

CHINESE GIRLS BRING HIGH PRICE OF \$3,000 WHILE SLAVE TRADE

Shocking Details of the Traffic Told in Report Submitted by Immigration Committee to Congress Today, Designating it as the Most Pitiful and Revolting Phase of the Whole Question -- Government Agents Recommended to Stamp Out the Evil.

(Special from United Press.)

Washington, Dec. 10.—A shocking story of the white slave traffic, its widespread influence, its degradation and its misery, is told in a report submitted by the immigration committee to Congress today. The committee is composed of three Senators and three Representatives with Senator Dillingham (Republican, New Hampshire), as chairman. They have had agents investigating the problem in all parts of the country since 1907. The report is a printed pamphlet of 60 pages. To illustrate the horrors of the traffic the facts in perhaps a score of cases are given in detail. Letters seized in raids that show the cold-blooded way in which dealers look upon the traffic are printed as an appendix to the report. The commission calls the traffic the "most pitiful and most revolting phase of the immigration question at Chicago."

It is "a slavery, rigid in its strictness and barbarous in its nature." While a majority of the women are believed by the commission to have lived improper lives abroad, evidence has been secured of large numbers of innocent girls turned to this country by promises of employment or of marriage and consigned to lives of slavery. They are held in subjection by threats of arrest, exposure of their disgrace to their parents and to their employers if they seek honest work, physical violence and by threats of death.

There is much co-operation among the slave owners but the commission failed to find evidence to support the charges made that a great corporation controls the traffic between this country and Europe. While the aggregate of importations is large it does not appear that a large sum has been brought in by any one person or corporation. The traffic has such a business-like basis that agents of the commission were able to report the price of French girls at Chicago and Omaha at from \$500 to \$1,400; Japanese girls at Seattle, for eastern shipment, \$300 for one or \$200 each for several, and Chinese girls at Seattle from \$2,000 to \$3,000 each.

In order to stamp out the evil, if possible, the commission recommends that government agents be stationed

at the principal foreign ports, that agents on shipboard watch for possible victims of the traffic and that a more thorough investigation than at present be made at landing ports in this country. The commission also recommends that the immigration laws be changed so that the alien women of ill-repute may be deported at any time, instead of within three years, as at present; that the women should serve prison terms before deportation; that there should be a penalty for perjury and that aliens should be required to stand the trial and place of their landing when they are held in deportation proceedings.

Commenting upon its work, the commission says: "As a result of the commission's investigations into violations of the immigration act, fines were forfeited and the women put into the United States treasury, through the United States District Attorney at Chicago, amounting to \$125,000. The city of it is that the money to pay fines had been earned, not by the worst criminals, but by their exploited victims."

The commission quotes an agent in Seattle, who, writing to a New York buyer regarding the sale of four Japanese girls, said: "I have just been to see the girls. They are fine, young and good looking. He has four of them but it seems they are in debt here to the extent of \$200 each. This money you will get back as the girls earn it. Mrs. will take all responsibility of these girls staying with you until all debts are paid and will sign an agreement to that effect."

A letter written in Paris asked a New York dealer as to the best means made that a great corporation controls the traffic between this country and Europe. While the aggregate of importations is large it does not appear that a large sum has been brought in by any one person or corporation.

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"THAD" BEECHER AND DR. C. L. BANKS IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

The Buick motor car owned by Dr. A. Lincoln Banks collided with a pile of stone and dirt near Westport center, Westport at 6 o'clock last evening and Thaddeus B. Beecher, business agent of the Interstate Association of this city was thrown out on his head into the stones and severely injured.

Dr. Banks was driving the machine and the steering wheel prevented him from being thrown out Mr. Beecher, however, was tossed over the dash and hood of the car and landed where he was covered by a huge pile of stones.

Dr. Banks made an examination of Mr. Beecher and found that he had a severe scalp wound, a number of bruises and was suffering from shock. As the radiator of his car was smashed and the machine overturned, generally the doctor secured another automobile and hurried his wounded companion to this city.

A despatch from Norwalk stated that

Mr. Beecher was rendered unconscious but Dr. Banks denied that today. He stated that Mr. Beecher was resting as comfortably as could be expected and that no serious results were expected.

Dr. Banks stated that the cause of the accident was the failure of contractor engaged in repairing the road to place lights on a pile of stone and sand.

After the accident the lights were placed at the dangerous spot. The scene of the accident is just south of Westport center where a number of serious automobile accidents have occurred. There is a long iron fence at the point and the automobile containing the Bridgeporters skidded into a guard rail which is beside the trolley tracks on the Connecticut Co.

