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REVEAL ABUSES.

Women Factory Inspectors
Of New York State, Who
Tell of Child Labor Horrors.



Photos by American Press Association.

At the top, Miss Maud Miner and Miss Elizabeth Watson; in center, Mrs. Joseph Goldmark; at bottom, Miss Mary C. Dreier and Miss Pauline Goldmark.

NAGEL FAVORS SELF-REGULATION

Secretary of Commerce Discusses
Corporation Commission.

POWERS SHOULD BE LIMITED.

He Opposes Giving It Authority to Fix Prices, and Says Frequent Reports Should Be Required—838,172 Immigrants Admitted During Year.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Charles Nagel, secretary of commerce and labor, would sharply define and restrict the powers and discretion of the proposed federal commission to regulate industrial corporations. In his annual report submitted to President Taft the secretary opposes the endowment of such a commission, if finally created by congress, with far-reaching powers equal to those exercised by the interstate commerce commission over railroads. He disapproves the suggestion that the commission have authority to fix prices of commodities.

Epitomizing his doctrine for governmental supervision of business, Mr. Nagel says: "Instead of pressing federal regulation as far as possible, the real desideratum in legislation affecting the country's business should be to preserve, to the greatest extent consistent with the public welfare, the element of self regulation. The effort should be to lay down principles of conduct sufficiently specific to impose desired restraints, at the same time leaving a wide field for individual achievement."

"If such a trade commission is well defined," the secretary says, "it may serve the general purpose of giving large industrial and commercial concerns much needed federal authority and control. It is possible by lodging in the commission well defined discretion an intelligent purpose may be served. But the obvious danger is that such a commission, once created, will soon be vested with further powers. The disposition will undoubtedly be to give it authority to fix prices and conditions of operation similar to that which the interstate commerce commission now exercises with respect to railroads and their rates. In other words, there is a strong tendency to disregard the fundamental distinction between a public carrier and a private enterprise."

Other salient features of Secretary Nagel's report are: Corporations should be compelled to make automatic reports regarding capitalization, business, profits, controlling interests, etc.

The bureau of corporations should assist federal courts in reorganizing concerns dissolved under the Sherman anti-trust law.

Approves an international conference to secure greater safety of life at sea.

Suggests creation of board of arbitration to settle railroad labor disputes.

During the fiscal year 1912, 838,172 immigrants were admitted and 79,000 aliens naturalized.

Recommends repeal of the law for five-year closed Alaska sealing season.

FOGLER-RUTT CYCLISTS WIN

German-American Team Finishes First in Six-Day Race.

New York, Dec. 16.—Fogler and Rutt, the German-American team, won the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden. Walter Rutt took the honors for his team in the mile sprint which decided the race.

The Bedell-Mitten team, represented in the sprint by Bedell, was second, and the Clarke-Hill team, with Jackie Clarke, doing the riding, finished third.

The Root-Hohira team, the Drebach-Collins team and the Grenda-Pye team finished fourth fifth and sixth, respectively. Root, Drebach and Grenda rode for their teams in the sprint. The time for the mile was 2:09 1/2.

The sprint was necessary to decide the tie between these six teams, which when the time for the end of the riding appeared were bunched in the lead.

These teams all finished within the money, the prizes ranging from \$1,600 for first and \$1,000 for second down to \$250 each for winners of seventh and eighth places. Walker and Wells brought up the rear of the nine teams which completed the long race. The six leaders had gone 2,861 miles and 5 laps, with the trailing pair a lap behind.

PEACE CONFERENCE OPENS

Balkan Delegates Think Austria's Attitude Is Result of Bluff.

London, Dec. 16.—Dr. Danef, head of the Bulgarian plenipotentiaries, returned to London from Paris and the peace conference is expected to open this afternoon. Sir Edward Grey, the British secretary for foreign affairs will make a brief speech of welcome and after expressing the hope of a fruitful end of their labors, he will retire and leave the conference to deliberate in private.

The sessions will be held in the historic St. James palace.

Nothing has transpired yet to show whether any serious difficulty is likely to arise over the attendance of the Greek delegates. Concerning the Austro-Serbian controversy, the Balkan delegates think it is the result of Austrian bluff.

SELL SCHOOL LANDS, ADVISE OF OFFICIALS

Land Commissioner and State
Treasurer Make Suggestion.

Lincoln, Dec. 16.—One of the important recommendations which will be brought to the notice of the coming session of the legislature is a proposition to sell the state school lands now under lease. The recommendation has been incorporated in the reports of two state officers, State Treasurer George and Land Commissioner Cowles.

Both officials contend that a sale of the school lands of the state will bring into the state more money than is received at the present time from the lease of the lands. Land Commissioner Cowles contends that the larger portions of the school lands unsold are of a poor class, many of the sections not being worth 50 cents per acre, and consequently the rental is so small as hardly to pay for the trouble of keeping track of it.

