

AWFUL TOLL OF WHITE SLAVERY

National Council Discusses the Social Evil.

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Montreal despatch: White slavery and all the evils attending the practice was discussed at length by the National Council of Women to-day. The report was presented by Mrs. Asa Gordon, of Ottawa, and contained some startling statistics.

She referred to the great social evil as the greatest problem which Canada has to solve. While every citizen has some idea as to its nature and magnitude, few understand even approximately the real facts. She declared that fifteen million dollars were spent annually in Chicago on vice, and no less an authority than Dr. Kelly, of the Johns Hopkins University has started the so-called Christian world by claiming that white slavery, directly and indirectly, costs the people of America three billions of dollars each year.

It is estimated that there are in North America 300,000 "girls and women of the night," and the vice commissioners who have investigated say that there are ten men to every two women. As the life of a girl is so short it requires 60,000 victims each year to supply the demand, and many of these victims come from Canadian homes.

"Probably many were shocked," said she, "to learn that the reports of the Temperance and Moral Reform Committee of the Methodist Church showed that Canada pays a yearly toll of \$125,000,000 to social vice. Before such a statement we pause with bated breath. Yet to be silent would be sin."

PROGRESS IN FIGHTING EVIL.
"We believe that the work of voicing this evil must be as widely international as the evil itself," continued Mrs. Gordon. "We are glad therefore to report that Canada is one of the twenty-two nations which have signed an international treaty to carry on a war against this traffic. Progress is being made in legal enactments, by the amelioration of economic conditions, and by additions to the moral education and the legal protection of children, by philanthropic action, and, lastly, by an increasing social control. In its commercialized aspect a social conscience appears to be developing, and this should do much towards stamping out the evil."

"One of the most promising signs is that, instead of standing aloofly aloof, the churches of Canada have come to the wise conclusion that they have a definite and co-operative task to perform in stamping out the evil. This has been very largely brought about by the women's organizations, and as a result of this joining of forces a Dominion organization has been formed, which at all points in Canada will deal with the traffic and rescue many victims from the net of degradation."

"One of the great weaknesses has been that we have considered this social evil as a female proposition, and our criminality has been the prosecution of women, while permitting the escape of men. Yet is the man who has fallen more to be excused than the woman? In holy writ they are equal in condemnation, and by this equality they must be judged by society and by the state."

"To eradicate the wrong, first, we must give purity the greatest chance, and, secondly, we must give impunity a blow, and to make both effective we must go into the lives of the girls, look into their requirements, and give them the chance to earn a good and honest living."

"One of the problems of the country districts has been described as 'the tedious dullness of village life.' These young people are at a loss to know how to spend their evenings, and the church, in my opinion, should be something to remove this monotony. Usually there is a school room where social gatherings could be held, or perhaps a concert, spelling bee, or lecture occasionally."

CARE OF THE FEEBLE MINDED.
The paper prepared by Mrs. Stead on the care of the feeble-minded was almost as interesting as that on the magnitude of white slavery, and she quoted statistics to show that 20 per cent. of the feeble-minded in this country was inherited, and that 10 per cent. was the result of environment.

Other statistics quoted by Mrs. Stead were that 20 per cent. of the inmates of reformatories were there from feeble-mindedness, 10 per cent. of the inmates of jails, 20 per cent. of the inmates of houses of refuge, 32 per cent. of those in industrial homes, and 15 per cent. of those in juvenile courts could be traced to feeble-mindedness. She also quoted authorities who stated that 2,000 school children in Ontario were mentally deficient.

The report outlined the work done in the different cities throughout the Dominion along the lines of improving conditions and the establishment of schools for these children, and stated that, as a rule, it had been found that feeble-minded parents had larger families than normal parents. Compulsory education was another point which many of the delegates thought would serve to improve conditions and wipe out, to a certain extent, these enormous figures.

The Victoria, B.C., Council asked that not only should all trace of the slavery among Chinese girls in Canada be wiped out, but that the Chinese who were found to be living in polygamy should at once be deported with his wives and children. A letter containing this request also stated that polygamy was practised in different parts of Canada, not only by Chinese, but by white people as well. It was said Mormon literature was being openly distributed in

Victoria and other parts of the Dominion. Kingston was selected as the next place of meeting.

