

**INDIANA'S WORKING WOMEN**

LEGISLATION to limit the hours that women may work in certain forms of industry, such as that introduced in the State Senate by Senator Oliver Holmes of Gary, should be advocated or opposed on the strength of facts and not mere guesses or by generalizations hatched of emotional prejudices.

Senator Holmes' bill—S. B. 324—would limit the work of women in mechanical industries, laundries, restaurants and public telephone exchanges to fifty hours a week, would exempt women employed in an executive capacity or as clerical or stenographic help, and would provide a ninety-day exemption each year for seasonal industries, such as canneries and bakeries, that have peak load periods. The bill is markedly different from one supported by organized labor, defeated in the general assembly this session, which provided for an eight-hour day, six-day week, with no exceptions.

Opposition to legislation protecting women in industry has come in Indiana chiefly from an organization of business and professional women, who would not be affected by the Holmes bill. They argue against all such legislation, however phrased, saying that it discriminates against women in favor of men, that it would reduce women's wages and ultimately drive women out of industry, that working women do not want it and that conditions in Indiana do not justify legislative action.

What are the facts? The United States Supreme Court has ruled that protective legislation for women in industry, already in force in forty-three States of the Union, is constitutional and not discriminatory, because of the physiological differences between men and women which justify the protection of the mothers or potential mothers of the race in the interest of social welfare.

In twenty-five years before the World War, in the States where such legislation had been passed, the number of women in industry increased in greater proportion than the increase of the total female population. The average number of women in industry in States having this legislation is at present 25 to the 100 of the industrial population, as compared with 16 to the 100 in Indiana.

The minimum wage for women in industry in California, which also has a minimum hour law, is \$16 a week, as compared with an average wage of \$12.88 a week for working women in Indiana in 1922. Figures reported by the Department of Labor from other States with protective legislation for women sustain the comparison.

Official representatives of women's national organizations in twenty-six occupations indorsed such legislation at an industrial conference held by the Department of Labor in January, this year.

Is legislation needed in Indiana? The annual report of the State industrial board will answer. Whereas 75 per cent of all women working in Indiana offices in a clerical, executive or professional capacity had an eight-hour day in 1922, only 15 per cent of women in other forms of work had such a working day. More than 80 per cent of 18,574 women working in 570 plants in Indiana last year were on duty more than ten hours a day. Why not moral suasion instead of compulsion? Because the facts show that there are persons and organizations to whom a governmental "Thou shalt not" is the only corrective of social injustice.

Indiana has many employers with generous feelings who voluntarily have shown their recognition of the demands of social welfare on their industries. Many of these have spontaneously offered indorsement of the Holmes bill.

Indiana is one of only two States north of the Mason and Dixon line and one of only five States in the Union without protection of womanhood in industry. State pride and public welfare demand such protection.

**BETTER TIMES FOR AUSTRIA**

THEY'VE stopped printing paper money in Austria! Fact! True, Austria has some seven hundred trillion crowns in circulation and it takes a wheelbarrow full to buy a pig, but what of that? They've stopped printing anyhow and that means, if it means anything, a sign of returning sanity and ultimate stabilization of poor Austria's currency.

In fact the Austrian crown, sunk to the vanishing point, is already stabilized. It can't and won't go any lower. That's something, isn't it?

More, the savings deposits of Austrian people have been increased in the past three months from eleven billion to eighty-six billion paper crowns. Building suburban homes and planting small tracts of land promises to break all records.

What does it all mean? Simply that the much despised League of Nations has taken charge of the affairs of Austria under the direct supervision of Dr. Zimmerman of Rotterdam and every letter and cablegram brings new hope of better things to come in this darkest corner of Central Europe. What could not have been done, had America gone in?

## 'Flapper' Originates as Applied to Young Bird Trying Wings

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

You can get an answer to any question of fact or opinion by writing to the Indianapolis Times, Washington bureau, 1925 New York Ave., Washington, D. C., enclosing 5 cents in stamps. Medical, legal and love and marriage advice cannot be given. Unsolicited letters cannot be answered, but all letters are confidential and receive personal replies. Although the bureau does not require it, it will assure prompter replies if readers will confine questions to a simple subject, writing more than one letter if answers on various subjects are desired.—EDITOR.

