

CHURCH SEES
DRESS AIDING
SOCIAL EVILSPresbyterian Women Are
Called Upon to Eschew
Modern Style.

COMMITTEE IN REPORT

Neither Recognition Nor Regu-
lation for White Slave Traf-
fic Recommendation.Chicago, Ill., May 20.—"No tolera-
tion; no regulation; no recognition."This is the suggested slogan of the
Presbyterian church to be presented to
the 128th general assembly here to-
morrow in the report of the special
committee on white slave traffic.The report estimates that there are
100,000 prostitutes in the United
States, and that a far greater number
are unchaste. Contributing factors
in this condition are the fashions,
dances, the theatre, literature and ig-
norance. The principal remedy sug-
gested is the enlightened training of
the young.The report was prepared by Paul R.
Hickok, John Balcom Shaw, John Ken-
nedy, Winfield Scott Hall and J. M. T.
Finney. Excerpts follow:

"Our committee is directed to con-
sider 'the enormous violation of the
Seventh Commandment involved in the
traffic.' This is not a matter calling
for statistics, with all the mental con-
fusion that must result from long state-
ments of appalling figures. But that the
extent of the traffic in human
bodies for purposes of lust and greed
is 'enormous,' as described in the as-
sembly's resolution, is terribly evident
upon only slight investigation. The
vice commission of Chicago, Ill., ap-
pointed by the city council in 1910, has
made a most thorough survey of these
conditions in that one city. In Chi-
cago alone, the commission reported
that there are at least 10,000 women
who devote their time wholly to the
business of prostitution. The condi-
tions in that city are not believed to
be worse than in most cities of the
country."

No Way to Estimate.

"This figure did not include, of course,
the much vaster army of persons lead-
ing impure lives, guilty of occasional
immoral relations, being supported
wholly or in part by their occasional
earnings, or engaging in occasional im-
morality not for profit, but from de-
sire. There is no possible way of esti-
mating this larger number, but the
word 'enormous' seems scarcely ade-
quate to describe the conditions known
to be present."

"If the ratio existing in Chicago may
be taken as anything like an accurate
index to that prevailing throughout
this country, it seems entirely safe to
assert that at least 100,000 persons are
devoting their time wholly to this un-
thinkable iniquity in the United
States, and it is most probable that
the number is very much larger. Most
students of the problem would place
the figure two or three times as high."

Stimulates Curiosity.

On the much-discussed subject of
education in matters of sex the report
has this to say:

"The methods of greatest wisdom
and largest efficiency are still to be
discovered. But it is the belief of your
committee that hitherto a large ma-
jority of those persons responsible for
the education, guidance and nature
of youth have followed an unfortunate
course regarding the great sacred
truths of life. This course has been
one of silence and mysticism as a rule.
This attitude on the part of parents
and teachers of youth has the psycho-
logical effect of stimulating curiosity,
with the almost universal result that
children acquire distorted viewpoints
and morbid misconceptions of great
truths that rightly understood from
the first, would engender feelings of
reverence for life and respect for all
life processes. There seems, therefore,
but one rational course for earnest-
minded Christians to follow. That
course is to answer the natural ques-
tions of their children freely, frankly,
fully, sincerely and sympathetically."

"Speaking of factors in the increase
of the social evil 'which are now as-
suming alarming proportions,' the re-
port says:

"One of these appears in the vulgar
tendency of modern fashion. Our
'standards,' we remember, expressly
forbid all 'immodest apparel.' Today
many of our women are going to such
extremes of dress as to shock even the
least prudish, and open American wom-
anhood to the charge of a complete for-
feiture of modesty. The unfortunate
side of it all is, that the women of the
church, whose most conspicuous adorn-
ment is supposed to be meekness, are
quite as guilty of this offense as are
women who make no religious profes-
sions. Until our Christian women can
be made to see what mischief is being
done by such a reckless abandon to
the follies of fashion, there can be lit-
tle hope of stemming this evil tide. We
call the women of our Presbyterian

AMERICAN CONSUL
MEXICAN PRISONER

John R. Silliman.

John R. Silliman is the American
consul whose imprisonment by the
Mexicans has been agitating the
state department. Assurances by the
Brazilian minister in Mexico City
that he is safe and will be sent to
Vera Cruz have been received.

church to a practical separation of
themselves from these tendencies of
our times, and exhort them to be at
this point examples to their sisters,
lending their voice and influence alike,
against all extremes of dress, and
seeking to lead society in a more
worthy and wholesome direction.

