

CHRISTIAN WOMEN AND KINETOSCOPES.

Frances Willard Protests Against Prize-Fight Exhibitions.

Would be Demoralizing to the Youth Throughout the Land.

Appeals to the President to Prevent Pictures of the Carson Fight Being Exhibited in the District of Columbia and the Territories, and to Governors to Take the Same Action in Their Respective States.

CHICAGO, March 22.—The following appeal was forwarded to-day:

"To His Excellency the President of the United States—Honored Ruler: As the official representatives of 300,000 members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the United States, we earnestly entreat you to call upon Congress to prohibit in the District of Columbia and throughout the various Territories the reproduction by means of the kinetoscope or kindred instruments of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight or any like exhibition at any future time.

"We believe that in making this request we are seeking the best welfare of our citizens, especially the youth of our land, who would be brutalized by such lifelike representations of those degrading spectacles.

"We learn that preparations upon the largest scale are being made for invading not alone our cities, but every village and hamlet, with this spectacular performance; that, bad as was the influence of the fight upon the comparative few who witnessed it in person, it would be infinitely worse because so much more far-reaching if thus produced. We are making like requests of the chief officers and Legislatures of the various States, and have a strong hope that in the majority of them necessary legislation may result.

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"We have already petitioned President McKinley to use his authority to prevent this kind of small comparison into and carried through the Legislature of your State which shall prohibit the reproduction by means of the kinetoscope or kindred instruments of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight, or of any like exhibition at any future time.

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Letters have already been sent to the National Superintendent of Purity, Dr. Mary Wood Allen of Michigan, and to the National Superintendent of Purity in Literature and Art, Mrs. Emily E. Martin of New York City, urging them to take up the issue and push it through their departments all over the United States. The attention of every State W. C. T. U. President will also be called to it, and they will be requested to use their influence with their legislators by means of petitions or letters at once. The leading editorial in the next "Union Signal" is upon the subject of the evil effects of this brutal exhibition through the kinetoscope.

PUGILISM IS BARBARISM.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The ap-

peal of the President of the W. C. T. U. to President McKinley and the Governors of the States of the Union, telegraphed from Chicago to-day, asking for their intervention to prevent the kinetoscope reproduction of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight from being exhibited in the United States was commented upon to-day as follows by Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul, who is in Washington:

"Pugilism is barbarism—animalism. It is a disgrace to Christian civilization. No Christian nation should permit it. A few years ago an attempt was made to have on a large scale a pugilistic exhibition in St. Paul, but the citizens strongly protested, and Governor Merriam issued a proclamation prohibiting it. There was no fight. It is a pity that every State and every city in the Union had not followed the example of Minnesota in St. Paul. The exhibition of the kinetoscope reproduction of the Carson fight would minister to morbid curiosity, low appetites and tend to render prize-fighting popular. I hope that the good sense and the moral instincts of the American people will not allow this contemplated exhibition to take place in any part of the country."

TRIALS OF SUBURBAN LIFE.

Troubles of the Patient Commuter Set Forth.

"Has the snow plow gone past yet, Amabel?" earnestly inquired Mr. Isolate of Lonsomehurst, as he was hurriedly breakfasting, in his ulster, by lamp light, in the "Isolates" chilly little dining-room the other morning, preparatory to taking his train to New York.

"Yes, Ferdinand," Mrs. Isolate answered, cheerfully, readjusting his ear-muffs, one of which had nearly fallen into the condensed milk, as she hovered lovingly and admiringly over him in her last winter's cloak. "The coffee is all right, Ferdie," she reassured him, as he set his cup down and regarded it peculiarly. "The reason it has that funny taste is because I had to make it from melted snow this morning, Ferdie. I was not going to tell you, if you did not notice it, but the water pipes froze so hard last night that I haven't dared to start the kitchen stove yet, for fear of the water front blowing up. However, I got along nicely by holding the coffee pot and frying pan over the piano lamp," she added triumphantly.

"But, Ferdie, you haven't got your collar on!" she chided him with mild severity.

"No, dear," Mr. Isolate responded, reassuringly; not, however, daring to remove his eyes from his watch, lying open by his plate, "but I have it in my pocket, all right, with my cuffs and necktie and my sandwich. Amabel, I would put the student lamp under the stove to thaw out the water pipes."

"Very well. But gracious! I don't think you have time for another sandwich—have you, Ferdie?"

"It is for my pocket. I'll eat it on the train," Mr. Isolate replied.

"Oh, Ferdie. You ought to have a shave. This makes three days, now, you haven't!"

"I'm going to do it at noon at the office, dear. I have my razor, and there is warm water there. If that is little trouble moving about upstairs, have him come down and get under the table and lace my left shoe."

"It is only the new cook just getting up, love, Ferdinand, who is the whistler?" Mrs. Isolate cried, wildly.

"A. N. no, that is the foot of the 5:58 A. M. typewriters through express—so my watch is all right," her husband answered, after listening attentively a moment and regarding his watch sharply. "Button my vest, please, Amy."

"In a minute, dear. Have you taken your quinine capsule?"

"Yes, I took it with the last roll."

"Mr. Isolate kept his gaze so intently riveted upon his watch that the hands suddenly seemed stationary. He seized it and clapped it excitedly to his ear. "Pumpkin dusters! I thought it had stopped, but it hasn't," he exclaimed weakly, with his mouth full.

"Then that gives you all of six and three-fourths minutes, Ferdie," his wife returned, cheerfully.

"Yes, I'm lantern lighted, love!"

