

SEARS-ROEBUCK PAY LOW WAGES

INVESTIGATION DEVELOPS SOME STARTLING FACTS

Head of the Concern Declares That He Has Never Tried to Live on \$8 a Week When Asked if He Thought He Could—Says That Wages Have No Connection With Immorality in the Large Cities

CHICAGO, March 7.—The white slave investigation committee resumed the probe in the La Salle hotel today. The room was crowded with legislators and social workers. The taking of testimony is expected to occupy today and tomorrow.

Julius Rosenwald, head of Sears Roebuck company, testified that his company employs 4,702 women at an average weekly wage of \$9.12. Girls under 16 years of age receive a minimum of \$5 a week. He said that the company employs twenty-three women who receive \$21 weekly for their services.

Answering a direct question, Mr. Rosenwald said: "Wages do not have any connection with prostitution."

Rosenwald admitted that the dividends of his company last year amounted to \$7,000,000. Asked if it should be found that the women employees of the company were underpaid the Sears-Roebuck company would increase their wages, he replied:

"We will do what we can in justice to them and to ourselves, always considering the necessities of competition."

Rosenwald testified that the surplus of his company was \$12,000,000, but he would not say whether he would devote a part of the surplus to increase wages, and refused to state his personal income.

"Can you live on \$8 a week?" the witness was asked.

"I have never tried," he replied.

FOUR SCORE KILLED WHEN DYNAMITE BLOWS UP BOAT

BALTIMORE, March 7.—At least eighty-five people are dead or missing as a result of an explosion of dynamite at Curtis Bay this forenoon.

The dynamite was being loaded on the tug Atlantic for shipment to the Panama canal. The cause is not known.

The tug was blown to pieces, and its crew and the stevedores loading the powder, seventy-five in all, are either dead or missing.

Many were blown into fragments by the force of the explosion. It is doubtful if the exact number of deaths will ever be known.

Four men were killed on the navy collier Jason from the shock of the explosion. Twenty of the crew were injured.

At least four of the crew and stevedores are killed, and twenty-five are injured, who were on the British steamer Alumichine.

Tugs from all points rushed to the scene of the disaster as soon as the explosion occurred. At noon thirty-nine corpses had been taken from the bay.

The force of the explosion was so terrific that docks and wharves along the water front collapsed. The state house at Annapolis was violently rocked.

Several boats some distance from the explosion were damaged to some extent. Many fragments of human bodies were blown through the air for great distances.

AUTOS TO HAVE OWN BUILDING

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—After nearly a year of negotiations between the exposition management and the National Association of Automobile Manufacturers, an agreement has been reached under which there will be a palace erected solely devoted to the exhibition of automobiles and what pertains to automobiles. This palace will be erected at a cost of several hundred thousands of dollars, it will cover an area of about 210,000 square feet, or more than five acres. It will be about four times as large as the Coliseum at Chicago, and in it we could put four or five Madison Square Gardens of New York. No single industry has ever presented an exhibit on half so vast a scale.

HARBOR VIEW IS SCENE OF WORK

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—Harbor View, the site of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, which covers an area of 625 acres stretching along the shores of San Francisco Bay for a distance of three miles to the famous Golden Gate at the edge of the Pacific ocean, presents a scene of lively activity today.

Thousands of men and teams are at work. Several hundred acres of land have been filled in, graded and laid with roadways and railroad tracks along the bay shore which forms the

northern boundary of the exposition grounds. Steam cranes, barges, motors and mule teams are at work in the building preparations now making great strides at Harbor View. Millions of feet of lumber are being unloaded on the exposition site. The buildings are fast being raised, giving, as yet, but a faint impression of the beauties that are to be.

BLUE SKY SUITE BEING PREPARED

SALEM, March 7.—Offices are being fitted up here for a new corporation department which will have charge of the enforcement of the new "Blue Sky" law passed by the legislature.

The "Blue Sky" law was introduced by Representative Mitchell. It provides that no corporation or stock broker shall sell or negotiate for the sale of stocks, bonds or other securities without securing a permit from the corporation department.

WILEY SAYS LAW TO BE ENFORCED

PENDLETON, March 7.—That the Wilson administration will effect a decided improvement in the enforcement of the pure food laws is the opinion of Doctor Harvey W. Wiley, former chief chemist in the department of agriculture, who is on a lecturing tour of the Northwest. Dr. Wiley stated that he expected to see the Remsen board legislated out of office. He also declared that he has no desire to return to his former position.

