

DEGRADATION OF MEN AND WOMEN

Report of U. S. Immigration Commission on "White Slave" Traffic Submitted.

IT IS SIMPLY APPALLING.

Abandoned Foreign Women Mostly Come by Way of New York, San Francisco and Seattle.

Washington, Dec. 10.—All but incredibly revolting are disclosures of an international system of traffic in both the enforced and voluntary degradation of men and women contained in the report on the so-called "white slave" trade submitted to Congress today by the United States immigration commission. Shocking as is the tale of voluntary shame told in the report, immensely more so is the setting forth of well-attested facts as to the compulsory consignment of innocent immigrant girls to an immoral life.

Much of the subject matter of today's report was covered by the commission in its 1,400-page preliminary report published and widely discussed a year ago. Today's report is briefer, containing only six pages, and a large part of it is unsuitable for newspaper publication.

When the report was presented in the house today by Congressman Bennett of New York, Champ Clark, minority leader, objected to its being printed as a house document, but later withdrew his objection.

EFFECT OF IMPORTATIONS.

The commission says that the effect of the importation of immoral women into this country is one of increased degradation and death for the woman and of contamination by disease for those with whom they come in contact.

The commission says the immoral traffic is not confined entirely to women, but it is clear there is a beginning, at any rate, of a traffic in men and boys for immoral purposes. The vilest practices, the report continues, "are brought here from continental Europe, and beyond doubt, there has come from imported women and their men the most bestial refinements of depravity."

The commission, in describing the manner of its investigations, recounts the experiences of many of its agents in some cases they were attacked and beaten, and actual murder was narrowly averted.

No statistics are given in the report, though the extent of the "white slave traffic" is characterized as country-wide. Most of the women, it is said, come by way of New York, San Francisco and Seattle, although many are coming lately by way of Canada. Frequently they are brought into the United States as wives or sisters of their procurers in order to pass the immigration officials.

The exploitation of these women after their arrival in the United States is characterized in the report as "most pitiful for the women and most brutal on the part of the men."

Not only the innocent and betrayed young girls, but the more experienced women are made the victims of virtual slavery. The importations come from all countries, France leading, and the Chinese and Japanese making up the majority of those coming in by the way of the Pacific coast.

PRICE OF WHITE SLAVES.

Most of the procurers are of foreign birth. The "market" price varies from \$300 to \$1,000 for each alien woman. Sometimes they are not sold outright, but their procurers continue to live from their earnings after their arrival here.

The commission recommends that efforts be made through government agents abroad and on board steamships to prevent the importation of women to this country; that more assiduous efforts be made in the United States to arrest women known to be engaged in immoral practices, and to deport all possible; that the limit of three years after landing, within which period such persons may be successfully prosecuted, be removed; that any deported persons returning to this country be imprisoned; that keepers of immoral houses in which alien women are found, be subject to deportation, and that state and municipal governments be urged to cooperate in stamping out the evil.

In explanation of the act of laying bare to the public the horrible details of discoveries by its agents, the commission says that the "white slave traffic" is the most pitiful and the most revolting phase of the immigration question. This business has assumed large proportions, and it has upon the country that the commission been exerting so evil an influence declares it felt compelled to make a thorough investigation.

Since the subject is especially liable to sensational exploitation, the report says, it is important that the statement of the commission should deal with undeniable facts, which may form a basis of reasonable legislative and administrative action to lessen its evils.

SCOPE OF INQUIRY.

The inquiry covered New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Salt Lake, Ogden, Butte, Denver, Buffalo, Boston and New Orleans. No attempt was made to investigate the conditions in every important city. But the commission believes that enough evidence of women of different races and nationalities and living under different conditions has been obtained from localities sufficiently scattered to use the report as a sufficient basis for legislative and administrative action.

The report deals with methods used by men and women procurers to lure women into this country for immoral purposes. These methods differ as adopted in different countries. In some countries men and women in the business of enticing innocent girls to the United States resort to proffers of attractive positions and in many cases the men offer themselves in marriage, and frequently risk prosecution on charges of bigamy in order to attain their desires.

Much of the evidence taken by the agents of the commission is given in proof of statements made in the report, and there are also affidavits from police officers and letters from government officials, giving the character of evidence on which the report has been based.

FEAR HIGHBINDERS.