Craze for Unchaste Amusements.

"Another contributory factor is the
increasing craze for excitable and un-
chaste amusements. The dance, never
perhaps what could be wished, has be-
come the subject of indescribably vul-
gar joke, and is calling out the con-
demnation of many holding high places
of ecclesiastical authority. The mov-
ing picture shows, although under
what is claimed to be strict censor-
ship, are calculated to inflame the
thoughts and emotions of the young.
The theatre, with its outrageously
flippant handling of sex problems and
situations, as well as the notorious dis-
regard of so many of its leaders for
high standards of marital and even
ordinary moral relations, is laying a
net that must seduce and capture a
considerable part of our rising genera-
tion."

"The literature of the day presents
another very serious factor in this
great problem. Perhaps we are not
mistaken when we speak of it as one
of the most alarming symptoms of a
general condition that seems bad in-
deed. Nearly every work of fiction that
is printed today has woven some-
where in its plot the intricacies of a
sex question. The book reviews are a
long series of descriptions of such
stories. One would imagine there was
no other problem in people's minds
today. And the most grave feature
of it seems to be that this is what they
appear to want."

Flood of Unclean Literature.

"It may be that the flood of unclean
literature, while much to be deplored,
could not have been altogether unex-
pected, and is partly an evidence of an
awakened conscience. If this element
of hopefulness is discoverable, and is
real, we will rejoice in it."

The report sees "real danger in what
we believe inheres in the too general
and indiscriminate publicity given to
questions of sex in the name of educa-
tion," but qualifies the statement as
follows:

"It is understood, of course, in all
that is said above, that there is only
commendation and high praise for
every movement that would give con-
structive education to children, youths
and parents, to enlarge their ideals
concerning self and sex, and to safe-
guard them from evil. No word of
warning here given should be con-
strued as inimical to high-minded
movements of this nature, or unsympa-
thetic with the noble purposes they
seek to serve."

The report concludes with a set of
resolutions calling upon pastors to
guard children against all factors of
life which conduce to immorality; com-
mending those pastors who have taken
up the subject frankly with fathers
and mothers, and calling upon others
to do so; recognizing the work of juve-
nile courts; demanding the punish-
ment of men as well as women offend-
ers against morality, and approving
all legislation looking to eradication
of prostitution.

Battleship Nearly Ready.

Quincy, Mass., May 20.—It was es-
timated today that six weeks' work
on the Argentine battleship Rivedavia
would fully complete the big sea fight-
er, and that she would go into com-
mission about the last of July. The
Rivedavia has successfully completed
all her trials.

FAIL TO FIX DATE
FOR A TOLLS VOTE

Washington, D. C., May 20.—An at-
tempt by Senator Kern, democratic
leader, to get unanimous consent for
a vote May 27 on the Panama tolls re-
peal bill was defeated when McCum-
ber objected.

"The time has not yet come to fix
a date for voting," the South Dakota
senator said.

TEDDY READY
TO PROVE HIS
STREAMFINDRoosevelt, Home After a
Perilous Trip, Prepares
to Refute Landor.

SICK MAN FOR 2 WEEKS

Now Feeling Fine Again—Is
Keeping Silent on 1916
Presidential Plans.

Oyster Bay, May 20.—Twelve hours
after Roosevelt had returned from
South America he was back today in
the thick of politics. Roosevelt, it was
learned, looks forward to one of the
hardest political campaigns of his ca-
reer. Except for the time occupied by
his trip to Spain for the wedding of
his son Kermit, he expects to devote
to politics most of his time until No-
vember. He has in mind one of the
longest campaign trips he ever made,
taking him from the Atlantic to the
Pacific, and several shorter trips to
nearby states. By 9 o'clock he was
in his library. He paced the floor and
dictated letter-telegrams at top speed
to a stenographer. His desk was piled
high with messages from all parts of
the world inquiring as to his health
and informing him of political condi-
tions. His present desire is to get
back in touch as soon as possible with
all parts of the country and help start
the machinery of the coming campaign.

New York, May 20.—"I have been
very ill of jungle fever," said Colonel
Roosevelt on his arrival yesterday. "I
am all right now and feel fine." From
April 5 to April 15 Roosevelt was
gravely ill. Other members of the party,
including Kermit, were ill in that
time, but the colonel himself was so
sick and weak there were days when
100 yards of travel marked the en-
dure of his endurance. For five days
Roosevelt was delirious with a 105
fever. Under it he begged his com-
panions, it is stated, to go and leave
him where he lay in the jungle. Actual
starvation menaced the party the
last 60 days, that taken up by the
journey down the Duvida.

