

UNDERWORLD IN NEW YORK WANTS GIRLS PROTECTED

Keepers of Houses Declare Guarding of Innocents Is Aided by Women of Demi-monde

"GIVE US A CHANCE; WE WILL ASSIST!"

Remarkable Letters Received by Legislators Are Made Public

ALBANY, N. Y., March 20.—A cry from the outcast of the underworld, pleading for an opportunity to cooperate in the efforts being made to solve the social evil question, is voiced in letters to the special legislative committee appointed to draft remedial police legislation for New York city.

Senator Wagner, chairman of the committee, made public tonight several letters received from women of the underworld who insist that they can assist the city if permitted to cooperate in their own way toward restricting and segregating the social evil.

These women also declare that the time has come when New York should at least handle the subject practically and sensibly, and "not make any attempt to drive unfortunate women from homes that give annoyance to no one, to the streets and to the gutters, and to help swell the army of street walkers who have no regard for their own physical condition, nor the health of the people in whose midst they circulate."

HUNGRY SOUL SELLERS

One woman wrote: "I am representing thousands upon thousands of unfortunate girls that are without homes. Some are working for starvation wages. Some are selling their souls to keep off starvation and cold. These women are much like other women. My experience is that the out-cast women of society have a code of morals and are honest in the majority. The better half would be surprised to know of the self-sacrifices that many of these women make for those that are dependent upon them for sustenance, and almost every girl has one or more dependent upon her for support."

"I have had girls in my house who have had royal blood in their veins. Many of them were the descendants of the best families in Europe and America; some were the daughters of well known clergymen of Chicago, Philadelphia, New York and Boston. The army of 'the fallen' is recruited from all ranks of society, including the daughters of the elect."

HOW TO PREVENT GRAFT

"If you wish to get rid of graft in the police department for all time to come," wrote another woman, "remove the police department from all temptation. Take the social evil out of the police department entirely. "Should a young girl come to us with the intention of leading that life, we could save her from going farther by taking care of her and persuading her, and giving her a little purse, which we have done so many times, and send her home to her parents without publicity and before it is too late."

CHILD'S HOPES DASHED

Not My Mamma, Cries Deserted Lad

Mrs. Rhoda Hitchcock, who disappeared from the Hotel Argonaut Monday night, abandoning her two children.



Little Harold Hitchcock Still at Detention Home, Suffers Disappointment

Little Harold Hitchcock was sorely disappointed yesterday when policemen took him from the detention home to the central emergency hospital to see a woman thought to be Mrs. Rhoda Hitchcock, who deserted her two children at the Hotel Argonaut in a strange manner Monday night.

WORKMAN SUES THE HOLTS

James W. Kessler Wants Damages From Manufacturing Co. for Injuries (Special Dispatch to The Call) STOCKTON, March 20.—James W. Kessler today filed suit against the Holt Manufacturing company for \$20,383.45 damages, because of injuries sustained November 29, 1912, when 1,800 pounds of sheet iron fell on him while employed on one of the company's drays. He alleges he has not been able to work since.

HENRY J. O'BRIEN DEAD

Father of Panama-Pacific Official Expires in Boston, Says Dispatch (Special Dispatch to The Call) CHICAGO, March 20.—Word was received in this city today of the death in Boston of Henry J. O'Brien, father of Florence J. O'Brien, secretary of the Panama-Pacific Exposition company of San Francisco. O'Brien was a pioneer in the furniture business and was probably the first to take Grand Rapids furniture to New England.

CURRENCY REFORM MAY BE TAKEN UP IN EXTRA SESSION

President Is Encouraged by Rapid Progress Made in the Bill for Tariff Revision

APPOINTMENTS UP TO CABINET TODAY

Bryan Told Not to Cut Vacation Because of Huntington Wilson's Resignation

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Encouraged by the rapid progress already made in the preparation of a tariff revision bill, close friends of President Wilson predicted tonight that currency reform measures would be brought before the extra session of congress. The president talked informally with some of his callers about the prospects for currency legislation. They went away convinced that while the president would devote himself first and foremost to tariff revision, he now hoped that at least a start on monetary reform, if not actual legislation, would be possible in the extra session.

From the first, the president has believed in the necessity for immediate currency reform.

Wilson to Stay in Washington The president intends to stay in Washington throughout the extra session, giving every attention to legislative matters. The cabinet will meet tomorrow, when the question of recess appointments today of Huntington Wilson as assistant secretary of state leaves the state department under charge of Alva Ade, second assistant secretary of state. It is probable, however, that there will be a recess appointment of John Bassett Moore as counselor to the state department tomorrow so that he can co-operate with Mr. Ade in running the department. The president telegraphed Secretary Bryan that he need not cut short his vacation on account of Assistant Secretary Huntington Wilson's withdrawal.

