

ILLINOIS VICE COMMISSION PUTS IN DAY IN WASHINGTON

MANY NEW FEATURES IN THE DOWNFALL OF WOMEN ARE BROUGHT OUT.

PRESIDENT WILSON SEEN

The Executive Takes Under Consideration the Request to Call National Conference—Tax on Bachelors Suggested, as well as Whipping Post for All White-Slavers.

Washington, March 22.—The whipping post for white-slave traffickers and seducers of women, a tax upon bachelors, more careful training of children and abolition of joy rides and ragtime dancing were advocated as remedies for the social evil at a hearing here today conducted by the Illinois senatorial vice commission which came to Washington primarily to interest President Wilson in a nation-wide vice crusade.

The commission secured the promise of President Wilson to consider their request for him to call a conference of governors and representatives of vice commissions from various states to study the social problem, the conference to be held in Washington as soon as practicable. Congressman Robert Hill of Illinois agreed on request of the committee to introduce in congress a bill creating a commission to look into vice conditions in the District of Columbia.

At the hearing, attended by many prominent women and men interested in social welfare work, the law wage question as a cause of girls going wrong was discussed, several of the witnesses deprecating the idea, insisting that lack of education and resisting force had much more to do with the downfall of women. Men, too, were blamed as principally responsible for the degradation of girls.

Witnesses who declared that low wages were not responsible for social vice admitted, however, on being questioned by Lieutenant Governor O'Hara, head of the commission, that higher wages for working girls would better equip them to resist evil, and all recommended that a minimum wage law for girls would be of great benefit.

The Minimum Wage.

Eight dollars a week as a minimum wage for women was the generally accepted sum estimated by the witnesses. Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, wife of the former chief of the bureau of chemistry, being one who mentioned that sum as a minimum as a wage for girls.

Mrs. Wiley advocated sex hygiene as one of the basic remedies for the social evil, urged women police for cities and entrenchment of women.

"Give us the franchise," she said, "and we will raise the age of consent so that 12-year-old girls cannot have their bodies given away."

Mrs. Wiley and other witnesses also declared that employers of under-paid girls and women had not the moral right to give money to charities out of the earnings of their enterprises until they had increased the wages of their employees.

Dr. W. C. Woodward, health officer of the District of Columbia, urged the encouragement of early marriage, among young men as one of the remedies for the social evil and he placed the responsibility for the downfall of 90 per cent of women directly at the door of men rather than in the counting room of the department stores or factory.

He approved a suggestion by Senator Beall of Illinois of law imposing a tax upon bachelors between the ages of 24 and 42, saying all men over 22 years should pay an annual tax of \$100. Dr. Woodward presented some astonishing statistics, among them that 50 per cent of the men, as shown in his list of patients, and that 10 per cent were afflicted with loathsome diseases.

"Unpleasant places," said Dr. Woodward, "are the morasses from which these diseases come. Social education is the best means for eradicating these places."

Dr. Woodward gave statistics showing that 10 per cent of all the recorded births in the District of Columbia last year were illegitimate, the mothers being between 13 and 20 years of age in the majority of cases.

CITIZENS TO HELP SUFFERERS

Mobile, Ala., March 22.—Mobile citizens are canvassing tonight for money and supplies for the relief of storm victims at Lower Peachtree, Ala., which virtually was wiped out by a cyclone Friday.

POLES DECORATED WITH MEXICAN CORPSES

THREE MADERO SYMPATHIZERS PAY PENALTY FOR ACTIVITIES WITH LIVES.

El Paso, Texas, March 22.—Hanging from railway telegraph poles at Sauz, between Chihuahua City and the border, are the bodies of Mariano Rodriguez, former police chief of Juarez, and Rafael Esquivel, an aged newspaper vendor of the two border towns.

On the band of the hat worn by Esquivel, who was credited with religious fanaticism, are printed the strange words "Soldado de paz," (soldier of peace). Taunting their victims with this motto, familiar to residents of El Paso and Juarez, who patronized the vendor, federal troops last Wednesday removed Esquivel and Rodriguez from the jail where they had been held for political offenses. It was charged that Esquivel had written for a weekly newspaper, blaming General Huerta with the slaying of Madero.

While Esquivel cried curses on the heads of the soldiers, Mariano Rodriguez, a young Mexican who had fought with Madero in the first revolution, met his death calmly. An unidentified political prisoner also was hanged, according to persons arriving here today.