It is quite likely that the accident will result in a suit against either the company of Westport or the Connecticut Co.

It will cost Dr. Banks several hundred dollars to put his car in condition again.

PHENIX MADE BIG LOANS TO STATE OFFICERS

(Special from United Press.)

New York, Dec. 10.—The element given out yesterday by Robert H. Hunter, postmaster at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., but formerly first deputy in the state superintendent of insurance, that he had never borrowed any money from the Phenix insurance company of B. O. Kelly, but he had borrowed \$50,000 from George P. Sheldon, the deposed head of the company was today denied by Superintendent Hotchkiss of the Insurance Department. According to a statement given out this afternoon by Hotchkiss, Hunter, while still in the insurance department, borrowed \$50,000 from the Phenix, but paid back about \$27,000 up to October 15, 1906. The other \$23,000 was paid back on October 20, the check being signed by Carter, Wilder & Company, New York brokers, with whom Mr. Sheldon ran a personal account and all of Hunter's collateral was turned over to the brokers when they took up his loan.

Hotchkiss declares the books of the Phenix show that the company, and not Sheldon, made the loan. Hotchkiss adds that the question is not whether the loans were repaid, but whether they were made to an officer of the state charged with the supervision of the insurance companies.

Hotchkiss' statement declares that there is no question of the illegality of the loans of \$61,000 made to William H. Buckley, then third deputy insurance superintendent. He declares that Section 2 of the insurance law prohibiting such loans, was in force when Buckley was in the State De-

U. M. C. CO., UNFURLS FLAG FROM HIGHEST POINT IN PARK CITY

(Special from United Press.)

The company flag of the Union Metallic Cartridge Co. is now flying from the top of the highest building in Bridgeport, the handsome new factory building and shot tower erected on Arctic street at Pauline street, is 130 ft. from the ground to the peak of the 20 ft. flagstaff which can be seen from almost every part of the city.

The new building is one of the handsomest factory structures in the city. It is of red brick trimmed with white stone. The 160 ft. brick stack of the company which stands alongside of the plant is declared by brick masons to be the tallest beauty because of its graceful lines.

At the annual meeting of John P. Rogers council, Knights of Columbus, the following officers were elected: Past Grand Knight, Daniel P. Harrigan; Grand Knight, William Flynn; Deputy Grand Knight, Dr. Edward P. McKeown; Financial Secretary, E. J. Connelly; Recording Secretary, Alexander Macdonald; Warden, J. W. Ryan; Chancellor, P. W. Murray; representatives to the Bridgeport chapter, D. P. Harrigan, J. J. Scanlon, Henry P. Cleary, John H. Tague, and James Garrity.

MEYER SUPPORTS GREENE

Republican Alderman Declares That Tax Equalization, Though Betrayed by Leaders, is a Republican Measure.

Asks Taxpayers' League Why it Spends Thousands to Prevent a Lawful Expenditure of a Few Thousand Dollars Annually and Violently Resents Effort to Stop Unlawful Drain on City's Resources, Amounting to \$600,000 Annually.

Alderman Eugene I. Meyer replies to the open letter addressed to him by H. E. Brewster, secretary of the Manufacturers' Association and of the Taxpayers' League.

Mr. Meyer declares that the tax equalization is a Republican policy, as well as a Democratic policy. That the movement for tax equalization is therefore non-partisan and that a tax equalization plank ought to have been inserted in the League's program. Mr. Meyer points out that Alderman Thomas O'Brien first called attention to the need of tax equalization in 1907 and that in the same year Republicans and Democrats each made a part of their party declarations of principle.

Alderman Meyer pays some attention to the threat, made in covert language by Mr. Greene, that the League will attempt to secure his defeat as an alderman, should he seek a re-election. The letter follows: Mr. M. E. Brewster-Greene, Secretary Taxpayers' League, Bridgeport, Conn.

Dear Sir—In the open letter about freemen's pay increase which you sent to me, you say you are only secretary pro-tem of the Taxpayers' League, but that you are not even a taxpayer. This leaves me in doubt as to whether you attempt to represent yourself or the league.

But since you say you are not a taxpayer and are at least secretary of the league, I shall take it for granted that you did not attempt as an individual to prevent the enactment of a law, but that you spoke officially for the league.

It happens that I am a taxpayer in Bridgeport as well as an Alderman and that after listening attentively to the reasons advanced by the league as to why I should vote against the increase, I offered reasons that made it seem to me that I was listening to the views of a most insulting character and a threat.

What possible justification can the league have for its statement that my letter was not "frank"; that is, not an honest presentation of my actual views?

