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SENATOR BLAMES RANK WORKING CONDITIONS FOR COUNTRY'S NUMEROUS LABOR DISPUTES

New York, Sept. 24.—The conditions under which men and women are forced to work in New York state are so inhuman as to be almost beyond belief.

This will be the substance of the report of the state factory investigation commission, which has been at work for two years.

The Chicago Harvester trust will come in for special attention in the report, which will demand that the legislature reform factory conditions.

The commission was appointed after the Triangle shirt waist factory fire, in which many girls were burned to death. Senator Robert F. Wagner is chairman of the commission. Here is what he had to say today.

"We found conditions almost unbelievably inhuman. We found men and women working in ill-ventilated, poorly lighted, congested quarters, and always conditions were worst for the women

"In Buffalo, we found hundreds of women, young and old, doing men's work in the slaughter houses. The floors of these places always were wet and insanitary.

"In Utica we found women in

molten metal, lifting heavy burdens, breathing the poisonous fumes of the metal.

"In Auburn, in the Harvester twine plant, we found women standing at mig machines, spooling twine. They had no place to sit down. They had to stand all day, breathing the dust from the twine. It was so thick that the girls brushed it from each other's clothes with heavy brooms every hour or so. There was no provision for carrying the dust away.

"We are going to demand that the legislature pass laws enforcing adequate fire protection, ventilation, proper hours, chairs with backs for all women workers, and restriction as to the kind of work women may do.

"I believe this commission, the first of its kind, is only the first of many. Working men and women of this country are waking up.

"I am no radical, yet I believe the present working conditions are the cause of many of the labor disputes that are rending the country."

Factory owners appeared before the commission today and kicked against the commission recommending any reforms.