From points below Chihuahua City come belated reports of raiding of ranches and small towns. At a village near the state capital, bandits in the guise of constitutionalists raided dwellings and mercantile houses. After even robbing children's toy banks of their pennies, the raiders left the town crying, "Viva la constitution."

With insurgent state forces continuing to interrupt traffic about Torreón, Parral, and Santa Rosalia, General Antonio Rabago at Chihuahua City has issued an appeal for volunteers to patrol the railway. Few responded. Some 2,000 federal regulars dare not leave the state capital where infantry and cavalry are doing police duty in the streets in fear of anti-Huerta demonstrations.

A KNIFE FOR TAFT.

Augusta, Ga., March 22.—The Boy Scouts of Augusta presented former President Taft with a gold knife this morning. A delegation of scouts called on Mr. Taft at his hotel just before he went to the golf course. He expressed deep appreciation of the gift and told the scouts he would be back here next March to see how they were progressing.

FRUIT DISTRIBUTORS HAVE SELLING PLANS

North Yakima, Wash., March 22.—Nine trustees of the North Pacific Fruit Distributors' association announced at noon today that they had agreed on a selling plan by which the organization will handle the crops of 200,000 acres in four northwest states. The association represents the fruit growers of Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

The trustees estimated that they will handle 15,000 carloads of fruit this year. A co-operative selling and distributing agency will handle strawberries, cherries, peaches, pears, prunes and apples in carload lots. Contracts will be signed within a few days, it was said, with the nine subordinate districts of the northwest.

The trustees will remain here until all contracts are signed.

AN AGED SUICIDE.

Pleasant Grove, Utah, March 22.—Blind and ill with pneumonia, Andrew C. Thompson, 77 years of age, committed suicide today by slitting his throat with his grandson's pocket knife. His son, who was watching by the bedside, fell asleep to be aroused by the groans of the blind man, who died soon after.

"SHE MIGHT AS WELL BE DEAD!"



END OF BALKAN STRUGGLE EXPECTED IN A FEW DAYS

TREATMENT HELPS PATIENTS

New York, March 22.—Ten sufferers from tuberculosis who were inoculated by Dr. P. F. Friedmann, declared at a clinic held by the Berlin physician today that health has improved since receiving the treatment. Dr. Friedmann announced that two weeks hence he will return to Germany for a brief period to complete unfinished laboratory tests. He will return to the United States hopeful that by that time the government health authorities will have recognized his vaccine as a cure.

TURKS ARE IN HOPELESS CONDITION AND ALLIES ARE READY TO QUIT.

POWERS PRESENT TERMS

Bulgarian Premier is Given Schemes Which Powers Wish to Make the Basis of Mediation—Adrianople Still Holding Out and Allies Are Losing Heart—and Money.

London, March 22.—The developments of the last week appear to make the conclusion of the Balkan war a matter of only a few days. Turkey, having no hopes of obtaining more money, has entrusted her interests to the good offices of the powers, and the allies have accepted the powers' offer of mediation. The representatives of the powers at Sofia today handed the Bulgarian premier their schemes embodying a basis for mediation. Their plan includes two provisions to which the allies will likely object. The demand for indemnity is vetoed, and the powers stipulate that hostilities must cease when their proposals are accepted.

It appears improbable, however, that the allies will refuse to settle on the terms now offered. The war has come practically to a deadlock. Fighting on the Thessalonian lines has been indecisive. Adrianople, which the Bulgarians proposed to reduce to submission in a few days, seems to be holding out as strongly as ever after a five-months' siege, and a wireless message from there today declares that the Turkish commander has no thought of surrender.

Austria has sent a second note to the Montenegro, requiring that the bombardment of Scutari be confined to the forts, and giving one week for King Nicholas to comply with her other demands. Russia is not backing the Austrian policy, and as the powers have agreed that Montenegro shall not keep Scutari, even if she conquers the garrison, but that that city shall be incorporated in the new Albanian state, King Nicholas seems to have no alternative but to make a virtue of a necessity.

If the allies attempt to withhold the mandate of Europe, they might prove to be a hornet's nest, but the weak point in their armor is that their finances are almost as near an end as Turkey's.

FOR GOVERNMENT MONOPOLIES.

Berlin, March 22.—The German government in order to cover the continually increasing expenditures of the army, is contemplating the establishment of government monopolies in the sale of cigarettes, matches and alcohol. The Lokai Anzeiger says the government intended originally to rely on other sources of revenue for this purpose, but opposition from several of the federated states was encountered.

NO ATLANTIC PATROL.

