

CHILD LABOR LAW TOO STRICT, SAYS LINDSEY

Famous Juvenile Court Judge Writes Local Authorities That Order Against Roney Boys Worked an Injustice—Says Act Should Be Amended.

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20,000 MEN TO CHANGE STATION

From Cuba 5000, to Stay—Exchange of 8000 for Philippines Service.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Dec. 16.—During the approaching year more than 20,000 United States troops will change stations between the mainland of America and the island possessions, according to orders on the way to the various commands today. The orders are issued at the direction of General Buller of staff, and provide, among other details, for the homecoming of 5000 troops now in Cuba and 8000 now in the Philippines. An equal number will be sent to the Philippines to replace those withdrawn. The troops to go to the Philippines include: Second, Twelfth, Thirtieth, Fourteenth cavalry; Third, Seventh, Twelfth, Twenty-ninth, and twenty-first infantry; and two companies of engineers. Those to return are: First, Sixth, Ninth and Tenth cavalry; Eleventh, Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Twenty-third and Thirtieth infantry; two companies of engineers and fourth and fifth field artillery.

ALLEGED WHITE SLAVERS CAUGHT

Harry Lair and Wife, Chicago Bail Jumpers, Fled to Coast.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Dec. 16.—Captured after a chase across the country from Chicago, Harry Lair and his reputed wife, Lucine Darville, were placed under heavy bonds today by Federal Commissioner Hancock and will be returned to Chicago for trial on charges of importing and harboring alien women for immoral purposes. In the capture of the couple by the secret service force the government officials here believe they have caught the ring leaders in a band whose nefarious business is that of dealing in "white slaves." Lair and the woman were arrested in Chicago some time ago but forfeited a \$25,000 bond under which they were allowed liberty. They were traced to this city and captured last night by Secret Agent Ed Brennan of the department of justice. The secret service agents declare the gang which it is believed their captives headed had agents in Europe, America and Canada.

SEATTLE IS OVERRUN WITH FORTUNE TELLERS

Seattle has lost a chance to swell its population. When the mother of 21 children, nearly all of whom are married and have children of their own, leaves a city it certainly must make the population mercury waver a little. Mary Lehan, a full blooded Cherokee Indian, the mother of 15 girls and six sons, has returned to Portland. Two daughters and their families were left behind, so that the Seattle census would not suffer too much. Mrs. Lehan is a fortune teller. She is now forced to call herself in Portland, "piano-gist." She is 60 years old, says, but carries herself with an air and walks with a carriage that any woman of half her years might envy. "Seattle is full of fortune tellers, oh so full," mourned Mrs. Lehan. "Next year, though, I'll go back."

Dress Ignited From Bonfire.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Fitchburg, Cal., Dec. 16.—Burns sustained while feeding a bonfire with papers resulted in the death of Mrs. Alice Johnson, wife of M. W. Johnson of this place. Mrs. Johnson was seated on the porch of her home burning rubbish in the yard and feeding the fire with papers. She accidentally brushed her dress into the fire and its light material instantly ignited.

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ing they receive under your direction, and I know it is to the advantage of any boy to be with you and to be privileged to take part in your work for the moral training they receive is quite as helpful as the wonderful training of the musical talents they may have.

Professor Roney has a national reputation because of the work he has done in training and educating boys in music. For many years he has toured the United States with groups of youthful singers. He has picked his performers up here and there, has given them good education and trained them thoroughly in music. His boys have always been under strict supervision, have received excellent moral instruction and have been taken under his care with the full consent and approval of their parents.

Professor Roney's little band was scheduled to sing in Portland under the auspices of the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. on the evenings of December 13 and 14. The contract was made by the superintendent of the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. and the proceeds were to be used in furnishing the boys' department of the new Y. M. C. A. building.

