

INVESTIGATION AROUSING NATION

CONGRESS ASKED TO PASS MINIMUM WAGE BILL

Governor of Iowa in a Special Message to Legislature, Urges Senate to Make Thorough Investigation. Work of Illinois Committee Reveals Situation Undreamed of by the Majority

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11.—Appeals from every part of the United States are being received by congressmen and senators, asking them to urge the early consideration of a women's minimum wage bill.

The problem will be one of the first considered at the commencement of the December session, say members of both houses.

The revelations made in the Chicago white slave investigation has stirred the whole country.

DES MOINES, March 11.—In a special message to the legislature, Governor Clarke today urged the appointment of a joint committee to investigate the causes of the social evil and white slavery.

It is believed that the committee will be appointed today. The body will commence investigations in the capital.

CHICAGO, March 11.—"The millionaire employers of girls and women who are testifying before the legislative white slave investigation committee, and can see no connection between low wages and prostitution, either have elastic consciences or no consciences at all," said Lieutenant Governor O'Hara today.

"That starvation wages to their employes has been the means of their coming enormous profit, has been proved conclusively. Deny it as they may, they cannot convince the public that they do not know that low wages is the prime factor causing the ruin of girls."

"It is up to them," continued Mr. O'Hara, "to redeem themselves by raising the wages of all girl employes to the bread line which they themselves fixed at \$8 a week without state compulsion."

O'Hara declares that Edward Lehmann, head of a big department store, tacitly admitted yesterday that the big merchants had agreed to withhold information, especially as to profits.

When asked a question to this effect, Lehmann said he would not answer. "Upon the advice of counsel," he added.

The investigation committee will meet in Springfield tomorrow afternoon. At that time they will discuss the question of punishing the officials of the big department stores and mail order houses.

FRIEDMANN'S EYES FILL AS HE LOOKS AT SUFFERER

MONTREAL, March 11.—Sixteen-year-old Mary Rancour, whose parents recently died of tuberculosis, and who inherited the white plague from them, presented such a pitiful sight that she brought tears to the eyes of Dr. Frederick Friedmann. As a result, she was the first to be treated by the German scientist.

The girl lives in the wilds of Northern Canada, and hearing of the visit to this city of Friedmann, she made the trip alone in the hopes of being cured of the dread malady.

When Friedmann entered the Royal Edward Tuberculosis Institute, his eyes first rested on the girl. Tears filled his eyes as he examined the chart, and he shook his head sadly. When he looked at the girl again her eyes were moist.

"We will try our best to save you," he declared. She was the first taken to the clinic.

Dr. Friedmann was welcomed by Colonel Burland, chief benefactor of the Royal Edward Institute. He was greeted at the station by a large crowd.

The German scientist was escorted to a hotel, where a reception was held by prominent physicians of the Dominion, all of whom came to the city for the express purpose of hearing Friedmann.

Following the reception, Friedmann and the medical men went to the institute, where Friedmann administered the germs to a number of patients. Fifty physicians witnessed the inoculation with the greatest interest. The doctors were most friendly to the visitor, and he is well pleased at his reception.

DEMOCRATS ARE AFTER SPOILS

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11.—Secretary Burleson today intimated that the democrats would attack the Taft civil service order covering 30,000 third and fourth class postmasters.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Gillette of Bonanza are here for a short visit.

MADRID, March 11.—Escaping from his pen, a fighting bull spread terror in Salamanca. It quickly scattered pedestrians in the streets, and after knocking over a number of fruit stalls, entered Luciano Moreno's tailoring establishment. The tailors' dummies aroused the wrath of the animal, and after tossing Luciano and driving his customers from the store, it proceeded to gore and trample on the figures. Eventually the brute had to be shot.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 11.—Members of the progressive parties are pressing the duma for an investigation of what they declare to be the awful inhumanity and cruelty in Russian prisons. Testimony and evidence gathered in support of the interpellations of the government upon the subject, are said to disclose conditions worse than have ever been written. In many of the prisons prisoners are treated with indescribable barbarity and inhumanity.

POPE IMPROVED, SAYS REPORT

ROME, March 11.—It was announced today that Pope Pius is rapidly recovering from his illness. His fever is entirely gone.

Unless complications arise, it is expected that he will be able to resume in a few days the audiences which were suspended a few days ago.

