

BUT THEN, A CAT HAS NINE LIVES



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SEMI-MONTHLY PAY ACT IS PRESERVATION OF PEACE NOW IN EFFECT IN TEXAS ON AMERICAN CONTINENT

Nearly Every Business in the State Comes Under the New Law. Penalties, Etc.

And Development of Pan-American Unity Aim of United States, Says Secretary Lansing.

Austin, Tex.—The act of the thirty-fourth legislature providing for semi-monthly payment of wages in certain employments became effective on New Year's Day. This bill was passed by the senate by a vote of 24 to 2, with amendments. The vote by which it passed the house was not given and the measure was approved by Governor Ferguson March 1.

The following is the text of the act: "Section 1. From and after January 1, 1916, each and every manufacturing, mercantile, mining, quarrying, railroad, street railway, canal, oil, steamboat, telegraph, telephone and express company, employing more than ten persons, and each and every water company not operated by a municipal corporation, and each and every wharf company and every other corporation engaged in any business within the State of Texas, which employs more than ten persons, or any person, firm or corporation engaged in or upon any public works for the State of Texas, or for any country or any municipal corporation thereof, either as a contractor or a sub-contractor, therewith, shall pay each of its employees the wages earned by him or her as often as semi-monthly, and pay to a day not more than sixteen days prior to the day of payment.

"An employee who is absent at the time fixed for payment or who for any reason is not paid at that time, shall be paid thereafter on six days' demand, and any employee leaving his or her employment, or discharged therefrom, shall be paid in full on six days' demand.

"Sec. 2. Every person, partnership or corporation, wilfully failing or refusing to pay the wages of any employee at the time and in the manner provided in this statute shall forfeit to the State of Texas the sum of \$50 for each and every such failure or refusal, and suits for penalties accruing under this act shall be brought in any court having jurisdiction of the amount in the county in which the employee should have been paid, or where employed. Such suits shall be instituted at the discretion of the commissioner of labor statistics by the attorney general or under his direction, or by the county or district attorney for the county or district in which suit is brought; and the attorney bringing any such suit shall be entitled to receive and shall receive as compensation for his services therein \$10 of the penalty or penalties recovered in such suit, the fees and compensation so allowed shall be over and above the fees allowed the attorney general, county or district attorney under the general fee act.

"Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the commissioner of labor statistics to inquire diligently for violations of this act and institute prosecutions and see that the same are carried to final termination and generally to see to the enforcement of the provisions hereof."

Texas Postmasters Appointed.
Washington.—The following Texas fourth-class postmasters have just been named: Cut, Houston county, Samuel C. Leediker; Macdonia, Bexar county, Mrs. Florence Sherman; Corlena, Dallam county, Fred Oberbeck; Point, Rains county, Mrs. Mattie S. Daniel; Quitaque, Brisco county, Aldis L. Patterson; Mobile, Tyler county, Thomas S. Sargent; Canutillo, El Paso county, William M. Dailey; Nettaville, formerly Dull, La Salle county, William J. Tucker; McCoy, Atascosa county, James B. Williams, Jr.; Stephen Creek, San Jacinto county (new office), Mrs. Nettie Buchschacher.

Von Papen Departs With Safe Conduct
New York.—Captain Franz von Papen, Germany's recalled military attaché, left New York for Rotterdam Wednesday on the steamship Noordam, bearing a safe conduct to Germany from the entente allies.

Member of Peace Party Dies.
Christiania, Norway.—Lloyd Bingham, a member of the Ford peace party, died Wednesday of pneumonia. He was the husband of Amelia Bingham, the American actress.

Washington.—Pleas for a greater Pan-Americanism were numerous Friday in the program of the Pan-American Scientific Congress, in spite of the great volume of papers read on technical subjects.

Scores of questions of an international character were discussed, and members of the congress informally talked of the crystallization of the Pan-American idea into a concrete form that might become known as the Pan-American alliance.

Secretary Lansing has suggested to all the nations which, with the United States, comprise the Pan-American Union that they join in a convention for the arbitration of all boundary line disputes and for the prohibition of shipments of war munitions to revolutionaries.

Secretary Lansing's proposal, which has the full support of President Wilson, is being forwarded by the Latin American ambassadors and ministers to their home foreign offices for consideration. It is regarded as one of the steps in a wide plan, in which the Pan-American Scientific Congress, now in session in Washington, is a part, for preservation of peace on the Western Hemisphere and a closer union of all the Americas.

Many of Mr. Lansing's declarations to the Pan-American Congress took on added significance Friday in the light of his proposals to the Latin American republics.