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Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught was elected vice-president for Canada in the International Council. Canada's nominee for president of the International Council will be the Countess of Aberdeen, and Mrs. Sanford, of Hamilton, who for nine years has been treasurer of the same body, was renominated for that position. All the officers of the National Council were re-elected as follows:

Hon. President, her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught; Advisory President, the Countess of Aberdeen; President, Mrs. F. H. Torrington, Toronto; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Wiloughby Cummings, Toronto; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Plumptre, Toronto; Treasurer, Mrs. Watt, Bradford, Ont.; Mrs. Adam Shortt, for Ontario, was elected vice-president, for Hamilton, to succeed Mrs. Watkins, of Hamilton, who retired. Mrs. E. Burton, of Toronto, takes the place of Mrs. Asa Gordon, of Ottawa, as convener of the committee on the equal moral standing and the traffic in women. The convener of the two new committees on fine arts and on conservation of natural resources are, respectively, Mrs. McNaughton of Montreal, and Mrs. P. McNaughton of Vancouver. The convener of the new committee on professions for women will be chosen by the executive to-day.

MEMBERS GOING TO EUROPE.
Mrs. Sanford, of Hamilton, treasurer of the International Council, sails tomorrow for The Hague, to be followed Saturday by Mrs. Torrington, Mrs. Wiloughby Cummings, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Courtice, their presence being required at the meeting of the various standing committees of the International Council, which is preparing for the meeting next year at Rome.

SUFFS. IN TROUBLE

May Have No Hall to Hold Their Meetings.

London, May 12.—The militant suffragettes are now faced with a probability of being without a hall in which to hold their meetings. The proprietors of Caxton Hall, from which their raids on the House of Commons started, and which has long been a centre of propaganda, have refused to allow them to hold any further meetings of the militants unless they give a pledge that they will abstain from making speeches which will incite to violence. Essex Hall, which has often been used by the women, has now been absolutely refused them. The lessons of Holborn Hall are still taking the risk of the penalties threatened by the Government for allowing crime to be preached in a building which is said to have been used by the women, has now been absolutely refused them.

The usual number of the suffragette appeared to-day. It was printed by the National Labor Press, which is the Labor Leader, with which Keir Hardie, the Labor M.P., is identified. The printing was evidently done at the Manchester branch of this concern, and it was difficult to obtain copies of the paper in London. It contains a message from Mrs. Pankhurst, in which she urges the members of the Women's Social and Political Union to remain faithful to their organization, and concludes by saying that if they do so all will be well. That a convict who was on "ticket of leave" is allowed to take a hand in this production is characteristic of the leniency with which the authorities have treated the militant leader.

MARRIAGE VOIDED
Union of Montreal Minors Was Illegal.
—Montreal despatch: Judgment was delivered this morning annulling the marriage of George Edward Cannon and Mary Stewart on the ground that the two were minors, and could not, therefore, be wedded in Quebec without the permission of their parents or guardians. The marriage took place on March 1, 1912, at St. Patrick's Church, Montreal, and a child was born to them in the following August. The youthful bridegroom lived with his wife a week, after the ceremony. The application for the annulment was made by the young man's mother.

It was stated in the judgment that a special dispensation to allow the marriage to take place in Lent and without the customary publication of the banns had been given by the Roman Catholic Church authorities here.

IRISH GUTTER GRIM JOKE.
Dublin, May 12.—Miss Geraldine Manning, who amused herself to-day by painting green broad arrows on the bust of John Redmond in the Royal Hibernian Academy, as vengeance for the vote of the Irish Nationalist member in the House of Commons against the Woman Suffrage Bill on Tuesday, was allowed a week in which to pay a small fine inflicted on her by the police magistrate. She said she would not pay, and was warned that the consequence would be detention in jail.

She had attached a card to John Redmond's bust bearing the words: "A traitor's face is no ornament to our picture gallery."

GRANT TO SCOTT FUND.
Ottawa despatch: It is understood that the Government has decided to make a contribution to the Scott memorial fund. The amount will be announced within a day or two. The matter was discussed in the House at the time when details of the Antarctic tragedy were first made known to the world, and the Prime Minister at that time indicated that the deep sympathy of the people of Canada would be expressed in a memorial way.

NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

Austrian Aviator Loses Life in a Duel.

KILLED BY A BULL

Greeks and Bulgarians Reported Fighting.

James R. Bean, a prominent farmer of Agassiz, B.C., who was fatally gored by a Holstein bull, is dead.

A serious stabbing affray took place at Hagersville, where Thomas Cartell stabbed and seriously wounded a bartender.

William J. Colville, a cashier in the Office Specialty Company, Toronto, committed suicide by shooting himself.

Mr. Winnett has acquired the interest of the McGraw Estate in the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, at a cost of about \$400,000.

Lieut. Weiss, an army aviator, and Captain Zhovskii fought a duel in Vienna over a private quarrel. Lieut. Weiss was killed.

Rev. Hugh R. Grant, of St. Paul's Church, Vancouver, was elected moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of British Columbia.

Five thousand immigrants from England and Scotland, who were delayed by a fog below Quebec for several days, passed through Toronto Thursday.

It is reported that there has been another clash between the Greeks and Bulgarians. It is said that they are fighting at Portos, near Drama. No details are given.

