

MOTHERS SELL GIRLS

A REVOLTING "WHITE SLAVE" SCANDAL IN PARIS.

Prominent Men Arrested—Other Rich Men Implicated Have Fled—Victims Tell Horrible Stories to Police.

Paris, Dec. 9.—The most hideous white slave scandals in the history of Paris has been discovered, according to an announcement made by the prefect of police, who declares that he has evidence which proves that more than 300 girls, ranging in age from nine to seventeen, have been sold by their mothers.

Victor Flachon, Gaston Allard and other rich men are implicated, according to the police. Flachon until recently was editor of "The Lantern," a government organ, and was formerly a personal friend of ex-president Briand and other officials. The wildest orgies, in which mere children took part, are said to have been held at some of Flachon's beautiful dwellings. He is now in jail.

Allard, a rich manufacturer, was confronted at Police Headquarters by several young girls who gave revolting testimony against him. Allard is silent.

A score of prominent men, believed to have been implicated, have fled from Paris. The most sensational testimony is expected at the trial of Flachon and Allard, which will come up this month.

The "Nitchovs agency," 22 Rue la Bruyere, is said to have been conducted for the purpose of selling children into white slavery. Mme. Guilmou, who conducted the "agency" on a commission basis, allowing the mothers of the youthful victims one half of the purchase price, has been arrested along with a woman named Lafaire who is accused of selling her eleven year old daughter for a trifling sum. Diplomats, lawyers, magistrates, professors and capitalists frequently drove up to the agency in limousines and departed accompanied by purchased children. The police are still investigating and nearly every move implicates new persons.

President Taft's Message.

New York Herald. Mr. Taft writes more like a judge than a president. The finest thing about the message is that, although discussing one of the burning questions of the hour, what to do with the trusts, it did not cause the fluctuation of stocks a dollar's worth. The entire country was restful under the reading of the message. It was the calm after the storm. The only item of interest connected with "trust busting" or "trust busting" was that Attorney General Wickham was seized with violent indignation at the cabinet meeting and was sent home.

Therein lies the most impressive description of the whole trust situation. The public is tired of it. The president is tired. Congress is tired. Why, then, should the gentlemen who have been recommending substitutes for the Sherman act, all in the meantime disagreeing with one another, continue to carry their coats to Newcastle?

The president would not amend the Sherman act. All he would do—and it seems to us that he is not very strong for that—is to pass a separate law defining unlawful methods of competition, create another of the rapidly multiplying commissions, this one to aid the courts in prosecuting and dissolving corporations, and providing an optional scheme for federal incorporation.

Kingston and Cape Vincent.

Steamer service change of time, commencing Monday, December 11th, steamer will leave Cape Vincent daily, except Sunday, at 8:45 a.m., arriving at Kingston, 10:30 a.m.; returning, leave Kingston, 1:30 p.m., arriving at Cape Vincent, 3:30 p.m.

"Canadian Days," a book of Canadian authors, an ideal Christmas gift for friends abroad. R. Uglow & Company.

There was a false New York stock exchange rumor, Friday night, that King George had been shot in India. Canadian live stock continues to take big prices at Chicago fair.

ON THE COAST.

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PRINCE CHING. He acted as premier of China pending the arrival of Yuan Shi Kai. He became president of the privy council in the national assembly. He is a "progressive" and a friend of the foreigners.

Good Times and Vice.

Three young men of good families in the Canadian Pacific service at Toronto, arrested for stealing moneys that should have been refunded to passengers—two young men of good families arrested at Hamilton for an express office robbery? We often hear how poverty drives people to crime. People say if only men's circumstances were comfortable they would be honest, and the way to make all men honest and diligent and mutually useful is to remove the strain of life by an equal division of the world's good things. We find, however, in practice, that good times produce more vice than bad, more drinking, more gambling, more cheating, more indifference to religion, more pursuit of idle and vicious pleasure. We are not, of course, judging the cases of the men arrested, but exploring the fact that such things should be becoming common in regions of society where we have not commonly looked for them. Not one case in half a dozen is ever heard of. The young men's mothers and sisters beg them off, and at great sacrifice make good.

Costly Municipal Experiments.

Municipal circles in Winnipeg are a little worried over the discovery that no provision has been made for the cost of an electrical distribution plant to cost the trifle of \$3,000,000. When the scheme was launched domestic light was promised at a meter rate of three cents per kilo-watt hour without any fixed charge, and for heating purposes the promised price was 3-16 of a cent per kilo-watt. The impossibility of these rates are now being realized, but there is a tendency on the part of the public to insist upon their being put into force if for no other reason than that of "showing up" those men who were responsible for the prospectus that misled them. Meanwhile the Winnipeg Electric Co. promises to meet any out the city plant can make, and the municipal ownershipers are at a loss to know how to raise the \$775,000 required to meet the charges.

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THE SPORT REVIEW

KINGSTON'S SUCCESS IN HOCKEY SAID TO BE DUE

To Its Encouragement of the Young Players—Bejece Ridpath Says He Intends to Play This Winter.

Hockey has been added to the sporting calendar at the University of Michigan.

"Pet" Campbell has been elected captain of the University of Toronto football team.