What does the word "flapper" mean? A young girl of pre-debutante age, originating from the term "flapper" as applied to a young bird when it first tries its wings.

Has Sam Langford been defeated in the past three years, and if so, by whom? In 1920 he lost to Harry Wills and Lee Anderson; in 1921 he lost to Bill Tate and Lee Anderson; in 1922 he lost to Harry Wills and Tut Jackson.

How old is Billie Burke? She was born in 1885.

When was the declaration of war by France in the Franco-Prussian war? The French government formally declared war against Prussia on July 19, 1870.

What is a ruby? What colors are they? Can they be made artificially? The ruby is a red transparent variety of corundum. The most valuable shade is the deep, clear, carmine red, commonly termed pigeon's blood red. They are found in many localities, but most are of little value.

## Witness Tells Real Story of 'Shooting of Dan McGrew'

BY ALEXANDER HERMAN  
NEA Service Staff Writer

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—"Doc" Sugden's back in civilization. He has brought with him, after twenty-five years, the real story of "The Shooting of Dan McGrew."

Sugden, physician and explorer, was among those who "ducked their heads when the lights went out and two guns blazed in the dark" in the Alaskan saloon where the murder occurred that Robert W. Service has immortalized in his poem. It was Sugden, who, a few years later, told the story in Service's presence, which inspired the poem.

"Dan McGrew's real name was 'Wyoming Bill' and he wasn't a western, at all, but came of a refined family in Boston," says Sugden. "He was brought up to be a social light—and he couldn't be anything else."

"He fell madly in love with a married woman in Boston named Lou. They ran away, West. The husband, a musical genius, followed."

"Forced to support himself and his love, Bill turned to the only thing he knew—cards. Soon he became a common gambler. Lou stood by him."

Became Hardened

"It was hard on her—poor woman. Reared carefully by New England parents, she wasn't fitted for the rough life in Wyoming where they had buried themselves in an effort to escape detection. But she became hardened."

"Bill gained the reputation of being a bad man. Lou was known as his woman."

"They soon moved on north. 'It was the beginning of the Klondike rush. Money changed hands easily. They settled in Juneau and Bill ran a gambling table in one of the saloons there."

"It wasn't in the Malamute saloon, that the shooting took place, but in a place called 'Nuggets'."

"Bill was playing solo at his table. Lou was standing by him, luring the suckers on. I was sitting in a chair in the far corner of the room."

"Suddenly the door swung open and in came a stranger 'with a face



A bunch of the boys were whooping it up in the Malamute saloon; the kid that handles the music box was hitting a jag-time tune; back of the bar, in a solo game, sat Dangerous Dan McGrew. And watching his luck was his light of love, the lady that's known as Lou. From "The Shooting of Dan McGrew."

most hair and the dreary stare of a dog whose day is gone." "He ordered drinks for the house, taking dripped absinthe for himself. It was a bad sign. "After drinking slowly, he spied

"But I want to state, and my words are straight, and I'll bet my poke they're true, "That one of you is a hound of Hell—and that one is Dan McGrew."

'Doc' Sugden

## MAN WHO STOLE NEW'S WATCH ASKS AID OF SENATOR

Memory of Cold Night and Missing Timepiece Revived.

BY JOHN CARSON  
Times Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The memory of a cold night, of Senator Harry S. New napping at his home here, of William Smith, colored, hastily relieving New of his watch and money all came back to day.

The prodigal William Smith returned to New's office with a letter requesting New not only to forgive him, but to assist him in getting out of the Atlanta penitentiary. New said he would "take the case under advisement."

Was Minus Watch

Two years ago, New turned up at the Indiana State convention minus his watch. Republican leaders tried to discuss politics with him, but they got nowhere as New wanted to talk about that watch. It had been a gift from his father and his wife's picture had been wrought into the case.

"You might wonder why of all persons should I, William Smith, the one man in this world, who should not even think about doing bad things," wrote Smith. "But yet I am writing, not only writing but I am asking you to do me a favor. If you judge me by what I have done you might tear this letter up without even reading its contents."

