

WASHINGTON NEWS

GOSSIP

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WASHINGTON, D. C., July 11.—The House devoted several hours the first of the week in discussing what is known as the Keating minimum wage law for the benefit of women and children employed in the District of Columbia. Congressman S. F. Reed, who is a member of the District committee of the House was one of those members who talked briefly on the bill. "I am in favor of legislation along the lines laid down in this bill," Mr. Reed told the House. "Its purpose is to relieve a great many worthy people in the District of Columbia who are not adequately remunerated for the work they perform. The bill does not attempt to definitely fix minimum wages, but it does create a board to whom employes may have recourse when they feel that they are not receiving proper compensation for the services they are performing.

"The provisions of the bill properly enforced, will not only benefit those who have their labor to sell, but will protect those who buy labor by placing each employer on an equal footing with all others who employ labor for similar commercial activities. I would like to see the bill amended in some particulars. I was much interested in the suggestions of my learned and distinguished colleague from Pennsylvania. I fully agree with him that this act should carry no suggestion or intimation that it is legislation enacted primarily for safeguarding the morals of those who toil.

"I am unwilling to attach to any legislation in the interest of labor here in the Capital of the world's greatest democracy the implication that there is more immorality among those who must work because they are poor than exists in the ranks of the opulent and well-to-do element of society.

"Of the many laws recently passed by Congress having for their ultimate purpose the increase of salaries and wages I recall no instance either in the titles of the acts or in the debates here on the floor of the House where it was even hinted that such increases were made necessary because of any tendency toward moral retrogression on the part of the employes who were to be the beneficiaries.

"I therefore sincerely hope that the bill will not single out what I believe to be a more respectable class of America's workers and brand them with an unwarranted stigma. I want to see this legislation passed without delay, and I hope it can be so amended as to carry the idea that it is being enacted not to correct the morals of any class of workers, but to give a square deal to all who are oppressed and without means to protect themselves."

Senator Sutherland was the author of a resolution which was promptly considered by the Senate and as promptly agreed to. It directed that the Secretary of War and the Postmaster General report to the Senate at the earliest practicable moment, each covering the operations of his department, as to the movement of the mails to and from the troops and auxiliaries abroad, and what steps are being taken to improve the service.

The country is familiar with the complaint against the efficiency of the mail service to and from the soldiers in France. The Dutaerland resolution recites it in the preamble: "Whereas, it says, 'the regular dispatch and delivery, so far as it is humanly possible under present war conditions, of letter mail or other necessary mail matter to and from those who are in any capacity a part of the American Expeditionary force on foreign soils has much to do with the morals of our troops abroad, and contributes immensely toward the peace of mind of relatives and friends in the United States; and whereas, the complaints here and abroad are persistent that the mail deliveries both abroad and in this country to our soldiers there and to their friends and relatives here are wretchedly inadequate, much of the mail falling to reach its destination; therefore be it enacted, etc., and then follows the body of the resolution the gist of which is given in the first paragraph above.

The offices of the state's delegation in Congress have of late received numerous inquiries from West Virginia parents about their sons who are in France but from whom no communications have been received for many weeks. The investigation of the records show that they are "in France and well." It is probable that a lot of the mail sent by the boys in the so-called West Virginia regiments and battalions which went over in May, was on several ships which were sunk and which carried much mail. Official notice of the loss of mail on these vessels has been given, but it is probable that it was not widely circulated in West Virginia. A more recent notice, issued from the office of Second Assistant Postmaster General Otto Praeger, may give these anxious relatives in West Virginia further light on a matter in which they are deeply and directly concerned. It tells of the destruction of a mail car, with all its contents, by an incendiary bomb on the night of May 30th. One West Virginian writes that she hasn't heard from her son, who is a lieutenant for nine weeks. Inquiry at the War department elicited the response that so far as the records show he is in France and well.

After a visit of several days in the Capitol, Judge Homer B. Wood, of

Harrisville, is in New York attending a meeting of the new Y. M. C. A. war committee of which George W. Perkins is the chairman, and on which is an array of great men in their lines, such as ex-President Taft, John D. Rockefeller, Edward W. Bok and national figures of their high standing in all channels of human endeavor. Judge Woods was invited to join this important committee because of his activity in Y. M. C. A. work and in all the war campaigns that have been held. He has delivered many speeches in his and surrounding counties arousing the patriotism of the people and stirring them to do their duty by their country. Judge Woods is an eloquent public speaker, and personally enjoys the implicit confidence and high esteem of all who know him or of him. He is one of the state's ablest jurists. He has a son, Ralph, who is a lieutenant in the National army and is stationed at Fort Dodge. Judge Woods recently visited him, the last meeting of father and son before the latter sails for France.