Washington, March 22.—The United States probably will not patrol the north Atlantic steamship lane for icebergs, in view of the action of the British board of trade and British steamer interests in sending the whaler Scotia for the patrol. The New York marine exchange strongly urged the treasury department to assign revenue cutters to the work, but Secretary McAdoo thinks the British action sufficient.

BIGELOW MEMORIAL.

New York, March 22.—Announcement was made here today that a committee has been formed to erect a memorial to the late John Bigelow, the distinguished publicist, diplomat and United States minister to France during the civil war. The precise form of the memorial has not yet been decided, but it is proposed to raise a fund of \$100,000 to defray the cost.

THREE-HEADED CHILD.

Appleton, Wis., March 22.—A child with three heads was born to Mrs. Louis Palm of Appleton today. The main head is longer than the other two and is the one closest to the trunk of the body. On top of the main head is a neck surmounted by the two other heads.

DESTROYER LAUNCHED.

Philadelphia, March 22.—The torpedo boat destroyer Benham, named after Rear Admiral A. K. Benham, retired, was launched today at the Cramp shipyard. The vessel was christened by Miss Edith Wallace Benham, only daughter of the admiral.

A SHOCK.

Fort de France, March 22.—An earthquake shock was felt here shortly before noon today. Little damage has been reported.

EARLY SETTLEMENT OF TARIFF FIGHT IS DESIRED

THE PRESIDENT WANTS A SATISFACTORY BILL BEFORE CONGRESS CONVENES.

Washington, March 22.—President Wilson hopes to do most of the fighting for tariff revision before congress begins its work early in April. The president is of the opinion that it is better to do the talking and the fighting—if any is necessary—before the special session is far along, rather than allow differences of opinion to crop out as the tariff progresses through congress.

He expects to give the administration's backing to a tariff bill that will represent the views of himself and his cabinet, leaders of both the senate and house and of the country at large as well. Within the next few weeks he will consult with party leaders frequently and as soon as the schedules of the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill have been changed to conform to democratic standards, he will get together with these leaders to determine upon the plan that is to receive his support. The president wishes to see the forces of the White House and those of congress united in an effort to pass the tariff legislation on which they all are agreed.

Not only will the president consult democratic leaders, but he will talk over with disinterested business men representing all sections of the country the proposed changes and their probable effect on various industries.

To Held Conferences.

The president does not intend to hold his hearings on the tariff from time to time he will confer with friends familiar with particular schedules. He already has held several such conferences and more will follow before April 7. He is anxious to get the ideas of the country upon tariff revision, as upon other subjects and will not hesitate to call in men not in public life to obtain this information.

The tariff is foremost in the president's mind. He has not present intention of attempting to confine the activities of the special session to tariff only, but is inclined to the belief that it is better not to make out in advance "any administration program of legislation which might be disarranged by unexpected complications."

If the tariff sailing is smooth, currency reform and other subjects regarded by the president as less important may be taken up and put through their first stages at least before adjournment is taken.

ONLY TEMPORARILY IS FORESTRY FUND HELD BACK

MONEY FOR NEW SCHOOL WILL BE APPROPRIATED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

(Staff Correspondence.)

Helena, March 22.—The state board of examiners this afternoon gave out to the press the following official statement:

"The board has suspended an appropriation of \$7,500 for 1913-14 and 1914-15 for betterments at the state fair, and an appropriation of \$6,000 for each year immediately ensuing for the forestry school at the University of Montana, and an appropriation of \$11,688.21 in favor of the Dairy Bank & Trust company and others on account of certain lands purchased for the state fair, and an appropriation for a horticultural building at the state fair amounting to \$25,000, not arbitrarily nor even permanently, but for the reason that the board feels that until such time as the board is assured that funds will be available to meet the appropriations made by the last legislative assembly, inclusive of the \$100,000 constitutional limit, these appropriations ought to be suspended. If in the future it shall appear that funds are available to meet these appropriations the board has the authority and the inclination promptly to restore them."

"In the matter of the suspension of the appropriation in favor of the Dairy Bank & Trust company and others, an agreement has been reached by the board with those interested in the appropriation that they will not demand their money until such time as funds are available."

"In addition to these appropriations which have been suspended by formal action of the board there are numerous other appropriations made for various purposes, but which cannot become effective until the board of examiners orders the work done for which the appropriation was made. In view of this fact the board did not feel it necessary to suspend these appropriations."

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IN MOST SECTIONS WILL EASTER DAY BE KIND

UNCLE SAM'S WEATHER MAN IS QUITE CHEERFUL IN HIS PROGNOSTICATIONS.