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DENMARK LODGE OF DANISH BROTHERHOOD IS 20 YEARS OLD

Denmark Lodge, No. 37, Danish Brotherhood, celebrated its 20th anniversary with a banquet and ball at Germania hall last evening. The affair was exclusively for members and their families. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Petersen led the band and were followed by one hundred couples. At 10 o'clock a turkey supper was served in the banquet hall. President Myrnes then through you no exact at meeting in the banquet hall. The evening was acceptably, welcoming the guests. Among those who spoke were the charter president of the lodge, Mr. Andrew Billing, and Christine Nollen and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Petersen.

Twenty years ago this lodge started with 21 members. Today it has 125 members with several thousand dollars in the treasury, and is one of the foremost lodges in the Brotherhood.

Edwin Lyons of Trumbull made application for \$50 which is allowed those who give information which leads to the capture of a horse thief. Lyons gave the information which caused Joe Fisher of Westport to be sentenced to jail this week for horse theft. Lyons told the court that one morning he was accosted by Fisher who asked him if he wanted to buy the outfit which he was driving, offering to sell for \$25. Lyons told him all the money he had with him was \$2 which Fisher accepted, on condition that Lyons would buy a horse for him the afternoon. Lyons promised to meet Fisher at the end of the North Main street trolley line in the afternoon. Lyons believed that there was something crooked in the deal, "phoned the police in this city. Captain Arnold arrested Fisher while sitting on a log at tie in Main street waiting for Lyons. Fisher stole the horse from Mrs. Dollie Crosby in Westport and traded it in this city for another rig.

PARENTS' TESTIMONY PROVES MISS McNEIL COMMITTED SUICIDE

New Haven County Coroner Reaches Conclusion in Case of Stratford Girl Who Turned on Gas in Room of New Haven Y. W. C. A. -- Said She Would Die if She Did Not Find Work.

Annie McNeil, aged 22, often said that she would end her life if she did not find work that she could do. Her statement she frequently made to her parents, respectable people of Stratford. They so testified before Coroner Mix in New Haven this morning. Coroner Mix is satisfied that the young woman met her death by suffocation with gas and that death was by her own will.

Miss McNeil was well known in Stratford. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert McNeil, have lived in the village for 50 years. There had been a woman met her death by suffocation with gas and that death was by her own will.

Miss McNeil appeared at the Y. W. C. A. in New Haven and asked for a room. This was on Monday. She was assigned to her in a house next door. She retired at the usual hour Tuesday night and at 8:30 yesterday morning when she did not appear in the dining room, one of the people in the residence went to her room and found it filled with gas. One of the jets was open and the gas was flowing freely into the room. There was no ventilation sufficient to release the gas which had killed the girl. She was in bed.

Her body has been removed to the McNeil home. The funeral will take place tomorrow.

LONG TERMS IN PRISON FOR TWO BOLD HIGHWAYMEN

Judge Wheeler Adds to Tenancy of the State Penitentiary.

Salvatore Lemma and Bania Salvatore, the two Italians, who on Nov. 29th last held up with intent to rob Malcolm Merritt, paymaster and treasurer of the J. O. Merritt Construction Co., at the Greenwich works at Greenwich and fired upon him with almost fatal results, were this morning each sentenced to not more than 14 or less than 10 years in state's prison.

Judge Ralph Wheeler in the Superior court. It was learned today that another Italian who went by the name of 236 at the Greenwich works and arrested yesterday in New Rochelle, being suspected as the third member of the party that held Merritt up. He is held in the town jail.

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WAITED 10 YEARS FOR GEORGE; HE ATE AND WENT

Barbara Aquilino, a pretty young daughter of sunny Italy, residing in Hallett street, was the plaintiff this afternoon in a suit for divorce brought by her husband, Bernard Aquilino, against her husband, Bernard Aquilino, who had deserted her for three weeks. Yesterday the girl told Carotenuto that she had lost her affection for him and that they would not be married. He tried to persuade her to alter her decision on the subject. Failing in this, he used his razor with terrible effect.

The youth was arrested and is being held pending the outcome of the girl's injuries.

EARTHQUAKE AT HAMILTON

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 10.—A sharp earthquake tremor was felt here shortly before 1:30 a. m. today. People throughout the city were awakened. The Dominion Observatory says it was of a local character.

NAUGHTY GIRL SAID MATRON HILL GOT \$2

Story of Pretty Annie Lahey of Alleged Gift is Promptly Investigated and Found to be Untrue -- Annie Has Large Record for Sweet Sixteen.