Paid Penalty

Smith said he had suffered and paid the penalty and that when he learned that the watch he had taken from New was an "their lone" he had told the police where it might be recovered.

"Of course," he continued, "you might say you know this old story but sir, you never can tell. I could get their nine months sir. I am sure I would surprise you by giving you by hard work that money I took from your pants one cold night. If you remember it was a cold night of core sir, and I am not trying to lie to you. I hope you look at it that way."

## Meetings Here Wednesday

People's State Bank—Dinner, Lincoln.  
Employees Washington Bank and Trust Co.—Dinner, Severin.  
Associated Employees of Beech Grove—Meeting, Denison.  
Lion's Club—Luncheon, Lincoln.  
Kiwanis Club—Luncheon, Claypool.  
Officers of American Legion—Luncheon, Spink-Arms.  
Second Presbyterian Church—Luncheon, Board of Trade.  
Sigma Nu—Luncheon, Board of Trade.  
Real Estate Board—Luncheon, Chamber of Commerce.  
Wednesday Club—First Pres-2 byterian Church—Luncheon, Chamber of Commerce.  
Purdue Alumni Association—Luncheon, Severin.

## 'Kill the Gimmes' Motto of Newly Formed League

By NEA Service  
INDIANAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 20.—If you have the "gimmes," keep away from Minneapolis or the "Anti-Gimme League" will get you.



ROOT  
The organization was seriously conceived and has seriously set about its work of reforming this great American character trait. A. E. Root is its president. He pledged to flash his "Anti Gimme" button at you—which is your cue to sneek. Borrowers of books, tools and such like are included in the league's anathema, and it is expected that ardent volunteers will be found among housewives whose "upstairs family," "downstairs family" or "folks next door" have the habit of "I wonder if you'll lend me . . . etc. . . . you know when I was at the grocery store I forgot all about . . . etc. etc. Silent, scornful opposition is forming among bellhops, check girls, waiters and others who expect gratitude as a matter of right. Also from those concessionaires and entertainers who share cut-in on such donations.

## U. S. Shipping Fleet Will Be Enhanced by Giant Leviathan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—With the addition of the Leviathan to its fleet, the Government owned and operated United States Lines will be on the way to becoming one of the great American shipping corporations. The Leviathan is to be allocated to this organization as soon as she is ready for the sea.

The United States Lines has been in operation since September of 1918. At that time the shipping board took over the ships which had been allocated to the United States Mail Steamship Company. The Emergency Fleet Corporation began operation of the ships under the management of the United States Lines, a strictly Government institution.

Under this plan of operation, whatever losses are incurred by the operation of the Leviathan will fall directly upon the Government. Any profits which might be made also will go to the Government.

## Capitol Jokes

By EDWARD E. BROWNE  
U. S. Representative From Wisconsin, Eighth District.

Section hand on a railroad had to make a report to the claims department on a cow that had been killed by a train. He filled out the form provided in such cases with no difficulty until he came to the last line, which read: "Disposition of carcass."

He puzzled over this for a moment. Then his face lighted up, and he wrote: "Kind and gentle."

## DOG WAGON DAYS ECHOED

Man Asks \$2,000 Damages From City for Injured Leg.  
Echoes of the days when the city "dog wagon" dashed through the streets carting canines to the pound were heard today when Abner Payne filed suit in Superior Court against the city for \$2,000. Abner charges that nine stitches were required to sew up a wound in the calf of his right leg after the dog wagon ran over him Oct. 21, 1921, at Koelne and Eighth Sts. as he got off a street car.

the piano and went over. The "Ragtime Kid" was taking a drink at the bar. But he almost dropped it when he heard the stranger's playing.

"It went through all of us like an electric current. How that man could play! First it was an aria from the opera 'Samson and Delilah.' Then it was the 'Maiden's Prayer.'"

"Finally a crash of chords that made us all jump. Then he rose and faced us, and as Service writes: 'Boys,' says he, 'you don't know me, and none of you care a damn; 'But I want to state, and my words are straight, and I'll bet my poke they're true, 'That one of you is a hound of Hell—and that one is Dan McGrew.'"

