

WOMEN WORKERS INCREASE

Female Wage Earners Very Much in Evidence in the United States.

PROPORTION OF CHILD LABOR IS LESS

Commissioner of Labor Collects Some Statistics at the Request of Congress—Relative Wages of the Two Classes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The eleventh annual report of the Department of Labor, just transmitted to congress by Commissioner Wright, relates entirely to the work and wages of men, women and children.

It shows that the proportion of women to the whole working class is increasing, while that of children is decreasing. The report was prepared in pursuance of a joint resolution of congress directing an investigation relative to the employment of men, women and children.

LIVES TOO HIGH FOR HIS SALARY.

Cudahy's Cashier at Brooklyn Short About \$10,000.

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—W. W. Barnes, cashier of the Cudahy packing company's branch here, was arrested this morning and charged with embezzling the company's funds.

E. A. Cudahy, president of the Cudahy Packing company, was seen at his office in South Omaha this morning and gave the details as far as he knew.

Whether Barnes was at the time of his arrest, trying to escape he did not know, but he had been in the city for some time.

THEOLOGICAL CRUSAIDERS RETURN

Have Been on a Missionary Tour Through the World.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—Theological crusaders expected from Australia arrived here on the steamer Alameda.

The party left Boston last April on a journey around the world, their purpose being to visit a revival of Theology.

They were accompanied by a number of converts from the United States and other countries.

ARRESTED FOR AN OLD KILLING.

Charged with Murdering His Wife Ten Years Ago.

RITZVILLE, Wash., Feb. 12.—Mark W. Townsend, a resident of Grant county, who was arrested on a charge of murdering his wife ten years ago, has been arraigned here by Sheriff McGehee of that county.

Townsend was married here in 1887, but his wife died in 1897, and he was charged with her murder.

Catholic Foresters' Election.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 12.—The Catholic order of Foresters elected officers during an all-night session as follows: Chief ranger, Thomas H. Cannon, Chicago; vice chief ranger, Amos Taylor, Quincy.

Other tables give the data when women were first employed in each establishment and the occupations at which they were employed.

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A hundred men and women prominent in the educational affairs of the middle and western states were present, including Charles Kendall Adams, president of the University of Wisconsin; Delas Fall, professor in Albion college; A. J. Volland, principal of the University City Central High School; Frederick L. Bliss, principal of the Detroit High school; George N. Carman, director of Lewis Institute; William F. King, president of Cornell, Ia., college; and Newton C. Dougherty, superintendent of schools, Peoria, Ill.

After an address of welcome by Director Carman, President Adams read his annual address. He characterized the gift of \$11,500,000 of the University of Chicago during the past five years as the most momentous impulse given the educational movement in the history of this country.

A general debate followed on a resolution looking toward the checking of the alleged tendency to entrust freshman classes, especially in large universities, to inexperienced teachers.

Various reports were read, and committees appointed for the present year.

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Mr. Carnegie, who was busily engaged at the company's office, said he would have no information to give out today. It is estimated that the mills have already booked orders sufficient to keep them running steadily for several months to come, giving employment to thousands of men.

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CHARGED WITH MANY CRIMES.

Breaking Up an Organized Band of Robbers.

The prosecution of the Davis or Orleans gang of burglars and thieves, six of whom are now under arrest, was begun yesterday in police court. Two of them stand ready to plead guilty to the cases that have been filed against them.

It is understood that complaints will be filed against them again in some justice court, as the burglarized places are situated outside the city limits.

Four other band members were charged with burglary of the residence of Charles E. Taylor and stealing a quantity of silverware. The charges were filed yesterday.

Yesterday the police located a quantity of silver knives, forks and spoons which were stolen from the residence of R. W. Williams, a well-known merchant.

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CORONER'S SECOND VERDICT

Negligence of a Minor Employee Held to Have Caused Another Death.

INQUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF VANNOY

Jury Finds that Switchtender Henn Was Responsible for the Wreck of the "Overland" Last Tuesday.

Switchtender Henn has again been held responsible for the wreck of the Union Pacific Overland Limited that occurred last Tuesday afternoon at the Twentieth street crossing.

Yesterday the coroner's inquest over the remains of Engineer VanVoy, who died as a result of the injuries received in the wreck, was held and the following verdict returned.

The jury found that the death of W. H. VanVoy was caused by injuries received in the wreck of train No. 2 of the Union Pacific on Tuesday, February 9, at about 4:40 o'clock p. m., and we further find that the said wreck was caused by the negligence of Switchtender Henn.

The verdict blames the switchtender more than did the verdict returned in the inquest over the body of Fireman Krause. At the former, the Union Pacific was held entirely responsible with the switchtender in this verdict.

The evidence in the investigation was much the same as in the inquest over Fireman Krause, but the jury returned a more general verdict.

W. S. Wilcox, the conductor of the wrecked train, and W. S. Bishop and Joseph H. Brackman, who practically the same story as in the other examination. They all stated that the train was running at a high rate of speed.

Conductor Wilcox, however, testified that he did not know how fast the train was going after it reached Summit, he said he did not know how fast the train was going after it reached Summit.

This speed was employed to make up time, as the train was minute and a half late when it was at Summit.

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