

Woman Bares Wrongs Against Sex in Report

Discriminations in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, Shown by Mrs. B. S. Matthews.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Star Leased Wire. Washington, Dec. 17.—The discriminations against women in justice still suffered by women in many states under "some of our left-over barbaric laws" are enumerated in a report prepared by Mrs. Burnett Shelton Matthews of Mississippi and made public today by the national woman's party.

The report covers the states of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, and is the first in a state-by-state investigation of laws affecting women now being carried on by the woman's party.

Mrs. Matthews is a practicing lawyer in the District of Columbia and legal research secretary of the woman's party.

Owens Wife's Services. Summarizing the laws of the four states, the report says:

"In all four states a husband owns his wife's services; in all four states the authority of the husband as the head of the family is absolute, whether or not he supports it; in all four states the father controls the children, can put them to work when he pleases, control the education and every detail of their upbringing, and alone enjoy their earnings. In all four states the husband has the entire choice of domicile.

"In three of the four states, Louisiana, Alabama and Florida, married women do not have equal property rights; in the same three states they do not have equal rights to contract or to do business; in two states, Mississippi and Alabama, divorce laws discriminate against women; in Alabama and Florida, inheritance laws discriminate against women. Florida, Alabama and Mississippi deny women the right to serve on juries. Their rights in Louisiana are limited. In Florida and Alabama women are excluded from some public offices.

Husband, the One Person. Taking Florida first, the report states:

"In Florida women are under the dominion of the old English common law to a greater extent than perhaps any other state in the union. According to the common law, a man and his wife are one person and the person is the husband. A married woman could make no contract of any kind. This is true in Florida today, with a few exceptions.

"Even the wife's separate property in Florida is controlled by her husband; she may not sue him to secure an accounting of what he has done with her own money.

"A married woman cannot become a responsible public merchant unless the court gives her permission. A court decision has ruled that a married woman does not have the right to hire domestic servants.

"The father may appoint guardians for his children born or unborn, by deed or will, taking them entirely away from the mother. A careful review of all important disc-

isions in suits between parents shows only four cases where the custody of a child was awarded to its mother.

Can't Enter University. "Women are not admitted to the state university.

"In Louisiana the woman's party campaign on the special session of the legislature just closed, resulted in removing a number of important discriminations against women. Many remain, the remnants of the old Napoleonic code, upon which the statutes of Louisiana alone of all the states are based.

"Husband and wife pool their property and earnings in Louisiana during marriage, but the husband spends the money. He may sell, rent, dispose or squander the community property, including his wife's earnings without even the knowledge of his wife; yet husband and wife are responsible for the family debts and the obligations to support the family rest equally upon them.

"Married women, minors and the insane are declared unable to contract by Louisiana laws.

Barred From Receiving Gifts. "A married woman in Louisiana can not legally receive a gift without the consent of her husband or a judge.

"The father's authority is superior to that of the mother over their children. The mother is the sole guardian of the illegitimate child unless acknowledged by the father, in which case he has the preference.

"In Mississippi one of the effects of marriage is that the woman practically leases herself out for life for her husband to keep for the services of women and minor children belong entirely to the husband, according to Mrs. Matthews.

"The authority of the husband as head of the family is absolute," her report states. "He may, for instance, exclude any person from his house for any or no reason, even his wife's relatives and friends, even if the wife owns the home or pays the rent. A case is cited of a man who refused to let his wife see her own child by a former marriage at their home and was upheld by the court.

"Prostitutes are classed as vagrants and punished as such. The men involved are not liable to prosecution. "Grounds for divorce are not equal.

"In Alabama no married woman may administer an estate without the consent of her husband. She may not become surety for her husband, nor may she alienate or mortgage her property without her husband's consent, unless he is a criminal, insane or has deserted her.

"Merely a Servant." "The husband is entitled to his wife's services to the extent that she still is in this respect, to quote a court decision 'merely a servant.' "The father alone may sue for injury to a child, unless he (the father) is a criminal, a deserter or insane. A husband may recover damages for injury to his wife, but the wife may not secure damages for injury to her husband unless he is killed.

"A married woman follows the domicile of her husband—a person who is under the power and authority of another or possesses no rights to choose a domicile.

"Marriage revokes a woman's will, but has no effect on a man's will. "Inheritance laws discriminate against women. A wife is entitled to one-third to one-half of her deceased husband's land. A husband is entitled to lie interest in all of his wife's land. A similar discrimination holds with regard to personal property. Also if a wife has a separate estate equal to her share of her husband's property she receives practically nothing from his estate. There is no such restriction in inheritance by the husband.

Fitzmorris to Wring Every Bit of Moisture Out of Windy City

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Orders to "clamp on the lid until it squeaks" were given to police captains and detectives last night by Chief of Police Fitzmorris in launching the police department's campaign to make Chicago dry.

Chief Fitzmorris promised to make Chicago "dry" that a sponge can be wrung across it without picking up a bit of liquor.

While Chief Fitzmorris announced he needed no outside help, Charles A. Gregory yesterday called in prohibition enforcement agents from over the state and announced he stood ready to co-operate with the police department.

Even the pockets of individuals will not be safe, for Chief Fitzmorris ordered the pockets of persons buying drinks in a saloon searched.

International Union Refuses to Support Colorado Coal Strike

Walsenburg, Colo., Dec. 17.—(By A. P.)—The United Mine Workers of America, international organization, has refused to support the strike of coal miners of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, according to information received here yesterday.

This means, according to officials of the union here, that the miners will be unable to continue their strike, which began November 16 and resulted in declaration of martial law in Huerfano county.

