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MINIMUM WAGE IS \$9.50.

Wisconsin Investigation Shows What It Costs Girls to Live.

Madison, Wis.—The industrial commission, as a result of an investigation under the women's minimum wage act, has collected figures which show that the lowest wage on which a woman worker can properly maintain herself in Milwaukee and other places in Wisconsin is \$9.50 per week. Its conclusion on this point says:

Taking \$6.50 as the lowest market price at which a proper standard of room and board can be secured in Milwaukee and adding the estimated amount for other basic necessities, \$3, the total allowance for a week would be \$9.50, distributed as follows:

Board and room.....	\$6.50
Clothing.....	1.50
Laundry.....	.40
Dentist.....	.30
Car fare.....	.50
Total.....	\$9.50

"The above estimate does not include anything for sickness or emergencies, insurance premiums or savings, recreation or vacation expenses. It allows only for bare necessities," says the report.

It was the standard of living described above that the minimum wage law was aimed to put within reach of women workers. To ascertain the wage necessary to maintain it the commission, with a staff of investigators, covered forty cities and 438 establishments employing 23,137 women, or about half the total number employed in the state. There was also an investigation of the cost of standard articles of food and clothing, such as are most frequently used.

SERVIANS MAKE HERO OF DR. E. F. RYAN

Visitor Tells of Fine Work He Has Done in That Country.

Philadelphia.—Mme. Slavko Grouitch, wife of the undersecretary of foreign affairs in Serbia and special pleader for that country's relief in this city, told the story of what a hero Dr. Edward F. Ryan of Scranton, Pa., has become in her adopted country.

"He is quite one of the biggest men in Belgrade now," said Mme. Grouitch.



Photo by American Press Association.

DR. EDWARD F. RYAN.

"We all call him Teddy over there—Teddy Ryan. He has made friends so quickly with every one, and people just look to him as a natural leader.

"When the Austrians first came into the city in the late autumn they were bent on violating all decent rules of war. Dr. Ryan stopped that. They had been hanging men quite indiscriminately without even pretending to give them a trial. The doctor said a step had to be put to that kind of practice, and he sought out the commander of the invaders and just told him what was what. After that there was no further action of that kind.

"Our people in Serbia like to take him as a pattern for all Americans, and he is responsible for a great deal

of the popularity America has won in our country since the war began."

Dr. Ryan is following only his natural bent in being in the thick of the Servian fight. He will be remembered as being the center of a number of diplomatic representations when the trouble with Mexico was at its worst last spring. The Huerta followers had him thrown into jail, accusing him of being a Villa agent. President Wilson instructed Consul Stillman to obtain his release, and this was done after a considerable amount of negotiation and not a few threats. He was released only on his promise of absolutely refraining from any after discussion, and when he got back home he had a long conference with the president, no part of which ever was made public.

Private Wedding in Bank Vault.

Houston, Tex.—In haste to be wedded in order to catch a train, the Rev. J. E. Jones of Spur, Tex., located his friend, the Rev. Mr. Williams of the Star of Hope mission of this city, at a local bank and was married by him to Miss Edna Carraway. The ceremony was performed in the safety deposit vault of the bank to insure privacy.

SIGHT SUDDENLY COMES TO GIRL

Blind For Twenty-one Years, She Now Sees Clearly.

PHENOMENON UNEXPLAINED.

While Miss Maude Lincoln Was Attending to Household Duties Something Snapped in Right Eye and She Saw—Two Days Later Vision Came to Other Eye in a Similar Manner.

Marblehead, Mass.—Slowly recovering from the nervous shock of sight after twenty-one years of blindness, Maude Emerson Lincoln, daughter of William F. Lincoln of this city, is getting her bearings in a strange world of color and motion.

Recently the darkness suddenly lifted from her right eye, and then the left eye cleared also, both unexpectedly and without rational explanation, according to specialists who have been questioned on the case. From a condition in which only night and day could be differentiated she suddenly awoke in the sunlit world of which she had heard so much.

In an instant one afternoon as she was about household duties this seeming miracle came. With a snap the covering was rent from the right eye as she was putting dishes in the china closet.

Two days later, in the evening, as she sat with her parents the other eye was uncovered, and sight was given to it.

"I went to the closet to put up some dishes," she said. "Of course, there was no light in the closet and it all looked dark to me. The top of my head did not feel good. It hurt. It was as heavy as—as a load of bricks. That's just the way it felt. I reached up with the dishes. Then suddenly something snapped in my right eye. That is the only way I can describe it—like that."

And she snapped her fingers. "Then," she said, "everything seemed all light to me and brightness, I did not know what to make of it. I could not realize what had happened. I looked around the room. I ran and looked out the window. And I could see."

"She went out with me the other evening, heavily veiled," said Mrs. Lincoln. "We passed a boy leading a man. I said nothing, thinking I would not call her attention to it.

"Mother," she said, "was that boy leading the man?"

"Yes," I replied.

"Oh, the man is blind?" she asked again. And I told her he was. She paused a moment, then said, "What a pity."

Miss Lincoln is tall, slender and fair haired. Her eyes are blue, like those of her parents. She had on a gown of deep red, with little black bows on it, and she talked entertainingly and always she laughs with joy at her "miracle."

"Maude was born on April 22, 1894," said Mrs. Lincoln.

