

"GIVE FATHERS FAIR WAGE TO HELP CHILDREN," SAYS O'HARA

Champaign, Ill., Nov. 16.—Lieut-Gov. Barratt O'Hara, principal speaker at this afternoon's session of the Illinois State Federation of Women's Clubs, threw a bomb among the large audience of fashionably-gowned women that had gathered to discuss child labor when he declared that the women were wasting their time in devising ways of protecting children.

"The way to protect the child," said O'Hara, "is to provide the father with a fair wage. Parents are not greedy. Give them wages big enough to support homes and the children won't be sent out to wear out their little bodies under the stress of hard toil."

Here are a few of the things the lieutenant governor told the club-women:

"If the girl in the factory, under the heartless piece system that spurs her to exertions past the danger point, thus impairs her nervous system, the penalty will not only be taken from her, but from her children and her children's children, in the generations that follow.

"If the girl in the department store, inadequately paid, insufficiently clothed, with little opportunity of wholesome recreation, becomes nervous and dwarfed, society in the next generation will pay the penalty for the error committed by society in this generation.

"Boys and girls from your families will reach the approximate level of all other boys and girls in your community. A mother has only half done her duty when she accords to her own children that instruction and those opportunities that she deems well for them to possess. She must go further, even to the extent of according to the limit of her ability the same instruction and the same opportunities to all other boys and girls.

"Shame on us if, as the citizens of a great and prosperous commonwealth, we should much longer permit our girls, the mothers of the children of tomorrow, to seek employment, the recipient of any wage that a strong employer may in his sense of 'charity' deem well to give them, and, embracing that employment, pass their days and nights in privation, heroically striving to exist honorably upon that which is insufficient for normal existence.

"The girl who is making the struggle against odds is someone else's daughter today. But wealth does have wings, and tomorrow she may be your daughter. Hadn't you better do something about it today?"

CAVALRYMEN-CITIZEN FEUD IS HOT AT HIGHLAND PARK

The feud between the citizens of Highland Park and the First cavalry, encamped at Fort Sheridan, grew more bitter when the unidentified man assaulted by the soldiers died yesterday. Militiamen were not allowed to get off the electric cars in the town; citizens were said to be talking vengeance.

Trouble began when a soldier was attacked as he came home with a Highland Park girl after a dance. He was beaten and his uniform torn off.

The next night a group of cavalry men, armed with clubs, went to town. They stopped a fellow on the street and beat him unconscious before they found he was the wrong party.

TEDDY AND TAFT STILL ONLY MEMBERS OF THIS CLUB

Cleveland, Nov. 16.—An attempt to increase the membership of the "ex-president's club of America" met with failure, according to Wm. Howard Taft, member in good standing.

"The two living members hadn't been able to agree on much for some years," said Taft. "They met last summer and agreed, however, to have another member. They failed. He is still on the waiting list."