(Staff Correspondence.)

Washington, March 22.—The weather forecaster relented tonight and sent to American womanhood—suffragist and anti-suffragist, united in the common cause of beautiful clothes—the joyful tidings of a fair Easter day in most sections of the United States. A golden sun undimmed in a cloudless sky, will shine, he promised, upon the blush and bloom of the Easter parade in the greater part of the country. In the middle west and Rocky mountain country the weather will be not only fair but warmer.

There are some dismal spots in the prediction, however. Though the ravaging storm of the past few days has gone out of the country, it is announced that another seems to be forming on the Pacific coast and may reach Easter Sunday there.

Easter bonnets, buds and blooms probably will be given a touch of frost on the Atlantic seaboard, over which the recent storm has left its aftermath of coldness. Sadly and timidly does the forecaster intimate the probability of rain in the gulf states.

Though the day will be fair in most sections, the weather man warns that the Easter display should end with the setting of the sun, for unsettled conditions and probably rain will spread over most of the country, especially in the middle west and east at nightfall.

NEW SEATS IN HOUSE.

Washington, March 22.—The house chamber of the capitol wears a strange aspect today, for the old desks and revolving chairs have disappeared and in their place prim rows of benches have been substituted. The new benches will provide seats for 450 persons or 15 more than the present membership of the house. These extra seats will be occupied, however, if congress adopts the plan of permitting cabinet members to appear on the floor and engage in the debates on bills.

WOMEN IN ALASKA CAN VOTE

Juneau, Alaska, March 22.—Governor Walter E. Clark signed yesterday the bill giving the ballot to the women of Alaska. This was the first bill passed by the Alaska legislature, and will become effective in 90 days. The bill passed without a negative vote in either house. Since the passage of the bill the members have received congratulatory messages from suffragette leaders throughout the United States.

WIRELESS MESSAGE CROSSES OCEAN

OPERATORS IN EIFFEL TOWER IN PARIS RECEIVE FROM AR-LINGTON STATION.

Paris, March 22.—The wireless station of the Eiffel tower today caught a short, complete message from the Arlington, Va., station. The conditions were unfavorable, and there was much interference from other stations on both sides of the Atlantic.

The American military attaché, Commander Henry H. Hough, and Professor Asaph Hall of the Washington naval observatory spent every night from 1 o'clock until 6 o'clock on the Eiffel tower assisting the French observers.

Nothing Received Here.

Washington, March 22.—Point radio signals were today received from the Eiffel tower station in Paris by the Arlington station of the navy, but there were no coherent messages. It was said that this was due largely to the recent storm that has disturbed atmospheric conditions on this side of the Atlantic.

Within the last few days there has been much interference from a newspaper station in New York, but this station has now agreed to keep out for a week.

Not much progress is expected to be made at this time of the year, because of unfavorable static conditions.

FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT

Tomorrow, at the polls, the voters of Missoula will give expression to the policy which will determine whether Missoula is to continue as a well-governed, progressive city or is to recede from the position which she occupies as the best-administered municipality in Montana. A vote for William H. Houston is a vote for the continuance of the present policy. Such a vote is the best boost you can give your home town this spring. As a member of the city commission, Mr. Houston has made a record which will stand the closest scrutiny. The citizens' committee which, at the request of the commission, recently investigated the affairs of the city, pays a splendid tribute to the work of Mr. Houston and the other commissioners. Every man in Missoula knows that the city was never so orderly as now. It is also a fact that the police department never cost the city as little as now. A vote for William H. Houston tomorrow is a vote for good government and a rebuke to the villainous attacks which have recently been made upon this man. Every decent citizen has a duty to perform tomorrow—that duty is to cast his ballot at the primary for Houston.

ELECTION OF WILSON MEANS CLEAN POLITICS

Omaha, Neb., March 22.—William Jennings Bryan, secretary of state, and Mrs. Bryan, were the guests of honor tonight at a dinner given by the University club of Omaha. Mr. Bryan said that more educated men had supported Wilson than any previous democratic candidate and predicted that the elevation of a man so thoroughly identified with college life would tend to draw other college men into political activity and thus bring politics to a higher plane.

BODY FOUND.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 22.—After a week's search the body of F. A. Peck, general superintendent of the St. Louis & Southwestern railroad, who disappeared from a hotel here March 12, was found yesterday in the woods, a revolver in one hand and a bullet wound in his right temple. Mr. Peck has been in ill health and came to Hot Springs several weeks ago.

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