

RADIO STRESSES ILLITERACY OF FARM CHILDREN

Rural Boys and Girls Lag Behind Shop Workers, Declares Labor Department Bureau

SCHOOL TERMS CUT SHORT Requirement of Greater Attention to Country Education Is Made Subject of Broadcast

By JOHN GOLDSTROM. Universal Service.

That farms, and not factories, are the greatest offenders in the matter of child labor and illiteracy was declared in a statement broadcasted by radio yesterday from the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor. It was urged that the economic condition of the farmer be improved.

CHILDREN ON FARMS.

"Almost every one is familiar with the evils and dangers of permitting young children to work in mills and factories and in various commercial positions in the cities," it was said.

"During the present year the census figures of 1920 regarding working children show over one million between the ages of ten and sixteen who were 'gainfully' occupied. Of these children more than 60 per cent were engaged in agriculture and related occupations. "From the standpoint of numbers at least the most important form of children's work is farm labor. And this is all the more striking when we realize that this census was taken in winter instead of at the time just a few months later when children by the thousands leave school for farm work, long before the end of the school term."

AT WORK IN SPRING.

The Children's Bureau says that a better idea of the real number of farm working children can be obtained from the 1910 census, which was taken in April instead of in January, and showed almost a million and a half boys and girls between the ages of ten and sixteen doing rural work. The statement continues:

"But the 1920 figures are large enough to attract attention when we learn that the census-takers did not count farm children as workers unless they were actually doing work at the time; they reported a great many as neither going to school nor working. The census did not take into account working children under ten years of age, although it is known that many very young children do regular work on farms."

MORE ILLITERATES.

Farm work is not only the most important form of child labor from the standpoint of numbers, but also the most serious in its effect on children's education. The States in which there are the largest numbers of child farm laborers are also the States in which are the largest proportion of children not attending school, and the highest percentage of illiteracy.

The census has shown this both in 1910 and 1920, and several studies by the Children's Bureau have also brought out the relation between rural child labor and illiteracy.

Farm work does not always oblige the children to leave school at an early age, although in January of the census year almost one-third of a million children under fourteen were working. But it means that for hundreds of thousands of the country children the school terms are made very short and that attendance is often irregular.

IMPROVED SCHOOLS.

The bureau declares that "improvement of economic conditions for the farmer is an important preliminary step in the solving of this problem. Improvement of the rural schools is another." It continues: "There must be more practical agricultural instruction, better paid teachers and better equipment, so that children will not be withdrawn because they seem to make little progress. And because of parents who themselves lack schooling and do not see its value for their children, there must be enforcement of the compulsory education laws. These laws are frequently disregarded in the country districts."

The high rural illiteracy rate is a matter not only of local but of general concern. The large number of illiterate men assembled in army camps in war time called the nation's attention to the seriousness of this problem, and we must not lose sight of it in time of peace.

Takoma Park Luncheon Sued for \$10,000 Damages

ROCKVILLE, Md., Dec. 28.—Damages of \$10,000 for personal injuries are asked by Deputy Sheriff Rouben D. Day, of Takoma Park, in a suit against Ollie Kaled and Beulah Harp, conducting a luncheon room at Takoma Park.

The action is the outgrowth of trouble Day had at the luncheon room several weeks ago. He charges that Kaled struck him on the head with a milk bottle, rendering him unconscious and causing him to break a small bone in his foot as he fell. What part Harp took in the mix-up has not been disclosed.

SCHOONER WRECKED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—The schooner Stockton City was wrecked today at Russian Gulch, near Point Arena, on the California coast. The crew were saved.

Clouds Obscure New Sun Spots Reported Seen

By Universal Service. RAIN clouds yesterday prevented the Astrophysical Observatory of the Smithsonian Institution from verifying or disproving Wednesday's report from Pittsburgh that a new large spot had been seen near the center of the sun. It is not believed at the Smithsonian that there is any relation between the new sun spots and recent earthquakes. It is believed, however, that they affect the weather, and that eventually general weather conditions may be determined in advance by studying such spots.

CHARITIES FUND STILL GROWING

Half of "Opportunities" Now Closed, With \$10,092 Received.

