

# DAVIS DEFENDS ELLIS ISLAND; 'IT'S NOT HOTEL'

### Labor Secretary Tells of Difficulties.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 28.—[Special.]—Secretary of Labor James J. Davis in a letter to Senator Medill McCormick of Illinois made public today, defends conditions at Ellis Island.

Secretary Davis says the criticisms written by Miss Genevieve Forbes of THE TRIBUNE after she had entered Ellis Island as an immigrant are "grossly exaggerated," although in reviewing conditions during the last two years he states that the Ellis Island force was badly disorganized during the war, and many of the men on duty there at the beginning of his administration were inexperienced.

**Difficulties Recently Increased.** Their difficulties were increased, he says, by the fact that the arriving immigrants were below the pre-war standard, financially and physically, and by the more rigorous examination provided for in recent legislation, facts which combined to increase the number of detained aliens pending determination of their cases.

Ellis Island, the secretary points out, "is not a hotel, but an immigration depot," and is utterly inadequate for caring for large numbers of people for any length of time.

Complaints of ill treatment rarely come from the immigrants, according to the secretary, but frequently from their friends and relatives, who resent their detention for examination, which, under the law, is obligatory.

**Big Employers a Bad Influence.** The percentage law, he admits, has resulted in hardship to many immigrants and bitter disappointment to their relatives and friends in the United States. It has also, he adds, interfered with "certain business and other interests which desire an ample supply of cheap labor." Aliens were given preference by such employers over Americans in the past, the secretary comments.

"At the island," said Mr. Davis, "the dormitory system prevails. For reasons which need not be stated, mattresses are not provided, but there is always an ample supply of blankets. Every dormitory has fairly adequate washrooms and toilet facilities. These rooms are thoroughly cleaned every day and fumigated when necessary and the blankets sterilized daily."

**Even More Rigid Rules Needed.** "Humane treatment must and will be given aliens seeking admission to the United States, but it is the firm belief of the bureau and department that efforts to detect undesirables of all classes—physical, mental, and moral—ought to be increased, rather than diminished. This, however, cannot be accomplished without adding to the alleged hardships which immigrants now undergo, and, in view of the prevailing, although unwarranted, criticism to which the service is now being subjected the bureau and department naturally hesitate to undertake a more adequate enforcement of the law."

**IRELAND'S PEACE HANGS ON ACTION BY ULSTER TODAY**

[Chicago Tribune Foreign News Service.] LONDON, Nov. 28.—There will be a big crisis in the Irish negotiations tomorrow when Sir James Craig makes a statement to the Ulster parliament in a form agreed upon with Prime Minister Lloyd George. The Ulster cabinet met for two hours in Belfast today to hear Craig's report. The proceedings were kept secret.

Belfast was quiet today, but all the street cars which appeared were protected by wire netting to ward off bombs. One of the victims of last week's rioting died today, making the thirtieth to die as a result of the latest disorders.

There were no new developments in the Irish situation in London today. Michael Collins and Desmond Fitz

## ACES OF THEIR KIND



Miss Olive Hanson, with Luisa Mayflower, the cross-bred heifer owned by the University of California which won the grand championship at the Live Stock show yesterday.



Another prize winner was George Henry, champion in the stallion event. At his side is standing Miss Eva Smith of Shelby, O.

gerald of the Sinn Fein delegation are still in Ireland. They are expected to return tomorrow.

Mr. Lloyd George was fog bound at Chequers, his country home, today, and so did not return to London. It is stated that he is determined to go to Washington whether the Irish conference breaks down or not. He will make up his mind as to the date for sailing by Thursday.

## CHICAGO HORSE RIBBON WINNER AT STOCK SHOW

### Awarded First Prize in Saddle Class.

**BY FRANK RIDGWAY.** O. W. Lehmann's Mildred Star, a winner at the recent New York horse show, plucked a blue ribbon in competition with ten other entries last night at the horse show of the International Live Stock exposition. The class in which the Lehmann entry took first prize was that of three-gaited saddle horses.

Next to the Chicago winner came Grand Master, entered by Mrs. Louisa Long Combs, Kansas City. Edward J. Lehmann's Flashlight took third place, while fourth was awarded to Lady Ellerington, owned by Walter P. Saunders.

R. Lawrence Smith, judge from New York city, picked these winners.

**Owentals Losses.** A polo battle which sent a barrage of soft missiles into the audience was a feature of the show. The North Shore Polo and Hunt club defeated Owentals Polo club by a score of 7 to 4.

Long drives sent the ball frequently out of bounds and into the tiers of spectators. R. H. Schultz of the North Shore team was the victim of a spill which for a moment seemed dangerous. He remounted immediately, however, and got back into the game. H. J. Lorber captained the North Shore trio, which included Schultz and W. C. Barber. They were opposed by C. Campbell (captain), E. H. Rader, and James L. Breese Jr. Capt. W. H. Craig of the Army Prebooters was referee. Tonight the army players again meet Owentals.

**Belle Beach Performs.** Hundreds of horses and cattle, prize winners from the judging ring, paraded before motion picture cameras, dancing to the tune of bagpipes.

With a crook and his Scotch collie dog, Bruce, Sam S. Stoddard of the University of Idaho gave a demonstration showing how western sheep herders manage a band of thousands of head of sheep with one dog on the range.

Belle Beach, the black stockinged

high school more owned by Tom Pass of Mexico, Mo., was a feature of last night's program. Belle Beach is known by thousands as the horse with human-like gestures, bowing to her audience like a prima donna as she leaves the tan bark arena.

**Cedar Crest Farm Wins.** Cedar Crest Farm was given the blue ribbon in the pair of ponies, harness class, with their entry of Belle Southworth and Hawthorne Syph. Second money was awarded to Bouncing Bantam and Malana shown by William E. Dee. Trillo Swell and D. North Realty of the Broadview Farms stables were chosen for third place.

Irving M. Winslow of Winnipeg, Man., scored first in the Tandem class. His entry of Perfect Dream and Shawbill Boy defeated a limited field. Leading Article and Farina Regal, owned by John R. Thompson, won second, and Mrs. J. Hertz received third, with Rosewood and Capron Kindness.

The concluding feature was the Hunters and Jumpers class. The Wonds shown by Woodin Farms took the blue ribbon after a close battle. Mrs. J. Hertz's Watch Me was given second and Kilconnell of Arcady Farms

was named for third place. Banter of the same stables won fourth money.

**Honor Luisa Mayflower.** Luisa Mayflower, a crossbred heifer owned by the University of California, won the grand championship prize in the stock show yesterday afternoon. Dauntler, a senior yearling Hereford steer, won the reserve grand championship. He is owned by James Price of Onalaska, Wis.

Henry George, Belgian stallion, owned by Beel Brothers, Wooster, O., won the senior grand champion Belgian award. St. Marc, another Belgian entry, won the prize for the junior champion Belgian stallion under 3 years old. West Pine Helmer, owned by W. Harvey Smith of Boswell, Ind., won second.

**Arrest Man as Annoyer of Women of Englewood** With the arrest of Ignatz Zuzik, 32, 1516 West 19th street, alleged moron taken into custody yesterday while annoying young women near 21st and Halsted streets, police believe they have the man who has recently terrorized a number of women in the Englewood police district.



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