Chinese Diplomats Do Not Want Consularship at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—The members of the Chinese local colony were disappointed yesterday when the new minister, Chang Yin Tang, arrived without a consul general for San Francisco in his suite.

They were further surprised when they learned that no one could be found among the diplomats of China to take the post at San Francisco by reason of the dreadful reports of highbinders and

long wars that rage in the Chinatown of San Francisco.

The present acting consul general, Hsu Ping-Chan, had expected to be relieved with the coming of Minister Chang, and advised had been received from China to the effect that Soo Yue Chew had been offered the post here. But when the Mongolia arrived, there was no Soo Yue Chew aboard. Inquiries elicited the information that Soo preferred to remain in the security of China. "There are too many highbinders here," confessed one secretary.

Hsu Ping-Chan had engaged passage to China on the return voyage of the Mongolia, but now he will have to stay at the front until the government of China can catch a diplomat to succeed him.

BADLY BURNED AS RESULT OF PRACTICAL JOKE

Sugar City, Colo., Dec. 11.—As the result of a practical joke, Fred Bradley was severely burned in the boiler room of the sugar factory here yesterday. As Bradley entered the room some one threw a cup of wood alcohol on his back and set fire to it, intending to extinguish the flame before harm was done. Before Bradley could be caught and the fire put out, he had been badly burned. It is alleged that an organized hazing gang has existed in the factory for some time.

SATISFIED DR. COOK IS NOW IN EUROPE

New York, Dec. 11.—"While I am not authorized to give a statement regarding the whereabouts of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the arctic explorer, I can say without violating any confidence that I am satisfied that he is in Europe and that he will appear next week before the committee of the University of Copenhagen, which is examining his polar data."

This statement was made last night by an intimate friend of Dr. Cook who insisted that he had every reason to believe that within the next 48 hours the explorer will come out of seclusion and issue a statement covering every phase of the polar controversy.

ZELAYA ISSUES HIS STATEMENT

Asserts That His Administration Has Been Unjustly Condemned By the United States.

CASE OF GROCE AND CANNON.

Not Shot on His Initiative—He Simply Refused to Extend Clemency to Them.

Managua, Dec. 10.—"The United States unjustly condemns my administration," said President Zelaya in an interview with a staff correspondent of the Associated Press today.

"I proposed to Secy. of State Knox that he submit the case to the investigation of a committee of his own choosing agreeing to surrender my rights to the presidency if charges in his letter to Isidore Hezera, former Nicaraguan minister to the United States, were sustained. Secy. Knox has not replied."

"Defenseless against the hostility of a powerful nation, I must submit, although I have been condemned unheard."

"The coercion of the United States was not deduced to its credit as a nation, whose motives are questioned in all Latin-American countries. The shooting of Groce and Cannon was proper. Both were amenable to the laws of Nicaragua, which distinctly authorize the shooting of individuals commanding rebels."

"It is different if a person is captured in the course of an international

war. The attempt of Secy. Knox to establish the inviolability of Americans participating in foreign relations will result in constant revolutions led by immune Americans."

"The initiative in the shooting of Groce and Cannon was not mine. I simply refused to extend clemency to them after a properly constituted military tribunal had passed upon the case."

President Zelaya then recited several instances, he declares, of alleged hostility against him in the United States through paid articles appearing in American newspapers. In one of these instances, he says, he was endeavoring to raise a loan in France, when his enemies persuaded the United States to interpose an objection through the French ambassador in Washington on the pretext that the money sought was intended for the purchase of war materials, when in reality it was to have been used in the construction of a railway.

"I am in negotiation with the revolutionists to secure their endorsement to a successor who will be acceptable to all parties and have submitted the name of Jose Madriz, judge of the Cartage court."

"I hope this will obviate the necessity for American intervention, which would be intensely distasteful to all Latin-Americans. I am informed that it is the intention of the United States to prevent my leaving Nicaragua. I do not believe this is true."

It is reported that the revolutionists will reject Senor Madriz as Zelaya's successor, and insist upon General Estrada assuming the presidency, declaring that the United States has promised to furnish 2,000 marines and Bluefields to bring about his success.

"The hostility of the United States," continued Zelaya, "is due to the machinations of Senor Cabrera, president of Guatemala, whom I refused in 1906 to join in an offensive and defensive alliance of Central America against Mexico, and thereby thwarted his efforts to establish a virtual dictatorship in Central America."

