

LIABILITY LAW ENGLAND GOOD

Many Amusing Suits are Brought Under its Provisions—Injured Employees Find it Easy to Gain Damages.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The English employers' liability law is undoubtedly a good thing. There is no getting away from it. An injured employe has only to prove that he suffered his injury in the course of his regular employment and he is entitled to damages from his employer, no matter how good a defense the latter may have. All classes of labor—housemaids, office boys, carpenters, coal miners, factory hands, clerks, railroad men, everybody—is included. If the employe is injured he gets compensation. If he is killed his family gets it. No questions of contributory negligence on the employe's part or of responsibility by a co-employe are allowed to enter into the matter. The employe is required to show only two things—that he was injured and that the injury was incidental to the performance of his duties as an employe.

The result is that there isn't much dodging of responsibility among English employes as there is among American. Damage claims are paid promptly, too. To delay payment involves costs as well as damages. The law is so explicit and positive that there isn't any getting around it. The government's policy is to rush cases brought under its provisions to trial as quickly as possible. At most there cannot be more than an appeal. The appeal follows hot on the heels of the original trial. Reservations and retrials are so infrequent as not to be worth taking into consideration.

In short, the road is made so smooth for the recovery of damages by an injured workman that it would be hard to find one so poor as to be unable to fight his case in the event of resistance by the employer. And if the workman wins, which is almost a foregone conclusion, the employer must not only pay all the costs and his own lawyer's fees, but all expenses to which the employe has been put.

So there are almost no personal injury cases in the English courts. Naturally this is a good thing for the working classes. Nor does it bear severely upon employers either. They simply insure their employes—which is done in America, too—and when one of them is injured the insurance company compensates him.

There has been some complaint of late that, in the case of a few great corporations, an injured employe who insists upon being compensated gets his money, indeed, but is blacklisted, so far as his particular trade is concerned, when he gets well and starts to look for a job again. Even allowing for this drawback, however, the law works excellently.

But there certainly are some funny claims made under it. Here are a few recent ones which the insurance companies have either already settled or are investigating:

Milkmaid, injured in eye by swish of cow's tail.

Housemaid, shocked into nervous prostration by glimpse of big Teddy bear in dimly lighted room.

Footman, victim of sprained knee through stamping on rat.

Housemaid, frightened into collapse by silent appearance of wash-woman as she was carrying scuttled of coal from cellar.

Coachman, struck in face while en route from stable to kitchen by employer's slipper, thrown at yowling cat.

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PEARY SAID TO BE FAKE HERO

Congressman Macon Better Arraigns Commander and Incidentally Roasts a Few Others at the Same Time.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—Bitter denunciation of Captain Robert E. Peary as a "fake" hero, who by means of an "impossible tale" seeks recognition by congress for "an alleged discovery" of the north pole, was given to the house of representatives today by Congressman Robert Bruce Macon, democrat, Arkansas, speaking in opposition to the bill reported by the committee on naval affairs retitling the explorer as a rear admiral and granting him the thanks of congress.

Macon's speech abounded in acrimonious criticism and sarcasm. He prefaced his remarks by hot shot at newspaper editors, who have made fun of his opposition to Peary.

"There are many thousands of human beings who think just as I do about this matter," said Macon. "Because I would not accept the unsupported and unreasonable tale of Peary and allow great honors to be heaped upon him without corroboration, some of the newspapers of the country, like the New York Times and the New York Post, that are edited by pen-eyed, pin-headed and putrid-tongued infinitesimals, have been trying to persuade the public to believe that I am almost alone in the position I have taken. But, sirs, if they could read the vast number of petitions, letters and newspaper clippings I have received from every quarter

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of nearly every state, the little atoms would change their weak minds about the matter.

"Peary roamed the fields of the north, getting rich as a fur trader, while the people were paying him a fat salary for 23 years," Macon continued. The Arkansas member declared that his story of reaching the pole was "wonderful, to put it mildly," and compared it with a piece of fiction where some imaginative writer made the north pole the scene of a monarchy.

"I also remember to have read a novel written in the first person whose hero is a braggart who never knew defeat or met an equal," Macon said, "and yet the self-exalted, self-puffed acts of the self-opinionated hero of that book does not in any way or in any degree excel the self-told deeds of the wonderful hero who penned the narrative of 'The North Pole.'"

Commenting on fake heroes, Macon said: "San Juan Hill had one of these for a time, but upon investigation it was shown that he would have been a Spanish prisoner instead of an American hero if it had not been for the intervention of negro troops.

"Less than a year ago a conquering hero of birds and beasts marched forth from the jungles of Africa and crossed the European continent with majestic tread. Finally he landed upon our shores, where he was met by thousand of hero worshippers who received him as an uncrowned emperor. But it was not many moons before many of those who paid him homage upon that occasion hung their heads and tried to forget it. Thus it will be seen that it will not do to put fake heroes upon pinnacles of fame."

In conclusion Macon said there was

a "paid lobby" of the Peary Arctic club and friends of the explorer at work "seeking to coax action out of congress."

Beauty Parlors in Trouble.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 18.—The police today started a crusade against so-called beauty and massage parlors that have flourished in the downtown hotels and office buildings since the lid went on tight. A number of women have been arrested and have forfeited bail.

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By Dr. Rickert, Medford, Ore.

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