

### PACKING HOUSE GIRLS' WAGE ARED IN VICE INQUIRY

Swift on Stand Says That Women, Mostly Unskilled Foreigners, in Plant Average \$7.59 a Week

### UPLIFT WORK IN "YARDS" DIFFICULT

Female Workers Settle Morals Question Independently, Say Witnesses

CHICAGO, May 26.—Moral conditions in the stockyards quarter of Chicago were considered at a session of the legislative vice commission here today.

Louis L. Swift, president of Swift & Co. and representatives of Armour & Co. and Morris & Co., testified concerning the wages and surroundings of the thousands of foreign girls and women in the district "back of the yards," said to be the largest foreign settlement on this continent.

Mr. Swift testified that wages paid the women employes of the packing houses were fair, only 14 receiving the minimum of \$6.

Other witnesses said that the foreign women in the "yards" were temperamentally different from American girls and that the question of morality or immorality was a thing they settled for themselves, regardless of the welfare work of the employers.

#### SWIFTS WAGES TO WOMEN

The average wage of the 700 women employes of the Swift company is \$10.05 a week, according to Mr. Swift. The 399 girls in the packing plant averaged \$7.59.

M. D. Harding, superintendent of the Chicago plant of Armour & Co., said that the foreign girls preferred factory to domestic service because of the greater independence.

C. L. Charles, assistant superintendent for Morris & Co., said that girls' wages in the yards were low because the girls were unskilled foreigners. All the big companies spent much money on welfare work, he said, but it was hard to reach foreign girls.

Maxwell Edgar, president of the Illinois Tax Reform League, presented a testimony figure supporting to show the net profits of large concerns here. He said the figures were obtained from former Secretary of the Treasurer MacYeagh.

Some of the figures introduced by Mr. Edgar follow:

Marshall Field & Co., 1909, net profit, \$4,645,127; 1910, net profit, \$4,148,427. Sears, Roebuck & Co., 1909, net profit, \$6,099,794; 1910, net profit, \$6,696,291. Armour & Co., 1909, net profit, \$4,258,458; 1910, net profit, \$4,862,266.

#### CALLS INQUIRY SPECTACULAR

Prof. Graham Taylor, head of "Chicago Commons," a social settlement, speaking before the commission by request, surprised the legislative body by accusing it of being "spectacular, hysterical and sensational." Professor Taylor was provided with the report of the Rockefeller bureau on social hygiene and read statistics to prove that only 12 per cent of vice can be connected with low wages.

Senator Beall of the vice commission, replying to Professor Taylor, accused him of being a "highbrow."

"You highbrows have got away from the question, professor," he said. "We know we are lowbrows here, but we know a thing or two. How can a poor girl with \$3.50 a week have as good a chance to be pure as one with \$7.50?"

#### STATE MUST SUPPLY 900,000 TEXTBOOKS FREE

To Prepare for Demand, Presses Which Print the Volumes Are Never Stopped

SACRAMENTO, May 26.—The demand for free textbooks during the late summer and fall months, it is estimated by state officials, will reach a grand total of 900,000, and the state printing office already is getting ready to meet the demand by working on textbooks night and day. There are stored in the state warehouse more than 400,000 books ready for shipment, and the presses are never stopped on the various book runs.

The first rush for free books—to be furnished under the free textbook amendment to the constitution—will come in July, when the San Francisco bay schools will begin summer terms. Then, in August and September, the schools of the interior and the small counties will begin to open and their demands will pour in.

#### NAPA WOMAN JAILED IN SOUTH AFTER FOUR YEARS

Mrs. Mazie Taylor Arrested in San Diego for Alleged Forgery of Note for \$5,000

(Special Dispatch to The Call) NAPA, May 26.—Mrs. Mazie Taylor, formerly of this city, was arrested in San Diego today on warrant issued here. She is wanted for irregularity or forgery in connection with a note for \$5,000. She was indicted by the grand jury of Napa county in September, 1908, but has kept hidden for four and a half years. She filed a suit for \$5,000 to collect a note against the estate of Valentine Hathaway, a wealthy pioneer of Napa, who died in the early part of 1908. She produced a note apparently signed by Hathaway, but dropped from sight when the case was brought to trial.

#### VALLEY RECLAMATION MEASURE IS APPROVED

Act Provides for Enlargement of State Board to Consist of Seven Members

SACRAMENTO, May 26.—Governor Johnson today signed the Shinn bill, S. B. No. 1,213, by Rush, creating the Sacramento and San Joaquin drainage district. This measure provides that the control and management of the drainage district shall be in the state reclamation board to be raised from three to seven and to include the three present members—Peter J. Cooke, W. T. Ellis Jr. and V. S. McClatchy, chairman.

One hundred thousand dollars is appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the act.

#### STATE NAMES BUG HUNTER

SACRAMENTO, May 26.—State Horticultural Commissioner Cook today announced that he had appointed C. B. Baker, formerly a professor of Pomona college, Los Angeles, to represent the state of California in the orient and the Philippines in the search for beneficial insects. Baker sent a cablegram yesterday accepting the tender of the job.

