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EDITORIALS

THE BLACK CRIME OF WHITE SLAVERY.

WORSE THAN THE GREAT WHITE PLAGUE REV. WM. BURGESS

The most complex and difficult of all moral problems are those which have their roots in the irregular relations of the sexes.

Throughout the ages profligacy and vice, seductive yet repulsive, have resulted in the most deplorable, revolting, deathly physical diseases, and moral wrecks that ever fell upon the human race.

The nature of the evil invites silence and secrecy on the part of parents, teachers and the clergy, all of whom regard the subject as painful and forbidding. And from the first erring step of boy or girl to the most subtle, satanic scheme of panders and their employers there is secrecy. This secrecy has proven to be of great help to the criminal, and a great danger to the innocent, and exactly accord with the wishes and the plots of all conspiracies against womanhood and purity.

A conspiracy of silence—a compact in darkness—are of all things most desired by the traffickers in womanhood. Thus, when good men and women adopt a policy of silence and ignorance—mistaking it for virtue or innocence they contribute to the schemes of the pirates of lust.

In recent years the traffic in women and girls has assumed vast proportions and organized activity with abundance of capital and the ability of expert criminals. It operates through seductive and skillful agents, who employ every possible device, in the public streets, railway depots, places of amusement, village dance halls, and all other places where girls may be induced to listen to stories of pleasure, freedom, larger wages, richer clothing or pretenses of interest, love, or marriage.

The Illinois Vigilance Association has been called into being to awaken public sentiment, to warn the unwary, to save the innocent, and to engage in a war of extermination against every vile agency of this horrible and demon-like business.

IS THERE ACTUAL SLAVERY?

It is difficult to make known the real nature and extent of the White Slave Traffic. The crime of entrapping and holding girls by conspiracy or force for actual sale is so monstrous and revolting to our American spirit and free institutions that many of the best people question and doubt the facts of its existence.

SLAVES BY FORCE.

Is it possible, we are asked, that in this free country there exists a trade in women and girls that can in any real sense, be compared with the negro slavery of the last century?

The answer is that the nature of the two slave systems differs primarily, in the single fact that

negro slavery was legalized, while white slavery, or slavery in women for commerce in lust, is lawless and illegal.

THE SUNDAY POSTOFFICE.

The movement on the part of clerks and carriers to have the postoffice closed on Sunday is entitled to most considerate attention. The principle of a Sunday cessation from labor, with its opportunity for church attendance or other way to spend the time in recuperating both mind and body for the toil of the coming week, is one which should be as universally applied as possible. The postal employe has his rights in the matter the same as other workers.

The general benefit that comes to society from Sabbath observance, or cessation from labor, would be as much promoted by Sunday closing of the postoffice as by the closing of any other place where men and women work. Considered from that point of view only, the postoffice should be closed.

But the accommodation of the public must also be considered. The postoffice is a public institution for the service of the people. Is it necessary that it perform service on Sunday? It is safe to say that ninety-nine of every 100 persons who go for their mail on Sunday might just as well wait until the next day. No real, imperative business reason exists, except at occasional intervals, why business men should have their mail on Sunday. It is in most cases only an imaginary need by those who have not yet learned the needlessness and unwisdom of Sunday work in their offices.

It would be a blessing to thousands who worry needlessly over business matters, and to other thousands who crowd the main and branch offices to get mail simply because they can get it, if they were forced to forget business and the postoffice from Saturday to Monday. As a people we need to crowd business out of Sunday instead of putting Sunday out of business.

CONDITIONS FOR PURITY.

