

PRESIDENT TAFT'S SISTER-IN-LAW IS CATHOLIC CONVERT

Mrs. Henry W. Taft Received Into Roman Communion by Father Vaughan.

LONG CONTEMPLATED.

Has Been Episcopalian, but Is Now in Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.

Mrs. Henry W. Taft, President Taft's sister-in-law, has left the Episcopal Church and become a Roman Catholic.

Father Vaughan is credited with having brought about Mrs. Taft's change of faith. She was formerly a high church Episcopalian and a communicant at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in West Forty-sixth street.

After long study of doctrinal differences, Mrs. Taft made her new profession of faith, and received conditional baptism in the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.

The Taft home being at No. 36 West Forty-eighth street, in the limits of the Cathedral parish, she probably will attend services at the church in the near future.

Mr. Taft is a Unitarian, as is the President. The latter has two granddaughters who are likewise Unitarians.

The fact that Mrs. Taft has joined the Catholic church from St. Mary the Virgin's may reopen the long-standing feeling of the "low church" Episcopals against that parish and the other ultra-ritualistic churches, like St. Ignatius, on the upper west side.

The Church of St. Mary the Virgin is known as "the home of ritualism" in the Episcopal diocese of New York.

Yet these girls are the mothers of the future, the guardians of tomorrow. How they live and what they do will determine the future of our country.

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The United States census investigation shows that the average wage of working women throughout the country is \$20 a year, or about \$1 a week.

Investigation by the Consumers' League of New York has established that the greater number of saleswomen in New York receive wages of \$6 a week, that candy makers get \$5 to \$6 and paper box makers \$20 to \$25 weekly.

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By order of Mayor Gaynor, the license for the notorious Haymarket dance hall was revoked to-day by Chief Wallace of the Bureau of Licenses.

Edward Noonan is the present lessee of the Haymarket.

Dinner to George C. Van Tylen is given by George C. Van Tylen Jr., State Superintendent of Banks, of New York.

Dr. Arpad G. Gerster, Wall Street, Deputy Superintendent of Banks, is the present lessee of the Haymarket.

THE GIRL ON THE FIRING LINE

Struggles of 6,000,000 Working Women With Vice and Starvation—First of a Series of Articles by Nixola Greeley-Smith



Something About the Problem of the Vast Army of Girls Making \$5 or So a Week, of Whom Little is Heard, but They Are the Ones Who Stand the Brunt of the Great Fight.

Interesting Story of One Who Asserts No Man Asks a Girl to Lunch With Him for the Sheer Joy of Gazing Into Her Bright Eyes and Then at the Meal Check.



There is an army of 6,000,000 working women in the United States—an industrial army fighting the allied forces of starvation and vice.

Five hundred thousand of these girl soldiers of America are garrisoned in New York City.

Some of them are generals, colonels and captains and all aspire to be officers. Leisure and gold lace and the point of vantage on the distant hillside while the battle rages is part of the dim ideal of each war recruit.

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GIRL MILLIONAIRE ASKS COURT TO FIX "PIN MONEY"

Sixteen-Year-Old Frances Leggett's Yearly Income Is \$45,000, and \$300,000 Is Due.

The Supreme Court will render a decision soon that will be of great interest to all young women, but of particular interest to girls possessing fortunes of \$1,000,000 or over.

The girl is Frances H. Leggett, the daughter of the late Frank H. Leggett, the millionaire merchant.

Miss Leggett's income this year will be about \$45,000 in addition to the \$300,000 she is to receive in cash.

She has asked the court to set a figure upon which she may base the expenditures to be made for the girl's maintenance.

Spurred to action by the Commuters' League of New Jersey, Mayor Gregory of East Orange will go before the Public Utilities Commission Friday and ask that special police officers be stationed at the D. L. & W. stations during the hours when commuters are starting for or arriving from New York.

On Thursday morning, at 6:20 o'clock, Keenan's 110-ton locomotive struck a horse and a milk eel that had become stalled on the track at the Burnett street crossing.

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Then there is the grave question of desertion from the army or remaining till she receives her honorable "discharge" and joins the ranks of the wives and mothers.

Just what happens when the young recruit looks for barracks in New York is another chapter.

He had to give it up for the sake of peace. He got the notion that he wanted to go to Chicago to live, so we moved there and he got a job for \$12 a week.

Later he got \$18. I wrote some insurance and added a little money to the amount I'd saved in New York. Yes, we saved money on \$12 a week in Chicago. Well, one day my husband came home in a terrible state of mind.

SAVE BOY FROM SUICIDE.

Tracing Gas Leak, Brother Comes Upon Unconscious Lad.

Dependancy and lack of money and employment prompted Alfred Simon, sixteen years old, to attempt to kill himself today at his home, No. 27 East Eighty-sixth street.

In view of the agitation in the Oranges for safer crossings, the trial of John Keenan, a D. L. & W. engineer, before Recorder Nott today is of interest to commuters.

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GAYNOR NAMES DELEGATES.

Appoints Representatives to Attend Civic Federation.

Street-Cleaning Commissioner Edwards, License Commissioner Herman Robinson, Samuel Untermyer, R. A. C. Smith and labor leader Thomas J. Curtis were named today by Mayor Gaynor as delegates to the twelfth annual meeting of the National Civic Federation to be held in Washington early in March.

The general subject of industrial peace and progress is to be considered. A feature of the convention will be the discussion of the relations between municipal employees and the city government.

Not Yet Paid. (From the Kansas City Star.) The expressman took to a Manhattan home this week a package on which there was twenty-five cents charged. "I ain't pay you," said the colored girl who opened door; "the minus ain't hers and I been here only a day and I don't know where she keeps her money yet."

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Big Dress Sale!

Actual \$10 & 12 Values \$5 To-morrow, Thursday

The choicest of our Winter frocks awaits you. Imagine this stunning velvet corduroy, in only latest shades, at this absurd cut price; and a still further selection of newest serges, and most attractive silks in latest fashions and shades, superbly trimmed at this fascinating Bedell sacrifice price.

Silks--Serges--Corduroys The greatest dress event of the winter! No such rarity and value elsewhere—have positively sold at double the price. Is it any wonder Bedell leads?

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- \$32.50 Baltic Seal Coats (Full Length) 14.98
- \$60 Russian Pony Coats (Full Length) 19.98
- \$85 Russian Pony Coats (Full Length) 24.98
- \$100 Mink Marmot Coats (Full Length) 39.98
- \$100 Brilliant Seal Coats (Full Length) 39.98
- \$20 Black Wolf Sets 4.98
- \$35 Russian Lynx Sets 7.98
- \$25 White Fox Sets 8.98
- \$35 Black Fox Sets 12.98
- \$50 Potted Fox Sets 12.98
- \$60 Skunk Sets 19.98

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