

The COURAGE OF EFFIE DROOD

It was an account worth much effort and some sacrifice of dignity to get hold of. All the three bank managers in Bellington understood that; the respective general managers at the respective head offices understood it even better, and wrote emphatic letters on the subject.

somewhere, I'm afraid." But Effie was a brave little wife. "The coarse wretch!" she declared, with a beautiful flush, when her husband came to the source of his trouble.

Child Labor Bill Introduced.

State Association's Measure Presented by Ex-Assistant Attorney Salus of Philadelphia.

Affects factories, stores, messenger service, soft coal mines and breakers. HARRISBURG, FEB. 1.-The child labor bill, upon which the state Child Labor Association has been working for several months, was introduced in the House of Representatives last night, (Monday) by Samuel W. Salus, Representative from the Third Philadelphia District.

The bill regulates child labor in all forms of employment except on the farm and in domestic service, and is regarded as a very moderate measure. Aside from soft coal mines, where twelve-year old child laborers are now legal, the Salus Bill does not change the present age for children's work—fourteen years. It merely requires parents to prove that their children have reached that age by producing some record of birth or baptism where this is possible.

A COMPREHENSIVE BILL. "This bill" Mr. Mowitz said "is the result of months of study both as to what has proved practicable in other states and what may be reasonably expected to pass. It is the first comprehensive child labor bill ever presented in Pennsylvania, so far as we are aware.

Other child labor bills have been limited to factories, stores etc., or have been solely mining child labor bills. The chief aim of the Salus Bill is to stop the great abuses that are possible under the present laws because of the false oaths which parents make as to their children's ages. The members of our association believe that the responsibility for child labor here is mainly and usually on the shortsighted father and mother of the child laborer himself.

AGREES WITH EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION'S BILL.

"The Salus Bill follows verbatim the provisions of the Educational Bill on this point and is also identical with that bill in its provision that school authorities shall issue the certificates which are proof to employers that the children are really fourteen. This is what the great mass of our employers want—something which they can rely upon as to a child's age.

"School officials are the ones who issue the child labor certificates

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in nearly half of the states of the country, such officials are closest to the children. They are obliged to keep them in school under the school law until they are fourteen, and the only logical child labor law is one which lets them issue the certificates which start these children on their lives of work. At present any notary public, magistrate, alderman, justice of the peace—and there are over 9000 of them in the state—is empowered to issue certificates, and it is small wonder that the work is wretchedly done.

SCHOOLS TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES IN SUMMER ALSO.

To meet the objection that in the smaller places there is no school official on duty during the summer months, the Salus Bill provides that the local school authorities shall make the necessary appropriations to pay for the services of such persons as are authorized to issue certificates at that time. The Salus Bill provides, also that during summer vacations children as young as twelve may work, but only in the lighter forms of employment—stores and offices.

THREE MONTHS GRACE FOR EMPLOYERS.

"Provision is made that the act shall not take effect until Oct 1, and for three months after that date the old affidavits on which children are now at work shall be honored. This gives employers three months in which to have their 52,000 child labor affidavits—such of them as are proved to be true—exchanged for the certificates called for by the new law. It eases the adjustment and in our opinion is only fair to the employers who would otherwise be put to great inconvenience by the sudden discharge of all their children until new certificates could be procured for them. School officials, moreover, ought not to be swamped in the midst of their other duties, by the sudden application of 52,000 discharged children for certificates. The Salus Bill will spread out the applications of these already employed children over the first three months of the laws operation."

School Code and the State's Directors.

In Convention They Hotly Debate a Resolution to Postpone New Laws for Two Years.

The proposed new school code for the State, was the subject of two stirring meetings of the State School Directors' Association at Harrisburg last week. Efforts were made to have the association go on record as demanding that the Legislature postpone action for two years; but they failed after an acrimonious debate.

The code was discussed at a public meeting of School Directors and superintendents from all over the State. The speakers were Lieutenant Governor Murphy, Secretary of Interior Affairs Houck, a former school superintendent, and Superintendent of Public Instruction Schaeffer, who supported the measures.

It was Hugh B. Eastburn, of Doylestown, chairman of the Committee on resolutions who presented a resolution recommending that the Legislature be petitioned to postpone action in connection with the school code for two years. It was claimed that none of the directors had had time to study the new law.

The resolution was immediately turned over to the Legislative Committee, which returned shortly with a negative recommendation and the suggestion that for the present the convention take no action.

This recommendation caused much debate among the 400 delegates. L. J. Jennings, who for 21 years had been a School Director at Scranton, finally gained the attention of President A. W. Shick, of Reading, and said that, while there was absolutely no adverse criticism to be made of the work of the Commission, the new law

should not be passed this year by the Legislature, because no one had had time to properly digest it.

Several addresses followed to the effect that there was crying need in the rural districts for the new law. The resolution was defeated, and another adopted for a committee of three to confer with the legislature. At the meeting of the State Association of County School Superintendents, the proposed new school law was endorsed.

Mathews' Widow May Sue.

Late Ex State Treasurer Left Riches to His Son.

Media, Pa., Feb. 5.—A report current here to the effect that Mrs. Margaret Mathews, widow of ex-State Treasurer William L. Mathews, was dissatisfied with the provisions of her husband's will and may shortly enter a protest. The bulk of the estate is bequeathed to Franklin Mathews, eldest son of the deceased ex-State Treasurer by a former wife. Mrs. Mathews, it is said, is given but little more than the provisions made for the wife under the law—one-third of the personal property absolutely, and one-third of the interest from the real estate for life.

Taft Will Have Motor Car.

Conferees Restore Item of \$12,000 for Autos to Deficiency Bill.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—When Mr. Taft becomes President he will ride in an automobile furnished by the Government. That question was settled to-day by adoption of the report of the conferees on the Urgent Deficiency bill, which carries an item of \$12,000 for the "purchase, care and maintenance of automobiles for the use of the President."

The appropriation of \$500,000 to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to continue his campaign against the foot-and-mouth disease, which was also in dispute, was reduced to \$150,000 and adopted.

Trout Fry.

Hatcheries' Capacity this Year 3,200 Cars.

Fish Commissioner W. E. Meehan and A. R. Whittaker, a member of the Board of Fish Commissioners, and the superintendents of the eight hatcheries in the state, were at Bellefonte yesterday on their annual inspection of the various hatcheries for the purpose of finding out just how many trout fry they will be able to send out this spring. The estimate now aggregates 3200 cars, or a total of 7,300,000 fry these will be supplied by 4 hatcheries, as follows: Carey hatchery 3,500,000; Bellefonte, 2,300,000; Wayne, 1,000,000; Spruce creek, 500,000. The commission is now ready to receive applications for trout fry to be supplied in the spring. Commissioner Meehan and his coterie of superintendents went there from Harrisburg. They had a brief meeting there in the evening, after which Meehan entertained the force at supper. The guests evened matters up by presenting him with a gold watch.

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