Contributions to the Fourteen Christmas Opportunities are still being received at the headquarters of the Associated Charities, 923 H street northwest.

Yesterday the Nineteenth Street Baptist Christmas Endeavor Society turned in \$7.35 for the three closed opportunities, numbers 7, 11 and 13, and the colored employees of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing \$9 for numbers 7 and 13. One contributor sends \$10 for the most needy, saying, "If my means were equal to my desire to help, it would be much larger."

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OPPORTUNITY NO. 2.

Widow and Four Children. Budget \$1,404.00 Received 814.40

Still needed 589.50

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Widow and Six Children. Budget 728.00 Received 651.50

Still needed 76.50

OPPORTUNITY NO. 7.

Woman Deserted, Three Children. Budget 780.00 Received 430.28

Still needed 349.72

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OPPORTUNITY NO. 12.

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The total amount accounted for to date is \$10,091.28.

U. S. Claims Commission Entertained In London

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The American commission on adjustment of foreign claims is being royally entertained here throughout the holidays.

They were given a big luncheon by the Pilgrims, followed by open house at the hunting club, after which all attended the races now running at Nottingham.

The commission, which has been appointed by the War Department, consists of Lieut. Col. Joseph I. McMullen, judge advocate, chairman; Commander H. C. Richardson, U. S. N., and Harry E. Knight, Department of Justice, with Lieut. C. L. Boineau, U. S. A., as recorder. R. H. Young, special assistant to the Attorney General, is acting as legal adviser.

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"I AM THE HAPPIEST MAN IN WASHINGTON TODAY"

After Suffering for Years From Stomach Trouble, Relief Came By Taking the New Medicine, DRECO.

If you are a sufferer from stomach trouble don't wait until your condition becomes grave before taking proper steps to correct the disorder. More lives are lost by the needless disregard of the beginning of poor health than by all other causes combined. Most cases of stomach disorder, liver trouble, constipation, rheumatism, and nervous breakdown are absolutely incurable now. There is no more reason for a man or woman eating with poor appetite, or sleeping poorly, or suffering continually from rheumatism or catarrh than for her going without the necessities of life. Science has proved these statements true.

"I have recently learned how foolish it is for anyone to keep on suffering from stomach trouble, but it took me a long time to find it out," said Mr. D. A. Osborn, of 4426 Kansas Ave. N. W., Washington, D. C. "I know what it is to be full of gas, have cramps, to be nauseated, and feel sick at the stomach. I know what nervous, restless nights are as well as aching, painful joints and backache. "But I now know that DRECO will bring prompt relief from these ailments. Since taking DRECO I feel better than I have for many a day and I wish that every person in this city who has the same troubles would take DRECO and get the same relief as I got, for I am the happiest man in town." Go today to O'Donnell's Drug Store, 604 9th St. N. W., ask for Mr. Williamson, the well-known DRECO Expert, and let him explain the merits of this great remedy. There is no charge and he will tell you if he believes DRECO will benefit you.

REPORT ON SUGAR BOARD DEMANDED

President Called On to Advise House Whether War Agency Has Closed Affairs.

IMPORTERS SEEK BIG SUM Hope to Recover \$4,500,000 In Losses Claimed Sustained During 1920.

By Universal Service. President Harding is called on in a resolution introduced yesterday to advise the House whether the Sugar Equalization Board, a war agency, has closed up its affairs, and if not, why not.

This is the organization through which the sugar importing companies are now besieging the House seeking to obtain \$4,500,000 reimbursement for losses claimed to have been incurred in importing sugar from the Argentine in 1920. The sugar board, it is stated, has on hand profits of about \$7,000,000, and the sugar companies want \$4,500,000 to be used in reimbursing them instead of going into the Treasury.

ATTEMPTED RAID CHARGED.

Opponents of the sugar claims, who are fighting them to the last ditch, charge that they constitute an attempted raid on the Treasury and that there is no reason why the Sugar Equalization Board should not have wound up its affairs long ago.

