

are to help them when they get a headache."

Heineman has his place more than one-fourth overcrowded with working girls. New court action will be started by the state factory inspector Friday to force Heineman to give each worker the 2,000 cubic feet of air space she is entitled to instead of the 1,400 she has now.

As a cradle-robber Heineman tops the record for Illinois. He works 403 girls between 14 and 16 years of age. Out of a total of 801 employes all but 45 are girls. Most of 'em are in short dresses and don't know much about joggerfy, history, spelling, how to take care of the teeth, the hygienic value of baths, or much else taught in schools. The old rhyme, "School days, school days, dear old golden rule days," doesn't mean much to them. And Heineman, the boss, is a fine sample of the don't care employer.

Miss Elizabeth A. Grady and Miss Gertrude Stoetzel, deputy factory inspectors, went all over Heineman's place Dec. 9, 10, 11 and 14. Their official report sheet says:

"There are 12 toilets in charge of a matron who keeps them locked. She unlocks toilet doors and keeps count of the minutes spent by employes in the toilet. The employes are under instructions that not more than five minutes are allowed for a visit. This system of supervision over these young girls undoubtedly has a tendency to discourage use of toilets, and without question it might be said that many of these young employes fail to answer the call of nature because of fear of using the toilets too often.

"Practically every one of the female employes is required to stand all day long. The work is so arranged that they must keep up with the spools and spindles that are being wound and it is impossible for them to use the chairs that are provided.

"Wages of girls start at \$3.50 a week. No girl under 16 is getting in

excess of \$5 a week. The average wage of girls under 16 is \$4 a week.

"On days of inspection the air was very bad, the room being full of steam. When Miss Grady directed attention to the bad condition of the air, Mr. Heineman replied that he would conduct his factory to suit himself.

"On the afternoon of the 14th inst., Mr. Heineman, the proprietor, told us to 'Get the hell out of here and don't come back.' We withdrew at that time, and, following your instructions, filed prosecution for interference and obstruction against Mr. Heineman."

Insulation cord for reading lamps is one of the main products of the Heineman factory.

U. S. STEEL CORP. RAISES PAY OF 200,000 EMPLOYEES

New York, Jan. 6. — U. S. Steel Corporation today announced an increase in wages that will affect about 200,000 workers. The increase will add from \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 annually to the pay roll.

Common laborers will get about a 10 per cent increase in pay. Other departments will be increased about the same percentage.

The order was issued from the office of Judge Gary. It will go into effect Feb. 1. "In view of prosperous conditions," is the reason given.

Adjustment of wage rates in the mining companies is under consideration.

MUST GET FURTHER PERSIA DATA FROM VIENNA

Washington, Jan. 6. — A dispatch to the state department today from Consul Garrels at Alexandria indicates that the government now has all the information it is likely to have regarding the sinking of the Persia, unless it comes from Vienna or Berlin. Garrels' message said affidavits taken from survivors throw no more light on the incident.