

The Fate of the Women Wage Earners

As Gilson Gardner well says, one of the greatest of cases is now in the hands of the U. S. supreme court—the Oregon minimum wage case. Capital declares that a state shall not make laws fixing a minimum wage for women, because such legislation interferes with the "liberty" of a woman to sell her labor for what she pleases, under the 14th amendment of the federal constitution which prohibits a state to make laws "which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens."

Get the thing clearly. The employer attacks the statute in behalf of the woman employe's "privileges." The employer, in these cases, admits the awful evils due to insufficient wages of women. The question is as to whether it is a constitutional "privilege" of women to contribute to conditions whose result is disease, prostitution and social degeneracy.

Suppose that we say a woman has such constitutional "privilege." Then, naturally and logically, comes this question: If a woman has a constitutional "privilege" to promote a condition productive of prostitution, why hasn't she equal constitutional "privilege" to be a prostitute? The only answer is: Because individual constitutional rights, or "privileges," cease when they infringe upon the rights of others. But the condition acknowledged by the plaintiff to be due to degrading wages to women is as much infringement upon the rights of others (society) as woman's direct and individual acts. Our supposition has simply taken us around a circle back to the problem as to what are "privileges."

Webster defines "privilege" thus: "A peculiar benefit, advantage or favor; a right or immunity not enjoyed by others or by all." But the constitution was bred, born and brought up on the idea that all men are equal—no special class enjoyment of rights or immunities.

Very soon there had to be legal definition of the meaning of constitutional "privileges," or rights, and it was decided that all such rights or "privileges" were void when they interfered with the rights of others. Evidently a "privilege" that interferes with the health, safety and happiness of present society and its posterity is no constitutional "privilege." That the willingness or compulsion of Oregon women to work for degrading wages does so interfere is admitted by both sides in these cases, and it would not shock anybody should the supreme court decide that Oregon legislation to be legitimate, solely because it is for the public good, a consideration higher than the "privileges" of any class or element.

Ind of Clouded

They're surely scrambling our ideas of neutrality, straband, international law, Hague agreements such.

ere's Charlie Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, who states that he is just from Europe after cancelling a \$15,000,000 or-by Great Britain for submarines, upon the dition of Secretary Bryan, but with a pocket full of contracts for furnishing "various munitions

ems to be violation of neutrality to furnish t but neutrality to furnish the things to make t worth while.

is a gun and powder. The one is practically N without the other. We will not furnish Bull a gun, but if somebody else will, we will H powder to fructify the gun, so to speak. eutral but we'll help John Bull to fight.

a bright man, the kaiser may be able to see in the clouds of our neutrality.

Del Terrible

ans opposed to selection of public servants ublic are perfectly shocked over the an- it that \$460,777.25 was spent by candi-

Oh parties for the 31 seats in the U. S. sen- late campaign. Of this amount, the can- selves contributed \$271,929.26, accord- reports made to the secretary of the sen-

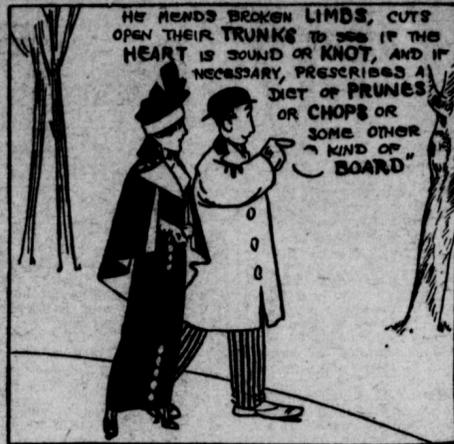
3: Thirty-one states, with an average of idates each, would mean an average of 24 for each candidate, wouldn't it?

rk Hanna, Cal Brice, Lorimer, Stephen- willows like them would have roared had lucked like that!

hink the total of \$460,777.25 given the the senate too low. When the Califor- tes, for instance, are listed at \$17,589.98, Somebody must have overlooked the

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HER TETE DOCTOR BEAU



OBSERVATIONS

Pierce county's Mountain View Tuberculosis sanitarium has at last been opened. It is a step in the right direction. Officials and citizens are to be congratulated on a united attempt to relieve suffering and banish disease.

It's really none of our business, but we advise that New York board of education to adopt that recommendation for giving public school teachers leave of absence for child birth.

The best that the International Peace-Forum could do was to pray congress to call a conference at the end of the war. And this is about as well as anybody can do.

General Joffre admits his wife to unofficial war councils, says a foreign correspondent. Joff's just like all the rest of us. She's always there.

Somebody has got up a list of "50 biggest events in 1914" and left out Jimmy Garfield's run for the U. S. senate.

Several telephone girls have called us up to state that, in their opinion, Irene Hough is "the most beautiful telephone girl" largely because some girl had to be the most beautiful telephone girl, you know. Patience, girls! Maybe there'll be a contest for the most homely telephone manager.

You'd hardly expect Cousin Bill Taft to pose as a "wet" candidate for president now, would you?