Pretty Annie Lahey, otherwise known as Annie Lee, is reported to have accused Matron Hill of accepting \$2 from her before she was released from a cell at police headquarters. The statement is reported to have been made to Mrs. Matthew H. McMahon, a friend of the girl's. The story spread like wildfire about headquarters, and created excitement. The police scout of the story, but an investigation was made. The police are now satisfied that the girl was lying. Matron Hill denies the charge flatly.

The Lahey girl is 15 years of age and pretty. She was taken upon complaint of her mother, Mrs. Marcella Lahey, who is employed at the home of Dr. Thomas Martin. She has been in the County Home for incorrigibility. She lived with Mrs. McMahon in this city for a few weeks, until she planned to go to New York, where she was to meet a man. The plan was discovered before it was carried out. She will be sent to the House of the Good Shepherd, this afternoon. Mrs. McMahon says that she will take her back if she is a good girl at the home.

She ran away yesterday afternoon while walking with Matron Hill and went to New Haven by trolley. She was arrested by the New Haven police and returned to this city this morning. She said she went away because she did not want to be sent back to the home "for nothing."

Although cleared of the accusation Mrs. Hill feels the imputation keenly, after her years of good service at police headquarters.

DISCARDED YOUTH SLASHES FIANCEE

(Special from United Press.)

Shelton, Dec. 10.—Mad because she decided not to marry him although their engagement was one of long standing, an Italian youth, Dominick Carotenuto, today overtook his fiancée, Lizzie Cuterelli, the belle of the small local Italian colony, on Howe street, the main thoroughfare of the town, and slashed her so severely about the face with a razor that it is possible she may die.

The youth was arrested and is being held pending the outcome of the girl's injuries.

(UNCLASSIFIED.)

MEN'S sewed oak soles and heels 90c. at the Sterling. a

LADIES' sewed oak soles and heels 60c. at the Sterling. a

FOR SALE—Low down milk wagon good as new; bargain. Fowler Clark, Milford, Tel. 92-3. T 10 b * o

BUCKINGHAM'S ELECTION MAKES ASSESSORS BUSY

No More Ardent Converts to Tax Equalization Than the Members of Board of Assessors Are Now, It is Said.

What it means to the people of Bridgeport to have an administration that means business is indicated by the announcement that the Board of Assessors has jumped into the effort to equalize taxes with an energy that has not been displayed by that board in many years.

The Standard makes this announcement and it is partly true. The Standard also severely criticizes the Tax Equalization committee of which Lynn W. Wilson is a member, for its alleged delinquency in promoting tax equalization. Nevertheless this committee, well informed persons understand, has furnished most of the evidence upon which common knowledge of the enormous disparities in the tax rates of some and some other forms of property is based.

It has also furnished a large portion of the information necessary to the formation of a sound public opinion upon this point.

Together with the victory won by Mayor Buckingham and his committee is responsible for the real tax reform which is now to be accomplished, and for the extraordinary activity of the Board of Assessors of which the Standard boasts.

Few people know the immense amount of labor that has been performed by the Tax Equalization committee, nor the disagreeable attacks to which its members have been subjected by interests desiring that its work should not continue.

Said a member of the committee this morning: "It is good news, if it is true, that the assessors are now awake to the disparities in valuation of the several classes of property in the city. The work needs to be done and there is enough of it to go round. The assessors should be encouraged in every possible way to perform their duty. Nothing should be done to discourage them."

TO RENT—5 or 6 rooms, all improvements. 44 Third St. T 10 s * p

TO RENT—Store and four rooms. Corner Railroad and Hancock Sts. Enquire 128 West ave. T 10 b * o

TO RENT—A flat of 5 rooms, all improvements, newly done over. 609 Atlantic St. T 10 b * o

COMFORT CORN PLASTERS—You've got to have now try the best. J. N. McNamara, East Main St. H 29 * t f o

ATTEND THE FIFTH ANNUAL masquerade ball of the "Band" Friday evening, Dec. 10, at Eagles' hall. Music by Wheeler & Wilson orchestra. T 9 b * o

LOST—A gold pocketbook on Wednesday, the 8th, marked on outside "J. B. H." on inside "Queens B. Hall." Liberal reward offered if returned to K. W. McNeil, 1001 Fairfield Ave. T 9 s * o

TO RENT—6 rooms all improvements \$22. 1688 Irulanian ave. T 7 r * o

WANTED—Girl for general housework in small family. 123 Myrtle Ave. T 8 b * o

LOST—Thursday morning, mink muff in Public Market or on Main St. to Howland's. Reward, 298 Pembroke St. T 8 b * o