In seeking to raise the standard of morals by sending out a special car full of men and women qualified to preach purity, the American Purity Federation is, without doubt, acting under the highest and noblest motives. Yet the stubborn fact remains that people can never be preached into being moral, at least until conditions for morality are possible. The federation appears to think that neither parents nor girls are aware of their danger, that they take the comforting view that their own homes and neighborhoods are immune, hence, they only need to be warned. This can only be true of the rich who do not need to send their daughters into danger. Working people

can not be so ignorant as not to know that when the average wage paid to girls in factories and stores is less than can possibly suffice to keep them in the plainest food and clothes, there must be some danger of their falling victims to the evils of the white slave. It is a pity that the federation does not ply its ax to the root of the evil. When girls are out of fear of starvation, warnings will be more effective. By the way, it would be interesting to know who pays the expenses of this special car, with its score or so of speakers. While they are on a speaking tour they can not at the same time be classed among the producers. The money is doubtless contributed by certain rich philanthropists, but how did they get it? Can it be possible that any of these talkers are traveling on the price of some unfortunate girl's virtue.

THE WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING.

You have heard about the wolf that entered the sheepfold concealed in the clothing of an innocent lamb. He was a wise old wolf, who knew that without a disguise he could never accomplish his purpose of destruction.

This old story finds its parallel in a large measure in the Parcels Post bill now receiving the serious consideration of congress.

Nothing but good is predicted from the measure by those most anxious to see it pass.

But consider for a moment the chief boosters of the bill. Are they the men in your town or community? Have your merchants organized and sent a lobby to Washington to advocate its passage? Hardly!

It takes but little thought to see the big mail-order and city department store interests behind this Parcels Post bill, which will mean immensely greater profits for concerns already seriously competing with your merchants. It is all well and good to preach home trade, but let these greedy corporations get into your field on a favorable basis and your merchants will feel the effect like the blight of a sand storm.

It is up to you to put your shoulder to the wheel and fight the interests that are urging the passage of this measure. Even those in favor of it admit its benefits are still hard to define. You are in a position to plainly see its evil results.

Stop its passage by all means! Urge your senators and congressmen by every means possible to oppose this Parcels Post bill if they care at all for your good will.

Point out the danger to your merchants and business men and urge their assistance through similar letters.

Your influence is powerful. Your influence is indispensable. Write today in the strongest, most vigorous manner you know how.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, Jan. 17.—A movement started a few days ago in this city to close the post office on Sunday so that a small army of clerks and carriers might have one day out of seven for rest and to spend at home with their families is meeting with general favor. Balks have been prepared and handed out to patrons, and so far the vote is unanimous in favor of closing.

A girl pastor of a church in Maine, is to be wed, and says that she will continue to preach after marriage. This is not unique. Most of them do.

FORGETTING THE PAST.

Because a man has failed in achieving success, or because he has gone even further and willfully wrecked the life that once promised so much, it does not follow that he can never get up again. Yet there are men everywhere who believe that certain incidents in their lives have placed them beyond redemption and that it is useless to try and begin over again. Sometimes they become impatient for the success that seems so far away and frequently give up just before it comes within their grasp. Repeated failures seem only to convince them that they can never hope to accomplish anything because of their former mistakes, and yet the miracle may be performed when least expected. It is wise to forget the past, whatever it may have been, and to train ourselves to live only in the present, says the Charleston News and Courier. Sometimes the past projects its shadows across our path and for a time we feel helpless and think it but natural that we should move in its gloom. It is possible, however, to leave the shadow behind and step out into the sunshine of the new and untried life which spreads all about us. No man can hope to make any headway in his business career who goes about with the remembrance of an unworthy past hanging like a millstone about his neck. Its weight will bear him down if he undertakes to begin the new life with the memory of the old still clinging to him.

Spain contemplates entering upon a scheme of great public improvements, with a view to providing employment and thus keeping at home many who otherwise would emigrate to countries where work is more readily found. The plan also contemplates the creation of facilities that would promote industrial and agricultural development, big irrigation plants and the construction of railway lines being part of the scheme. All this will be costly, but Spain has large resources which may be utilized in the manner indicated, and the new system may have beneficial effects. At all events the movement indicates that there is progressiveness and public spirit among the statesmen of Spain.

Five hundred fines are reported to have been imposed in New York city for smoking automobiles. Which number suggests a cynical doubt that the fines were large enough to stop the practice.

Wireless telegraphy saved the lives of the people on that steamer stranded on the Alaska coast; but it should not be taken as thereby encouraging the practice of piling steamers upon the rocks.