"Within recent years," said he, "the United States has found no occasion, with the exception of the Venezuelan boundary incident, to remind Europe that the Monroe doctrine continues unaltered as a national policy in this republic. The republics of America are no longer children in the great family of nations. They have attained maturity."

At another point Mr. Lansing said: "When we attempt to analyze Pan-Americanism we find the essential qualities are those of the family—sympathy, helpfulness, a sincere desire to see another grow in prosperity, absence of covetousness of another's possessions, absence of jealousy of another's prominence and, above all, absence of that spirit of intrigue which menaces the domestic peace of a neighbor."

Prominent Men Indicted.
New York.—Eight men, including a congressman, a former congressman and a former attorney general of Ohio, were indicted Tuesday by a federal grand jury on a charge of conspiring to foment strikes in American munition factories as part of a campaign financed by the German government to check the exportation of munitions to the entente allies. The men indicted were Congressman Frank Buchanan of Illinois, former Congressman H. Robert Fowler of Illinois, Frank S. Monnett, former attorney general of Ohio; H. B. Martin, Herman Schulteis, Franz von Rintelen, David Lamar and Jacob C. Taylor.

Wild Horses Now a Menace.
Santa Fe, N. M.—Wild horses have increased to such an extent in New Mexico in the past few years as to become a menace to the domestic herds, according to the annual report of the cattle sanitary board. The board has therefore suspended previous restrictions and will allow the rounding up, sale and shipment of these unbranded horses. Many domestic animals recently have been lost through enticement into the wilds and by death resulting from stampede.

Insurance Rates Sent Up.
London.—The recent menace to shipping by way of the Suez canal, both from land and by submarine, has caused the underwriters to raise insurance rates considerably on cargoes and steamers following the canal route.

Germany Recognizes Carranza.
Berlin.—Germany has extended recognition to the de facto government of Mexico headed by General Venustiano Carranza.

ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY IN TEXAS

Comptroller's Annual Report Shows Schedule Increase of Three Million in State's Spending Money.

Austin, Tex.—A summary of the annual report of Henry B. Terrell, state comptroller of public accounts, filed Saturday with Governor Ferguson, discloses that the total assessed valuation of property in Texas is \$2,755,171,793 for 1915, which is an increase of \$12,000,000 over the previous year, and which is scheduled to produce \$16,151,879.50 in taxes, as against \$11,275,885.81 for 1914, when the total assessed valuation was \$2,743,078,976. Supplemental tax rolls for previous years show \$1,822,781 in valuation and \$6,334.90 in taxes, thus bringing the grand total for 1915 to \$2,756,994,574, and the total taxes to \$16,158,214.40.

It is shown by the report that the number of acres of land assessed in 1915 were 162,517,887, valued at \$1,148,866,768, which is an increase in valuation of \$3,797,396 and 2,358,321 in acres of land over 1914. Of this amount town lots in 1915 were valued at \$654,334,180, which is an increase of \$17,428,196 over 1914.

Railroads assessed in 1915, 14,745.71 miles, valued at \$159,367,632, as compared with 15,811.77 miles in 1914. Thus, while there is a decrease in the mileage, the increase in value over 1914 is \$2,197,045.

This report, which is for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915, also discloses that the number of horses and mules assessed in 1915 was 1,782,529, valued at \$83,397,016, which is a decrease in value of \$8,890,242 and in number of 287 from the previous year.

Cattle, 5,106,931, valued at \$85,449,498, this being an increase of \$9,747,652 in value and a decrease of 7,805 in number.

Jacks and jennets, 15,206, valued at \$840,985, this being a decrease of \$58,202 in value and a decrease of 1,222 in number.

Sheep, 1,590,670, value \$3,436,409; an increase of 43,574 in number and \$553,030 in value.

Goats, 1,220,653, value \$2,106,803; increase in number 131,443 and in value \$207,491.

Hogs, 934,598, value \$2,993,367; an increase of \$131,109 in value, but a decrease of 17,323 in number.

Dogs, 16,952, valued at \$235,109; a decrease of 3,084 in number and \$12,149 in value.

Vehicles of all kinds, 543,386, valued at \$28,030,466; an increase of \$1,246 in value and 92,170 in number.

Goods, wares and merchandise, valued at \$100,109,543; a decrease of \$6,549,965.

Materials and manufacturers' articles, \$2,890,786; an increase of \$2,025,541.

Manufacturers' tools, implements and machinery, \$31,087,000; increase \$1,282,842.

Steam engines and boilers, \$11,881,525; increase \$1,296,472.

Amount of money in banks, etc., \$5,528,857; increase \$51,898.

Amount of credit of banks, etc., \$4,992,928; increase \$844,784.

Amount of money other than banks \$3,324,679; decrease \$303,702.

Money on hand or on deposit, \$19,138,448; decrease \$2,103,966.

