

WORK DAY IN FRANCE.

OPERATION OF LAW LIMITING HOURS TO TEN AND A HALF.

MANY STRIKES THE RESULT.

This Income Due to the Re-Adjustment of Wages Rendered Necessary—Employing Classes Complain Bitterly of the Recent Enactment.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 17.—(Special.)—John C. Covert, United States Consul at Lyons, France, has written to the State Department about a law which has recently gone into effect in France regarding the limitation of hours of labor in that country. On March 20, 1900, a law went into operation limiting the hours of labor to ten hours and thirty minutes a day in all factories employing mixed work, that is to say, employes and women children, as well as men. A report of the new law was made on the first day of its operation. Another report, employing only men, are governed by a law enacted under the Republic of 1848, prescribing a maximum of twelve hours a day. The new law necessarily caused a readjustment of wages, resulting in a loss of income. One large establishment changed its work by the day to piece-work, causing a strike which lasted six months. The men accepted the terms offered and the work was resumed. Another report, however, that many of the employers had discharged all the women and children and thus escaped the operation of the new law. This was a great hardship, causing a great many of the workers to be needed work. It took from a large number of children their only means of earning a trade.

ALARMING LOSSES

Report sets forth that in the shops and employment of women and children was continued, with the reduced amount of work, there was an alarming diminution of the product and a consequent loss of profits. In many branches of industry, such as the making of silk, nearly all the employees are women and girls. In these, the number of hours of labor was cut down according to the new law. During the year the factory owners estimated to secure \$122,000,000 for the production of the law by employing 1,019,000 women were for employing children under 12 years of age, generally from 9 to 12 annually in the glass works. The new law permits the employment of children 12 years of age, provided they show certificates of having attended primary school four years, and are in vigorous health, attested by the certificate of a medical officer. The new law is authorized to permit children and women to work twelve hours per day in such business as canning or preserving fruit, where the season is short and the market perishable. The new law is a year of general industrial depression.

IN RADFORD SOCIETY.

At present the entertainment current events club-amateur theatricals. RADFORD, VA., November 17.—(Special.)—Radford has been much in the public eye during the past few years. As the home of Governor Tyler and Colonel George W. Miles, as the seat of the distinguished and the famous letter writer, the little city has been widely noted. She has much, indeed, of which to be proud, though of nothing is she quite so proud as her girls. She was proud of them Saturday night when the current events club of the brightest and loveliest maids in town—entertained the current events club and those favored mortals known as "the husbands."

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

Report for Last Year—People Examined, 60,558; Passed, 40,509. WASHINGTON, D. C., November 17.—The annual report of A. R. Serven, Chief Examiner of the Civil Service Commission, shows that during the last fiscal year there were 60,558 people examined in and for the classified service, of whom 40,509 passed, and 12,288 were appointed, promoted or transferred. In addition, 1,195 were examined for the Philippine service, of whom 480 passed and 69 failed. The local boards of examiners, specially designated for the custodial service were discontinued. On June 30th last, the total number of local boards of examiners was 1,128, with a total membership of 3,723. Final steps are now being taken to consummate the complete organization of a civil service district similar to the Boston district, with headquarters at Boston, and in immediate charge of a consolidated board of commissioners. The work ten examinations required the preparation of 48 sets of examination questions on different subjects, and necessitated the preparation of 147 separate sheets of tests. Over 200,000 sets of examination questions were prepared. The great complexity of the work done under the direction of Chief Examiner Serven is shown by the large number of examinations, which include subjects of a special, professional, scientific, or technical character. Of these there were 238 examinations, in which 8,257 persons took part. Available every field of professional or scientific inquiry and research is represented in the variety of the examinations. The commission has held competitive examinations in every State and Territory, except Alaska. Several attempts at examination work in Alaska have been made, but abandoned. Another effort, however, may soon be made. Facilities have been furnished to residents of Hawaii to compete in the general and local civil service examinations in Honolulu and Hilo, and residents of Porto Rico hereafter may take the general and local examinations at Ponce and San Juan. Much attention has been given during the year to the upbuilding of the service in the Philippine Islands.

NO ANXIETY ABOUT TEDDY, JR.

Hard Study Has Impaired His Eyes; That's All. WASHINGTON, November 17.—No anxiety is felt at the White House concerning Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who returned on Saturday from school at Groton, Mass., by advice of his physicians. Hard study had slightly impaired his eyes, which are not naturally strong, and it was deemed advisable for him to give them a rest. To-day he took a long ride on his bicycle, and expressed himself as feeling first rate. By advice of his physicians he is neither studying nor reading during his enforced vacation. It is hoped that he will be able in a couple of weeks to return to his studies at Groton.

CHAFFEE PARTY IN CHICAGO.