When Refugia Bandini, of Los Angeles, died, 20 years ago, it wasn't set down as much of a calamity, the mourners weren't an army, and no weeping lawyers crowded 'round her silent bier, as her estate wasn't thought to be worth costs of administration. Hordes and hordes are all wet with grief now. It appears that Refugia left ten million dollars.

ALLIES WAITING TO STRIKE DEATH BLOW

BY WILLIAM PHILIP-SIMS, United Press Staff Correspondent.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY AT THE FRONT, Nov. 28.—(By mail to New York.)—I have the distinct impression that the French, English and German armies will remain pretty much where they are until well into next spring, and that but for occasional and sometimes possibly bloody encounters in this, the Western theater of the war, most of the action will come in the region of the Russian frontier, until that time.

From what I have seen of the allies' preparation back of the actual fighting line, for the Germans to make much headway south, seems to be impossible. Also, by reading between the lines, I gather that the allies are quite satisfied with the situation as it is. Officers are firmly convinced that Germany is daily growing weaker while their own side is growing stronger every day. They say they can afford to play a waiting game and let Germany do the costly attacking. Germany, they insist, yearns to strike a telling blow at the earliest possible moment because she realizes that every moment lost leaves her that much weaker in men, money, munitions and food.

Another thing which pleases the strategists here is the extended battle line, hundreds of miles long. They claim this places the Germans at a capital disadvantage. Desirous of forcing a decisive action the kaiser's forces apparently cannot do so because stretched out over such extended territory the necessary concentration is out of the question. At the same time to shorten the battle line would expose the flanks to the allies' offensive.

Officers Smiling. Here every officer I meet is all smiles. At the beginning of the war it must be confessed, there was more or less uneasiness among the military. This is all changed now and on all sides one meets with the utmost confidence in the final outcome of the war.

The impression here seems to be that the war will be rather a long one. Everywhere I see preparations which lend emphasis to this belief. Behind the lines the French organizations has been perfecting itself until at the moment it is running with the precision of a well-oiled piece of machinery. The system of revictualing the army and keeping it supplied with ammunition, the arrangement for evacuating the wounded and generally the whole administration of the army is now organized as though the war is a permanent institution destined to last for all time.

In short, the allies are perfectly prepared to play a waiting game if appearance count for anything. I feel sure they are of the opinion that they can wear Germany down and sooner or later, at a moment they judge opportune, strike the decisive blow. Until that time I believe they will continue themselves by blocking German's blows, knowing that each blow uses up that much power and makes her by just that much easier to master when the final hour arrives.

Germany, I am convinced, is playing into the allies' hands whether she wills it or no. Like a person caught in a quicksand the more she struggles the deeper she sinks into the sands and the quicker.

Germany may try to decide things this winter but she can scarcely succeed. Perhaps along the Russian frontier somewhere during the cold weather a telling action may be fought but otherwise there promises to be a lull in the fighting not a complete cessation—until the sap rises. Then may commence the beginning of the end.

YOU SHOULD NOT MAKE YOUR HOME A "TROPICAL JUNGLE"

your dining room or bed chamber.

And heat itself is by no means the only disadvantage which a high temperature brings to the dwelling.

High temperature means a stuffy atmosphere.

In establishing a temperature not to be exceeded indoors the comfortable point should not be taken as the standard.

The comfortable point varies with the individual and has relation to the accustomed temperature—moderate, too high, or too low. A person habitually living in a temperature of 80 degrees feels chilly at 70 degrees; habituated to 70, he scarcely finds 65 uncomfortable.

The young and those accustomed to being much in the open suffer greatly from hot rooms.

Robust men properly fed and accustomed to an active outdoor life are not uncomfortable at a house temperature of 60.

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A SUGGESTION "But she says she has never never given you any encouragement." "Did she say that?" "She certainly did." "She told me that her uncle was going to leave her a fortune and that he had one foot in the grave. If that is not encouragement, I'd like to know what you call it."—Houston Post.

OUTBURST OF EVERETT TRUE



DOCTOR'S ORDERS lowed. "Well, we hadn't a 'tremometer' in the house," the good woman replied, "but I put a barometer on his chest and it went up to 'very dry.' So I gave him a bottle of beer and he's gone to work."—Chicago Herald.

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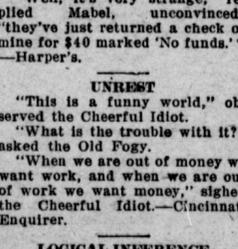
ALMOST FATAL



FINANCIAL FLURRY. "Will," said she, "I'm afraid my bank is in a bad way." "How foolish, Mabel! It's one of the strongest financial institutions in the state. Whatever got that idea into your head?" "Well, it's very strange," replied Mabel, unconvinced; "they've just returned a check of mine for \$40 marked 'No funds.'"—Harper's.

UNREST "This is a funny world," observed the Cheerful Idiot. "What is the trouble with it?" asked the Old Fog. "When we are out of money we want work, and when we are out of work we want money," sighed the Cheerful Idiot.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

LOGICAL INFERENCE



"I suppose you would like to know what I was doing down your well?" "Yes; 'pears like some kind of explanation might be forthcoming." "Well, I was down there waiting to be pulled out."

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