

# WILL BECOME LABOR IS DESERVING OF MORE PROTECTION BUSY AFTER HOLIDAYS

## Federal Industrial Insurance Urged as a Means of Safeguarding Nation's Laborers While in Pursuit of Their Employment.

By Ralph Johnson.

New York, Dec. 11.—"Government industrial insurance will be the next important feature for our country to adopt," said a prominent New York banker politician to me today. "This is important," continued he, "not merely as a palliative of individual suffering, but principally as a deterrent of the useless killing of workmen. If the community is made to feel that it must pay for the waste of life, that waste will be reduced to a minimum."

"I have talked this subject over at considerable length with a very enthusiastic friend who spent his summer vacation in Europe, devoting the time to studying the people and business conditions. I took a good deal of pains to look into the manner in which the German people are cared for, said he, "and I came to the conclusion that there is no good reason why we should permit our industrial slaughter. The German emperor the other day announced in his speech from the throne at the opening of parliament that plans are being made for the insurance of the lives of workmen. For years the German laborer has been protected against losses by illness or disability through a system of industrial insurance under control of the government. The system is now being extended and the principle is to be applied to life insurance among the same classes."

"He went on to speak of the great loss of life in the great steel and iron industries on the prairies, in the factories and mills of the country. "In the mining districts, the quarries and in all our industrial centers, life is raised at so low a price that every year from these localities come great increases in loss of human life," he went on. "Something must be done. The western people are talking about this phase of American life, and on a recent trip I made to a bankers' convention I found the men from the Pacific coast ready to support a measure similar to the industrial insurance the German government is encouraging. Our great business corporations are wide awake to this rapidly increasing loss of life, and the officials feel that the only way to curb it is to get the people interested in it."

**Low Price on Life.**  
"Of course, I know, under present conditions in the United States, and with our existing form of federal government, it would be impossible to put into execution plans identical with those adopted in Germany, for the conservation of the empire's greatest national resource. Every minute of every working day in the year some American man, woman or child is killed or injured in the pursuit of lawful employment. Do you know that it is said that the cheapest raw material which enters into the industrial output of the United States is human flesh and blood? Doesn't that seem awful with our almost exhaustless supply of coal and iron ores?"

The census bureau has gathered statistics which show that 100,000 persons are killed annually while at work. This takes no account of the thousands who are maimed, many of whom are left helpless burdens on the community. It is estimated that 500,000 workmen are killed and maimed annually in this country. The number of men killed during the Russia-Japanese war was but 350,000. In two days killings in the workshops are greater than during the Spanish-American war. This means an annual loss of over \$300,000,000. The mania for speed here is great, and the desire for gold is overpowering that life is held at a low price."

"After years of effort to put into effective operation a national employees' liability law," said the banker, "the best that has been got past the courts has been an emasculated act which a recent decision permits to be applied in the territories and the District of Columbia. The rest of the country is surely dependent on the haphazard state legislation and whatever corporations are forced to do in a small way by public sentiment. Our laboring people surely are worthy of a little more attention of congress."

Mrs. Clarence Preston Thompson of Los Angeles is visiting Mrs. Charles G. Thorn of this city and has been the recipient of money social attentions while here. She assisted in receiving at the coming out party of Miss Frances Thorn, the charming young daughter of her hostess.

I understand a number of friends from Seattle are to be here for the wedding of Miss Louise Taft, daughter of Henry W. Taft, and niece of the president, to George H. Snowden of Seattle, which is set for December 30.

While the wedding is to be a quiet home affair, I understand President Taft, Secretary Ballinger and Mrs. Ballinger and a number of the groom's friends in the national capital will come over for the ceremony and reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Snowden will sail for Cape Horn on the Cedric on January 5 and will not return to the United States for several months.

**Windjammer's Last Trip.**  
I met Captain Thomas J. Halcrow of Alameda, Cal., the other day. Captain Halcrow is one of the fast disappearing type of wind jammer skippers and had just brought in the full rigged ship Joseph B. Thomas from Tacoma. He cleared from Tacoma June 29 with a cargo of timber, spars and planking. The Thomas is to be converted into a coal barge and Captain Halcrow is looking for another ship to take around the Horn, but may decide to go overland and see the country.

No one could persuade Captain Halcrow that the old square rigged did not know she was making her last voyage. The ship seemed to delay her arrival as long as possible, loath to lose herself by transformation. Furthermore, she lost her figurehead in a gale off Cape Hatteras. That alone was ominous. When a ship's figurehead goes by the board, all good seafaring men know that something is going to happen.

John M. Smith of Oregon was in the city this week. He is an Oregon boomer of the first water. "We have the richest state in the union," he declared, "and people are beginning to find it out. Why, we have undeveloped land enough in the eastern part of the state to take care of all the unemployed in the country and then our resources wouldn't be overtaxed.

## YEAR NOW ENDING HAS DONE MUCH FOR PORTLAND

The year's end is approaching. Within three short weeks 1909 will have passed into history. Its achievements have been many; its progress has been marked. The entire country has experienced a prosperous twelve-month, each and every section has enjoyed a period of business advancement gratifying in the extreme.