Concerts Are Forbidden.
A short time before the date for the appearance of the troupe here Professor Roney received a letter from Mrs. Trumbull informing him that he would be forbidden by the child labor law to allow any boy under 16 years of age to appear in Oregon after 6 o'clock in the evening.

Professor Roney wrote a letter of explanation to Mrs. Trumbull, setting out what he was doing for the boys, and detailing their life with him and his care of them. In answer he received another letter from Mrs. Trumbull informing him definitely that he would not be allowed to appear in the state. As a result Professor Roney at once cancelled all the dates made for him in Oregon and has been compelled to remain idle in Portland since December 11. He will make one appearance at Walk Week Saturday next and will not have another date until Christmas day in Boise, Idaho.

Thinks Law Unjust.
Professor Roney feels that he has been unjustly discriminated against by the child labor commission and cites as argument that within the recent past children have been allowed to appear on local theatre stages under entirely different circumstances without protest by the commission.

In discussing the matter Professor Roney exhibits two letters, one written by Judge Ben Lindsey of Denver, the father of the juvenile court work of the United States, to him, the other written by Judge Lindsey to Mrs. Trumbull in Professor Roney's behalf. The letters are as follows:

"My Dear Professor Roney—I enclose copy of letter I am mailing today to Mrs. Trumbull. I do not understand the attitude of the Oregon Child Labor Commission. There is a discretion vested in the juvenile courts under our law, and as Judge of the juvenile court of Denver I should regard it a privilege were there any objection, to sign an order approving your performance, as not in any way violating any child labor law, but on the contrary one that is inspiring, helpful and uplifting, not only to the boys taking part, but those who are privileged to hear the splendid work you have trained them to do.

Good Moral Influence.
"Having come in contact with you and the boys personally on some of your travels, I can also cheerfully testify to the splendid moral influence and train-

"I would consider there was something very defective in your child labor law that would forbid the appearance of these talented youngsters, and interfere with what is really an educational work for them, rather than their working for others. From what I know of the boys and the work of the schools, it would seem to me that if your law forbids Professor Roney's work, it would also forbid school performances where children either sing or recite pieces, where the work is done for the children in educating them and bringing out their talents. It does seem to me that the commission would rather strengthen than weaken the child labor law by deciding that this is not work of boys, but work for boys, and for all good people who are interested in good things that inspire and uplift.

Professor Roney not only trains these boys musically, but also morally. He takes as much care of them as he would his own boys, and the teaching they receive under his direction is just as helpful as the development of their talents.

I do sincerely hope that the commission may find some way to exclude a case like this from the operation of the law, for I really think a failure to do so would be more hurtful than helpful to children in this country, and I am sure you know of my interest in this work since I am a member of the national child labor commission. This is not a case of vaudeville performances, and, as you perhaps know, I write most of the child labor laws of this state.

Do except this case if you can, not much in the interest of Professor Roney and the boys, but in the interest of sane, sensible and enlightened child labor legislation. I think Professor Roney and the boys can stand it, but I do not see how the people of Oregon can stand for that kind of narrow construction. This is not a case of vaudeville performances, nor ordinary theatrical performances.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain, sincerely yours,
BEN B. LINDSEY.

THIS MAY BE WRECK OF THE DIX

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 16.—What is thought to be the wreck of the steamer Dix, which sank in collision with the Jeannie, of the Alaska Coast company, off Akai point two years ago, was discovered at anchor for several days, after covered by the ice and came to Seattle to announce her discovery. Launches accompanied her to the spot this morning and every effort is being made to ascertain the nature of the destruction; on the theory that it is the Dix.

Civil Service The Topic

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pittsburg, Dec. 16.—Members of the National Civil Service Reform league are arriving in Pittsburg for their twenty-eighth annual meeting, which will begin a two days' session here tomorrow. Hon. Joseph H. Choate, former ambassador to England, is president of the league and he will occupy the chair at all of the sessions. Papers by Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte and other men of national prominence will be presented at the meeting.

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