### PASTOR TRAMPLES I. W. W. EMBLEM

Stir Occurs in Methodist Church When Minister Dramatically Denounces Syndicalism

(Special Dispatch to The Call)

PHILADELPHIA, May 26.—There was mild consternation among the immense congregation of the Shoam Methodist Episcopal church here when Rev. A. M. Vivien, the pastor, dramatically pulled a red emblem of the I. W. W. from his breast, and after tearing it to fragments, stamped upon it. The pastor was in the midst of a sermon when he suddenly ripped open his buttoned coat revealing his entire breast covered by the crimson flag.

The next instant the pastor tore the flag from his body, and, holding it before him, said:

"This is the red flag of anarchy and the emblem waved by the I. W. W. agents to denote entire lawlessness. Its patron saints are the brewers, saloon keepers and gamblers."

As the congregation gasped in amazement, he tore the flag to small fragments, and casting them at his feet, he jumped and stamped upon it. Then he produced a large American flag from behind the pulpit, and throwing the stars and stripes about his shoulders, declared that was the only flag for him.

### U. S. ATTORNEY GENERAL IS AFTER MANY TRUSTS

Patten Cotton Pool and Western Telephone Companies Investigated

(Special Dispatch to The Call)

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Attorney General McReynolds intends to prosecute vigorously all corporations and individuals suspected of violating the anti-trust law. His investigators are looking into the affairs of:

James A. Patten and others alleged to have formed a pool in cotton on the New York market.

The New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, "transportation monopoly."

The "telephone trust" of Washington and Oregon.

The American Smelting and Refining company.

The American Tobacco company.

The Standard Oil company.

The anthracite carrying railroads and their allied coal mining company.

### BURLINGAME WOMAN'S CLUBHOUSE COMPLETED

State and District Federation Officers Invited to Dedication of Building

(Special Dispatch to The Call)

BURLINGAME, May 26.—The new clubhouse of the Burlingame Woman's club was completed today and will be furnished before next Saturday, when the members will celebrate the sixth anniversary.

The clubhouse, which represents an investment of about \$5,000, is situated in Park road. The building was designed by L. E. Norberg, erected by E. Quagell and will seat about 400 people. It represents the result of five years' effort.

The new clubhouse will be dedicated June 5, when a reception will be held for the state and district federation officers. In the evening there will be open house.

### PROGRESSIVES OPPOSE FOV FOR POSTMASTER

Candidate for Sacramento Appointment Is Called Standpatter; May Lose in Upper House

(Special Dispatch to The Call)

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Serious objections have been made to the confirmation by the senate of Thomas Fox as postmaster at Sacramento.

Senator Works has received many telegrams and letters from progressives and democrats protesting that Fox is a standpatter and reactionary of the most virulent type and a creature of the Southern Pacific company, who ought not to receive any favors at the hands of a progressive administration.

Fox received the endorsement of the California delegation and it is said of Franklin K. Lane.

Senator Works said today he would urge Lane to withdraw his endorsement of Fox and thereby relieve the president from an embarrassing situation.

### Telegraph Items

SAN JOSE, May 26.—Tony Olmos of Palo Alto, who several months ago killed Mrs. Mary Regges, wife of a Redwood City gardener, was sentenced today to San Quentin for life.

CHICAGO, May 26.—Tearing off an iron screen protecting a show window in the jewelry store of Lebolt & Co., 101 South State street, a thief today shattered the pane and escaped with diamond rings valued at \$5,000.

PARIS, May 26.—Energetic action was taken by the French government against the anti-military campaign in France today. More than 80 offices of the General Federation of Labor Exchanges in Paris and provincial cities were occupied by the police.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—President Wilson today granted an indefinite stay of sentence to Dr. Theodore Kharras of Elmira, N. Y., convicted at Omaha of using the mails to defraud and sentenced to four months' imprisonment and \$400 fine.

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 26.—J. Dawson and C. A. Wagon, convicted counterfeiters, who were to have been taken tonight to the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, sawed their way through the roof of the county jail here early today and escaped.

BOISE, Idaho, May 26.—The Idaho district court today decided in favor of Mayor Arthur Hodges in the case brought against him by J. I. Miles, in which it was asked that Hodges be ousted from office because of his alleged failure to enforce certain laws.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The supreme court today decided that the government was not required to pay the Chandler-Dunbar Water Power company \$550,000 as adjudged by a Michigan federal court for water power appurtenant to land condemned for the construction of additional locks and canals in the St. Mary's river.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Representative Neeley of Kansas asked President Wilson today to direct Attorney General McReynolds to foreclose a mortgage on a 100 mile strip of railroad owned by the Missouri Pacific between Atchison and Waterville, Kan., to recover \$4,500,000 alleged to be due the government on bonds issued in 1862.

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