CORNET LESSONS.—The course embraces single, double and triple tonguing. For terms address L. S. Lorian, Vernon, cornet soloist, Wheeler & Wilson Band. Address 65 Ann street. T 8 d * o

TO RENT—Store and four rooms. Corner Railroad and Hancock Sts. Enquire 128 West ave. T 10 b * o

MEN'S whole soles and heels \$1.25, the best way to have your shoes repaired, at the Sterling, 275 State St. a

EVEN THOUGH your heart is big, don't be foolish, go where you get the same articles for less money, at O'Neill's. a

FOR SALE—Beautiful upright mahogany piano. Will be sold at once. F. Potch Piano Co., 344 Noble Ave. T 10 t * o

FOR SALE—Square piano \$10, tuned and moved free. Violin \$5, cost \$12. Cello \$15. F. Potch Piano Co., 344 Noble Ave. T 10 t * o

DOLLS' HOSPITAL—Dolls repaired, missing parts supplied. Meyerman's Oriental Rug Store, 143 Golden Hill St. T 7 s * o

TO RENT—Three rooms, 16 Sheridan St., \$8.50, above the Arctic street bridge. T 10 b * p

NELSON'S NATIONAL CAFE, opp. Railroad Station, are serving hot refreshments every day during the cold weather. Roast beef tomorrow. T 10 a * p

FOR SALE—Violin, cellos, violas, bass violas. Prices from \$5 up. Sold on easy payments. Instruments taken in exchange. Potch Piano Co., 344 Noble Ave. T 10 t * o

TO RENT—Five rooms, 269 Bunnell street, rent \$11. Call at Luke Lamb's market on premises. T 7 r * o

FOR SALE—Two more square pianos only \$10 each. We need the room. The M. Steiner & Sons Co., 915 Main St. T 7 r * o

ONE AEOLIAN COMPANY mahogany Anolian with bench and rolls. All as good as new, \$100. Easy payments if desired. The M. Steiner & Sons Co., 915 Main St. T 7 r * o

ELEGANT UPRIGHT PIANO, powerfull tone. Big bargain to quick buyer, \$80. The M. Steiner & Sons Co., 915 Main St. T 7 r * o

TO RENT—4 room flats, improvements, Newfield avenue near Stratford avenue. \$10 month. Inquire at 1125 Main St. Wittstein's Jewelry Store. T 6 d * ps

BIG BARGAINS.—Four upright pianos in the very best condition, fine tone, \$150, \$165, \$175. Steiner's guarantee. Easy payment if desired. The M. Steiner & Sons Co., 915 Main St. T 7 r * o

FOR RENT.—Six room flat, 1st floor, all improvements for small family. Rent 13 dollars. 171 Orchard St. T 6 d * p

CONSTIPATED? Bloating? Sick Headache? Casca Laxative Tablets knock them all. T 6 * o

TO RENT—Apartments at 202 Golden Hill St. Seven rooms and bath. Enquire 1125 Main St. Steiner's guarantee of owner, 41 Washington Ave. T 3 * t f o

FOR SALE—Block of 40 rooms, rent for \$136 per year. Good paying property and a widow can't take care of same. Address Farmer office. T 1 t f o

TYPEWRITING — Mimeographing, Notary Public, Seals, 108 Meigs Bldg. F 17 tto

TO RENT.—Desk room with roll top desk. 416 Warner Building. T 1 t f o

BRIDGEPORT Housecleaning Bureau. Ashes, rubbish removed. 421 Newfield avenue. Telephone 1315-5. Ralph L. Miller, Prop. G 3 tto

FOR SALE.—Single house, 7 rooms, good bargain. Leave your address at Farmer Office. H 27 * t f o

FOR SALE.—Here is a chance to make money, 4 family house, 20 rooms, rents \$900 per year. Leave your address at Farmer Publishing Co., office. H 27 * t f o

L. C. SMITH, Underwood, Monarch, Oliver, Remington Typewriters for sale or rent. 156 Fairfield Ave. H 21 * t * o

A FINE combination piano and Angelus attachment cheap. Also upright piano \$50; square \$15. Dial & Lee Music Co., 84 Cannon St. H 19 * t f o

BEAUTIFUL new upright piano \$160. Angelus cabinet and piano, almost new. H. B. Dial & Lee Music Co., 84 Cannon St. H 19 * t f o

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BRIDGEPORT HOUSEKEEPERS. We want you to know that we have no solicitor representing us in Bridgeport but that any furniture or department store will take orders for all work done by us and guarantee satisfaction. Consult your local dealer before sending your old feather beds out to be made into folding feather mattresses. Folding Mattress Co., New Haven, Conn., forms Ave., Bridgeport. H 18 * t f o