River Still There, He Says.

When he goes to Washington next
week Roosevelt said he would be ready
to refute the statements of Henry Lan-
dor of England, who expressed with
others doubt that he had discovered a
great river in the wilds of South Amer-
ica.

"The river is still there. Nobody
is going to roll it up or carry it off.
Anybody can go there and see it," the
colonel said with a laugh. Speaking
of his trip the colonel said it was pre-
tend hard going for a few weeks. Ra-
tions ran short, and they got down to
eating monkeys. However, he said
about that time he was hardly well
enough to eat anything.

Roosevelt expressed himself as
strongly opposed to repeal the law for
exemption of American ships from
payment of Panama tolls. He said
he thought it perfectly right to ar-
bitrate the question if the rights of
the country to grant exemption were
in question, but he declared to yield
unequivocally, without arbitration,
was indefensible, as he was convinced
the United States was within its rights
in freeing coastwise ships from pay-
ment of tolls. The Wilson administra-
tion's attitude in the controversy with
Colombia over the Panama canal was
criticized by Roosevelt. He objected
strongly to payment of \$25,000,000 to
Colombia, terming it "blackmail."

New York, May 20.—Theodore Roose-
velt arrived home yesterday from his
visit of many months in South Amer-
ica. Accompanied by the two natural-
ists of his party, George K. Cherry and
Leo E. Miller, he arrived from Para
at quarantine shortly before 4 o'clock
on board the liner Aida.

With a few crisp sentences, punctu-
ated by decisive gestures, he reaffirm-
ed the verity of the "river of doubt,"
curtly denied having expressed himself
as to presidential probabilities for 1916,
declared he would not run for governor
of New York, and made a few depre-
catory remarks about his critics.

Then, with harbor craft tooting and
flags fluttering, Colonel Roosevelt was
taken on board the tug W. F. Dalzell,
which proceeded to Oyster Bay.

Thinner But Still Vigorous.

Friends who had been alarmed at
the reports of Colonel Roosevelt's se-
vere illness were greatly surprised
when they saw him. He was notice-
ably thinner, and he used a cane as he
walked about the steamer's deck, but
his face wore a healthy tan and he had
apparently not lost an ounce of the
vigor and energy which have become
characteristic of him.

After stopping 10 days in this coun-
try Mr. Roosevelt will go to Spain for
the wedding of his son, Kermit.

As the tug which carried several

"I SHOULD WORRY"

President Huerta is said to swagger about the cafes in Mexico City with no apparent fear
of the nearness of Bandit Chief Zapata.FIVE DEAD WHEN
TRAIN HITS AUTOScioto Valley Traction Car
Strikes Machine at Crossing
Near Ashville, Ohio.

Columbus, Ohio, May 20.—Five per-
sons were killed near Ashville, 25
miles south of Columbus today, when
a Scioto Valley traction car struck an
automobile at a crossing. The dead:
M. W. MILLER, president Citizen's
Bank, Ashville.
MRS. W. M. MILLER.
MRS. C. E. HILLS.
MRS. ALICE STAIGER of Ashville.
VIDE BOND, aged 6.

members of the Roosevelt family, in-
cluding Mrs. Roosevelt, W. Emlen
Roosevelt, Archie and Theodore, Jr.,
approached the Aida, the familiar fig-
ure of the colonel could be seen lean-
ing far over the rail as he waved a
greeting, his lips flexed with the fa-
miliar smile.

Old Friends Greet Colonel.

Not a few eyes were wet as the col-
lector of the port, Dudley Field Ma-
lone, and a host of newspaper men
scrambled up the companionway. The
colonel stood at the top and shook
each man by the hand. Anthony Flala,
who went part way with Mr. Roose-
velt in his explorations, was the first
man to greet the colonel after Mr.
Malone.

Mr. Roosevelt anticipated most of
the things people were anxious to know
as he submitted to a fusillade of ques-
tions before going on board the tug
that took him home.

"Not a word about the political situ-
ation," said Colonel Roosevelt. "I
don't know anything about it, for I
haven't seen a newspaper. Any pa-
pers which have given my views on
the Mexican situation have misquoted
me. That applies to what has been
said about my presidential intentions."

Denies Political Reports.

He was informed by newspaper men
that he was reported to have said that

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KING GEORGE HAS
A SUF FIRE SCAREFlames Surround Royal Pavilion
Where Ruler and His Queen
Are Stopping.