Amount of credit other than banks, \$45,092,875; decrease \$2,156,688.

Amount and value of stocks and bonds, etc., \$818,824; decrease \$692,593.

Amount and value of shares of capital stock, \$3,472,614; increase \$1,578,440.

Value of all property of companies, corporations, etc., \$6,925,891; increase \$382,046.

Miscellaneous property, \$62,266,977; increase \$6,048,936.

State and national banks, \$69,851,374; decrease \$8,446,782.

City railroads, number of miles, 979.37; value \$9,996,965, against 435.09 miles in 1914; value increased \$3,213,854.

Value of railroad rolling stock, \$33,055,216; increase \$512,148.

Intangible assets, \$157,885,267; decrease \$4,759,124.

Interurbans, none given in 1915; in 1914, 2,476.69 miles were assessed, valued at \$4,938,425.

Telegraph and telephone lines, 28,969.62 miles, valued at \$12,990,282, against 37,577.87 in 1914; increase of valuation, \$1,740,870.

Pipe lines, none given in 1915; in 1914, 1,870.14 miles were assessed, valued at \$4,698,868.

Steamboats, sailing vessels, etc., \$2,831,031; increase \$5,723,126.

President's Fifty-Ninth Birthday.
Hot Springs, Va.—On his fifty-ninth birthday Tuesday President Wilson worked several hours, read hundreds of telegrams of congratulation from people all over the country, took a long automobile drive over snow-covered mountain roads and in the evening had a quiet birthday dinner with his wife in their suite.

Gusher Near Alvin.
Alvin, Tex.—It was reported Wednesday that a 5,000-barrel gusher had been struck at Damons Mound, a few miles south of Alvin. The oil is said to be of the pure greenish kind, like that of Oklahoma.

General Union Congress Called.
London.—The labor party Saturday called a general trades union congress for January 6 to consider the government's proposal regarding compulsion for single men.

CHILLS, FEVER AND KIDNEY TROUBLE

I am pleased to testify to the merits of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root which I had occasion to use seven years ago for kidney trouble. My general health was not good, caused from chills and fever and drinking impure water. I felt all tired out; felt so badly at times when I would lie down I could scarcely get up. A friend recommended Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, I got a fifty-cent bottle and took it. It did me so much good that I bought six bottles and gave up the doctors' treatments entirely, and before the six bottles were half gone I felt as well as I ever felt in my life, and after taking the remainder of the six bottles, I discontinued the use of Swamp-Root and have had no occasion to take any medicine for kidney trouble since; that was seven years ago. I hope those suffering as I did will give Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root a fair trial, for I feel sure they will derive great help from its use.

Yours truly,
MRS. T. Z. MCCARTHY,
Paris, Texas.
206 N. Main St.,
State of Texas,
Lamar County.

Personally appeared before the undersigned authority T. Z. McCarthy, who says under oath that the above statement is true and correct this February 25th, 1915. J. M. LONG, Notary Public, Lamar Co., Texas.

Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You
Send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample size bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention this paper. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.—Adv.

PARSON HAD GOT HIS OWN

Retribution Overtook Mr. Fowler and That Gentleman Was Consequent-ly by No Means Pleas'd.

Little things can be very trying at times. Mr. Fowler thought, when one wet morning he could not find his umbrella. Like many married men, he believed in the maxim, "When in trouble blame your wife."

"I say, Ellen," he shouted, "what on earth has happened to my new umbrella? I brought it home last night, and now it's gone; and, of course, it's raining furiously!"

"Why, it's scarcely raining at all!" said his wife. "But last night it was simply pouring when the parson left, and so I lent him your umbrella!"

"What an astute thing to do! I shall never see it again now, so I may as well buy another today?"

"How can you be so wicked, Adolphus? As if the parson would stoop to stealing your umbrella?"

"Stoop to stealing it? He hanged! I borrowed it from him a couple of months ago!"—Philadelphia Ledger.

Hardly Premature.
There was once a learned judge of over eighty who never took any exercise. Not feeling very well, he consulted a physician.

"You have no business to live without taking exercise," said the physician. "You must give up your sedentary habits and walk an hour every day."

"But it bores me so," pleaded the judge. "If I follow your advice I shall walk myself into a premature grave."

Modest Petition.
In a deeply religious family of Elgin, the eight-year-old son had been taught to ask a blessing at the table.

One afternoon there were a number of women asked to luncheon, and the kiddie, being a bit embarrassed, made the following brief petition:

"Oh Lord, forgive us for this food."

It isn't necessary for a woman to be an artist to draw men's attention. A perky feather will answer.

Ec-Zene Kills Eczema.