The postoffice at Copenhagen, Kanawha county, has been ordered discontinued by the Postoffice department. James F. Christopher has been designated acting postmaster at Reedsville, and Everett E. Lafon at Waterville, W. Va. Commissions as postmasters have been issued to John P. Cook, of Cyclone, and Harry S. Huber, of Lewis.

ANT EATER WEARS REGULAR STEEL HAT

Marines' Mascot on West Front Also Has a Gas Mask.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY AT THE MARNE, July 11—Jimmy, the U. S. Marines' mascot ant-eater mascot, has been through the recent Marine drive on the Marne and is back in the Marine lines, unscathed. When the "Devil Dogs" began the march toward the German lines, Jimmy fell right in line. All the coaxing, threatening and pleading that the pick of the regiment could do was of no avail. Jimmy's comrades were going into trouble—well, then, so was Jimmy.

While the hand-to-hand conflict raged between the Marines and the Germans, Jimmy was here, there, everywhere, scurrying back and forth, his eyes pleading to be allowed to aid. After the battle, the Marines, realizing that they would never be able to keep Jimmy out of any more engagements, immediately fashioned a miniature gas mask and shrapnel helmet with which the mascot will be armed the next time he goes forth into the fray.

Mail Order House Must Be Truthful

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 11.—The Federal Trade Commission has ordered Sears, Roebuck & Co., of Chicago, to desist from certain unfair methods of competition, including the circulation of false and misleading advertisements which the company admitted had been practiced. Sales of sugar at less than cost, conditioned on the purchase of other groceries on which a sufficient price was received to give a profit on the combined sale, was one of the practices disapproved by the commission. The company also was ordered to stop advertising that its representatives supervised the picking of tea offered for sale; that all of its coffee were purchased direct from the best plantations in the world, and that competitors of the company did not deal honestly with their customers.

SELF DEFENSE

Defeat Backache and Kidney Trouble With Anuric

Many folks in our State have suffered from rheumatism and kidney trouble and have found that Anuric was the most successful remedy to overcome that pain and dangerous ailment. The lucky people are those who have suffered, but who are now well because they heeded nature's warning signal in time to correct their trouble with that wonderful new discovery of Dr. Pierce's called "Anuric" and sold by druggists. You should promptly heed these warnings, some of which are dizzy spells, backache, irregularity of the urine or the painful twinges of rheumatism, sciatica or lumbago. To delay may make possible the dangerous forms of kidney disease.

WHEELING, W. VA.—"For the last seven years I have been having bladder trouble in the worst form. At times I would have spasms of the bladder and it would be very painful. Nothing I took seemed to give me any relief. Just recently I learned of Dr. Pierce's Anuric Tablets being good for this ailment and they have given me more relief than anything I have ever tried. I do not have any more of the spasms. Anyone suffering as I did will find Anuric good and should give it a fair and impartial trial."—JOSEPH E. MOORE, 3229 1/2 Ave. E.

FINKSBURG, Md.—"I want to say in reference to Anuric that I think it is wonderful. My back was so bad when I stooped a few minutes I could scarcely straighten up. I don't think it was more than two days after I began taking Anuric until I saw the eye helping me. After using one box I was completely cured, that's saying a great deal for it, as I am over 60 years of age."—AMOS J. BURMAN.



BUNNER'S RIDGE.

Catherine Noel was calling on her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Travis, the Fourth. Mr. and Mrs. Hank Satterfield spent the Fourth at Dave Carpenter's. Mr. Satterfield was helping cut wheat. Mrs. Denzil Carpenter and her sister, Wilma, were calling on the former's father-in-law, Dave Carpenter, one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. John Bisset were calling on relatives and friends in this community recently. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Huffman, of Fairmont, were calling on their par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Huffman, from Saturday until Monday. J. W. Noel was calling at Elsieville recently. Mr. and Mrs. Elidu Curry were visiting relatives and friends a few days last week on Murdock Run. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moran were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Dave Carpenter one night last week. Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Carpenter were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Hank Satterfield recently. Mrs. E. T. Moran was on the sick list a few days last week, but is better at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moran and daughter Myrtle, were visiting Mr. and Mrs.

Tiberus Vincent Sunday last at Kingmont. Mr. and Mrs. William Carothers went through our town the Fourth. Harry Carpenter and Wayne Moran were at the ice cream supper at Winfield the night of the Fourth of July. John Pride is very sick at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Noel were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Willie Travis Sunday. Emmett Poe and family were seen on the ridge Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Travis, of Morgantown, were calling on the former's father, F. L. Travis, Sunday last. Pearl Shoemaker is visiting her

grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Banner, on this ridge at this writing. THE GOSSIPY MALE. It is difficult for a woman to keep a secret. It must be answered Miss Cayenne, if she happens to have a husband as eager to hear gossip as some of the men I know.—Washington Star. Typographical unions of the Northwest territory, which includes Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and British Columbia, will ask a uniform wage scale.