Many Receptions, Dinners, Banquets, &c., for Their Entertainment. CHICAGO, ILL. Nov. 17.—Major-General Adna Chaffee and Vice-Governor Luke E. Wright, of the Philippine Islands, arrived here at 8:45 a. m. to-day. In the party were General and Mrs. Chaffee, Governor and Mrs. Wright, Major and Mrs. Phillips and daughter, Captain and Mrs. Lindsey, Lieutenant Roy Harper

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Inside Information. Sing a song o' sixpence, 'Waffles in the pie, Ate the little birdies up 'cause they couldn't fly. Inside information from the best cooks tells of the wonderful pie made from the magical Presto (Better than flour). BUTTER is a luxury; biscuits made from Presto, without shortening other than the milk, are simply fine. This is due to peculiar qualities in the stock from which Presto is made. The H-O Company. P 25 D

of the chivalrous, true-hearted lover, Miss Kimball, as the brave Duke of Kent, was magnificent. Miss Washington made a charming Cordelia. The second scene was the "Wooing of Katherine of France" by Henry V., the part of the French Princess being cleverly filled by Miss Etta Rosenfeld, while Miss Kimball made an admirable Henry V. This charming love scene elicited enthusiastic applause, its rendition by these talented girls being well-nigh perfect. Miss Lillian Longley, companion and translator to the Princess Katherine, though filling a minor part, did it most acceptably. The next scene—Pyramus and Thisbe—from "Midsummer Night's Dream," though on the mock heroic order, brought out some good acting and was much enjoyed. Following is the cast: Pyramus, Miss Mary D. Ingles; Thisbe, Miss Kimball; Hypolita, Miss Gertrude Venable; Theseus, Miss Elrica Ingles; Prologue, Miss Washington; the Moon, Miss Anna Kenderdine; the Lion, Miss Annabelle Scott; the Wall, Miss Laura Ingles. Miss Mary Ingles, as Pyramus, was fine, and Miss Kimball was equally at home in the character of Thisbe. The curtain went up for the last time on a scene in the Forest of Arden from the play "As You Like It." Miss Mary Mac Ingles was the love-lorn Orlando, and Miss Etta Rosenfeld Celia, while Miss Irvine Williams starred it as Rosalind. Miss Williams is bright and winsome, and acted in her boy's disguise as irresistible. The entertainment closed with the chorus "Lonely Rose," sung by the Wednesday Club. It was their initial appearance, and made a most favorable impression, the song being beautifully rendered and the singers solo favorites. Delicious refreshments were then passed by Dukes and Kings in double and hose, and fine ladies in ruff and stays, and an array of social beauties brought to close one of the most charming entertainments ever given in Radford by either amateurs or professionals.

REFORMATORY BOYS ESCAPE.

They Have All Been Caught—Happened at Elmont. ELMONT, VA., Nov. 17.—(Special.)—About 5:30 p. m. Thursday thirteen inmates of the Laurel Reformatory made their escape. News was soon sent around through the county, and about 6 o'clock Mr. Hazlegrove and one of his farm hands overtook three of the fugitives at Beaver Dam branch, near Chickahominy swamp and returned them to the institution. They refused at first to surrender, but finding the men in pursuit meant business, they finally yielded. The others were caught later by a posse of officials.

THE METHODIST SCHOOLS.

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SALE OF FINE HORSES

HIGH-BRED KENTUCKY ANIMALS AT AUCTION HERE.

SOLD AT \$100 TO \$260 EACH.

A Feature at Lassiter's Stable Saturday Was the Sale of "Luceana." Mr. Bailey Saunders' Horse, for \$1,000—Brought by Major Walker, of Farmville.

There was a sale of fine Kentucky horses Saturday at the stables of Joseph Lassiter on Franklin street, near Eighteenth street. This lot of twenty-five catalogued Lexington horses was considered the finest shipment of high-bred horses that ever came to Virginia. They were consigned by S. T. Harrison, a large dealer, who came along with them, arriving Thursday, and who stopped here for a while, going later to the New York Horse Show, where he will be one of the judges.

These horses at auction brought from \$100 to \$260 and the lot included saddle and driving horses and fast trotters. There was a large crowd at the sale. BOUGHT A FINE TROTTER. One of this fancy lot, J. Linton, of Manchester, purchased Hazel, a fine trotting horse, with a 2:21-4 record, whose sire was Hinder Wilkes.

W. C. Saunders, the Brook-avenue druggist, purchased three promising youngsters, all well bred. W. J. Carter, of Manchester, bought the pacer Hutechaff, which made 2:13 on a trial; highly bred. Williamson Talley bought the chestnut gelding Collins, whose sire was True Colours. Collins was one of the best horses in the consignment.

B. W. Sutherland, of Mount Olive, N. C., bought three horses. Charlie Friend bought the gray filly Rebel, which on a trial made the one half mile in racing time. J. C. Smith, City Sergeant, bought two colts.

LUCEANA IS SOLD.

Lucena, the twice blue-ribbon horse of W. Bailey Saunders, was sold to Major C. M. Walker, of Farmville, for \$1,000. Mr. Saunders said that Lucena was the best horse bred in Virginia, having for a sire Wilklick and dam Happy Princess. The pedigree of Lucena goes back to the well-known Wilkes stock. He was sorry to part with his horse, but he knew it was going into good hands. Major Walker, it is understood, bought Lucena to match with another Lexington horse which is close kin to the new purchase. Besides these buyers there were a large number of others, not named. In all about sixty horses and mules were sold. Wednesday last there was a large sale, the animals numbering about 150.

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Death of Father Keegan. A telegram received by Bishop Van de Vyver yesterday announced the death in Austin, Tex., of Father Kendall J. Keegan. Father Keegan was ordained at the cathedral in this city last August and went immediately to Austin in the hope of regaining his health, which was very much impaired. The body will be immediately forwarded to Richmond.

Colored Boy Run Over. Edgar Anderson, a colored boy, was run over by a buggy and painfully injured at Third and Main streets at 12:50 o'clock to-day. He was taken to the hospital in the rear of 111 South Second street, where Dr. Flegenhimer rendered the necessary surgical aid. The occupants of the buggy drove off after the accident.

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