WAS LONG STRING OF CALLERS

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BRYAN LAUDS CHINA POLICY OF WILSON

DES MOINES, Ia., March 20.—Secretary of State William J. Bryan tonight declared that he was entirely in sympathy with President Wilson in the latter's attitude on the proposed Chinese loan. He declared also that he was unable to agree with what former Assistant Secretary Huntington Wilson had to say concerning the "six power agreement."

The representatives of a group of bankers were heard and the matter was considered by the president," said Mr. Bryan. "The principles involved were such that it did not require any great length of time for the president to understand and act upon them."

The assistant secretary, Huntington Wilson, handed in his resignation when President Wilson took the oath of office and expected to sail for Europe last Tuesday. Having to leave the city for a few days, I asked him to delay his departure until I returned. This he consented to do, but he seems to have felt that the change of policy prevented his remaining. He looked at the Chinese loan proposition from the same standpoint that former President Taft and the late Secretary Knox did. I am confident that China will rejoice at our nation's attitude."

MAP MISSION CAMPAIGN

Nation Wide Movement to Be Launched in March, 1914

NEW YORK, March 20.—A united missionary campaign, defined as "a comprehensive and sustained effort to lead the whole church to the discharge of its total missionary duty," will be conducted through the co-operation of foreign missionary boards of North America and the Home Mission council, embracing the home missionary boards, it was announced today.

A nation wide simultaneous campaign for home and foreign missions will be undertaken in March, 1914. The campaign was mapped out by a joint committee of 20 and will be carried on by a central committee authorized by joint boards. Bishop Arthur S. Lloyd of the Protestant Episcopal board is chairman and Dr. H. C. Herring of the Congregational Home society vice chairman of the central committee.

SUSPECTS UNDER ARREST

Jack Benson and Jake Gardner in the County Jail After Murder of Greek

MARYSVILLE, March 20.—Jack Benson and Jake Gardner are in the county jail, held as suspects in connection with the murder February 14 of Harry Karnegas, a Greek saloon keeper. The saloon man's body was found in Oak alley, back of his saloon. According to the police, Benson told a bar tender in another saloon that he killed Karnegas because the Greek had hit him over the head with a club.

FOUND GUILTY AS SLAYER

Texas Convicted of Murder in Second Degree at Willows

WILLOWS, March 20.—William Elmore of Corsicana, Texas, was found guilty today of murder in the second degree for the killing of Fred Polio in a saloon here four months ago. This was Elmore's second trial. He pleaded self-defense.

Golden Jubilee Planned Societies to Aid School

Literary and Musical Feast by St. Mary's College for March 25

With the Lenten season at its close a number of entertainments are being arranged by the 100 centers about the bay organized to assist in the raising of the big golden jubilee fund of St. Mary's college, Oakland. The first of these affairs will be an entertainment of musical and literary numbers to take place in the Knights of Columbus hall by St. Anthony's center on Tuesday evening, March 25. The entertainment is in charge of Mrs. B. Richardson, assisted by Mrs. J. Murphy, Mrs. M. McCarthy, Mrs. J. Costello, Mrs. J. McIntee and Mrs. Dan McCarthy.

On March 30 an all day bay excursion will be held, the arrangements for which are being made by Mrs. P. E. Hunt, assisted by Mrs. J. O'Brien, Miss Josie Hunt and Miss Grace O'Brien. The excursion will start from the Mission street wharf at 9:30 o'clock, taking in Hunters point, Yerba Buena



PAIDRE JUNIPERO SERRA MEMORIAL

Centennial of the Mission Founder Occasion for Celebration

island, the quarantine station, Alcatraz island and the Marin shore points. There will be music and dancing on board. One of the largest of the entertainments will be a musical and literary program to be given by Sacred Heart center on the evening of April 4 in Santa Maria hall, Knights of Columbus building. The music will be under the direction of Miss Rosario di Noia, assisted by Prof. Karl Scherstein of Sacred Heart college and the Di Nola orchestra. Miss Alyce Levy will act as violin soloist and Miss Loretta O'Neil will render the vocal solos. The leaders of the center who are making arrangements number Anna E. Murphy, head of the center, assisted by Miss May Reynolds, Miss Mary McCarthy, Loretta O'Neil and Leonilda di Nola.