EIGHT HOUR LAW HELD TO WOMEN

PREDICTED DISCHARGE OF WOMEN IN CALIFORNIA IS REPUDIATED BY BIENNIAL LABOR BUREAU REPORTS

SACRAMENTO, March 10.—That the operation of the eight hour law for women in California has not resulted in the predicted discharge of women by employers, but that on the contrary, the increase of female help has been marked, is the finding of the state labor bureau in its biennial report. Statistics from 5,000 factories and stores show that while 61 women were discharged, 233 were added to the pay rolls. In San Francisco hotels, with a total number of 726 female employes, but seven were discharged as the result of the eight hour law, while 75 were taken on.

SEEK FRANCHISE IN JACKSONVILLE

MEDFORD, March 11.—W. S. Barnum, president of the Rogue River Valley railroad, has asked the city of Jacksonville for a twenty-year franchise for his steam road in Jacksonville, and has also asked the privilege of electrifying the line if he sees fit.

According to the terms of the franchise which Mr. Barnum seeks he does not agree to make any return to the city.

The new council will probably order an election on the matter.

LAST OF GANG OVER THE LINE

NEW YORK, March 10.—John McNamara, alias "Australian Mac," the San Francisco man wanted in Canada in connection with the New Westminster bank robbery, was turned over to the Canadian police today. He will be taken to New Westminster for trial.

The robbery in which McNamara is implicated resulted in the theft of nearly half a million dollars from a Canadian bank. McNamara was the last of the gang to be arrested.

WOULD PROTECT BULL RUN FLOW

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—Congressman Lafferty of Portland has introduced a bill increasing the safeguards against forest fires and pollution upon the watershed of Bull Run canyon, the source of the city's water supply. Recently he joined with Senator Bourne in persuading the forest service to stop its construction of a road around the valley, in order that no increase of fire danger might be suffered. Destruction of the wooded growth in this region near Mount Hood, would seriously reduce the stream flow.

Portland is seeking to increase the capacity of its works, and conduits from 67,500,000 gallons a day to 107,500,000 gallons daily.

EARTH TREMORS DESTROY TOWN

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—The American minister at Guatemala reports that an earthquake Saturday destroyed the town of Guajimiquila. A great loss of life and property resulted. Communication has been severed.

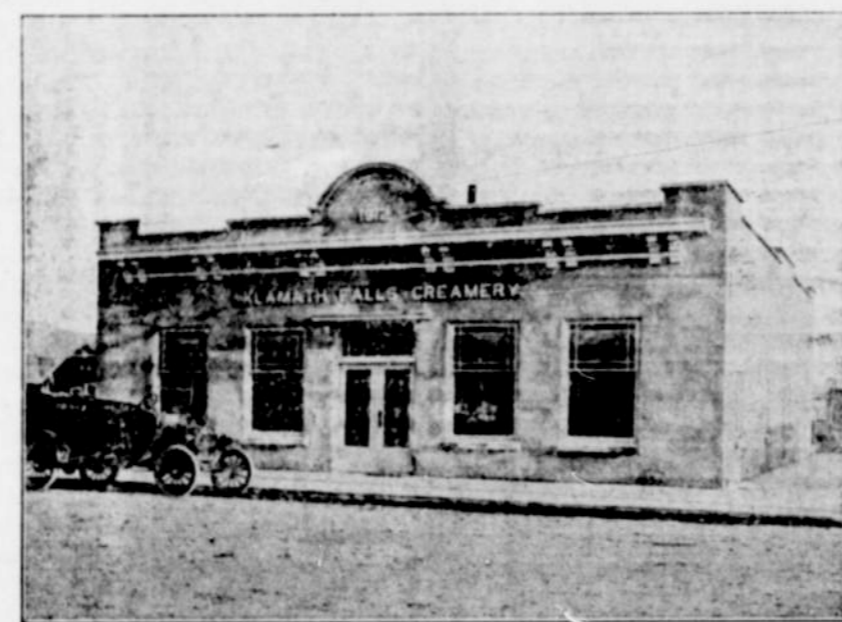
Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Morris arrived from Eugene Sunday night, with a view to locating here. They are at the White Pelican hotel.

Jim Thorpe in Action



Baseball fans in all parts of the country are commenting on the similarity of Jim Thorpe's and Hal Chase's first base technique, as evidenced by photographs taken at Marlin. The big Indian has many of Chase's mannerisms, and gives promise of becoming just as popular with the fans.

LOCAL CREAMERY AMONG BEST IN THE ENTIRE STATE



Regarding a local institution, the current issue of the Western Stock Journal has the following:

"One of the finest and thoroughly up-to-date creameries in the state of Oregon is that of the Klamath Falls Creamery company located at Klamath Falls, Oregon. This company started in business at that place in March, 1908, its output being 600 pounds per month, but so great has been the demand for its butter that the managers, Messrs Mills and Johnson, are now averaging 15,000 pounds each month, about one-half of this being consumed by the patrons of Klamath Falls. The remainder is shipped to Portland, where it receives the highest market price.

