
NIGHT MESSENGER BOYS.

Child Labor Committee Praises the Bill Signed Saturday.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

Many of your readers will doubtless be interested to learn that Gov. Hughes on Saturday signed the Murray Night Messenger Boy bill, which was recently passed by the Legislature.

This measure was introduced at the request of the New York Child Labor Committee to remedy the very serious situation revealed by an investigation conducted by the National Child Labor Committee of the conditions surrounding young messenger boys working at night in our large cities. It was found through this investigation that night work for these boys in a large majority of instances was an introduction for them to immorality and vice.

While this new law will not put an end to social evils in our cities, it will, it is confidently expected, do much toward taking out of these surroundings growing boys, who particularly need to be protected from temptations of this sort. By prohibiting the employment of all boys under 21 years of age after 10 o'clock in the evening and before 5 o'clock in the morning, the chance of messenger boys being called to objectionable places is greatly reduced, if not entirely eliminated.

In enacting this law New York State has the honor of leading the country in this particular form of legislation, and its example will do much to stimulate similar action next year by other Legislatures. The members of the Legislature and Gov. Hughes deserve the fullest commendation for placing this regulation on our statute books.

Permit me, furthermore, to express the appreciation of our committee for the assistance rendered by your paper in this matter.

GEORGE A. HALL,

**Secretary New York Child Labor Committee.
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