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MOTHER BAITING AS NEW GAME

New York Board of Education Discharges Teachers Who Leave Their Work to Become Mothers.

VOLUNTARY SICKNESS

Teacher is Suspended and Then Must Face Charge of Neglect of Duty and Be Dismissed.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—On the ground that she "voluntarily placed herself in a position where she was unable to perform her duties and therefore should receive no consideration," Mrs. Lora M. Wagner's suspension as a New York school teacher was formally approved last night by the board of education. Mrs. Wagner's fault was to bear a child a week ago. She is only one of several "teacher mothers" who have been driven from their positions in the New York schools for neglect of duty in remaining away from their school duties to bear children.

Mrs. Wagner will now have to stand trial on the charge of "neglect of duty." If the charge is proven, her suspension will be made permanent. Another incident in the fight which is being waged in school circles over the teacher-mother question, came today when the board of education preferred charges of "discourtesy and insubordination" against Miss Henrietta Rodman, teacher in the Wadleigh high school, and leader in the fight against the board of education in its rulings against teachers who satisfy their longing to become mothers.

Miss Rodman's "insubordination" consisted in writing a letter to a newspaper, protesting against the attitude of the board of education. The letter was written to the editor of a humorous column of the paper, it was headed "Sporting Note," and read, in part: "Now that the Braves have cracked under the strain—or haven't they?—and the tennis season is over—won't you come with me to see the game of mother baiting—next one will be played at the hall of the board of education. One side is a majority of the board, on the other are two women each with a baby a few days old. Object of the game is to kick the mothers out of position."

"Mother baiting is popular with a majority of the board. The game is rather rough, but like wife beating, which used to be popular, is played for the good of women."

Although the board was overwhelmingly against the teacher-mothers in their vote last night, several members made a strong stand in favor of the latter.

Commissioner Wile urged granting Mrs. Wagner a leave of absence on the ground that any woman is performing a duty to the state by bearing children.

"Mrs. Wagner has had the courage to look the board and her pupils in the face," said Commissioner Wile today. "That is more than the board has had courage to do. I am ashamed to serve on a board whose actions place such a stigma on motherhood. This woman, who bore her child seven days ago, says she will report for duty Monday. I think it would be a cruel and inhuman act to bring charges of neglect of duty against her."

Commissioner Wile's statement was in answer to Commissioner Wilcox who declared: "Leave is granted to persons suffering from illness or accident, but there is a clear distinction between illness over which the sufferer has no control and a case in which she voluntarily assumes responsibility and which will interfere with the performance of her school duties. The law forbids us to discharge a woman for getting married, but we can discharge her for anything in her conduct which incapacitates her from working."

Mayor for Mothers. NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Mayor Mitchell today held out strong hope to teacher-mothers who are fighting against the board of education ruling that married teachers will be dismissed if they become mothers. Mayor Mitchell recently wrote to the board of education pleading that the rule be abolished. Refusing to comment on the latest action of the board in dismissing Mrs. Lora M. Wagner on a charge of neglect of duty for remaining away from school while she bore a child, Mayor Mitchell declared that he has within the last twenty-four hours "received the impression that the board will adopt a reasonable, wise, rational policy of allowing some sort of leaves of absence to teachers who are about to become mothers."

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GERMANS FIND PATH TO ENGLAND

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gagemen isolated that as Admiral Von Spee's squadron drew away, an explosion was heard aboard the Good Hope and it was the belief of the Germans that this had sent her to the bottom.

HERO OF AUSTRIA ONLY A BOY

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real bullets flying and shells screaming. The answer was a canteen full of water which Stany shortly handed to the big soldier. Then the canteens of the desperately thirsty soldiers began to come down Stany's way. When the soldiers found Stany insisted on "tending wounded under fire" they loaded him with canteens. He made a dozen trips between the dusty trenches and the pond. Then water fairly sizzled down the parched throats of the soldiers. On the army records it says that Stany "watered" 600 men that afternoon. In the evening orders ran down the lines. The men jumped out of their trenches. Many of them fell, but others dashed on. Pretty soon the Russian firing ceased. The Austrians had won.

All through the woods, over fields and over roads, lanterns of Red Cross doctors flitted that night. There were hundreds of dead and wounded. About midnight an officer trying to sleep in a shack near the pond, heard a moan. He got a lantern and went out. Now the cry was plaintive. It was that of a little boy. Following the sound the officer soon found a little hunched up pile of crying boy on the edge of the pond. It was Stany. Almost all of him for the pain of the gaping wound in his chest had turned him into a little boy again, just as a severe pain is liable to turn any big soldier into a whimpering, moaning, helpless boy. That is, almost all of the "soldier feeling" had left Stany. There was spark enough left to help Stany keep his grip on the canteen which he had been filling.