"The Klamath Falls Creamery company started on a small scale, but is now housed in one of the finest and most up to date buildings of its kind in the state. It is located in the center of the city, the lot upon which it is erected costing the company \$5,000. The building, which is reinforced concrete, was erected last year at a cost of \$6,000, and the machinery, which is of the latest design, was installed at a large expense, the whole cost of the building and equipment being over \$18,000. The machinery is operated by electricity.

"The best of conditions exist at Klamath Falls for butter making. The water is pure, feed is strong, plenty of alfalfa, and cool nights to keep the cream fresh."

TVIETMOE GIVES WORLD MESSAGE

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—Oloaf Tviemoe in a statement issued today bitterly denounced United States District Attorney Miller of Indianapolis and Judge Anderson, who tried the cases in which labor leaders were convicted of conspiracy to transport dynamite.

"I have one message to all workers," said Tviemoe. "It is: Unite educate, understand, and you will conquer the world."

SUFFRAGETTES ARE FIRE BUGS

LONDON, March 10.—The passenger station of the Great Western and Central railways at Saunderton, Buckinghamshire, was burned today.

Cards received state that suffragettes were responsible. Simultaneously the Croxley station of the London & Northwestern railway and the station at Watford were partially burned.

Estate Worth \$50,000

OAKLAND, March 10.—Mrs. Abbie Miller, widow of the late Poet of the Sierras, was today appointed administratrix of her husband's estate, which is valued at \$50,000.

REPORT AROUSES SONORA PEOPLE

NOGALES, Ariz., March 10.—Nogales and Sonora were thrown into a panic of fear today by the report that hundreds of rebels are marching on the town.

Scores of refugees, carrying their valuables, have fled to the American side.

SCULPTURE AND COLOR PLAN OUT

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—Rapid progress is being made upon the sculpture and color plans of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. The whole scheme of color in the exposition is under the distinguished direction of Mr. Jules Guerin, acknowledged as America's greatest artist in color. Mr. Karl Bitter, as director of sculpture, is assisted by Mr. A. Sterling Calder and an army of sculptors who are now at work in their New York studios.

Pope Is Better

ROME, March 10.—At the vatican today it was stated that the pope has greatly improved in health, and his speedy recovery is predicted.

FREE LUMBER AND FARM MACHINERY

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—Sugar, lumber and farm machinery will be placed on the free list, according to the members of the ways and means committee.

While declaring themselves certain about the three commodities mentioned above, the committeemen are divided as to raw wool.

The deliberations of the committee, which were resumed this afternoon, are being kept secret.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 10.

The spirit of the workers in Russia is aptly illustrated by a strike of boys in a government factory at Brinsk. The boys were paid 18 cents for ten hours work a day, and frequently were compelled to toil overtime without extra wage. Much of the work was done outdoors in bitter cold weather. The boys formed a union, and finally struck for 25 cents a day. The police were called in to frighten them, and some of the leaders were arrested. Fifty forced their way out of the factory. After a few days, under pressure of the police and their parents, the boys gave way.

Their grievances were so well exploited, however, that a strong public sentiment was formed in their favor.

WHITE SLAVE LAW TO BE DRASTIC

PRESIDENT WILSON WILL BE ASKED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE CRUSADERS, AND URGE ENACTMENT OF LAWS

CHICAGO, March 10.—O'Hara has asked President Wilson to confer with the Illinois white slave committee in Washington later in the week. He intends to present to the president testimony taken here and urge a federal law fixing a minimum wage scale for women.

Merchants here would not oppose a federal law.

O'Hara has been advised that committees from Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin will come here to join in the probe.

The investigation committee recalled James Simpson of Marshall Fields company to the stand.

"I think the minimum wage a woman can live on is from \$8 to \$9 a week," he declared. "However, if a minimum wage law is enacted, it would increase the cost of living, and the increase would be passed on to the public."

LONDON, March 10.—The Scotch courts have been asked to decide whether a woman is a "person" according to British law. The defendant is a suffragette named Miss Jennie Allen of Prestwick, Ayrshire, and the inland revenue department is trying to make her pay \$545 in income tax. She contends that the word "individual" or "person" in the finance act were meant to mean "male person" in all the statutes, and there is no reason that they should mean anything different in taxation statutes. She will conduct her own defense. If she is successful it will be necessary to alter the law to include the word "women."