Representative Marvin T. Jones, Democrat, of Texas, one of the loudest in the fight against these claims, was the author of the resolution introduced yesterday. Commenting on it, he said: "During the hearings on the sugar resolutions, members of the committee asked representatives of the Sugar Equalization Board for the very information my resolution now calls for. These witnesses promised that the information would be furnished to the Agriculture Committee. It has never been supplied, and I understand the activities of the board were closed two years ago."

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Lawyer Wins His Own Case Against Wife

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 28. SAMUEL KUNSTLICH, 38 York, lawyer, who was both defendant and defendant's counsel in the recent trial of his wife's suit, won his suit when Justice Tompkins denied a decree of separation to the wife, Mrs. Charlotte S. Kunstlich. In his decision Judge Tompkins said he was not satisfied with the complainant's testimony, some of it appearing very improbable. Mrs. Kunstlich had testified her husband pinched her arms and punched her in the mouth.

BILL TO BOND AUTO DRIVERS INTRODUCED

Measure Would Demand \$3,000 Surety From Operators In Washington.

A bill to require operators of major vehicles in Washington to deposit bonds sufficient to cover possible injuries to others was introduced on request by Senator Ball, chairman of the Senate District Committee, yesterday. The bill was referred to the District Committee.

The amount of the bond is set at \$3,000. Of this amount, \$2,000 would go for injury to persons and \$1,000 for damage to property. The bill also provides stringent penalties for reckless driving and for operating an automobile under the influence of liquor. Provisions revising the traffic code, dealing principally with the operation of public hackers, are also contained in the bill. The measure makes it a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$100 and three months imprisonment, for failure to stop after an accident, or for failure to give information concerning an accident.

Automobiles belonging to the District government and to the United States are exempt from furnishing bond.

P. E. P. Co. Earns 9.38 Per Cent In 11 Months

A return of 9.38 per cent was earned by the Potomac Electric Power Company during the first eleven months of this year, according to a statement made by the Public Utilities Commission yesterday.

Operating revenues of the company to December 1 were \$4,610,317.9, while operating expenses, taxes and depreciation amounted to \$2,991,362.04, leaving net income of \$1,619,465.75. The commission gives the present fair value as \$18,835,803.94.

During the past eleven months the company has set aside \$824,482.78 for refund to consumers if the commission's valuation finally is sustained by the courts. More than \$3,000,000 is now being held by the company for refund in case it loses the pending suit.

FAILED TO HIT POLICEMAN.

Edward Hadley, a steel rigger, who tried to hit Policeman "Tawm" V. Garrison, of the Sixth precinct, with a whiskey bottle at Third and B streets northwest, last Wednesday, was fined \$25 yesterday in Police Court by Judge Hardison. Policeman Knapp caught the upraised bottle in time to prevent it being broken over Garrison's head.

S. S. HARRISON LEASED.

The steamship President Harrison has again been assigned to the Los Angeles Steamship company for a round trip to Honolulu to begin January 13. Upon completion of the charter she will be assigned to the Pacific-Argentine-Brazil line.

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BISHOP ALMA WHITE FLAYS RULE OF MAN

Declares 6,000 Years of Tyranny Over Women Must Be Broken.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Bishop Alma White, only woman bishop in the United States, addressing members of the Church of the Pillar of Fire tonight, announced her message for 1923, entitled: "Woman's delinquency—men's responsibility." Declaring that for 6,000 years tyranny has ruled the world and woman has been enslaved and made to subservise the purposes of man, she said:

The world war broke some of her fetters after a conflict with those who opposed her liberation and equal rights of citizenship, but the problems concerning woman's work and ministry are far from being solved. Instead of making the rights of women the issue in the late campaign and electing some of them to Congress, unscrupulous office seekers occupied their time trying to bring about legislation to undo the Eighteenth Amendment. The rights of women must be safeguarded. Men are responsible for present-day fashions for women, designed with a view to conserving their commercial interests, and women are the sufferers.

LEFT ESTATE OF \$15,000.

John E. Bibb, who died September 20 last, left an estate valued at \$15,000, according to the petition for letters of administration filed in Probate court by his widow, Mrs. Lenore L. Bibb.

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