Aldershot, Eng., May 20.—A great
brush fire, declared by the authorities
the work of militant suffragets, en-
circled the royal pavilion in Long Valley,
where King George and Queen Mary
are in a residence in the center of a
great army of British troops. The
entire camp was aroused before day-
break to fight the flames. Water was
plentiful, but the swords of caval-
rymen proved a better means of extin-
guishing the fire, as with them the
men cut down or beat out the blazing
underbrush. As their majesties left
the royal pavilion today two women
dashed in front of their carriage wav-
ing a banner: "Votes for women."

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.

Mostly cloudy tonight and Thurs-
day; not much change in temperature;
gentle to moderate southerly winds.
Temperature at 7 a. m. 64; highest
yesterday 82; lowest last night 61.
Wind velocity, four miles per hour.
Precipitation, none.
Relative humidity this morning 50,
last night 34.
Stage of water 7.4, with a fall of .3
feet.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mercury, Mars, Ve-
nus, Saturn. Morning star: Jupiter.
The brilliancy of the Milky way in the
northeast section is to be noted in the
evening.

VILLA GAINING IN
SALTILLO MARCHFederal Force of 4,500 Feder-
als Defeated at Paredon—
Supplies Also Taken.

Estacion, Amagros, May 20.—Gen-
eral Villa, leading 4,000 constitutional-
ists, won the first important engage-
ment of the Saltillo campaign May 17,
when he defeated 4,500 federals re-
treating from Monclova, at Paredon.

Federals were decisively beaten. Not
only did Villa administer a defeat, but
he prevented the arrival at Saltillo of
the Monclova federal garrison, which
would have added materially to the
defensive force of the objective point
of the campaign. He also captured
supplies, which have added tremen-
dously increased strength to the power
of Villa's attacks.

MELLEN SAYS HE
PAYS FOR PRAYER

Washington, D. C., May 20.—Details
concerning the relations of the New
Haven railroad and the Billard com-
pany, through which the latter, or
John L. Billard, made a profit of \$2-
700,000 were given to the commerce
commission today by Charles S. Mel-
len, former president of the New Ha-
ven. Today's proceedings, while inter-
esting, were lacking in the spectacular
features of yesterday. Mellen said all
of the transactions of the New Haven
with the Billard company were in the
hands of the commerce commission
and spoke for themselves. Mellen de-
clared that Billard was a "strong and
honorable man." Mellen explained a
loan of \$500,000 to Haskell of the Bos-
ton Herald.

"What was pending in the Massa-
chusetts legislature at the time of the
loan to Haskell?" Folk asked.

"There was always something pend-
ing in the Massachusetts legislature."
"Did Vice President Byrnes spend
money to influence legislation?"
"I am not sure," replied Mellen.
"Do you recall the prayer from the
hills?"
"Yes, but know little about it."
"Did you pay for it?"
"I fancy I have paid for all prayers
in my behalf."

ENGLAND LAD
PUTS QUIMET
OUT OF GAMEAmerican Open Golf Cham-
pion Eliminated as Con-
tender for Title.

83 TO 80 IS THE SCORE

Victory Won by "Young" Tubbs
a Boy From Course in
Vicinity of Sandwich.

Sandwich, England, May 20.—Only
two Americans, Evans and Weber, re-
mained in the tournament for the Brit-
ish amateur golf championship after
the conclusion of the third round to-
day. Several of the most prominent
English golfers were still in the com-
petition, including Hilton, the title
holder.

Sandwich, Eng., May 20.—Francis
Quimet, open golf champion of the
United States, was eliminated as a
contender for the British amateur
golf championship today. He was defeated
by a boy player from a nearby course, at
Littlestone-on-the-sea. A huge crowd,
including a large delegation of Ameri-
cans, was on hand. The card of
Quimet was 83 and that of Tubbs, 80.
The gloom of the American contingent
was partially dispersed shortly after-
ward, when Herreshoff of New York
beat Platt of the Royal North Devon
club and Weber of Toledo beat Car-
lisle of Sunningdale.

Lockwood of Massachusetts was
beaten by Maynard of Ealing. Hilton,
British amateur champion, beat Harris
of Acton. Charles W. Evans, Jr., of
Chicago won his match in the third
round, defeating Scott, three up, three
to play.

The defeat of Outmet proved as
great a sensation as that of Travers,
American amateur champion.