MIDDLE WEST FREEZES, NO RELIEF IN SIGHT

Havre, Mont., Coldest Place in United States With Temperature 22 Degrees Below Zero

(Special Dispatch to The Call) CHICAGO, March 20.—The middle west in the grip of a severe cold wave and snow storms tonight with no relief in immediate prospect. In Montana, Wyoming and North Dakota, conditions are most severe. At Havre, Mont., the temperature was 22 degrees below zero today, making it the coldest place in the United States. In northwestern Wyoming it was 12 degrees below. The cold wave and the snow storm were headed east, but were blocked temporarily tonight by a storm in Arkansas. In the east the weather continued moderately warm during the past 24 hours.

RICHES WON AFTER YEARS

Widow of Iron Range Discoverer at Last Gets Part of Property

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 20.—Nineteen years after the death of her first husband, Cassius M. Merritt, one of the discoverers of the Minnesota iron range, his widow, now Mrs. Eliza M. Arnold of California, today was awarded by the supreme court damages amounting approximately to one-fourth of the value of a rich forty-acre tract in the range district. The case was one in which Mrs. Arnold sued Hansen E. Smith, charging that he gained possession of the land while acting in his capacity as administrator with full knowledge that the land was of value, although the estate had been declared insolvent. The supreme court's decision today was an affirmation of the lower court's finding.

DUTIES LOWERED ON CITRUS FRUIT

Tariff on Wines Increased While Sugar Goes on Free List

Details of Tariff Bill Leak Out at Capital of the Country

By IRA E. BENNETT (Special Dispatch to The Call)

WASHINGTON, March 20.—A duty of half a cent has been placed on lemons in the tariff bill, which has been completed by the democratic ways and means committee. The duties on wines have been slightly increased, and this is the only benefit that will be derived by California from the new tariff bill. On everything else the state comes out at the short end of the horn. There has been a deep cut on all citrus fruits. Sugar has been placed on the free list, and the expectation is that it will go through the senate without change.

DETAILS LEAK OUT Despite the precautions taken by the members of the ways and means committee to keep any of the provisions of the new bill from leaking to the public The Call correspondent obtained the definite information regarding the new California has fared in the new bill. Drastic as the tariff bill now is "progressives" in the house and senate are already raising the cry that the protection democrats "have got in their work and that the democratic party is being betrayed."

BILL IS COMPROMISE

It became known tonight that the tariff bill as it stands was not the result of a straight up and down fight in the ways and means committee, the majority vote determining each scale of duties, but was the result of a compromise all along the line, one member voting for what another member wanted in order to get what he wanted himself. In this way the committee was brought to a close unanimous agreement. The "progressives" in the house are now charging that the following protection was obtained for the various items named by the following members of the ways and means committee:

PROTECTION DUTIES RETAINED

Hammond of Minnesota—A protection duty on grain, butter, cabbage and flour. Shackelford of Missouri—A duty on wool, zinc and lead. Palmer of Pennsylvania—A duty on coal. Garner of Texas—A duty on mohair, cattle and onions. Kitchen of North Carolina—A re-arrangement of the lumber schedule so that certain exemptions would be made from the free lumber provision. In each of these cases, it is charged, the members obtained a certain amount of protection for industries in their own states, which, in the eyes of some democrats, is a heinous offense.

BIG PROJECT COMPLETED

Governor Johnson Invited to Attend Formal Opening of Irrigation Dam

SACRAMENTO, March 20.—The people of the South San Joaquin Irrigation district a project representing an outlay of \$4,000,000, came to Sacramento today and invited Governor Hiram W. Johnson, members of the legislature and other state officials to attend the formal opening of the dam that impounds water to be used in the district, Sunday, April 6. The party, composed of delegates from Ripon, Escalon, Manteca and Lathrop, was 150 strong and came in 30 automobiles.

TECHAU TAVERN WILL PRESENT MARY GARDEN PERFUME

to all lady patrons tomorrow afternoon.

The Hurried Lunch for today, price 50c, will consist of Creamed Fresh Crab Meat a la Newberg.

Asparagus Tips au Gratin. Special Baked Potato a la Duchess. Combination Salad.

Viennese Rolls. German Apple Cake with Charlotte Russe. Small Black Coffee.

Advertisement for The Daily and Sunday San Francisco Call, offering an entire year for \$6.00 by mail, cash in advance. Includes coupon for subscription and a list of items for sale.

Advertisement for The Embroiduring Basement Salesroom, featuring new arrivals in the sale of men's shirts, fresh and new coat style pleated shirts, in white ground, with neat stripe or figured effects. Colors are fast and the percale of the best quality. The cuffs are attached. In all sizes from 14 to 17 1/2. (Baseball.) 69c