While the officer wrapped the boy about with his military coat and carried him to the shack, the spark of "soldier feeling" wouldn't let Stany drop that canteen of water.

"Here's that man's can," said Stany, when finally he landed on a cot. "That man" had been in eternity six hours. The officer worried Stany's story out of him just as I had to do, just after the doctor had washed and dressed his wound.

"I don't have to go away from here," pleaded Stany, as he finished. "I should say not," replied the officer. "You must stay in the hospital for a while, but you're our mascot hereafter. What color horse do you want? You have to be a boy, Mr. and Mrs. Stanislaw, to know how your son felt when he answered 'a brown horse.'" They had to bring Stany 400 miles back to Vienna to save his life, but they succeeded.

The fact that he was able to stand all the explosion-like beats of his heart as Emperor Joseph's messenger fastened the Iron cross to his night gown, shows that he's getting well. Besides that, all the excitement of shaking hands with ladies of the court and seeing flowers they bring to him, and talking to peterson newspaper reporters and being photographed by the court photographer—all this excitement doesn't hurt him, so he ought to be well enough soon to return to the front.

Joseph Wexel of the Vienna Tageblatt of Vienna, knows Stany and if the right Mr. and Mrs. Stanislaw write him through the United Press, he will have Stany write and answer. Stany's too good a kid to have to struggle along without a father or mother, though I'm not saying he hasn't the stuff in him to do it if he has to. Besides we need Stany's kind in America.

Wanted Pretty Nurse. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 12.—W. W. McMullen of Omaha, Neb., was recovering today from a police court sentence imposed upon him for assaulting an orderly assigned to nurse him at a local hospital. "I want a pretty nurse," explained McMullen to the orderly. "I'm it," replied the orderly, and then McMullen jumped out of bed.

WILL TROT OUT A DARK HORSE

Opponents of Gompers in American Federation of Labor Intend Putting Up Candidate.

FORGET UNEMPLOYED

No General Investigation by the Organization Will be Made at This Time Regarding Idle Workmen.

[By John Edwin Nevin, United Press Staff Correspondent.] PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 12.—There will be no general investigation of the unemployed problem at this time by the American Federation of Labor. Leaders of the organization, whose annual convention is now in session here, so declared today. While a number of delegates have suggested such an investigation and resolutions providing for one have been prepared, those in control of the federation say such a scheme will be impossible during the time the convention has at its disposal. Only the surface could be touched and to appoint a committee to report at next year's convention would be of no use, as conditions are certain to change before then, according to these leaders.

It is possible however that some of the local organizations affiliated with the organization may suggest holding an inquest later, to deal with the problem if it becomes acute. In the east and for the most part, all through sections west of the Rocky mountains, money is tight and little is available for general building. This however is the usual outlook at this season of the year, officers of the several organizations report.

Dock workers, maintenance of way employes and others of the so-called non-skilled organizations, say that a large part of their men are out of work. The practical paralysis of shipping in the east which lasted for two months, interfered with the dock workers but their representatives now report slow but steady improvement.

The executive council of the federation has been carefully investigating reports that in certain lines of employment, the employers were planning a general sweeping reduction of wages and to attribute that action to depression caused by the war. It is known that such action is planned in the steel industry, especially in the Pittsburgh district. Confidential reports at hand indicate however that is so far the only line of industry where such a plan has been decided on and the steel trade is chiefly unorganized. Most of the trades affiliated with the American Federation of Labor are operating under term contracts which specifically set out hours and compensation.

There will be no violation of these and there is no reason according to members of the executive council, to apprehend that they will not be renewed when they expire. It is expected that before the convention adjourns, a resolution will be introduced giving the executive council specific

IF BACKACHEY OR KIDNEYS BOTHER

Eat less meat also take glass of Saita before eating breakfast. Uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish, ache, and feel like lumps of lead. The urine becomes cloudy; the bladder is irritated, and you may be obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night. When the kidneys clog you must help them flush off the body's urinous waste or you'll be a real sick person shortly. At first you feel a dull misery in the kidney region, you suffer from back-ache, sick headache, dizziness, stomach gets sour, tongue coated and you feel rheumatic twinges when the weather is bad.

Eat less meat, drink lots of water; also get from any pharmacist four ounces of Jad Saita; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Saita is inexpensive, cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active. Druggists here say they sell lots of Jad Saita to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.

