin.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—With
reference to Professor Laurens' method
of curing cancer, several articles have
appeared in the European press casting
doubt upon the efficacy of the new sys-
tem.

In reply to these, the Professor says:
"For several years I have used formalin
for the treatment of cancer. Previously
I had used, with conflicting results, such
products as arsenous acid, atoxyl, sul-
phuric acid, tryptine and electricity.
Jointly with Dr. Fenwick, I also gave my
patients injections of chronic acid, the
latter for external cancers; but in spite
of these various methods I always re-
verted to formalin and have at last found
the right method of using it. I dare say
that before my recent public communica-
tions upon this matter, the secret of my

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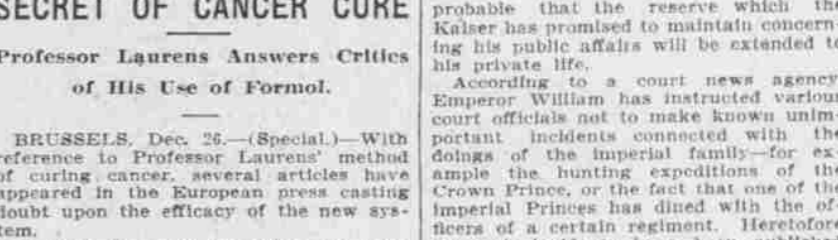
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