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ANOTHER IMPERIAL EDICT.

Mr. Oscar Straus, the new Minister of Commerce and Labor, has already shown that he is a man after President Roosevelt's own heart.

Mr. Straus' decision was in the case of a steamer which brought 475 alien passengers to Charlestown, S. C., to become farm laborers and factory employees.

This opens up a new way to evade the immigration laws, which were never too effective anyway.

All of which would indicate that, while Secretary Root is busy engaging public attention with speeches on the dangers of centralization, Mr. Roosevelt and his other colleagues are rapidly making those dangers a stern reality.

A special dispatch from Washington informs an eagerly waiting world of the momentous fact that last Thursday Speaker Cannon went into a cheap restaurant and ordered a plate of bean soup and a piece of apple pie.

WOMEN AND NIGHT WORK.

By a vote of three to two the Appellate Court of the state of New York has declared the law prohibiting women to work in factories between nine o'clock at night and six o'clock in the morning, unconstitutional.

It is presumed that the law was enacted for the same physiological reasons that are urged against employ-

ment of children below a certain age or of older children at night. The court held that to legalize the law "we must find that, owing to some physical or nervous difference, it is more harmful for a woman to work at night than for a man to do so."

The women will be mothers of children and the strain of night work is probably more injurious to the latter than if the child entered the factory at the age of ten or twelve.

But however ignorant these judges may be of the simplest laws of hygiene and physiology, their decision suggests a wide sweep of knowledge in another branch of "learning" for which the judicial fraternity seem very proficient.

The one thing that stands out in this decision is not that the law is unconstitutional for the judges admit they would give it their sanction if night work was proven harmful.

The power that guides them and that writes the decisions that nullifies any legislation opposed to capitalist interests. Even motherhood must give way to these interests for the judicial and executive agents of capitalism have "reputations" to sustain and jobs to preserve.

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No, gentlemen. It was not your ignorance of hygiene and physiology that made necessary this decision, but your knowledge of the power that, silent and unseen, sits in every court and writes such decisions as this.

The Justices of the City Courts of this great metropolis will, after New Years, wear black silk gowns when on the bench, and the court officers will be arranged in double-breasted frock coats of blue cloth.

Judges of all courts of record in the state will henceforth be appropriately clothed. Does any Bumble still suspect that the law may sometimes be administered by—"a lass"?

NOTE, COMMENT, AND ANSWER.

H. S., Campbell, Mass.—See this department in last week's paper.

F. B.—The debate between Morris Hillquit of the Socialist Party and President Schurman of Cornell University will be held in New Rochelle on Jan. 20.

R. R.—Except in a few counties in the state, Hearst's candidacy on the Independence League ticket was treated by the election authorities as being identical with his candidacy on the Democratic ticket.

The Worker, for obvious reasons, has made it a rule to refrain from editorially discussing, or opening its columns for the discussion of, the fitness of this or that comrade for any party office for which he may be nominated.

Then my imagination took me by the hand. "Come," it said, "into the past and into other countries." I went as I always must at the bidding of my imagination.

It has happened that women have hoped that way before and been disappointed. It has happened that they have become mothers as they fell in a heap by the looms they tended—God!

What's THE MATTER, COMRADES? Look at the large number of subscriptions which have expired last week. You wonder why our vote is not what you expected.

ITS COST WAS TOO FEARFUL.

By Grace Potter.

The woman wore a beautiful gown. It hung in long soft folds. At the throat was a clasp of beaten gold. Another clasp fastened a girdle just under the breast.

I draw near to hear and see that she is soon to become a mother. Perhaps that very night. Or even before night comes. But she will not stop her work before six o'clock unless she knows surely she must.

Then my imagination takes me to a shop on Fifth avenue, a dressmaker's shop. In a room I see numbers of girls and women working.

From the Klondike gold fields came the gold that was fashioned into clasps for my lady's throat and girdle.

The woman wore a beautiful gown? No, it was not beautiful any more. It was red with the red of human blood. It was wrought of the lives of the women of the loom.

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BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

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Corresponding totals last year, 13,500 and 13,500.

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GO TO AMERICA!

The head of one of the largest and most unscrupulous capitalist combinations—Sir Thomas Lipton has written an article in the "Weekly Dispatch" on the glorious conditions America offers to the workman.

at her work, but she makes no move. She has stopped trembling. The fingers holding her needle are as rigid as if they were frozen.

How dare you ask why I didn't say soul instead of body? Perhaps, Lady of a Million Dollars, you sell your soul, when you marry a title you covet.

Beginning Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Jan. 13, a course of popular lectures will be given.

From the Klondike gold fields came the gold that was fashioned into clasps for my lady's throat and girdle.

It was dug by a man who braved death to reach the Klondike. The cry of gold had sounded in his ears.

Working all the while, just the same. His wife never knew what happened to him.

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TRUTH; BUT NOT THE WHOLE TRUTH.

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A NEW YORK "LADY."

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THE RIGHT OF HUMAN NEED.

All men are bound, by natural obligation, if they can, to feed the hungry. But it may be said that granting the obligation in the giver does not prove a right in the receiver.

THE RAND SCHOOL.

First Term Closes—Second Term Begins Jan. 7—207 Students Enrolled.

The Rand School began its classes Oct. 1 with an enrollment of 90 students. This number has increased to 207, averaging to the end of November, 434 attendances a week in the ten classes.

The second term begins on Monday, Jan. 7, and closes on Sunday, April 23. Mr. Hillquit's course on The History of Socialism, Mr. Lee's course on Economics, Mr. Sempers' two classes in Rhetoric and Composition, and Mr. Adelman's class in Eloquence and Public Speaking will be continued to the end of the second term.

A Lecture-Conference Course of 10 lectures on Social History, being a treatment of the Economic Interpretation of History, will be given by Mr. Lee, beginning Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the second hour.

Beginning Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Jan. 13, a course of popular lectures will be given. Among the lecturers will be Prof. Franklin H. Giddings, Mrs. Charlotte P. Gilman, Dr. Emily Green Balch, Prof. Vida D. Scudder, Mrs. Marion Craig Wentworth, Mr. John Martin.

Some of the work so far missed can be made up by extra application. But even if the student has no time for this extra work, he will find the concluding parts of the courses profitable.

JACK LONDON'S NOVEL.

Readings from the "Iron Heel" Draws Forth Approving Comment. The "Socialist Voice" of Oakland, Cal., gives a summary of a reading given by Comrade London from his novel, "The Iron Heel," in San Francisco before his departure for his seven year trip around the world.

"TOILERS OF BABYLON."

By Arthur Goodenough. Toilers of Babylon, before a master harsh who crouch and cringe; Who bring him bread, and on his whim The hope of your ambition hinge;

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