"She was born blind. We did not realize at once that she could not and might never see. Her eyes had the appearance of eyes which have cataract. There seemed to be a thin, white, opaque substance over the pupils.

"No one seemed to know what the matter was. But she grew up blind. When she was nine years old we sent her to the Perkins Institute For the Blind, and she was there nine years and received an education. Then we took her home, and she has lived here since, helping me as she could. When she was examined by Dr. F. I. Perkins at the Perkins institute six years ago he told her never to have anything done to her eyes, never to put anything in them; that some day she would see, and he was right."

Then Mrs. Lincoln told how sight came to the girl as she went to the closet to put up the dishes.

"I actually heard something snap," said Mrs. Lincoln. "She sort of screamed and trembled all over.

"She cried, 'I don't know what ails me, but isn't everything light?' I called the family physician at once, and we have kept her in darkness all we could so as to be sure and not have the eyes injured.

"She has always been able to tell light from darkness and could find her way around the house, but she has never actually seen."

"THE BUCKET" TO BE CHURCH

Famed Meeting Place of "Bad Men" in St. Louis to Be Remodeled.

St. Louis—"The Bucket of Blood," one of the most notorious resorts of the middle west, known to "bad men" all over the west for the last half century, has been sold to the Riverside mission and will be remodeled for a church.

Twenty-five years ago the "Bucket of Blood" was the Mecca for all of the rough characters that came to St. Louis. A saloon was on the first floor, above that a cheap lodging house, appropriately termed "The Morgue," and above that a dance and gambling hall.

Trap doors, secret passageways and sliding panels were used for "get-away" purposes. Two of the most notorious bad men of the river days, Red Eye Dalton and Mickey Mack, were captured in the place after a hard fight in an underground tunnel a quarter of a century ago.

BERLIN VACANT LOTS ARE POTATO PATCHES

Women of Nobility Aid in Raising All Kinds of Vegetables.

Berlin.—Governor Pingree's potato patch plan, tried by the Michigan governor many years ago, is being copied in Berlin, where a movement, supported by many women of high position, to utilize all available garden plots and vacant land in greater Berlin as truck farms for the immediate raising of vegetables has been set on foot. It is the consensus of opinion that the present war requires some such step.

To accomplish this purpose it is proposed to enlist the aid of all available truck farmers and agricultural experts and to get them to give instruction in vegetable raising and as far as possible assist in the actual work. It is expected that it will not be difficult to interest women in large numbers to carry on the work of feeding the people.

Women willing to assist, it is proposed, will first take a short free course at the Royal Gardening Institute. The installation and preparation of courses are in the hands of the war committee on vegetable raising. Interested in the movement are such women as the wife of the minister of war, Frau Wild von Hohenborn; Countess von Brockdorff, the empress' chief lady in waiting; Fraulein von Gersdorff and Frau von Boettcher, the widow of the late minister of state.

Berlin is the scene at this time of numerous meetings, largely attended by women of every class, at which ways and means of more economical living are discussed by prominent physicians.

The women are being urged to cut down the consumption of meat by at least 15 per cent and to resort more to the use of milk. The women are asked to think of the men in the field and the hardships they have to endure, if economy in eating seems to be too difficult.

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FALLS CITY DEPARTMENT STORE

HUGE ROCK THROWN OUT BY MT. LASSEN

Boulder "As Big as a House" Was Belched Saturday and Rolled Down Mountain Side for Mile and a Half.

Redding, Cal., March 24.—A rock "as big as a house," visible for 10 miles, belched forth by Saturday's big eruption of Mount Lassen, lies at the timber line on the side of the volcano today, according to George Munkettrick, arriving here from Macomber Flats, near Lassen's base.

The boulder rolled down the mountain side a mile and a half, plowing its way through 15 feet of snow and cutting through the earth to bedrock, leaving a crevice 50 feet wide, Munkettrick declares.

SAYS SUBMARINES WILL WIN GREAT WAR

General Pearson, American, Just Back From Europe. Prophesies Fleet of 160 Will Starve Out the Allies.

New York, N. Y., March 24.—Germany already has 160 submarines and is working 40,000 men night and day to build more, according to Brigadier General Samuel Pearson, who arrived in New York today from Germany. He said:

"I believe Germany will win the war with submarines. When she gets her great under-sea fleet into operation in British and French

waters she will be able to starve England and France into submission."

Ship Yards Are Booming

The most remarkable change since the time of the Napoleonic wars has come suddenly in the American ship-building industry. The last day of December, 1914, closed one of the poorest years the American ship yards have had in a decade. Today every shipbuilding concern from Bath, Me., down to Newport News, in Virginia, is working to its fullest capacity, says the New Republic.

One of the largest companies has orders sufficient to keep 6,000 men employed full time for two to three years. Contracts have been closed for forty-eight ocean vessels, and negotiations are pending for sixty more. Prices have been advanced 15 per cent, although that fact is not significant. A British company has placed an order for the building of two ships in an American yard, a thing never heard before, and is likely to order two more.

Apparently the American merchant marine has entered upon another period of expansion. The ships ordered and those for which marine architects are now drawing plans embrace not only passenger vessels for the coastwise trade, but freighters for the Pacific and South American service, big cargo carriers for the transatlantic business and oil tankers to go anywhere and everywhere.