"Bill who hadn't looked up from his game, wheeled around. Out went the lights. Then came two pistol cracks—and a woman's scream."

"Then a woman's sobbing. The barkeep turned on the lights again."

Both Shot Dead  
"There on the floor lay Bill, shot through the heart, and the stranger, hit square between the eyes. Kneeling at the stranger's side was Lou—kissing him."

"He was her husband."

"After that Lou went down to Dawson and married a prosperous miner. She lived happily. I know. I was her physician. But only a few years ago her end came, as it had begun—tragically."

"A river steamer she was on was wrecked—and everybody lost."

"Her family still lives in Boston. But they don't know that their daughter was the Lou of Service's poem."

Dr. Sugden is 62 and has been on the go all his life. He has sailed the seven seas, lived in the interior of Alaska for seventeen years, worked with the Canadian mounted police, fought with the Chinese army against the Japanese, led an expedition into Swaziland and explored in Brazil.

## TOM SIMS SAYS:

IN censoring Dickens the movie censors are raising the dickens without raising the Dickens.

Los Angeles will build a \$50,000 dog hotel. Hot dog!

Things are about equal. The tall men can see better, while the short men dance cheek to cheek better.

A Federal divorce law has been framed because too many couples had the State divorce laws framed.

A man's wife hunts his things for him, while a bachelor knows where to find his on the floor.

The tree of knowledge has thorns on it.

Fat people are happy because they have the bulge on slender people.

If all of us got everything we wanted, where on earth would we put it?

The leading figure is usually the leading figurer.

Trouble with saying it with flowers is you have to keep repeating.

Perhaps the greatest blessing of radio is the headpiece makes your ears stay back.

Profiteers were making money so fast during the war they haven't been able to stop yet.

A fool laughs when his wife's corns hurt, while a wise man goes to a movie.

It is estimated that alarm clocks have added 600 cuss words to our language.

Some of the coal dealers should mend their weighs.

The poor we have with us always—the rich are often against us.

An old flame makes things hot for many a man.

All the world is a stage and it is a fine show if you play fair.

Shortage of magnifying glasses is reported, so perhaps they are being used by artists who design seed catalogs.



## Fellowship of Prayer

Daily Lenten Bible reading and meditation prepared for Commission on Evangelism of Federal Council of Churches.  
TUESDAY  
The Disciples Called to Service

"And he appointed twelve . . . that he might send them forth." Mark 3:14.

Read Mark 3:13-19.  
"The master called men to him, only to send them out."

MEDITATION: Great multitudes followed Jesus. Just twelve were called to the special privilege of His constant companionship, but this was "that he might send them forth" to ministry like his. Christian privileges spell obligation for Christian service.

HYMN:  
Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word of love, Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.

PRAYER: O God, our Heavenly Father, we thank thee for the gift of thy dear Son. Grant that we who have received him in our hearts may joyfully go forth with him on many errands. Bless those who toil for thee in far off places; comfort them in their loneliness; and unite our work to theirs. Accept our gifts; receive our prayers; and use us for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## REPORT OPPOSES HARBOR PROJECT

Hugo Illiana Port Proposal Meets With Disapproval.

Because the proposed Illiana harbor on Lake Michigan in Indiana and Illinois would cost between \$300,000,000 and \$400,000,000, the interstate harbor commission has reported to Governors McCray of Indiana and Small of Illinois recommending the project not be started now.

The report shows Chicago and Illinois have a greater interest in harbor development than has Indiana. It urges prior development by Chicago of the proposed Calumet industrial harbor, but recommends that the interstate project await completion of the lakes to the gulf waterway.

The Indiana and Illinois Legislatures appropriated \$50,000 for the investigation. Less than \$1,000 was spent. The commission: Walter J. Riley, East Chicago; A. R. Eskrine, South Bend; William L. Sackett, Illinois State superintendent of waterways; C. R. Miller, Illinois director of the department of public works and buildings, and Col. Charles D. Townsend, representing the secretary of war.

Grover Curry Missing  
Grover Curry, 35, of 513 W. McCarty St., was reported missing today. He is five feet seven inches in height and weighs 145 pounds. He wore a light cap and dark overcoat.



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