The Pacific northwest has been especially favored, and few are the communities in this thriving territory that have not attracted wide comment because of their gain in a material way. Portland's progress has been remarkable. The sturdy, substantial strides that have characterized its great development in recent years have been quickened. A wealth of new buildings and new homes attest a confidence in Portland's future development that constitutes its greatest civic asset.

The Rose City's story of 1909 as told in pictorial form as well as that of the entire state forces a convincing conclusion in favor of a Greater Portland and a Greater Oregon. Watch for the story in the year's End Edition of The Journal.

## DATES FOR CLOSING OF FAR EAST MAIL

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Transpacific mail will close at the local offices as follows:

By the Mongolia for China, Japan and the Philippines, December 21, 10:30 a. m.; for Honolulu, 11:30 a. m.; by the Mariposa for Tahiti, December 28, 8 a. m.

By the Hilonian, December 14, 10 a. m. By the Tymeric for Australia and New Zealand, December 17, 10 a. m. Paper mail for Hawaiian Islands closes one hour earlier than times given.

## DIVORCE TALK HITS GAYLEY

### Rumored Another Member of Steel Corporation Will Reside at Reno.

New York, Dec. 11.—Joseph M. Gayley, former vice president of the United States Steel Corporation, who was one of 11 of the "Carnegie boys" who were made millionaires through the friendship of Andrew Carnegie, is understood to be preparing papers in a divorce suit which it is expected will be filed in Reno, Nev., in a short time.

"I do not know if Mr. Gayley is contemplating applying for a divorce," said Mrs. Gayley today. Further than that she would not discuss her family affairs.

The marital difficulties of the Gayleys, which led to their separation in November, 1908, add another chapter to the book of family troubles of the heads of the steel trust. A report from Reno a few days ago said that Mr. Gayley was planning the construction of a \$60,000 home and would possibly locate there permanently. At his offices in the headquarters of the United States Steel Corporation it was said today that Mr. Gayley was still out of the city, but that he is expected back next Friday.

Since separating from his wife last year Mr. Gayley has lived at the Savoy hotel and has not given up his apartments there. The impression that he intends living in the west has been gaining ground for several months.

Mrs. Gayley has been active socially for several months despite the impending court proceedings. She was married 25 years ago to Mr. Gayley. Before her marriage she was Miss Julia Gardner of St. Louis and is a lineal descendant of Miles Standish. The Gayleys have three daughters, one of whom married Count Giulio Senni, an Italian nobleman in November, 1907, after Mr.

## RAILROAD RATE CASE WON BY PLAINTIFF

Washington, Dec. 11.—A decision by the interstate commerce commission in the rate case brought by the Board of Trade, Ltd., of New Orleans, against the Louisville & Nashville Railroad company, the defendant railroad company, has advanced tariffs on some classes of freight from New Orleans to Mobile and Pensacola, to make the tariffs of the locals equal the through rates from New Orleans to Montgomery, Selma and by way of Mobile and Pensacola. The commission holds that their rates were unjust.

## ARRIVING HINDUS HAVE EYE DISEASE

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Of 66 Hindus who arrived from the far east on the steamer Mongolia last Friday, 25 have been found to be afflicted with trachoma, the infectious eye disease, and will probably be ordered back whence they came. Nearly 80 per cent of the victims are women and many of them have been in this country before.

## ANCIENT MOORISH PALACE EXCAVATED

Madrid, Dec. 11.—Lawrence Parin of Baltimore has purchased an ancient Moorish palace at Ronda, Spain. Excavations have been going on there for the past few days and valuable Roman archeological remains and much treasure have been found. The government has sent an architect to make an examination.

## APOLOGIES ARE NOT ACCEPTED

### Germany Indignant at Ambassador for His Disparaging Remarks.

Berlin, Germany, Dec. 11.—Foreign Secretary Von Schoen's cautious statement in the reichstag in explanation of Ambassador Bernstorff's Philadelphia speech attacking the Pan-German policy has brought the state again under discussion. Whether it will lead to a cessation of the heated attacks made upon the ambassador in the past two weeks remains to be determined. Secretary Von Schoen's speech, while formally justifying Count Bernstorff's course, was diplomatically worded and contained the mollifying explanation that the ambassador's remarks were not aimed at the Pan-German union but only at irresponsible misrepresentations of the Pan-German policies. The statement came as a response to a speech by Herr Baergerman, the head of the liberal party, deploring that a government official abroad should indulge in "disparaging criticism of German patriots."

The Pan-German Expansionist section of the press today renews its criticisms and refuses to accept the secretary's labored compliments to the sincerity of Pan-German patriotism as an offset to the criticisms of an accredited ambassador, who declared the Pan-German party to be wholly without influence. Secretary Von Schoen's declaration was quietly received in the reichstag, though the center party, which has opposed expansion applauded the statement that the government justified Ambassador Bernstorff's position.

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