Treasurer George sets out the plea that if the lands are sold the state will derive a revenue from two sources. One of these is by taxation.

The other reason and the one which to Mr. George seems the more important is that if the land is sold and the money derived from the sale is invested in county, school district or municipal bonds that the interest on these bonds will bring into the state a revenue more satisfactory than is gained by the state holding the lands and leasing them.

PAROLED MEN MAKE GOOD

State Pardon Board Secretary Compiles His Annual Report.

Lincoln, Dec. 16.—Secretary Piper of the state pardon board, in his biennial report to the governor, states that the parole law and the indeterminate sentence law have brought good results, and the board is well satisfied with the record made by paroled prisoners. Up to the present time 88 per cent of the prisoners paroled have led good and useful lives. Since July, 1911, the pardon board has recommended pardons for twenty-nine prisoners and paroled eighty-three.

The report says: "Since organization, 375 applications have been filed for their consideration, classified as follows: for pardons, 113; for commutation of sentence, 62, and for parole, 200."

Jones Wins Contest in Jefferson.

Fairbury, Neb., Dec. 16.—Judge Boyle completed the recounting of all the ballots in the Jones-Bartel election contest. The result is a victory for Jones by nine votes. He was the Republican-Progressive candidate for county assessor and was defeated by his Democratic rival, J. C. Bartel, by one vote on the face of the returns.

Fiala Found Dead in Bed.

Schuyler, Neb., Dec. 16.—Louis Fiala, aged thirty-one, of this city was found dead in bed. Death was due to heart failure. Mr. Fiala is survived by his wife and two children.

Barge Turns Turtle; Nine Drowned.

Port Arthur, Tex., Dec. 16.—G. Sand, master of the Standard Oil barge No. 87, and the nine members of his crew were drowned in the gulf when a heavy storm tore the barge from its tow and it turned turtle.

Famished Wolves Devour 4 Persons.

Lisbon, Portugal, Dec. 16.—Famished wolves devoured four persons in the neighborhood of a village in the province of Beira.

Grand Mask Ball

Given by Cosmopolitan Club

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 31

Coates' Hall, Plattsmouth
Dance the Old year out and the New year in

5 Big Cash Prizes

Music by M. W. A. Orchestra

Admission, Gents 50c, Ladies' 25c, Spectators 25c, Children 10c

Mrs. J. V. Egenberger and daughter, Mrs. Emil Baumgart and little babe, were passengers this morning for Omaha to visit Miss Anna Egenberger at the hospital.

Chris Tschirren was in the city on Tuesday and called at this office and ordered the Semi-Weekly Journal sent to his son-in-law, Mr. H. J. Livingston, at Weeping Water.

-The Pacific Coast Tour-

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Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
Dec. 19, 20, and 21

Our past sales have been so successful that we want to give you another opportunity to see every handkerchief we have in stock. They will be arranged for your convenience, every one will be where you can see it. They will be on sale, the lot

Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
Dec. 19, 20, and 21

10 Per Cent Discount
on Furs this Week

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Cleaning, Repairing, Pressing and Dying done on short notice at the tailoring house of Vejvoda & Keleck, Leonard's New Building.

Mrs. Henry A. Schneider and little daughter were passengers this morning for Omaha, where they looked after some business matters.

Now is the best time to order for Christmas flowers, plants and wreaths. Andrews & McDonald, Florists. Phone No. 15.

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Before you buy your holiday gifts step in and see O. P. Monroe. New rugs, all sizes, at special prices for holiday gifts. Phone 305.

Earl Blish, Mrs. Fred Wagner and Miss Frances Wideman were passengers this morning for Omaha to attend to some matters of business.

Mrs. J. A. Murray and Mrs. Alvin Murray were passengers this morning for Omaha and they expect to return with Alvin, who has been in Immanuel hospital for several weeks recovering from an operation.

There is nothing more valuable than a useful present for Christmas. A handsome rocker, a set of dining chairs, a library table are on the list of useful lines. Just received, a fine new line for the holiday trade. See O. P. Monroe. Phone 305.

Fred Beverage of Murray was attending to some business matters in this city today, and while here called at this office and subscribed for the Plattsmouth Journal.

J. J. Lohnes of the vicinity of Mynard was attending to some business matters in this city Saturday and called at this office and renewed his subscription for this paper.

S. O. Pitman and wife and Miss Pauline Oldham and Albert Young were in the city Saturday evening, having motored up to attend "Bought and Paid For" at the Parmele theater.

Mrs. F. J. Hennings and daughter, Miss Helen, came in this morning from their farm near Cedar Creek and were passengers on the early Burlington train for Omaha to visit for the day.

L. D. Switzer and son, D. H. Switzer, of Weeping Water, were in the city today for a few hours visiting with friends and attending to business matters.

The regular monthly dance of the Modern Woodmen will be given at their hall on Saturday evening, December 28. Music by the M. W. A. orchestra. Everybody cordially invited.

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