

COST OF LIVING IN NINE STATES To be Thoroughly Inquired Into by House of Representatives Committee

PROFIT RATES TO BE INVESTIGATED Hearings of the Committee to be Public—Committee May Sit Anywhere in this Country and Summon and Swear Witnesses—Any Alleged Increase in Cost of Necessaries of Life to be Probed.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The cost of living in the United States is to be thoroughly inquired into by the house of representatives committee on the power of the committee—the ways and means. Late today representative Payne of New York chairman of the committee and majority leader in the house introduced his resolution, providing for an investigation along the broadest lines.

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Unexpected Turn In Woman's Trial Wa Street Failure MOVE BY HER ATTORNEY CREATES A SENSATION. MRS. FORD MAY BE FREED

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 1.—Mrs. Jeanette Stewart Ford may be freed tomorrow from the jail in which she is confined on the charge that she procured the arrest of her husband, who is now in the hands of the law. Her attorney today moved for her release, claiming that the evidence against her is insufficient to justify her detention.

PHOTOGRAPH OF MISS HESLER CAUSED NAVAL COURT-MARTIAL PAYMASTER Auld on Trial Charged with Assaulting a Boston Physician.

Boston, Feb. 1.—It is a woman's photograph which is to be the subject of a court-martial proceeding today. Paymaster George P. Auld, after being charged with assaulting a Boston physician, is on trial for the offense. The photograph in question is that of Miss Hesler, a young woman who was seen in the company of the paymaster at the time of the assault.

22,587,079 CATHOLICS UNDER THE U. S. FLAG. 4,865 Parochial Schools in the United States With 1,237,251 Pupils.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 1.—There are 22,587,079 Catholics in the United States, according to advance sheets of the official Catholic directory published in Milwaukee. The directory includes the Catholics of the United States proper, Alaska, the Philippines, Porto Rico and the Hawaiian Islands. The Catholic population under the United States flag, according to the same directory, is 14,347,037 Catholics, showing a gain of 1,237,251 since 1907.

HOUSE CRITICISM OF BUREAU OF FORESTRY—Postal Savings Bank Bill.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Unavailing criticism of the bureau of forestry, led by representatives Mondell of Wyoming and Taylor of Colorado, was the chief feature of the proceedings of the house today. The agricultural appropriation bill was the subject of a long and heated debate, with the forestry bureau being the main target of the criticism.

PAUL ERENKA CONVICTED In New York in Connection With White Slave Investigation.

New York, Feb. 1.—The conviction today of Paul Erenka, a youth arrested in connection with the white slave investigation, was the chief feature of the proceedings of the court today. Erenka was found guilty of the charge of harboring a white slave.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS

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The Spanish War Veterans will observe the 100th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln on Feb. 12.

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