

WAGE PROBERS SEEK COUNCIL OF PRESIDENT

Illinois to Appeal to Wilson for National Minimum Wage Law to Compel Employers to Pay Living Wages to Girls and Women

Department Store Managers Say Law Should Be National and Will Aid in Passing Such a Law

CHICAGO, March 10.—Stirred to action by shocking stories told by women to the state senate "starvation wages" probers, Lieutenant Governor Barrett O'Hara today asked President Wilson to meet with the Illinois investigators the latter part of this week. He intends to lay before the president evidence showing how girls and women have been driven to white slave resorts by the impossibility of living on \$1 a week.

The lieutenant governor intends to urge the passage of a federal law fixing a minimum wage for women and the big Chicago merchants have indicated to him that they will not oppose such legislation.

O'Hara was advised today that Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, will institute a probe similar to that conducted here.

Refuses to Tell People.

The investigators today recalled James Simpson, manager of the big department store of Marshall Field and company to the stand. He again refused to tell of the yearly profits of his concern and the committee will decide later whether to punish him for contempt. When asked for an opinion concerning a minimum wage law, Simpson said:

"I think the minimum wage on which a woman can live is between \$8 and \$9 a week, but if a minimum wage law is enacted it will increase the cost of living, and this increase will have to be borne by the public."

Simpson maintained that if a law providing a \$12 weekly wage were passed in Illinois, it would drive many concerns out of business.

Favors Federal Law.

"It might not be harmful to business if a federal law to that effect were adopted," he added. "I would like to ask the committee a question. If we pay the girls in our store a minimum wage of \$2 a day, what shall we pay a man with a family?" Simpson invited the probers to visit the store and suggest improvements.

George Lytton, vice president of the Hub Department store was the next witness. He testified that his company makes presents to its employees. The plan was voluntary, he said, on the part of the company, and can be terminated at will. The lowest wage paid women by his company, Lytton said, was \$6.50 a week, but a girl receiving that amount would receive a present, under the gift plan, amounting to about two per cent of her weekly salary. Lytton refused to discuss the profits of his concern. He thought a girl could live on \$8 a week.

Who Pays the Difference?

"Your minimum wage is \$6.50, you say?" said Senator Jaul. "Who do you think pays the girls the \$1.50 difference?"

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MURDERS WIFE WITH HAMMER

SEATTLE, Wash., March 10.—Going suddenly insane Thomas Ward, a machist living at 561 Ranier avenue, beat his wife's brains out with a claw hammer and then tried to kill himself with the same weapon. Mrs. Ward is dying in the city hospital. Ward, seriously injured, is also in the hospital. Ward, who was first to arise this morning, started to build a fire in the kitchen stove. Without warning he dropped the paper and kindling wood with which he was about to start the fire and taking up a claw hammer fractured his wife's skull in several places. Then he began to beat himself over the head.



ANNAPOLIS MIDSHIPMEN

A PART OF THE INAUGURAL PARADE SHOWING THE MIDSHIPMEN PASSING THE CAPITOL.

FOURTEEN JUDGES TO BE NAMED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Little change in the personnel in the department of justice is contemplated according to Attorney General McDevolds. The attorney general was swamped today with what he called "popular" applicants for jobs. Politicians from all over the country were beseeching him in person and by letter in favor of candidates for the fourteen justiceships which must be filled. The judgeships now vacant to whom appointments must be named are: Circuit judge of Pennsylvania to succeed Judge Archbold, (recently impeached); the district judgeships of Northern California; chief justice of the court of claims; circuit judges of the seventh circuit of Illinois to succeed Judge Grosscup who resigned; circuit judge of the first circuit court of Massachusetts to succeed Judge Colt, elected to the senate; and district judges for Porto Rico, Arizona, Southern Florida, Western Washington and Connecticut, and three territorial circuit judges in Hawaii.

WOMAN IMPLICATES HIGHER UPS IN GRAFTING

NEW YORK, March 10.—Implicating many civilian "higher-ups" not before mentioned in the police graft prosecution probe in progress here, Rosa Hertz, a "resort" woman, gave testimony today. She declared that she and her husband had for years paid tribute. Her confession followed a conviction in the court of general sessions. She named many persons who got her money, including both police and civilians.

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE IS AGAIN IN SESSION

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 10.—Prepared to take up more than 3500 bills and several proposed constitutional amendments the state legislature re-convened at noon today for the second half of the bifurcated session of the fortieth assembly. The first matter to be taken up in the assembly was reorganization, the officers having been discharged during the interim to save the per diem expense.

