

UNTANGLING THE LAW.

By Frederic J. Haskin.

Prominent teachers of the law throughout the country are urging that the time has come when the laws of the United States ought to be cleared of their uncertainties and their confusion.

Prof. Charles P. Sherman of Yale University calls attention to the fact that the output of new laws throughout the land now totals about 20,000 per annum, and to the fact that the number of reported decisions which modify or change former constructions of as many existing statutes.

He declares that the laws of the United States today are the most intolerable in the world, if not in all human history. And all because of the lack of uniformity.

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legislatures. They urge the states to work together in the enactment of uniform legislation where such action is necessary, and declare that if they fail to do so the Supreme Court of the United States will continue its gradual extension of federal control where state control has failed to conserve the interests of all the people.

Speaking broadly, there are three points of view in regard to the problem of uniform laws. Many agree with Prof. Sherman that the only cure for the confusion of our laws and court decisions is the codification of all business and private laws under the auspices of the federal government.

Others claim that an intelligently directed public opinion ultimately must result in co-ordinated action by the legislatures of all the states. The third group feels that there can be no uniform adjustment of the federal, state and state elements which compose our government, save through a complete reorganization of the government itself—something which no one believes expedient.

However, this group, which is small, agrees that changes are being made wherever the welfare of the business world is menaced. The big outstanding fact is that all agree on the necessity of uniform laws where the rights and interests of the whole people are at stake, and that considerable already has been done along this line.

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"RED LIGHTS" DOOMED IF WOMEN HAVE WAY

Local Committee Is Formed for the Elimination of Commercialized Vice.

A committee for the elimination of commercialized vice in the District is to be formed this afternoon at a meeting of the suffragists who made a trip through the city's red light district yesterday afternoon for the purpose of learning of conditions at first hand.

The meeting was held at 4:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Irving Miller, 1729 H street, northwest. The object of the committee is to obtain the speedy passage of the Kenyon red light bill by the House. The bill has already passed the Senate and the women say they intend to force it into the open in the House, so that it can be voted on.

The members of the committee who are to meet and organize this afternoon are Mrs. Miller, Miss Edith Goode, Miss Elsie Hill, Mrs. Jessie Hardy Stubbs and Miss Dora Stevens. With these women on the trip yesterday were Mrs. Thomas M. Hepburn of Connecticut and Mrs. Donald R. Hooker of Baltimore.

The women started their trip yesterday from the vicinity of the Municipal building and finished near the House office building. They did not enter any of the houses and merely observed their location in relation to government buildings.

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SCULPTOR SIMMONS DIES.

Designed the Equestrian Statue of Logan in This City.

ROME, December 8.—Franklin Simmons, a well known American sculptor, died suddenly here yesterday. Mr. Simmons was born at Webster, Me., in 1839. Since 1888 he had lived mostly in Rome. His work included about 140 portrait busts in marble, some fifteen public monuments, among them being a G. A. R. monument of Gen. Grant and an equestrian monument of Gen. Logan in Washington and numerous ideal statues. The sculptor was decorated three times by the King of Italy.

William A. Chanler Seriously Ill. NEW YORK, December 8.—William Astor Chanler, former representative, African explorer and author, is seriously ill in a hotel near Paris, suffering from injuries sustained about ten days ago in an automobile accident, according to advices received here. It is said that an operation on one of his legs will be necessary.

Lake Season Ends at Duluth. DULUTH, Minn., December 9.—With the departure of the Squire yesterday with grain and the Lakeland with package freight, and the arrival of the Munro with package freight, the marine season for the year 1913 came to an end.

Keel of New Navy Oil Tanker Laid. VALLEJO, CAL., December 9.—The keel of the new navy oil tanker Kanawha, to cost not in excess of \$1,000,000, was laid at the Mare Island navy yard yesterday. As soon as she is launched work will be begun on a sister ship, the Naumec.

Press of Paris Predicts Short Life for New French Cabinet. PARIS, December 9.—Senator Gaston Doumergue, acting on the request of President Poincaré, has succeeded in forming a new French cabinet.

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