PORTLAND LONG ON APPLES NOW

THREE DAY SALE BEING HELD IN ROSE CITY THROUGH HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT OF THE WOMEN'S CLUB

PORTLAND, March 7.—With plenty of apples on hand and the co-operation of dealers and wholesalers assured, a three days' apple sale, planned by the home economics department of the women's club, will begin this week. The sale marks the first organized efforts of the women of the city to solve the problems of the high cost of living, and it is understood sales of other products are being considered. Much interest is taken in the sale by grocers, and it is believed that virtually every one of the 600 stores in Portland will carry apple displays and will quote attractive prices.

GOVERNOR DUNNE WILL SEE FIGHT

NEW YORK, March 7.—The Dunne party of Illinois legislators who attended the inauguration of President Wilson will be at the ringside when McFarland and Britton clash tonight. The members of the party say they want to see how the Frawley law operates, as a similar bill is pending in the Illinois legislature.

McFarland is a favorite for the mill tonight. The odds are 10 to 8.

MARINE CORPS SURGEONS WILL TEST THE NEW CURE

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8.—The health board of the marine service today formally authorized a test of the Friedmann tubercular cure by that branch of the service.

Surgeon General Blue said that Professor Friedmann agreed to give the various government branches cultures unconditionally, and two marine corps surgeons have been assigned to conduct the tests.

The two surgeons will leave this evening for New York city, and they will confer privately with Professor Friedmann for the next week. Following their discussions of the cure's possibilities, they will commence experimenting with monkeys.

Their tests will be exhaustive, covering a period of several months. It is the intention to make no announcement until the cultures have been given a thorough test.

In case the experiments are efficacious, tubercular patients at the government hospital at Fort Stanton will be treated.

Much depends upon the success of the outcome of these tests. In case they prove successful, they will be extended to inmates of the twenty-six other hospitals of the marine service.

POPE ILL; ALL AUDIENCES OFF

ROME, March 8.—Advices from the Vatican are to the effect that Pope Pius X. is ill. All audiences have been suspended indefinitely.

The pontiff's condition is considered none too good by the attending physicians. He is reported to be suffering from a grippé and bronchial troubles.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Brown of Crystal are at the Hotel Hall.



Billy Papke

Frank Klaus

When Papke and Klaus met in Paris on March 5th to battle for the middleweight championship of the world, they heard plenty of shouts from American fight fans, as many of the faithful made the trip to Paris to see the battle between these two little giants. It is estimated that the gate receipts were in excess of \$40,000.

L. C. Bosma and W. R. Dunning, two young men from Butler, Mo., are here with a view to making Klamath Falls their home.

R. C. Klepper, formerly local representative of the Wood-Curtis company, is here from California for a short visit.

Social Events of the Week

Members of the Priscilla Needlework Club were entertained at the home of Mrs. Miles Lippert Wednesday afternoon, needlework being the principal occupation. Refreshments were served, and all enjoyed a good time. Those attending were Mrs. Lizzie Fitch, Mrs. Percival Sholl, Mrs. Charles Graves, Mrs. H. W. Keese, Mrs. H. Wilson, Mrs. S. L. Walker, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. C. E. Garcelon, Mrs. R. J. Sheets.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Wattenburg returned Wednesday from California points, where they have been visiting for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Samuel S. Summers was hostess to the Art Needlework Club on Wednesday afternoon, when the following guests attended: Mrs. George Humphrey, Mrs. Kelly of Albany, Mrs. Biehn, Mrs. James Driscoll, Mrs. George H. Feese. Members of the club attending Wednesday's meeting were Mrs. J. Fred Goeller, Mrs. Geo. R. Hurn, Mrs. I. Jay Knapp, Mrs. J. S. Stubblefield, Mrs. George A. Wirtz, Mrs. Willis E. Faught, Mrs. Arthur Wilson, Mrs. C. C. Hogue, Mrs. R. H. Dunbar. The usual delightfully informal afternoon chat over needlework was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

Nine candidates were initiated into the mysteries of the order at Thursday night's meeting of Prosperity Rebekah Lodge in I. O. O. F. hall. A banquet followed the ritualistic work. Upwards of 150 members were in attendance.

Mrs. R. E. Smith entertained at her home Monday afternoon, the occasion being a lily bridge practice. The afternoon was spent in mastering the game, and a luncheon was served by the hostess. Attending were Mrs. Fred Schallack, Mrs. Claude Daggett, Mrs. Earl Whitlock, Mrs. E. V. Hawley, Mrs. Carl Cofer, Mrs. Orb Campbell, Mrs. Thomas Hampton and Mrs. Tibbets of Portland.

