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BIG BUSINESS SLURS ALL WORKING GIRLS IN EFFORT TO KILL LOW WAGE PROBE

*Kept Newspapers Used to Chloroform Effect of O'Hara
Commission's Expose of Rotten Conditions as
Renewal of Chicago Inquiry Approaches.*

BY DON MACGREGOR

Big business is trying to crawl out of the hole into which it crawled when the O'Hara commission turned the searchlight on starvation wages.

And it has begun its scampaign to kill off the O'Hara commission and wipe the memory of what that commission laid bare from the minds of the people.

It is doing so in its own characteristic way, and through its own pet channel—by the underhand throwing of mud through the pages of the newspapers it owns.

Very quietly, very softly, the trust newspapers are trying to hint that the O'Hara commission, by saying that \$6 a week is less than a girl possibly can live on in Chicago, has reflected on the morality of every working girl in Chicago who receives \$6 a week or less.

Except in the Inter-ocean, that pet and brazen mouthpiece of Big Business, these hints are very veiled and hidden, and perhaps are, therefore, all the more dangerous.

The newspapers know, and know well, that if they made such a statement openly after the good that already has come out of the O'Hara commission's revelations, they would be scorned by the people. For they know the statement is a lie.

When the O'Hara commission said there was a connection between vice and low wages, it did not mean that that connection was direct; it did not mean that every girl who receives less than a living wage must or does sell herself; it did not mean that the connection is merely one of dollars and cents.

What it did mean was this: That low wages and all that low wages