GOAT IS IT, AND GOAT IT WILL BE

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—Goat Island it is, and Goat Island it will remain until the people of the region around San Francisco bay shall make it Yerba Buena Island again by their own daily use of the Spanish name.

That's the official opinion of Henry Gannett, chairman of the United States geographic board, delivered in a letter to Representative Kahn, after many club women had written him an appeal to banish the homely back-lot appellation.

Gannett explains that some of these letters have been "very abusive"—trying, in short, to make of the geographer the same thing he calls the bit of land between San Francisco and Oakland. He refuses to be made a goat.

"We might legislate until doomsday," he says, "and it would do no good until Californians began to use the name Yerba Buena. Fifteen years ago I looked into the question, and found just one name for that island used there, and that was Goat."

FRIEDMANN CURE HELPS A FEW

NEW YORK, March 10.—Dr. Landesman of the Peoples' hospital in New York told Dr. Friedmann that the three persons first treated with the new tuberculosis cure are doing splendidly.

Night sweats and pains in the chest have already disappeared.

On his return from Canada Friedmann will inoculate 1,000 people here

GIRLS MISTREATED IN LOS ANGELES

FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF EIGHT-HOUR LAW REPORTED

Horrible Stories Brought to Light by City Wage Investigation Committee in Southern California Metropolis. Poor Ventilation, Poor Wages, and Illness is the Lot of Girl Employees in the City of Angels

LOS ANGELES, March 11.—The eight-hour working law for women is being flagrantly violated in this city, it is alleged by the city wage investigation committee, in their report, which was made today.

The report states that women working in many of the stores and factories have their health impaired by poor ventilation, and the wages they receive are scarcely enough to live on.

Girls faint daily in the five and ten cent stores, declares the report, on account of being compelled to stand behind counters all day, and receiving a pittance that makes it necessary for them to curtail their meals. Many dispense with breakfast or the noon meal, and thus weakened, are unable to stand the strain.

Many women employees of stores and laundries receive only \$4 a week, is one of the charges made by the investigators, who further hold that standing advertisements are kept in the newspapers for the laundries to supply girls to replace those who are injured in the mangles.

It is declared that the strain under which trained nurses are compelled to work is so severe that no nurse can live more than six years. A further investigation of the latter charge is to be made, including visits to all of the hospitals.

KLAMATH DELEGATION IS PRAISED BY SPEAKER

SALEM, March 11.—In reviewing the work of the recent legislature, Speaker C. N. McArthur, before leaving for his home in Portland, paid a high tribute to Senator Thompson of Crook, Klamath and Lake counties and Representatives Forbes and Smith of Crook, Grant, Klamath and Lake counties.

"Central Oregon was very ably represented," said Speaker McArthur. "Senator Thompson is one of the cleanest and ablest men that ever sat in the state senate, and I can say the same thing about Representatives Forbes and Smith, whose work I watched with a special interest during the session. Forbes did excellent work on the committees on the revision of laws and irrigation, and Smith on the committees of ways and means and irrigation. The success of the appropriation bill for the relief of the Columbia Southern project was due to these three gentlemen, and I am certain that their constituents appreciate the excellent services rendered. I speak particularly of Forbes and Smith because they were in the house, and their work came under my personal observation, and I wish to say that no men stood higher or accomplished more during the session.

"The recent session will go down as the best in the history of the state, as the record of constructive legislation speaks for itself. Carping newspapers and cheap demagogues may rant and rave, but the general public understands the animus behind such criticisms, and will judge the legislature by the results achieved."

MORGAN TRAVELS WITH MEXICAN

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, March 10. The passenger list of the liner Adriatic, en route to New York via Naples, includes the names of J. Pierpont Morgan and Porfirio Diaz. The latter will stop in France to meet officers who are to escort him back to Mexico.

DARROW MAY BE OUT OF PRACTICE

LOS ANGELES, March 10.—District Attorney Fredericks stated today that he had not decided whether Darrow would be put on trial again, but that the bar association would probably try to disbar the Chicago attorney because he admitted that he had paid Biddinger \$700 for information concerning the spies in the ranks of the unions.

NACOZARI IN REBEL HANDS

DOUGLAS, March 10.—Nationalist rebels came into possession of the city of Nacozari last night, following a twelve-hour battle. Fifty federal soldiers are missing.

The federal forces evacuated the city under a flag of truce. They arrived in Agua Prieta today.

George J. Walton returned Sunday night from a business trip to Medford and Ashland. He has been away several days in the interests of the California-Oregon Power company.