Mrs. Carl Cofer entertained a number of needleworkers Tuesday afternoon, when there were present Mrs. Geo. H. Feese, Mrs. C. V. Fisher, Mrs. J. J. Parker, Mrs. George J. Walton, Mrs. W. B. Cofer, Mrs. Fred Stahlman, Mrs. E. V. Hawley and Mrs. R. E. Smith. The afternoon was spent in conversation and fancy work, and a luncheon was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Will W. Baldwin entertained the N. N. N. Club at their home last Friday night, 500 being the game of the evening. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Burge W. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. F. Zim Baldwin, Dr. and Mrs. George H. Merryman, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley O. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Orb Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Chastain, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. Charles I. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shive, Mr. and Mrs. George Baldwin, Miss Maude Baldwin and Charles Baldwin.

At her home on Bush street Thursday afternoon, Mrs. B. S. Grigsby gave a reception in honor of Mrs. Unruh, state president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Oregon. A pleasant time was enjoyed by all present. Dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. H. C. Chamberlain and Mrs. J. D. Grimes to Mrs. Unruh, Mrs. R. E. Cantrall, Mrs. F. E. Boyd, Mrs. O. A. Stearns, Mrs. E. C. Austin, Mrs. Sam Dixon, Mrs. L. M. Van Brimmer, Mrs. Geo. H. Feese, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Skillington, Mrs. De Long, Mrs. Jos. Seeds, Mrs. E. B. Ramsby, Mrs. Nate Otterbein, Mrs. E. E. Thompson, Mrs. S. P. Hoine, Mrs. Jas. Logsdon, Mrs. J. B. Mason, Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Ben S. Owens and the Misses Restora French, Maude and Olive Carelton.

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In this instance the federal government will receive about \$550,000 for the timber, of which sum \$225,000 will go to the benefit of the state for public schools and good roads, and the rest will be converted into treasury. All told, the yearly receipts from the national forests have been about \$2,000,000, of which timber sales have contributed about one-half, but the forest service reports that the demand for government timber is now increasing rapidly. Since July last twice as much timber has been sold as was sold in the entire preceding twelve months, and while the timber will be paid for only as it is removed during a term of years, the forestry officials expect to see the timber receipts mount up fast each year during the period immediately ahead.

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Summonsed home from a board meeting, ostensibly to "marry a couple," Rev. George H. Feese was surprised, Monday night, to find assembled at the parsonage a large number of people, who took occasion to call in a body in honor of the popular minister's birthday anniversary. Quite a number of presents were presented to Rev. Feese, and the evening was highly enjoyable for all.

CHRISTIANA, Norway, March 10.—The genius of Norway's beloved dramatist and novelist, Bjornson, has reappeared in his son, Bjorn, who, although 50 years of age, has achieved enormous success in his new play, "The Sun Still Shines," now being produced at the National theater.

The critics unite in characterizing the play as worthy to rank with any work of the author's father or of Ibsen. It is already assured of a long run and reproduction in other countries.

PARIS, March 10.—The average woman in a lifetime spends 349,570 minutes, or more than 242 days looking into her mirror, according to computations published by an astute French statistician. He classes the sex by ages as follows: From 6 to 10 years age, seven minutes a day; from 10 to 15, fifteen minutes; from 15 to 20, twenty-two minutes; from 25 to 30, half an hour. After 30 he cuts down mirror allowances until it reaches eighteen minutes at 40 and six minutes at 60.

PANIC AT SHOW; THIRTY KILLED

BORDEAUX, March 10.—Thirty people are reported killed as a result of a panic at a motion picture show at Loan.

The panic started from a slight blaze in the theater. Without waiting to find the extent of the fire, or to heed the assuring word of the attendants, the patrons of the show house dashed madly for the exits, and many were trampled under foot.

TO DESTROY PART OF IDAHO FOREST

LAND IN PRIEST RIVER RESERVE IS MORE VALUABLE FOR FARMING—NEW METHOD USED FOR DISPOSAL

SPECIAL TO THE HERALD
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8.—The government is selling 257,000,000 board feet of timber in the Priest River Valley of the Kaniksu forest, Idaho. This sale differs from most of those made by the government in handling its national forest timber business. Not merely the ripe timber will be sold to make room for a new crop, but on part of the area the purchasers will be expected to take everything in sight, after the time-honored fashion of most lumbering that is done on private lands. In short, the forest will be destroyed.

