

BOY PAPER CARRIERS DEFENDED BY JUDGE

DeLacy Says Child Labor Law Does Not Apply to Early Delivery of Papers.

ROUTE AGENT WINS HIS CASE IN COURT

Bench Holds That Such Employment Cannot Injure Lads Under Fourteen—Interprets the Law.

Newspaper companies or their route agents may lawfully employ boys under fourteen years of age to deliver newspapers to subscribers before 6 o'clock in the morning, according to the decision rendered by Judge DeLacy in the Juvenile Court. This decision is the result of the hearing of the case last Tuesday against Lynn L. Reider, a route agent for a local newspaper, who was charged with having employed Tony Weidman, a lad under fourteen years of age, to deliver newspapers before 6 o'clock in the morning, in violation of the new child labor law of the District, passed by Congress last May. A precedent is established by this decision, which also acquits Mr. Reider of having violated the child labor law. Wilton J. Lambert was counsel for the defense and Frederick H. Stevens, assistant corporation counsel, represented the District as prosecuting attorney. At Tuesday's hearing, the whole case resolved itself into the constitutionality of the section of the act of Congress which prohibits delivery of newspapers and also the question as to whether newspapers are merchandise in the strict interpretation of that term.

Wanted Case Quashed. Motion was filed by the defendant to quash the case upon two grounds: that the child labor act is void because in conflict with the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution, and that the delivery of newspapers is not forbidden by the act. Mr. Lambert contended that the act is unconstitutional because it excludes children in the employ of the United States Senate, which would constitute class legislation. Judge DeLacy avers that children in the employ of the Senate are not properly a class, for the constituent units of such alleged class are subject to constant change owing to the political favor upon which such service depends. He also defends the right of the Commissioners to exercise their discretion in issuing permits for the employment of children in theatrical productions, which legislation, Judge DeLacy states, has reference to infants whose status under the law is abnormal, and is intended for their protection, which constitutes a valid exercise of the police power of the state for the protection of child life. In view of the fact that half of the case pivoted about the meaning of the word "merchandise," Judge DeLacy decided that in no place in the act is the prohibition of the delivery of newspapers to be found, and he does not think that newspapers are merchandise in the proper sense of that term for the reasons that everything of value is not merchandise; that everything trafficked in is not merchandise, and newspapers are sought for the intelligence they transmit, and not for the intrinsic value of the material upon which that intelligence is conveyed. Does Not Hurt Boys. "But whether newspapers be merchandise or not," decides the judge, "it is a familiar rule of interpretation that an act to be within a penal prohibition must be within its spirit as well as

Poor Gas Endangers Lives, Say Consumers in Georgetown

Many Declare That Flame Goes Out Frequently, While It Is Impossible to Burn All Lights in House at Once.

Further investigation of the Georgetown gas service shows a condition of affairs even worse than that described in The Times yesterday. The pressure is so weak, or the quality of the gas so inferior, that, in many instances the burners actually go out, and, if not afterward turned off by the occupants of the house, the subsequent flow of gas fills the room and becomes a positive danger to human life. A specific case, which occurred last night, was told today to a representative of The Times by Mrs. D. E. Smith, who lives at 1330 Wisconsin avenue. She said:

"When the lights upstairs were lit, the burners below in the store went out. This is the third time our gas has actually gone out in this manner. On one occasion I could not relight it. We have made numerous complaints, but it has done no good."

Refused to Light. G. H. Morgan, of 1244 Wisconsin avenue, said virtually the same thing, and made a positive demonstration of his statement by attempting to light all his burners at once.

"When I light the gas upstairs, it goes out downstairs. And when I light it downstairs it goes out upstairs," he said. "The pressure must be too low, or there must be too much air forced in with the gas. I never can light all my burners."

"The street lights on N street between Thirty-second and Thirty-third streets often go out. If something is not done about my gas at once I am going to get electric lights."

At the J. C. Albrecht cigar factory, 321 M street, it was said:

"When we light one gas burner the others often go out. This has happened several times within the past few weeks. Our gas is miserably dim."

Mr. Greenbaum, who has a shoe store at 3131 M street, said:

"The gas gave us so much trouble that we use electric lights. Our gas used to go out often, and when I spoke to the company about it it was blamed on the cold weather. The complaint around here is general."

J. H. Broome, of 1235 Wisconsin avenue, said:

"For the past six or eight weeks our gas has been extremely unsatisfactory. If we light the gas upstairs there is not enough gas to keep the two lights in the store burning. We have complained to the gas company, and it pumped water out of our meter, but it did not make the slightest improvement. As soon as we can get the store wired we intend to put in electric lights."

Joseph D. Murray declared:

"Our gas is very dim, and, for the last month, has been most unsatisfactory. We had a plumber clean out the pipes, but it did not help. Everyone around here is complaining. Even the gas in the streets is bad."