On the links a report is current that
a wager of \$150,000 to \$50,000 offered
Monday against either Travers or Out-
met carrying off the championship, and
had been eagerly taken by some one
who favored the American chances.

Herreshoff was defeated in the third
round by Hon. Michael Scott.

In the third round Weber of Toledo
defeated Marriott.

DEATH OF AGED
WOMEN ACCIDENTApparent Mystery Surrounding
Passing of Chicago Sisters
Is Cleared by Inquest.

Chicago, Ill., May 20.—The apparent
mystery surrounding the death of Mrs.
Emily Backus and Miss Marietta
Wright, aged sisters found asphyxi-
ated on Sunday in their home at 3055
Washington boulevard, has been cleared
to the satisfaction of the police. Captain Ryan of the Western avenue
station yesterday withdrew his investi-
gators and announced that the deaths
were accidental.

Frank Croston, a Rochester, N. Y.,
relative who acted as their financial
agent and who came here in response
to a special call, also is satisfied re-
garding the deaths, but admits that he
has been perplexed over a supposed
missing watch and one or two pieces
of jewelry that the women are reported
to have possessed. He said, how-
ever, that the aged sisters had a habit
of hiding their valuables, and that a
thorough search that he proposes af-
ter the funeral may reveal the valu-
ables.

Captain Ryan also is interested in
fixing responsibility for a report that
\$30,000 in currency was found on the
premises. As a matter of fact, only
\$1.10 was found, but some police wag
sprung the story of the \$30,000 under
the sink and in a bureau drawer, and
the story spread as a "station house
joke" until it got into print. Only
three weeks ago Mrs. Backus borrow-
ed \$250 from a loop business man to
pay her taxes.

Enjoins Union Men in Strike.

Granite City, Ill., May 20.—Officers
of the American steel foundry were
notified today that the federal court
for southern Illinois had enjoined the
Tri-Cities Building Trades Council from
interfering with the non-union foundry
employees. A strike was called a month
ago on account of a reduction in
wages.

Penrose, Palmer and Pinchot Named.
Philadelphia, Pa., May 20.—Pen-
rose, republican; Palmer, democrat,
and Gifford Pinchot, progressive, were
named for United States senator yes-
terday at a state-wide primary.

MEDIATORS MAKE
PLANS FOR WORKEverything in Readiness for
Opening of Peace Confer-
ence at Niagara Falls.

Niagara Falls, Ont., May 20.—
Everything is in readiness for the for-
mal opening of the mediation confer-
ence set for 3 this afternoon. The
program today included nothing ex-
cept formal instructions, exchanges of
courtesies and adoption of plans for
the conduct of the proceedings.

Washington, D. C., May 20.—Anxiety
among officials here over the inability
to obtain definite word from American
Vice Consul Silliman, reported released
from prison at Saltillo more than a
week ago, has aroused the state de-
partment to renewed activity. Sec-
retary Bryan telegraphed Consul Hanna
at Monterey, if it would be feasible,
to send a messenger to Saltillo and de-
termine if Silliman ever had been re-
leased.

Every effort will be made by the
United States to maintain the port of
Tampico free and open to commerce,
declared Acting Secretary of the Navy
Roosevelt. While no definite order
has been issued, steps will be taken, if
necessary, to prevent a blockade by
either Mexican federals or constitutional-
ists.

BARS CONFESSION
IN BECKER TRIALSupreme Court Refuses to Per-
mit Introduction of Alleged
Death Statement.

New York, May 20.—The supreme
court, before which Charles Becker is
on trial the second time, today refused
to permit testimony dealing with the
confession of "Dago" Frank Crocifci,
made an hour before he was electro-
cuted, to the effect that he never heard
the name of Becker mentioned until
Rosenthal was killed. Becker's face
fell when he heard the ruling.

Famous Painting Safe.

New York, May 20.—The painting by
John Sargent, "Perseus With the Head
of Medusa," recently stolen from the
Brooklyn museum, was returned un-
damaged in the mail today. No clew
to the sender was obtained.

Reaches 90 at Duluth.

Duluth, May 20.—Breaking all re-
cords for May, Duluth street thermom-
eters registered near the 90 mark yes-
terday.

BIG INCREASE IN
COPPER EXPORTS

Washington, D. C., May 20.—With
sales abroad steadily increasing, ex-
ports of copper from the United States
during the six months ending March
last totaled 495,000,000 pounds, accord-
ing to the department of commerce.
The exports equaled the total exports
for the calendar year 1908.