LIVING ORGANISMS FOUND IMPRISONED IN ANCIENT AMBER

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PARIS, May 15.—Living organisms imprisoned in amber and believed to be incomparably older than the microbes found in Egyptian papyri, have been discovered by Dr. Galippe, of the French Academy of Science, and it is thought by some biologists that these organisms may probably be among the very early elements possessing life, to inhabit the earth.

Amber is said to have been formed in the very early stages of the earth's history but Dr. Galippe is convinced the micro-organisms could only have been imprisoned in the amber while it was in course of formation.

As soon as these organisms were set free from their prison they are said to have manifested very evident signs of life and, when carefully cultivated developed great activity. The organisms are of course very elementary but this fact detracts little from the marvel that they are living survivals from a period far earlier than that of prehistoric man.

FOUR PERCENT SECOND BONDS CONVERTIBLE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—In connection with the exchange of temporary Liberty Bonds of the second and third loans and converted first loan bonds for permanent bonds carrying the full number of interest coupons, the federal reserve bank of San Francisco announces to holders of four per cent bonds of the second Liberty loan that they still have the privilege of converting such bonds into bonds bearing four and one-quarter per cent interest, known as second Liberty loan converted four and one-quarter per cent bonds. If presentation is made through banks to reach the federal reserve bank of San Francisco on or before May 15, the increased rate of one-quarter of one per cent will become effective commencing the following day. Second Liberty loan four per cent bonds presented on or after May 15 will still be convertible into four and one-quarter per cent bonds, but the increased rate of interest will not become effective until next November.

"It is, therefore, to the interest of holders of second Liberty loan four per cent bonds that they present their bonds for exchange and conversion immediately," says the Federal reserve bank's announcement.

$18 MINIMUM WAGE IS HELD UP BY WRIT

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Olympia, Wash., May 14.—A writ of review, temporarily restraining the state industrial welfare commission from putting into effect the $18 minimum wage scale recently granted, women employes in hotels and restaurants, was issued in Thurston county court today on application of Maurice Langhorne, counsel for the state hotel keepers' association. The new scale was to have become effective June 1. The writ is returnable May 27.