"No, I don't think you will need it this morning, my dear; the snow makes it seem quite light out, oh, Ferdinand! you have gotten on one regular shoe, and one patent leather one again in the dark!"

"Never mind, now love," Mr. Isolate returned, indifferently. "The arctic will cover them up. Only five minutes to run that three-minutes walk to the station! Good-by, dear." And seizing his pocket gun and slipping his watch into his ulster pocket with the sandwich, Mr. Isolate kissed his wife and hurried out into the morning twilight.—Puck.

GEN. GRANT'S "HAMMERING."

Those Who Criticized This Policy Were Stay-at-Homes.

General Horace Porter's "Campaigning With Grant," now running in "The Century," deals with the battle of Cold Harbor in the March issue. General Porter says:

"There were critics who were severe in their condemnation of what Grant called 'hammering' and Sherman 'mowing'; but they were found principally among the stay-at-homes, and especially among the men who sympathized with the enemy. A soldier said one night, when reading by a camp fire an account of a call issued by a disloyal newspaper at home for a public meeting that he had also called against the continued bloodshed in this campaign: 'Who's shedding this blood, anyhow? They better wait till we fellows down here

at the front holla, 'Enough!' The soldiers were as anxious as their commander to fight the war to a finish, and be allowed to return to their families and their business.

Grant could have effectually stopped the carnage at any time by withdrawing from battle. He could have avoided all bloodshed by remaining north of the Rapidan, trenching, and not moving against the enemy; but he was not placed in command of the armies for that purpose. It had been demonstrated by more than three years of campaigning that peace could be secured only by whipping and destroying the enemy. No one was more desirous of peace; no one was possessed of a heart more sensitive to every form of human suffering than the commander; but he realized that paper bullets were not effective in warfare; he knew better than to attempt to hew rocks with a razor; and he felt that in campaigning the hardest blows bring the quickest relief. He was aware that in Wellington's armies the annual loss from disease was 113 out of 1,000; in our Mexican war, 152; and in the Crimean, 300; and that in the campaigns thus far in our own war more men had died from sickness while lying in camp than from shot and shell in battle. He could not select his ground for fighting in this continuous siege of fortified lines; for, though he and his chief officers applied all their experience and skill in endeavors to maneuver the enemy out of strong positions before attacking him, his foe was often too able and wily to fall into the traps set for him, and had to be struck in positions which were far from Grant's choosing. When Lee stopped fighting the cause of secession was lost. If Grant had stopped fighting the cause of the Union would have been lost. He was assigned one of the most appalling tasks ever entrusted to a commander. He did his duty fearlessly to the bitter end, and triumphed. In thirteen months after Lincoln handed him his commission of Lieutenant-General, and entrusted to him the command of the armies, the war was virtually ended.

DR. YERSIN.

The Russian Scientist Who Has Discovered a Plague Antidote.

Dr. Yersin is the eminent Russian scientist who has discovered an antidote for the plague, now raging in Bombay. Upon its outbreak he went at once to the scene where the mysterious disease was working its ravages and began to experiment upon its victims.

MR. WILDMAN'S LECTURE.

Rounseville Wildman Tells of His Observations in the Malay Country.

Rounseville Wildman, editor of the "Overland Monthly," lectured before the Sacramento Lecture Association last evening at the Congregational Church to a good audience on "Malay and the Sultan of Johore." Mr. Wildman's official residence at Singapore as the representative of the United States Government, gave him superior opportunities to study Malay character and society and the customs and manners of so much of the Orient as is clustered about the Malay Archipelago.

Mr. Wildman spoke in an easy, conversational manner, without any effort at oratory. It was the pleasant and graphic recital of a cultured gentleman talking to his friends of strange lands. He gave a detailed description of the topography of the country over which the Sultan of Johore rules, of the character of the people, of the palace of the Sultan and its fittings, and some account of the architecture of the country generally.

He then rapidly described the characteristics of the people, told of the mixed races in the Sultanate and in Singapore, the relation of the British Government to the various regions, and came to personal analysis of the classes in Malay. He made very clear what are the physical characteristics of the people, their cast of countenance, their bearing, manner of dress in various walks of life, their domestic customs, etc.

He dwelt at some length upon the fittings of the Sultan's palace, and set forth very lucidly the magnificence of wealth in which the Sultan dwells; for instance, when in official costume he bears upon his garments no less than \$100,000 worth of diamonds and precious gems.

Types of female comeliness were described, against what pests the people have to contend, the extent of the territory of the Sultanate and its general character, pointed out that whereas in 1819 it was a country of unbroken fields, and the people were pirates in the main, now such has been the advance made that in comparison with our own country the progress of that Oriental spot is found to have equaled it.

Of the road systems he spoke frequently and enthusiastically, declaring that the roads are better than those of the regions dangerous to travelers because of tigers and other wild beasts, one will find perfect roads, well metalled and drained and kept in excellent repair. He could not but reflect with humiliation that in our own country, where the roads are everywhere so great, we have been slow to profit by the example of the Malay Government.

Mr. Wildman then had the auditorium darkened and presented upon a screen some very striking and large text of his views, illustrative of the things he had seen and these he described as they passed in review in a manner that excited the liveliest interest. In conclusion he exhibited a costly sarong or robe worn around the loins and dropping below the knees, a universal garment in the country of which he had talked so interestingly. He also exhibited a rich example of silver worn by gentlemen of rank and official station. The lecture was extremely interesting, was full of useful information, was ornate, scholarly and made an altogether charming entertainment.

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