

CHILDREN SOLD INTO SLAVERY.

Boys Bought to Work in French Factories.

Public attention has been called to a form of slave trade now carried on in France and Italy by disclosures which are being made on the subject. The victims are Italian children who are bought from their parents by padrones and forced to work in glass factories, chiefly in the central part of France. Formerly large numbers of these children were sold into virtual slavery as apprentices, when mutilations were practiced upon them to excite sympathy, and as chimney sweeps. But that slave trade was suppressed, but it does not reach the present form. The children bring from 100 to 150 francs (\$20 to \$30), and are sold for a period of three years. It is so much money found and a mouth less to fill, the peasants say. The contracts are executed before a notary, and the village priest blesses the departing company of little ones. There are no statistics of the mortality among them, but it was calculated formerly that of children taken from their homes by padrones twenty returned home at the end of their period of slavery, thirty settled permanently in their new homes, and the other fifty died; and, in view of the conditions in which they live themselves at the glass works, there is no reason to suppose that the mortality is any less now. The French law forbids the employment of children less than 13 years old at such work, but that is evaded easily. Their services are sold to the manufacturers from \$7 to \$13 a month, according to the locality, and they work ten hours a day. The padrones pocket all their wages, and sometimes even the gratuities that may be distributed among the employees of an establishment upon special occasions.

Their condition in the factories is described as shocking. They work in a overheated atmosphere, charged in addition with noxious gases, and are constantly exposed to severe accidents, while their injuries do not receive proper treatment. They are especially subject to lung troubles. Bad as their normal state is, in many cases it is aggravated by brutality of the regular workmen, who hate them both as being Italians and as working far below the regular scale of wages. They are naturally ill-fed. A magistrate who was called upon to make an investigation in a certain case found that their chief diet was soupe aux legumes and bread, with occasionally a bit of cheese and wine, but never any meat. It is estimated that the cost of sustenance of these children ranges from 5 to 8 cents a day each to the padrones. In one case the cost of feeding thirteen of the slave slaves was found to be 40 cents a day. The children are wretched in appearance, as is to be expected. They are lodged in ill-smelling tenements, three and four on a mattress of sodden straw, with rarely any coverings, even in winter. They are clothed in rags, and the padrones do not permit them to carry any luggage from their homes, to save expense. The number of these children can only be guessed at. It is estimated that in two departments 1,000 are employed. More children are constantly being bought into France from Italy to take the places of those who die or become incapacitated for work, and to supply the increasing demand for cheap labor. So great has the demand become of late that girls as well as boys are being sold by their parents. The attention of the French and Italian governments has been called to the matter, and the trade will be regulated, if not suppressed.

The Queen's Family.
The Queen of England has had nine children, of whom seven survive; forty grandchildren, of whom thirty-three survive; thirty-one great grandchildren, of whom thirty-one survive. Of the great grandchildren five of them are grandchildren of the Prince of Wales; seventeen are grandchildren of the Empress Frederick; eight are grandchildren of the late Princess Alice; four are grandchildren of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. This would appear to make a total of thirty-four, but two of them are the grandchildren of both the Empress Frederick and the Princess Alice, while one of them is the grandchild of both the Princess Alice and the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. In the course of nature the future rulers of Great Britain, Germany, Russia, Greece and Roumania will be descendants of her majesty.

Who Owns Spitzbergen?
Nine people out of ten, if asked to whom Spitzbergen belongs, would reply to Russia. As a matter of fact, it belongs to nobody. This was the case when the island was the seat of a large and prosperous whale fishing industry. The fishermen, who came from Norway, Sweden, France and other countries, and remained there three or four months every year, were the only owners the island ever had.

Belief of the Carlises.
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