BURLESON KEPT BUSY DISCUSSING POSTMASTERSHIPS

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Eager congressmen filled the waiting room outside of Postmaster Burleson's office, with smoke and chatter, today, ostensibly to "pay their respects," but each carrying in his pocket a little list of candidates for postmasterships. Already the popular man in the Wilson cabinet, Burleson, is feeling heavily the burden of being the "official sifter" of candidates. Within the next few months he must determine on candidates to fill 35,000 of more postmasterships, big, little and medium sized. The visiting congressmen, political powers and men from back home who littered the waiting rooms today and chanted democratic psalms of triumph were all of the true faith. In the hundred or more who passed their card to the weary secretary within two hours, not one but avowed himself as an "original Wilson man."

TEXTER WINS CONTEST OVER HOMESTEAD

The homestead contest brought by Uncle Sam against Clinton Texter, which was heard a few weeks ago before Commissioner Canon, has been decided in Mr. Texter's favor by the land office at Roseburg. It probably will not be appealed. The contest was instituted by the government, which charged that Texter had not properly improved and cultivated the place.

GUATEMALAN CITY DESTROYED BY QUAKE

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Causing great loss of life and property, an earthquake destroyed the town of Guajimiquila, Guatemala, Saturday, according to advices received here today from the United States minister to that country. The shake covered a radius of fifteen miles. Relief expeditions have been sent to the stricken town.

TURTLE SERUM ALREADY HELPING PATIENTS TREATED

NEW YORK, March 10.—Hope was held throughout the world to thousands of tuberculosis sufferers today that the consumptive patients treated at the People's hospital here by Dr. Friedmann, the discoverer of an alleged cure, are doing splendidly. Declaration to this effect was made today by Dr. Landesman, head of the institution, who is loud in his praise of the Friedmann cure. "All pains in the chest and night sweats," Dr. Landesman told Dr. Friedmann, "already have disappeared, and the patients show marked improvement." The three patients mentioned were the first to be subjected to treatment in the United States by Dr. Friedmann. At the time Dr. Friedmann was extremely nervous, and the manner in which he injected the tuberculosis serum was the subject of much adverse comment by New York physicians.

JURY FAILS TO AGREE IN DR. JOSLEN CASE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 10.—Because the jury could not decide upon the moral status of Ethel Williams, a pretty Seattle candy salesgirl, it has disagreed here today in the case of Dr. Otto C. Joslen, accused of the girl's betrayal. The jury was out 58 hours. According to Foreman Spearman, all of the jurors were willing to vote Joslen guilty but were convinced also that the girl's morals were not all that should be, and that she should not go unpunished. It was Joslen's second trial. Prominent clubwomen declared today they will force another trial of the case.

MORGAN AND DIAZ SAIL ON SAME SHIP

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, March 10.—J. Pierpont Morgan, the American banker, and Porfirio Diaz, former president of Mexico were fellow passengers on the liner Atlantic which left here today for New York via Naples. Diaz will go to France, where he will meet the officer sent from Mexico City to escort him back to his native land.

SYLVESTER ADMITS POLICE UNABLE TO PROTECT MARCHERS

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Admission that 575 policemen were unable to maintain order on Pennsylvania avenue here March 3, the day of the suffragette parade, although 367 patrolmen kept that thoroughfare clear on March 4, was made here today by Major Richard Sylvester, head of the metropolitan police department, when he resumed the stand before the Jones senate sub-committee investigating the failure of the police to protect the women marchers. Miss Janet Richards gave damaging testimony against the police. She swore that at one point of the parade a sergeant and seventeen patrolmen abandoned their work, making no effort to protect the women marchers. Miss Richards furnished the numbers of the policemen whom she alleged were derelict in their duty.

PLAN TO REPEAL RECIPROCITY TREATY

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Repeal of the Canadian reciprocity treaty, extinction of which has been bitterly opposed by the democrats, is scheduled in the next congress. "I propose to renew efforts to repeal the treaty as soon as it can be brought before congress," Representative Webb of North California stated today. "It should be taken off the statute books both as a matter of mistaken policy and also for our national self-respect. It has been flatly and finally rejected by Canada."