In the Kaniksu sale part of the area will be clear-cut because the land is more valuable for agriculture than for forests. Stump land in the same neighborhood sells for as high as \$40 or \$50 an acre; sometimes even more. While the present stand of timber on the best land within the forest is, according to the forest service, in general worth more than the land apart from the timber, the annual returns obtainable from farm crops make agriculture the best form of use for this land.

To open to homestead entry land with from \$5,000 to \$7,000 worth of timber on each homestead unit, as is the case on many homestead areas on the Kaniksu, tends to put a premium on its entry by timber speculators. From the speculators they go to lumber companies, and the lumber companies will hold back agricultural development either by keeping the timber intact for a long period, or by cutting the land clean and then holding it at a price which the prospective home builder looking for cheap land to develop cannot pay. Therefore the government does not open to entry heavily timbered agricultural land on national forests until after the timber has been cut off.

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INVESTIGATION UNEARHS HORRORS

INMATE OF RESORT TELLS OF USELESS STRUGGLE

Unable to Support Herself and Child on Wage Paid by the Department Stores, She Was Forced to Enter a Life of Shame—Illinois Investigators Are Shocked at the Disclosures

CHICAGO, March 8.—A pitiful story was told the members of the legislative white slave probe this morning by "E. G.," an inmate of a house of ill repute, who is at a hospital, a physical and mental wreck. She testified that her husband died, leaving her a child to support, and as she was unable to support herself and little one on \$4 a week, she was forced to enter a resort.

"A procurer brought a little girl of 17 to the resort under some pretext," said the unfortunate woman. "She was carried upstairs, fighting madly, and her clothes were taken away from her."

"It was weeks before she submitted to the conditions of the life she was forced to enter, and every night I could hear her despairing screams. Like myself, she is now in a hospital, broken down in health and spirit."

"I did not dream that such a hellish condition could exist on earth," exclaimed Senator Juul. Other members of the commission made similar expressions, and all were visibly affected by the testimony, given in the hope of saving other women from sin.

The commission may try to punish Vice President Simpson of Marshall Field & Co., for contempt. He refused to make an estimate of the company's profits.

Edward Hillman, owner of a large department store, testified that he began life as a cash boy, earning \$2 a week.

When asked as to the relation of low wages and prostitution Hillman replied: "I don't know the situation exactly, but I believe girls sell themselves rather than starve."

"If you big employers of women do not help us in this work of finding a solution for the social evil, some worse means may be used to force you to," thundered Senator Juul, when Hillman refused to tell the profits derived from his store.

DARROW JURY FAILS TO REACH A VERDICT; QUIT

LOS ANGELES, March 8.—After arguing the matter for over forty-eight hours, the jury in the Darrow case returned to the court room at 11:43 this morning, and reported a hopeless disagreement.

They were discharged by Judge Conley.

Foreman Pettingill stated that the jury was divided eight to four, Grant, Robinson, Burrer and Setchell, standing for acquittal. They remained deadlocked in this way for several hours.

After the dismissal of the jury Judge Powers, who conducted the defense, arose and demanded that the date be set for a new trial of the charge of attempted jury bribing against the labor attorney. Judge Conley fixed March 31st.

District Attorney Fredericks stated that the case will be tried again if the defense wishes it.

"I should have been acquitted at once on the evidence offered against me," said Darrow. "I am determined to stay here in Los Angeles and fight until I am acquitted of the charge."

COLD WEATHER HINDERS HUNT

BALTIMORE, March 8.—Revised lists indicate that the list of those killed by yesterday's dynamite explosion will not exceed thirty. The injured are seventy in number.

The monetary loss is estimated at \$200,000. Cold weather will probably delay the recovery of bodies.

KING GEORGE MEETS FIVE EARNST SUFFRAGETTES

LONDON, March 10.—King George while en route to parliament was accosted by five suffragettes at White Hall. The women forced their way to the royal coach and attempted to present a petition to the king. They were promptly arrested.

A large crowd which quickly gathered threatened to duck the militant suffragettes in a lake in St. James Park. The police finally succeeded in getting the women from the scene.

Idaho Makes Appropriation

BOISE, Idaho, March 7.—The Idaho house of representatives has passed a bill appropriating \$100,000 for a building and exhibits at the Panama-Pacific exposition. The senate is expected to concur.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—The senate today confirmed the nomination of Marble to be commerce commissioner.

Poor Print