Let us prove it. Take no substitute. If your Druggist does not have it, write to Ec-Zene Co., St. Paul, Minn.—Adv.

Milwaukee has installed 25 pool or billiard tables in its public school buildings.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"
To get the genuine, call for full name, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GILSON. Cures a Cold in One Day. 25c.

FALLING HAIR MEANS DANDRUFF IS ACTIVE
Save Your Hair! Get a 25 Cent Bottle of Danderine Right Now—Also Stops Itching Scalp.

Thin, brittle, colorless and scraggy hair is mute evidence of a neglected scalp; of dandruff—that awful scurf. There is nothing so destructive to the hair as dandruff. It robs the hair of its luster, its strength and its very life; eventually producing a feverishness and itching of the scalp, which if not remedied causes the hair roots to shrink, loosen and die—then the hair falls out fast. A little Danderine tonight—now—any time—will surely save your hair.

Get a 25 cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any store, and after the first application your hair will take on that life, luster and luxuriance which is so beautiful. It will become wavy and fluffy and have the appearance of abundance; an incomparable gloss and softness, but what will please you most will be after just a few weeks' use, when you will actually see a lot of fine, downy hair—new hair—growing all over the scalp. Adv.

She Didn't Smile.
The young woman had spent a busy day. She had browbeaten 14 salespeople, bullied a floorwalker, argued victoriously with a milliner, laid down the law to a modiste, nipped in the bud a taxi chauffeur's attempt to overcharge her, made a street car conductor stop the car in the middle of a block for her, discharged her maid and engaged another, and otherwise refused to allow herself to be imposed upon.

Yet she did not smile that night when a young man begged: "Let me be your protector through life!"

Giving Him Warning.
"If you come home early this afternoon, please go around the house and enter by the back door," said Mrs. Dods-worth.

"What's on foot?" asked Mr. Dods-worth.

"Nothin's on foot, thank heaven! I will entertain the Browning club this afternoon and I don't want any object so intensely material as you are to profane the soulful atmosphere we shall have created by several hours of study and recitation."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

A frenzied financier—one who can borrow money from a bill collector.
Sometimes matrimony turns love's sweet dream into a nightmare.

"HELP WANTED"

When the **APPETITE IS POOR DIGESTION BAD LIVER LAZY BOWELS CLOGGED**

YOU SHOULD TRY HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS
IT STRENGTHENS AND INVIGORATES THE ENTIRE SYSTEM

It's easier for a woman to fool any man than it is to keep him fooled.

THIS IS THE AGE OF YOUTH.
You will look ten years younger if you darken your ugly, grizzly, gray hairs by using "La Creole" Hair Dressing—Adv.

Two Styles.
"I believe in the mailed fist."
"And I in the pacifist."—Baltimore Sun.

LADIES!
—Take CAPUDINE—

For Aches, Pains and Nervousness. IT IS NOT A NARCOTIC OR DOPE—

Given quick relief—Try it—Adv.

Mrs. Murphy Fled.
In a certain village in South Kentucky there is a house the door of which must be raised a little to be opened, and for this purpose the hatchet is generally used. One night a knock was heard at the door and a boy was sent to know who was there.

"Who's there?" asked the youngster. "It's me," answered the person outside.

The youngster, knowing the voice, shouted back in such a tone that the person outside could hear him:

"Oh, mother, it's Mrs. Murphy; get the hatchet." Needless to say, Mrs. Murphy didn't wait.

No Need to Worry.
She was a very recent bride and endeavoring to keep house in the approved hygienic manner. Entering a strange bakery one day, she saw a huge cat put his paws on the low show windows and vault lightly in among the cakes.

"Oh, look!" she exclaimed to the stout lady in charge. "Your cat!" "Dat is all right," soothingly replied the wide lady, with a wider smile. "Dat is Henry. He will not eat anything; he chust schniffs 'em."—Harper's Magazine.

Oh, Very Well!
Biggs—What is your idea of the longevity of the ancients?
Diggs—Well, I think being an ancient must have been a healthful occupation.

Josef Hofman, the pianist, earns \$2,500 an hour.

Whatever is ignorant is vulgar.

Madam, Allow Me To Introduce the New Post Toasties

You may have eaten "corn flakes" but you have never tasted any that equal the New Post Toasties.

These new flakes, madam, are crisp and flakey, and have a substance and toastie flavour, a snap and zest that make them distinctive.

Dainty to be sure in their sweetness, the New Post Toasties have a body and firmness that don't mush down when cream or milk is added; and a true ripe-corn flavour that makes one feel that here, at last, is something really new and good to eat.

New Post Toasties—selected Indian corn, prepared for the table as it was never prepared before.

Your grocer has them now.

Buy and Try and Smile Awhile