Moose Initiate More Candidates

Fairmont Lodge 8, Loyal Order of Moose, last evening initiated fifteen candidates and received eight applications for membership. Next Wednesday evening the last class will be initiated in the recent membership drive at the rooms in Cunningham Hall. The lodge's membership is now up to 1,178. A special meeting of the auditing committee of the lodge will be held this evening at 8 o'clock at the office of the secretary, Ray D. Harden.



July Clearance Sales

THIS MORNING AT 8:30 WE PUT

on sale nearly every garment in the store at a reduction. This Clearance event takes place twice a year. It is held principally to reduce the stock and make room for new goods. To the woman who means to be thrifty this piece of news should be very welcome, the inducement is of sufficient value to lay other duties aside and be here at the earliest possible moment.

Spend Some of Your Savings on War Savings Stamps

Ask the Clerk to Give You Thrift Stamps Instead of Change

July Sale of Coats and Suits

Of Special Importance will be the news that the complete stock of

SUITS and COATS

are now on Special Sale at greatly reduced prices. Great is the saving, for many of these garments are highly desirable for fall wear.

SUITS

Every Suit carries a new reduced price tag. Lucky is the woman who finds her Suit here now! Never before were the savings as great.

1/2 HALF 1/2 Price & Less

COATS

For cool evenings and early Fall wear an Osgood Coat would be comfortable and needy. The stock is well represented in every size color and model.

1/3 ONE 1/3 Third Less



A Sale Within a Sale

Friday Morning 9 to 11 Two Hours Only We Place on Sale About

100 Untimmed Hats

In every good style imaginable and in most wonderful values, at **50c**



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| <p>Trimmed HATS</p> <p>Values to \$5.00</p> <p>\$1.95</p> | <p>Trimmed HATS</p> <p>Values to \$7.50</p> <p>\$2.95</p> | <p>Values \$3.00 to \$15.00</p> <p>HALF PRICE</p> |
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One lot White Net, Voile and Gingham.

DRESSES

Values \$7.50 to \$10.00 at **\$5.00**

One lot Silk, Serge and Novel Material

DRESSES

Values \$15.00 to \$25.00 at **\$9.89**

Every Frock in stock is now reduced! Some Only 10 per cent, others as much as 1-4 to 1-3 less. Now the assortment includes Georgette Crepe de Chines, Taffetas, Satins, Charmouse, Serges and Jersey Cloth (For afternoon, street or out-door wear.)

An Array of Beautiful Blouses

At July Clearance Sale Prices

Which means good and substantial savings. For instance note these prices:

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| <p>SILK WAISTS</p> <p>\$3.50 to \$5</p> <p>Values at \$2.45</p> | <p>25 dozen Blouses of fine Voile and Organdie, regular</p> <p>Values, \$1.25 to \$1.50 at 89c</p> | <p>New Georgette and French Voile Blouses</p> <p>20 Per Cent Less!</p> | <p>20 dozen Blouses of Tub Silk, Striped Silk and Fine Voile.</p> <p>Regular Value \$2.50</p> <p>\$3.00, at \$1.98</p> |
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WASH SKIRTS

Special Lot at

\$1.39

Values to \$2.50

Other Wash Skirts

20 Per Cent Less!

WOOL AND SILK SKIRTS

Special at

\$4.98

Values are \$6 to \$7.50

Special

JULY

Clearance Sale

Regulation MIDDY BLOUSES

Special at

\$1.00

Value \$1.50

GEORGETTE BLOUS

\$6 to \$7.50

Values at **\$3.98**

SWEATER COATS

Now Reduced

10% to 25% Less

Sleeveless Sweaters, Special at \$2.95.

There is some talk in this section of the country about the danger of influenza and the fact that it is now spreading in many parts of the world. It is a very contagious disease and is especially dangerous to those who are already suffering from other ailments. It is important to take proper precautions to avoid contracting this disease. One of the best ways to do this is to keep the body clean and healthy. Regular exercise and a diet of fresh fruits and vegetables will help to build up the system and make it more resistant to disease. It is also important to avoid crowded places and to wear a mask when in public places. If you do contract the disease, it is important to rest and to take plenty of fluids. In many cases, the disease will run its course and the patient will recover without any special treatment. However, in some cases, it can be very serious and even fatal. It is therefore important to be on the alert for the first signs of the disease and to seek medical attention if necessary.