

HOTEL WAGE OF \$18 FOR WOMEN UPHeld

Washington State Workers Win High Court Verdict.

G-DAY WEEK RULED LEGAL

Employers to Make Adjustment of Back Pay From June 2. \$13.20 Old Minimum.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—By unanimous decision the supreme court today upheld the validity of an order of the industrial welfare commission fixing \$18 a week as the minimum wage for women employed in the hotel and restaurant industry in the state of Washington. The decision was by the court en banc, the opinion being written by Judge Wallace Moulton.

In upholding a ruling by John M. Wilson, judge of the Thurston county superior court, dismissing a petition for an injunction to restrain the commission from putting its order into effect, the supreme court holds the commission acted directly within its statutory powers and that its action was a reasonable exercise of authority conferred by the industrial welfare act. The court reaffirms a former decision sustaining the constitutionality of the act itself.

Six-Day Week Legal.

"The statute provides the commission shall specify a minimum wage and standard conditions of labor for women and this provision is clearly broad enough to justify the commission in establishing the six-day week," the court says in answer to contention of the hotel owners that the order of the commission was unreasonable and arbitrary. It declares the order is not unreasonable or arbitrary.

The industrial welfare commission on April 2, 1920, issued an order making effective on June 2 the recommendation of the welfare conference previously held and establishing a minimum wage for women hotel and restaurant workers of \$18 a week based upon a six-day week. The order also fixed a rate of \$1 a day for meals and \$2 a week for room where board and room constituted a part of the compensation of the employes.

All Rulings Upheld.

Hotel owners of the state attacked the order of the commission and suits to restrain the chairman from enforcing its provisions were instituted by the Hotel company of Tacoma and the Spokane Hotel company. On trial before Judge Wilson in the superior court the injunctions were denied and appeal was taken to the supreme court. The commission is sustained on all points raised in the petition.

The welfare commission will proceed at once to enforce the provisions of its order, according to a statement made tonight by C. H. Younger, state labor commissioner and ex-officio chairman of the welfare board.

Pay From June 2 Adjusted.

Employers will be directed to make adjustment of back pay from June 2, based on the difference between the former minimum wage of \$13.20 a week and the \$18 minimum ordered by the commission.

Younger announced that the commission will also proceed with hearings in other branches of industry, postponed pending court decision in the contested case. A recommendation for an \$18 minimum for women employed in factories was made to the commission by the welfare conference last spring, but on a tie vote failed to be adopted.

While not desiring to make a definite statement or to commit the other members of the commission, Chairman Younger indicated that changed conditions would necessitate a new survey of living costs and conditions before other hearings are called.

NAVY HAS SEA HORNET

LATEST IN U. S. COAST DEFENSE CRAFT LAUNCHED.

High-Powered Motor Affair Carried on Battleship Easily Converted into Torpedo Boat.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—A high-powered motor boat, which during peace can be carried on battleships as a service launch and in war converted into a deadly torpedo boat, was demonstrated today in the launching of the first vessel of new naval auxiliary known as "type A-3 sea hornet."

The vessel is designed to form an important part of America's coast defense and the launching took place in the presence of more than a hundred regular army and national guard officers and navy representatives.

The "Sea Hornet" type was conceived during the war and was held as a navy secret, its operation being prevented by the armistice. It is a twin-screw 600-horse power motor boat, 58 feet long with a hinge bow which drops from place. In the bow is a 21-inch torpedo, carrying in its war-head 600 pounds of high explosive.

Two additional torpedoes are carried as well as six depth bombs. When in operation the "Sea Hornet" which carries a crew of four, sinks until but a little more than one foot of hull is above the water.

PEACE TRIALS TO BE TOLD

PARIS CONFERENCE TO BE DESCRIBED BY PARTICIPANTS.

Factors That Entered Into Problem Before Session Will Be Given in Series of Talks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The authentic story of the league of nations and the peace treaty will be told for the first time at a series of meetings to be held in the Academy of Music here.

The speakers will be men who actually participated in the peace conference.

"The prime purpose of the course of talks on the peace conference at Paris, the authoritative character of which is indicated by the fact that they are given by those participating, is to present the actual story of how the most significant provisions of the Versailles treaty came into being," announced Colonel E. M. House.

"The talks are designed to dispel

the mist of uncertainty which has clouded general appreciation of the proceedings of the conference and to lay before the public the different factors, often conflicting in nature, which led to the various decisions that were made. Each speaker will put the problem exactly as the peace conference had to face it, will explain the elements in conflict and the attitude of the various delegations and will underline the decisive factors."

The speakers will include General Tasker H. Bliss, Dr. Charles H. Mason of Harvard, who was a member of the special committee of three which drew up the plan for putting the Saar district under the league of nations; Dr. Lord of Harvard and others.

The story of Flume, the creation of Poland, the trial of the Kaiser, the league of nations and various other phases of the peace conference will be discussed.

DELEGATION MAY ACT

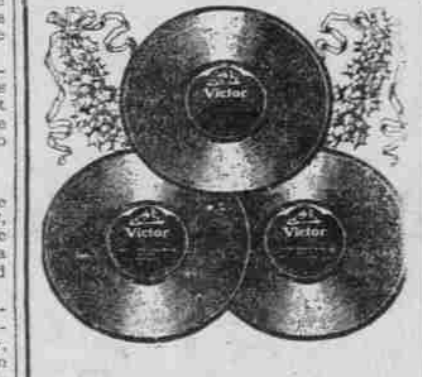
STANFIELD'S OPINION WANTED ON FEDERAL PATRONAGE.

Representatives and Senators May Get Together to Decide Who Will Obtain Positions.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 11.—A decision is likely to be reached by which the entire Oregon delegation in congress will pass on all federal appointments for Oregon after the republican party takes over the administration in March. It has been the practice for the United States senators to have exclusive powers over certain of the larger appointments, such as customs and internal revenue collectors and United States attorney, while the members of the house were left to name the postmasters and land office officials in their respective districts.

The present disposition of Senator McNary and Representative McArthur, Hawley and Sinnott is understood to be to agree upon the united plan, but final decision will await the coming of Senator-elect Stanfield, Governor Olcott of Oregon, who has been in the east since attending the national conference of governors at Harrisburg, Pa., arrived in Washington yesterday. He will spend a day or two here conferring with Senators Chamberlain and McNary and members of the house delegation.

Louis Bean of Eugene, Or.; Herbert H. Nunn, state highway engineer of Oregon, and Ed Kiddle of Island City, Or., are here to attend the national meeting of state highway commissioners, which opens tomorrow. Dr. L. W. Hyde and Dr. J. E. Dinmore have been appointed members of the pension examining board at Hillsboro, Or., on recommendation of Senator Chamberlain. An application to convert the First State bank of Seaside, Or., to the First National bank has been received by the controller of the currency.



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