Almost simultaneously with this announcement came information that A. P. McGuire of Aguilar, a severe critic of the present administration of the miners' union, apparently had been elected president of district 15 of the mine workers, succeeding John P. McLennan. The election occurred this week and counting of votes is under way.

Body Found in Creek Gives First Real Clew To Trail of O'Connor

Chicago, Dec. 17.—What is believed to be the first tangible clew to the trail followed by "Terrible Tommy" O'Connor after he walked out of jail last Sunday was furnished yesterday, when the body of an unidentified man was discovered in a creek near Palmyra, Wis. The man had been shot through the back of the head and apparently picked from a machine into the creek bed.

O'Connor, in his flight, commandeered four automobiles. Three of them broke down. The fourth contained a man and two women. It had been thought up to today, when the body was found, that these were confederates of the murderer. All owners of the other cars have reported to the police, but nothing had been heard of the fourth car.

It is now believed that O'Connor forced the man to drive him across the Wisconsin line and then killed him. What became of the two women remains a mystery.

Administration Will Support New Immigration Act

Abuses Which Hamper Present Law Main Topic of Discussion at Cabinet Meeting.

Washington, Dec. 17.—New immigration legislation, having a regard alike to the human side of the problem and the interests of the country, is considered urgently necessary and will be supported by the administration, it was stated yesterday on the highest authority.

The question of the further control of immigration and prevention of the abuses which have hampered the execution of the present law was practically the only subject of discussion at today's cabinet meeting, at the conclusion of which it was stated by a high administration official that action to deal with the situation shortly might be expected from congress.

Restrictions will not be broadened to admit more aliens than are coming in, but will be changed to prevent such abuses as the bringing in by steamship companies of numbers far in excess of the admissible quotas, with consequent discomfort to the aliens if detained or deported.

It is strongly felt that immigration should be kept within its present or even narrower limits until the aliens now in this country have been assimilated, and the exclusion measure introduced by Representative Johnson, with provisions now under consideration to exempt certain classes, probably will be presented to congress with the approval of the administration before the holidays.

Three Persons Killed When Engine Explodes

Carrollton, Mo., Dec. 17.—Three men were killed and one was seriously injured when a Santa Fe freight engine exploded 200 yards west of the Standish (Mo.) station shortly before noon today.

The dead are: C. S. Hunt, engineer; H. L. Gray, fireman, and W. S. Dupree, brakeman, all of Marcelline, Mo. E. M. Kernan, road foreman of engines, is in serious condition, being badly scalded about the head and back.

The train, an extra freight of about 50 cars, was en route to Kansas City. The explosion occurred as the engine was traveling about 30 miles an hour. The cause is undetermined.

Berlin Police Arrest 30 Members of Red Band

Berlin, Dec. 17.—(By A. P.)—The police yesterday announced the arrest of 30 members of an alleged communist band which has been systematically plundering banks and post offices in Prussia, Saxony and Bavaria. The men are said to have six offices in Berlin and to have maintained a regular courier service for carrying on their work.

Their leader, who is described as a wandering communist, escaped capture.

Survivors in Steamship Crash Reach Quarantine

New York, Dec. 17.—The steamer Panama, which was in collision with the United States destroyer, Graham, off Sea Girt, N. J., Thursday night, arrived at Quarantine yesterday carrying six naval men injured in the crash.

The tug Dispatch, sent from the Brooklyn navy yard, met the steamer and took the injured sailors to the naval hospital.

Auto Man Gets Five Years For Traffic in Stolen Cars

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 17.—C. J. Kelly, Sanford automobile dealer, was sentenced to five years in the Atlanta penitentiary and fined \$5,000 in United States district court today for interstate traffic in stolen automobiles.

mobiles, when the jury, after four hours deliberation brought in a verdict of guilty against Kelly.

A. W. Hoffman, major in the New York national guard, and Harry Craig of Germantown, Pa. George Scott, suspended member of the New York automobile squad, and Frank Moran of New York, involved as the defendants in the sale indictment, were acquitted. District Attorney Aydtlett reserved prayer for judgment against Hoffman and Craig.

Charles Saint-Saens Dies. Paris, Dec. 17.—Music lover today mourned the death in Alsace Africa yesterday of Charles Camille Saint-Saens, aged 84, noted French musician and composer.

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Select Pork Chops Per pound 19c

No. 1 Sugar Cured Narrow Strip Breakfast Bacon Per pound 26c

Rib Boiling Beef Per pound 6c

No. 1 April Storage Eggs Per dozen 33c

4 lbs. Shelled Popcorn 15c

Gem Nut Margarine 5 pounds \$1.15

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Choice Stock Fish Per pound 19c

Cone Leaf Lard Per pound 9c

Breakfast Cocoa Per pound 10c

Sunkist Lemons Extra Special Per dozen 15c

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200 Georgette and Crepe and Silk Blouses, all colors in the lot; \$3.00 and \$4.00 values— \$1.50

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No. 2 cans Sweet Corn.....15c

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Fancy Christmas Mixed Candy, lb.....15c

Fruit's Famous Chocolate Chips, lb.....25c

Fruit's Famous Assorted Chocolate Cream, lb.....25c

Balduff's Egyptian Chocolate, 1-lb. box.....50c

Candy Cane, each.....5c, 10c and 15c

Peppermint, lb.....15c

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Cleaned Currants, per lb.....15c

Choice Raisins, per lb.....15c

Fancy Apples, per lb.....15c

Fancy Seedless Raisins, lb.....15c

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