The manager of Evans' notion store said:

"The gas in my windows is so dim that it is hardly worth while lighting it. On M street I have often noticed the lights going out."

Operates Own Plant. Another indication of the dissatisfaction with both the quality and price of Georgetown gas is that the West Washington Hotel operates its own acetylene gas plant, and its superiority over the city gas is apparent to everyone who enters the place.

"The gas here is outrageous," declared an old resident of Georgetown, who is too closely associated with members of the company to permit his name to be mentioned. "There ought to be a stringent law to prevent the company from permitting the gas to go out. It is extremely dangerous, but I don't suppose anything will be done about it until we hear some people being suffocated or an explosion taking place. Then, after the company has been sued and the public aroused, I suppose Congress or the Commissioners will get busy. I am glad to see The Times has taken the matter up. It won't be hard to get plenty of testimony, as the people are indignant about the way they are being treated."

within its letter. The purpose of this legislation is the protection of the physical and mental welfare of children in their growing years from whatever may lead to arrested development, and no one will seriously contend that the nature of the employment in the case is at all harmful to the child, nor can it be argued that Congress had in mind newspapers in the enumeration of "merchandise" in the act.

The judgment of the case of Anton Ostmann, of 409 Brightwood avenue, who is charged with violating the child labor law by permitting two of his sons to work for him, was reserved by Judge DeLacy for today.

COMING TO AMERICA. LONDON, Oct. 2.—F. B. Smith, director of agriculture of the Transvaal Colony, has sailed for the United States on a mission connected with the agricultural development of the Transvaal.

SCHOOLS TO FEED HUNGRY CHILDREN

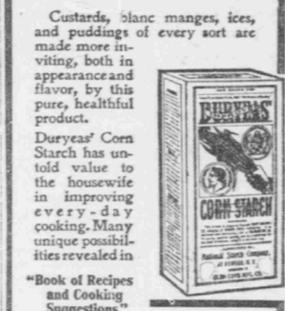
Chicago Preparing to Take Care of 15,000 Pupils Who Have Little Nourishment.

CHICAGO, Oct. 2.—What can be lawfully done to help the 15,000 school children who daily go hungry is a problem which is absorbing the attention of the members of the board of education today. Whether lunch counters shall be put in the schools, where most of the pupils go, or whether some other means of providing them with nourishment must be found, is the problem the school board is trying to solve. A special report, made after months of investigation by Superintendent Eodine, says 5,000 pupils daily go to school without breakfast. Ten thousand are constantly hungry. An unusual number of cases of truancy are directly caused by hunger. It is estimated that for \$30,000 the city could establish and maintain for a year lunch counters to feed these pupils.

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Week-End Sale of Hats at \$6.50



Some Were \$10.00

They are the hats used in the show windows and the second floor parlors. If harmful signs were in evidence the writer failed to discover them. About a quarter hundred of those hats, sold until now at \$8 and \$10. To be \$6.50 for choice—beginning tomorrow morning. This week-end sale was invented by the Palais Royal management to keep the millinery stock everlastingly fresh and new. Thus for tomorrow—Saturday—the following further reductions:

\$15 Hats, \$12 \$18 Hats, \$15 \$22 Hats, \$20 \$30 Paris Hats, \$25 \$35 Paris Hats, \$30

For young ladies, at \$1.98 instead of \$2.50, are ready-to-wear Mushroom Sailors, in taupe, navy, brown, and black. For small girls are rolled brim and Mushroom Sailors, with silk ribbon streamers and scarfs. For adults, are attractive supplementary hats, for shopping and rainy days, of soft felt with silk band. Colors include taupe, gray, blue, brown, and black. Week-end sale prices are \$1.75 instead of \$2.00, and \$1.38 instead of \$1.50.

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The Hair to Wear with the New Hats Surprisingly Priced

For tomorrow—a hair net free to purchasers of switches. Now note the Palais Royal and the hairdressers' prices for 22-inch switches—\$5.98 instead of \$7.50; \$2.48 instead of \$5.00; \$1.25 instead of \$2.50. Puffs are here at \$1.98 instead of \$5.00 and \$1.25 instead of \$2.50. Pompadours are 75c instead of \$2.00. These differences in prices read ridiculously great. They are the actual differences between the prices asked by the fashionable hairdressers and by the Palais Royal for identical hair goods.

69c for New \$1 Bags, and 44c for New 50c Belts to Match

Bags are back again—Dame Fashion has grown sensible again. The New Leather Bag in black and colors, to go with autumn dress materials, and fitted with coin purse, is to be 69c tomorrow instead of \$1. The New 50c Leather Belts to match are to be 44c. Note that New Bags are here up to \$25 and Belts up to \$5.00.

Samples at \$24.75

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