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LATEST MARKET QUOTATIONS

United Press Association Telegraph Market Report Over Gate City Leased Wire.

Grain Review. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—Wheat had an early advance today of 1/4 to 1/2, when it became positively known that peace rumors of yesterday were without foundation, but toward noon the market dipped back to about last night's closing figures or a shade lower. Corn started with an advance of 1/4 to 1/2, with good export demand and held the advance throughout the forenoon. All provisions started steady to a shade higher, but pork and short ribs turned easter toward noon.

Table with columns: Daily Range of Prices, CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 12.—Open, High, Low, Close. WHEAT, CORN, OATS, PORK, LARD, RIBS.

Chicago Cash Grain. CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.13 1/2 @ 1.14; No. 3 red, \$1.12 1/2 @ 1.13 1/2; No. 2 hard, \$1.13 1/2 @ 1.14 1/2; No. 3 hard, \$1.12 1/2 @ 1.13 1/2. Corn—No. 2 yellow, new, 70c; No. 3 yellow, new, 67c @ 67 1/2; No. 4 yellow, new, 66c @ 66 1/2; No. 5 yellow, new, 64c @ 64 1/2; No. 6 yellow, new, 63c @ 63 1/2; No. 7 white, new, 70c; No. 3 white, new, 67c; No. 4 white, new, 65 1/2 @ 66 1/2; No. 5 white, new, 64c @ 64 1/2; No. 2 mixed, new, 69 1/2 @ 70c; No. 3 mixed, new, 67c @ 67 1/2; No. 4 mixed, new, 65c @ 66 1/2. Oats—No. 3 white, 47c @ 48c; No. 4 white, 46 1/2 @ 47 1/2; standard, 49 @ 49 1/2.

THE WEATHER. For Keokuk and vicinity: Unsettled weather tonight and Friday. Probably showers. For Illinois: Unsettled weather tonight and Friday. Probably showers. Moderate to fresh winds. For Iowa: Unsettled weather tonight and Friday. Probably showers in the east and central portions. Cooler Friday. For Missouri: Mostly cloudy tonight and Friday. Probably showers.

Weather Conditions. The weather has remained fair and moderately cool in the eastern districts. From the Rockies to the central valleys, the weather is unsettled and somewhat warmer, under the influence of an advancing depression, which is central in Nebraska. This morning and there has been snow or rain in portions of the northern plains states, which has extended eastward to northern Michigan, and snow was falling at Bismarck, N. D., this morning. Conditions indicate unsettled weather, with probably showers, for this section tonight and Friday and somewhat cooler Friday.

Daily River Bulletin. Stage/Height Change W'thr. St. Paul 14 2.6 -0.1 Cl'dy. La Crosse 12 3.3 -0.1 Cl'dy. Dubuque 18 3.9 0.0 Cl'dy. Davenport 15 3.1 -0.1 Cl'dy. Keokuk 14 3.4 -0.1 Cl'dy. St. Louis 20 Clear. River Forecast. The river will fall slightly from Davenport to Keokuk during the next forty-eight hours. Local Observations. Nov. 7 p. m. 30.05 57 S Clear. 12 7 a. m. 29.94 49 S Clear. River above low water of 1864, 3.4. Change in 24 hours, fall 1. Mean temperature, 50. Highest temperature, 63. Lowest temperature, 35. Lowest temperature last night, 47. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.

INTERESTING TRIAL OF SLANDER CASE

Chapters Include Puppy Love, Dante's Inferno and Touched up Hair. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—After a spicy trial, in which "tender situations," "touched up" hair, selections from Dante's Inferno and puppy love played an important part, Judge Hand today began his charge to the jury when the trial of the slander suit of Mrs. Marian Brashears of Portland, Oregon, against Mrs. Susan W. Smith, was resumed in the district court. During the close of the testimony taken yesterday, George Gordon Battle, attorney for Mrs. Smith, lived the proceedings by wandering from the direct merits of the case to learn whether Miss Mary Adele Case, Portland singer, whose love affair with Claud Spreckles, third, of San Francisco, termed "puppy stage stuff" by his mother, had ever touched up her hair. Portland friends of Miss Case may rest assured her hair color was natural. The slight change was due to an attack of typhoid fever. She swore to that. The references to Dante's Inferno came when the deposition of Dr. Hudson Baker, minister, of Portland, was read. In it the minister declared that when Mrs. Brashears visited his room in Mrs. O. H. Denny's boarding house, where she also lived, they spent much time reading that book. Mention of a "tender situation" came when Mrs. Brashears declared that such a thought was farthest from her mind when she took the arm of the minister. The latter declared he thought her manner embarrassing.