"Jack" Johnson reports that it is really true that he has retired from ring battling forever.

H. S. Gammill, secretary-treasurer of the Winnipeg Intermediate Hockey League, wants the O.H.A. rules and constitution for adoption.

Harvard will play at McGill, St. Francis Xavier and other games in Canada yet to be arranged for, possibly Queen's and in Toronto with Varsity.

The Ottawa section of the Interprovincial Amateur Hockey adopted the N.H.A. rule which allows for the substitution of fresh players at any time.

Billy Allen, the Canadian champion, and Grover Hayes are to box twelve rounds in Philadelphia next Wednesday. The winner will meet "Knockout" Brown at the same place on Christmas day.

The Varsity says: The new stadium has justified its existence as a money-maker. The Rugby Club has had a year in which large gates and huge expenditures have been a feature and closes the year with a balance in the bank of \$4,508.13.

Toronto Star: Stratford and Kingston have decided to play in the senior and junior O.H.A. series this winter.

These centres of hockey have given many splendid players to the game and won many championships, chiefly because they have always made it a point to encourage the youngsters.

According to his own statement, Bruce Ridpath, the playing manager of the Toronto Pros, will play hockey this winter. The terrible injuries which he received in the auto accident on November 2nd have healed sufficiently to allow the popular all-round crick to sit up in bed, and he will leave St. Michael's hospital in a day or two. He is rapidly regaining his former strength, and expects to be able to begin training within a few weeks.

Cushendall Reports.

Cushendall, Dec. 6.—G. Anderson had the hay pressers last week. J. Weir had teams engaged drawing his pressed hay to Rideau station. Mr. and Mrs. J. Duffy have returned from visiting friends at Delta and Lyndhurst. Mrs. H. Smith, Gananoque, visited recently at her mother's, Mrs. Hyland. Owing to the illness of Rev. Mr. Harrington, St. James' church was supplied on Sunday evening by Rev. Mr. Montgomery, Toronto. Mrs. W. Gordon has returned from visiting a week with friends in Sunbury. Mrs. and Miss Hulbert, Seeley's Bay, visited at Mrs. Ward's recently. Miss J. L. Martin has returned from visiting friends in the city. Miss Margaret Martin is recovering from a severe attack of tonsillitis. W. McKane has returned home from the season's work at Washburn locks. H. Crawford, of Iowa, visited recently at Mrs. Ward's. Miss G. Neal, Kingston, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. Eastwood, Gananoque, at J. Hyland's.

Lassoed Barrel of Gasoline.

Charles Merritt, a cowboy, rode his broncho up to within forty feet of a blazing building at Clovis, N.M., lassoed a barrel of gasoline and dragged it from the building just in time to prevent an explosion. Had the barrel exploded the lives of dozens of persons would have been endangered and several adjoining buildings might have been destroyed.—Boston Globe.

Fountain Pen Bargain.

We have a few Worth fountain pens left from our big sale this fall. These are beautiful pearl and gold combination mountings, and sold 14c per pen. Regular \$5 per pen for \$1.25. Mahood's Drug Store.

There is a severe outbreak of rabies at Goderich.



THE WINTER UTILITY COAT HAS TWO SIDES.

Not in years has any one material taken with femininity as have taken the soft, heavy, blanket like cloakings which are neutral toned on one side and some soft, pretty shade on the other. One of these two-faced coats is pictured here. The material is a stoge grey cloth flecked with violet, and the reverse of the cloth is solid violet in a very attractive shade. Slashed cape collar, strappings and handsome buttons make the coat very smart.

A WARNING GIVEN

By Food Experts Against Use of Alum Powders.

There are many housewives that unthinkingly use alum baking-powders in making biscuits, cake and pastry, when it would only take a little precaution to avoid doing so. Baking-powders that contain alum cause indigestion and nerve disorders. English food experts condemn alum as an injurious adulterant unfit for a baking-powder ingredient. If you are not careful you may be buying alum in your baking-powder and putting it in food. The way to be sure is to read the label on the baking-powder, and if the ingredients are not plainly printed on it, refuse to accept it.

Murders in United States.

New York World. Murders in the United States in the last ten years, 26,934, or a number equivalent to the total population of Springfield, Mass.; executions, 1,149—about 1 in 75 murders suffering the death penalty divided thus:

Table with columns: Year, Murders, Executions. Data for years 1901-1910.

Murders in New York last year, 185; convictions, 45; in the last ten years, 1,161; convictions, 382.

Murders in Chicago last year, 202; convictions, 16; executions, 1.

In Alabama in two years, 630 murder cases tried, 27 executions. It is not too much to say that the administration of criminal law in this country is a disgrace to our civilization.—President Taft.

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Claiming that her beauty was spoiled entirely in an accident, and her chances of marrying advantageously ruined, Miss Annette Myers, an Atlantic city school teacher, is suing for \$5,000 damages against Robert Cain, a member of the Camden county board of freeholders, whom she alleges is responsible.

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For 15 years Mrs. J. H. Murphy, Chicago, made payments to a money-lender, trying to rid herself of a debt of \$25 incurred by her son. In that time she paid the loan agent more than \$450, and when the payments were finally stopped after his death, she still owed nearly double the original amount.

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