WILSON OF CORVALLIS NEW DISTRICT ATTORNEY

SALEM, Ore., March 10.—E. E. Wilson of Corvallis was today appointed prosecuting attorney for the fourth district by Governor West, in place of E. R. Bryson of Eugene, who resigned recently. Bryson resigned to enter private practice.

DEMOCRATS PLAN NEW FREE LIST INCLUDING LUMBER

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Free lumber, free sugar, and free farm machinery are certain to be the fruits of the Democratic regime, according to reports here today before the house ways and means committee resumed secret deliberations on the tariff. It is said to be still an open question whether or not raw wool will be on the free list but it has been definitely learned that the free list vetoed by President Taft will be changed. The southern protection democrats are opposing free lumber and Congressman Broussard of Louisiana is fighting free sugar. He is asking the support of the western democrats in seeking to protect the beet sugar interests. The democrats plan to fill the new free list bill with articles of farm use, with the idea of giving the farmer the chief benefit of the bill and thus obtaining agricultural support.

SEEKS VACATION TO BECOME A MOTHER

NEW YORK, March 10.—More than one hundred young women teachers, most of them brides of a few months, are directly interested in the fight in the city board of education over whether Mrs. Katherine Campbell Edgell, director of the Erasmus Hall high school in Brooklyn, is to have a year's leave of absence. Mrs. Edgell, who is the wife of a fellow teacher, frankly says that she wants the year off so that she can become a mother. She declares that other teachers have received lengthy furloughs for the same purpose, but none have had the bravery to tell the real reason.

WILSON REAPPOINTS ROOSEVELT SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, March 10.—General Robert Oliver, assistant secretary of war, under President Roosevelt, is given the same position under the present administration, according to announcement by Secretary Garrison today. The entire personnel of the department's minor employes will be retained indefinitely.

REBELS WIN SONORA TOWNS FROM HUERTA

Federals Defeated in Several Battles—Mining Center Capitulates—Rebels Greatly Outnumbered Opponents—Heavy losses on Both Sides

Several Hundred Rebels Encamped Near Nogales, Which is Deserted by Populace

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 10.—Following a twelve hour battle in which many are reported to have been killed and wounded, the Nationalist rebels occupy the border town of Nacoari today.

The federal garrison evacuated the town late last night under a flag of truce, and 121 of its original 171 members marched, weary and bedraggled, into Agua Prieta, opposite Douglas, today. How many of the fifty missing are dead or wounded is not known.

Mining Center Falls.

The federal garrison at El Tigre, an important mining center, also fell before the Nationalists late yesterday. The government commander surrendered without firing a shot and marched out of the town. Armed townspeople barred the federals in their retreat southward, killing four and wounding 11, according to reports received at Agua Prieta today.

General Ojeda, in command of the federals at Agua Prieta, withheld all possible information of the defeat of the government forces at Nacoari. Various accounts of the battle, however, were furnished by stragglers from the town who followed the federals in their flight.

Rebels in Majority.

According to these stories the rebels greatly outnumbered the federals, who offered a desperate resistance. Many rebels were killed in addition to the heavy federal losses which seem certain.

NOGALES, Ariz., March 10.—Nogales, Sonora, was thrown into a panic of fear today, when a report was circulated that several hundred rebels, encamped 15 miles south of the town, were marching toward the border. Scores of refugees, carrying their valuables, fled to the American side of the international line.

WHITE HOUSE DINNERS TO BE DRY SAYS WILSON

PORTLAND, Ore., March 10.—Hard on the heels of Washington dispatches to the effect that the White House dinners will be "dry" hereafter comes the information that the salmon day banquet, March 14, at the Commercial club will a "dry" affair also.

"If President Wilson intends to have nothing stronger than water, at the salmon day banquet, March 14, at water is good enough for us in Portland," said one of the promoters of the dinner. Seattle and Portland salmon enthusiasts are cooperating in an endeavor to have salmon day observed nationally.

BURGLARS KILLED IN ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

TACOMA, Wash., March 10.—The bodies of two burglars killed in an attempt to rob a residence in Ruston, are resting at the local morgue today awaiting identification. The men were shot to death by members of a sheriff's posse early this morning as the men were attempting to rob P. Popolitch of his weekly payroll, which he could not bank Saturday night or Sunday. The officers were concealed in the parlor of Popovich's home. Sheriff Jamieson having obtained information that the robbery would be attempted.

Nothing was found on the person of either of the dead men that would reveal his identity. Both were poorly dressed.