Wm. J. Overend, Peterboro, fell dead while working in his garden. Deceased, who was about seventy years of age, leaves a wife and family. He formerly conducted the C. P. R. Hotel.

Sir Charles Tupper arrived in Liverpool on board the Empress of Ireland. He spoke of Canadian growth and future, and expressed gratification at President Wilson's tariff changes.

The death occurred at the General Hospital, Saint Ste. Marie, of Sister Esther, of the Ottawa Sisterhood, after a brief illness. Deceased is the first sister to die in the Soo, and her loss is deeply mourned.

All members of the new Alberta Provincial Legislature will be memorialized by Calgary to take steps to establish a provincial prison-farm to which all short-term offenders may be sent to serve their terms.

The Dowager Duchess of Newcastle is dead. After the death of her second husband she abandoned her west-end mansion, and lived in Whitechapel for years. She worked there in a Roman Catholic mission for the poor.

The Paris divorce court gave a decision in the case of Baroness Vaughan, the wife of King Leopold, against her husband, M. Durieux. The court allowed her to retain custody of her children by King Leopold.

Gen. Ismael Montes was elected President of Bolivia, in succession to Dr. Eliodoro Villazon, who has been Chief Executive since 1909. General Montes has already served one term of office expiring in 1908.

The Berlin, Ont., Park Board has been notified by the Ontario Municipal Board that its application to have a portion of Victoria Park, not immediately required for park purposes, set aside for athletic purposes, has been ratified under section six of the Public Parks Act.

Sir Curtis Lindsay, who was born in 1824, is dead in London. His chief claim to notice was that he was an artist and art lover. He became prominent in founding in 1877 the Grosvenor Gallery, which for ten years was a rival to the Royal Academy, and attracted the works of several of the greatest artists.

CHILDREN BY PARCEL POST.
Montreal despatch: Children sent by parcel post is the latest and most approved plan of transmitting youngsters. Today Geo. F. Driscoll, manager of the Orpheum Theatre, received two packages in the shape of two children who are to play at the theatre. A messenger boy brought the children to the theatre and had his book signed in the way ordered for the receipt of parcels. Suspended from a button on each of the children's dresses was a label marked: "Parcel post, from New York, to Mr. George F. Driscoll, Manager Orpheum Theatre, Montreal, Que."

The children were "posted" from Times square, New York, last night. They are ten and twelve years old respectively.

COSTS PENNY TO BID FAREWELL.
London, May 12.—Bidding adieu to London in future at a London railway terminus will cost two cents.

This innovation went into effect yesterday at Waterloo Station, where sweethearts, relatives and friends who came to kiss and handshakes and shout "Don't forget to write" through the windows of the trains, found the barriers up and had their attention drawn to automatic boxes, without purchasing good-bye tickets from which they were not allowed on the platform.

WILL AVENGE NAZIM PASHA.
London, May 12.—The repeated threats of the followers of Nazim Pasha, the late Turkish generalissimo, to avenge his murder after the Balkan war is likely to materialize shortly, according to the Constantinople correspondent of the Daily Chronicle. He says that ominous reports come from Tehtalija that the Military League is preparing to deliver a blow.

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"Of course, our first effort will be to have a railway that will stretch across the Dominion, and after that we will turn our attention towards a new Pacific fleet. I have made an agreement with the city of Vancouver that we will have a fleet in the Pacific Ocean within eight years, and as soon as the Transcontinental line is linked up we will turn our attention towards the inauguration of this. At present the only fleet that we have is in the Atlantic Ocean and the Great Lakes, and we feel that a fleet in the Pacific Ocean will be of great benefit to us. In the establishment of this, however, we cannot take any definite steps until we have our Transcontinental line finished."

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The proposed Pacific fleet will necessitate an expenditure of millions of dollars. It will run in opposition to both the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Grand Trunk Pacific boats. This means that the Canadian Northern Railway will have vessels sailing to Japan and the Orient, and that they will also have coasters running to Seattle and the northern sections of British Columbia and Alaska. Although Sir William refused to give any particulars as to where the boats would be constructed, it was learned on good authority that they would be of the latest type, and would be of the same pattern as the vessels of the Royal Line, now in operation on the Atlantic coast.

When questioned in regard to the augmentation of the present fleet of the Royal Line in the Atlantic Ocean, Sir William stated that although this was considered, nothing would be done immediately, as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were capable of handling the present trade. With the completion of the trunk line of the railway, however, it would then be necessary to add more vessels to the service.

According to Sir William, the missing link of the railway between Toronto and the Rockies will be completed before the winter arrives. This is between Sudbury and Port Arthur. Sir William stated that orders have already been sent through that the contractors must complete the road by that time, and he is assured that this will give a direct connection between the east and west before the new year.