Since then Carbarera has pursued me with relentless animosity, poisoning the public mind against me.

"I am preparing to refute the statement of Secy. Knox relative to the contemptuous treatment of American diplomats here by submitting to him a letter from John Gardiner Coolidge, ex-minister to Nicaragua, expressing appreciation for the cordial treatment given him."

MUSTY DOCUMENTS OF HISTORIC INTEREST

New York, Dec. 11.—In a rusty tin box which had reposed undisturbed in the vaults of the subtreasury here since the Civil war, a number of musty old documents of great historical importance have just been discovered. They will be gone over carefully by experts and preserved either here or in Washington.

One of the more interesting documents is a record which shows to what expedients the government was sometimes compelled to resort to obtain funds with which to defray the expenses of the army during the Civil war. Through this paper, 30 New York bankers turned over to the government on a single day's notice the sum of \$1,200,000. At that time, the document says, the success or failure of the northern army seemed to depend on a speedy moving forward of the sinews of war. The paper bears the date of Nov. 11, 1862.

FIRE IN WHEELING, W. VA.

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 11.—Fire, which was discovered in the University club on the top floor, totally destroyed the six-story board of trade building early this morning. It is supposed some one dropped a lighted match in a pile of sweepings which started in to blaze after the club had been closed at night. The flames forced their way slowly down through the 100 or more of offices below to the Court theater and a pharmacy located on the ground floor.

All the business concerns occupying offices in the building sustained heavy losses, the total of which it is estimated will reach \$250,000, partially insured.

EX-QUEEN LILIUOKALANI IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Former Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii, accompanied by a maid and her secretary, J. D. Almoku, arrived on the liner Mongolia yesterday from Honolulu, en route to Washington and Boston. She will remain in San Francisco until after the holidays to visit the Princess Kawianakoa. Upon the arrival of Prince

Jonah Kalaniana'ole, otherwise known as Prince Cupid, delegate in Congress from Hawaii, the queen will go to Washington.

At the capital she will await some action on her claim for \$250,000 for services by the United States of what are termed the crown lands in Hawaii.

The claim has been pending for several years, and no report upon it has been made to the house by the committee on claims. But Liliuokalani fervently hopes that the present Congress will reimburse her for the lands in question.

From Washington Liliuokalani will go to Boston to visit relatives of her husband, the late Gov. J. Q. Poinsett. The former queen, despite her 71 years, is in good health and spirits.

TRAINING OF STAMMERING CHILDREN

Chicago, Dec. 11.—A unique experiment in the training of hundreds of stammering children attending the Chicago public schools is being planned by Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, superintendent of schools, and several medical specialists of Chicago.

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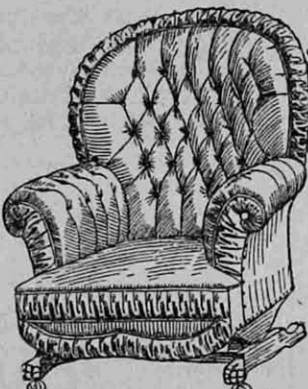
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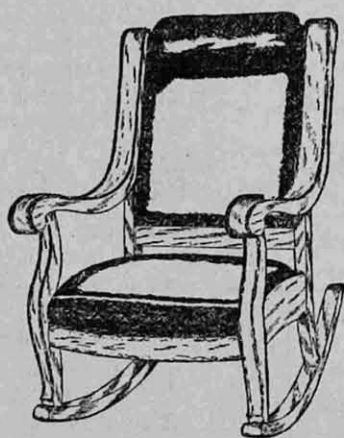
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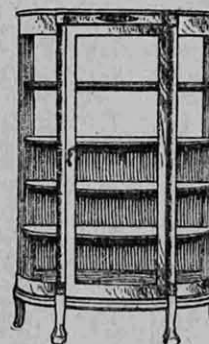
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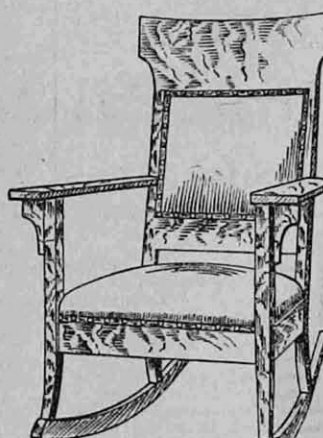
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