The crop of olive oil is short and the cotton crop is estimated below the maximum. But it is believed that there will be enough cotton seed to prevent any famine in the item of olive oil.

Inventing excuses for staying out late at night will not qualify any married man for membership in the inventors' guild, no matter how well the missus receives his inventions.

Kansas City women who must muzzle their hats at ordinary times may use them bare pointed, we suppose, when engaged in a controversy with a highwayman.

A celebrated "marrying magistrate" of Illinois is about to move to New Jersey. Perhaps he intends to form himself in a trust under the New Jersey corporation laws.

That New Jersey girl who seeks a husband through an "ad" and bars all acquaintances may go farther and fare worse.

Somebody is trying to demonstrate, in New York, that a child can be clothed for \$7 a year. Wonder how much a year he spends for cigars.

An Iowa man has broken the corn husking record. However, corn husking has never been very popular as an outdoor sport.

The samples of winter are altogether too ample. No one wants a winter six months long except the coal dealer.

RAREBIT UNDER THE GLASS.

The Welsh rarebit is a creature marlarial of complexion, fibrous and complex as to cellular construction, threatening of flavor and fearful as to portent. It is sponsor to a whole company of digestive discomforts and mother to the nightmare. This is the popular opinion, but, like many another popular view, it is fallacious, says the Toledo Blade. Not that we say so. No, indeed. But Naturalist James Wilson, secretary of the department of agriculture, is about to put out a monograph upon the genus rarebitidea and each and every species thereof is to have the very cleanest bill of health possible under the pure food law. It is declared in Washington that a special poison squad has been delivered over to the terrors of the rarebit. It has passed through the ordeal smiling. Not a man was wounded. Not one lay down his life. If there were nightmares, they were bitted and saddled and now nose about the poison squad's pockets for lumps of sugar. The whole system of preconceived ideas as to the history and habits of the rarebit, whether of domestic or jungle-breeding, has been exploded.

A Russian who recently came to this country and located in Pittsburg became very irate because his wife "was disobedient and had become imbued with American ideas." So he threatened to shoot the woman, and did tear her clothes from her and burn them in the street. Then the police took a hand, and the overzealous Russian was fined \$50 and sentenced to 90 days in the workhouse. When he has paid up and gets out he is likely to have a lasting recognition of the fact that one "American idea" is that a husband cannot treat his wife like a slave. And if he objects he is at liberty to return to the land where the laws are less objectionable to him.

The report of the fire loss for the United States and Canada during November is not as encouraging as it might be. The total for the month was \$16,407,000, against \$14,808,000 in 1909 and \$15,834,000 in 1908. The aggregate for the 11 months ended with November was \$212,942,000 in 1910, \$183,673,000 in 1909 and \$223,932,000 in 1908. December is generally a bad fire-month, and the figures for the entire year are not likely to generate hope that real reform has set in. The destruction by fire is entirely too large, and effective methods of checking it would represent wise conservation.

A dispatch from Berlin informs us that the kaiser drinks with "frankly boyish enjoyment." We are glad to hear that he enjoys it. We were afraid that he might do it purely out of patriotism.

One thousand presumably vigorous young women at Vassar, all in danger of hunger because they have no cooks! This looks like a pressing need for a mixture of the old-fashioned girl with modern woman.

Thinking that she was a burglar a New Mexico man shot his niece when she called him to breakfast. These hair-trigger people are becoming a real nuisance.

A Chicago man promises to give the public a recipe for making ice faster than nature. It would be the most poetic kind of justice for the public to be able to freeze out ice trusts.

Harvard physical director says women are becoming masculine. Possibly he's near-sighted and the hobble skirt may be the explanation.

The fashionable woman seeks a hat that does not permit her to see and a skirt that scarcely permits her to walk.

A Philadelphia man committed suicide with a safety razor, but so far we haven't heard of a woman cutting her corns with one.

Brooklyn's oldest citizen is 106, and he says his longevity is due to the fact that he never buys anything at a drug store except postage stamps.

The weather in Alaska is easier imagined than described—provided the cold increases as one goes north.