

CHICAGO STARTS WAR ON SLAVERS

Following President's Message Chicago Authorities Take Up "White Slave" Traffic in Earnest.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Chicago today took up actively the war against the "white slave traffic" mentioned by President Taft in his annual message to congress and exposed yesterday in the report of the immigration commission.

The police today raided a flat in the south side in the red light district in hope of finding Margaret Haight, a sixteen-year-old girl, who disappeared December 1, and who is believed to have been kidnapped by the slave traders.

The clue was received in a telegraphic message from an unknown source. When the place was raided Eugene McNeil, 22 years old, a barber, was arrested. It is reported that he was seen recently in company with the girl.

No trace of the girl was found. McNeil was taken to headquarters where he is being subjected to the "third degree."

AMERICAN STEAMER IS ASHORE IN THE STRAITS

SEATTLE, Dec. 11.—The steamer, Erna, of the Jensen and Olander line, from Seattle to Mexican and Central American ports, is believed to be ashore on the straits. The Colonel Drake, a Standard Oil steamer, reported by wireless to Seattle this morning that she passed a big steamship ashore off Ship Point on the British side at 3 a. m.

The Erna left Victoria outbound at 6 o'clock last night. She is not fitted with wireless.

HORRIBLE CHILD MURDER UNREARTHED IN DETROIT

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 11.—The discovery of the body of Helen Brown, a fifteen-year-old girl, under a truck in the wards of the Whitman Carriage company today, revealed a crime that has aroused the citizens to a high pitch of excitement in that part of the city. The little girl had been strangled to death and horribly abused.

ASHLAND CLUB IN ROUSING SESSION

Fully 600 Residents of That City Enjoy Themselves at Rousing Meeting Friday Night.

ASHLAND, Ore., Dec. 11.—The Ashland Commercial club held a rousing "booster" meeting in the Ashland Mineral Springs company's new natatorium last night. Music by the Ashland band, an address by President C. B. Watson, a recitation and a mock "kicker" stunt by Messrs. Roche, Moore and Butler contributed the brief formal program.

The evening was spent in getting acquainted with one another and in watching the roller skaters in the big pavilion and the swimmers in the pools. An exhibition of expert diving and swimming by Professor Overdorf was an interesting feature of the entertainment.

Fully 600 men and women enjoyed the rather unquiet proceedings, and by their presence lent encouragement to the officers of the club, who are determined to increase the present membership of 310 to 400 by January 1.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 11.—When the Cunningham coal inquiry, which the mining community is investigating in Spokane Monday, resumes its hearing in Minneapolis after the holidays, the government will try to find out who is backing H. V. Winchell who purchased many coal claims. Winchell and his associates, who hold at least six claims, will be called to the witness stand the same as other entrants.

From Minneapolis the inquiry will be taken to New York City.

The government today drew from F. Cushing Moore of Walla Walla, a nephew of former Governor Miles C. Moore, an admission of knowledge that Clarence Cunningham was to receive one-eighth interest in each claim for his services in locating property. Moore declared that he thought this was a fair contract at the time, but stated that he later learned that Cunningham was being compensated on a salary basis.

REGAINS MIND AFTER 3 YEARS

Man Injured in San Francisco Fire Just Remembers Who He Was and Is.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—A honeymooned dazed three years and a half by the shock of the San Francisco earthquake and fire was resumed here today, when William S. Meyers told the remarkable story of how he lost his identity during the earthquake and how it was suddenly restored recently by seeing a man ground to death under a train at Tama, Ia.

Meyers, who was formerly a general contractor here, was married in April, 1906, and two days after his marriage ceremony was performed he went to San Francisco to do some work. He worked all night and was still at work when the quake came. Something struck him on the head. Meyers said that he believed he was sandbagged and robbed when he awoke. He was in a hospital and could not remember his identity.

Meyers' bride became convinced that he was killed in the quake or lost his life in the fire, and for more than three years she has mourned him as dead.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT DOES NOT EFFECT STEEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The report published today in the commodities clause of the Heyburn law by the attorney general did not have a material effect on market options. The list was generally firm with the exceptional activity in Utah copper, which it is thought will be greatly benefitted should the Boston consolidated be acquired. The bank statements issued after the close indicated a moderate increase in the surplus reserve, was favorably regarded in view of the large loss in cash. There was a report that Union Pacific would be placed on a 12 per cent basis, beginning January 1.

Rev. A. A. Holmes of Horning, Cal., will hold services at the Baptist church, Sunday morning and evening. All are cordially invited to attend.

MINERS RALLY TO AID OF WOMEN

Western Federation Will Take Steps to Defend Miss Gurley in Spokane, Washington, Case.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 11.—The Western Federation of Miners today notified counsel of the Industrial Workers here that their organization will stand behind the defense of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn convicted Thursday of conspiracy in connection with the Spokane free speech movement and with its own personal funds will carry her case to the highest tribunal in the land, if necessary.

For the purpose of assisting the girl in her fight for an appeal \$500 was received by her counsel today from local No. 1 of the miners' union of Butte, Montana.

Miss Flynn is much encouraged today by the words of good cheer contained in messages which she received from all over the country.

"I am certain that I'll ultimately be acquitted," she said this afternoon.

KERMIT OUTDOES THE COL. IN QUEST FOR BONGO

NAIROBI, British East Africa, 11.—Colonel Roosevelt has been outdone by his son Kermit.

The colonel arrived today without a bongo and learned that Kermit had killed three specimens of this animal which the colonel has been seeking for some time past.

Colonel Roosevelt is in splendid health. He will spend several days here. As soon as his arrival became known he was flooded with invitations to dinners, to make addresses and all sorts of entertainments.

QUEEN LIL ARRIVE TO PRESS HER CLAIM

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Former Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii, is in this city today en route to Washington where she will press her claim against the United States government. As a result of the seizure of certain lands in Hawaii when the islands were made a part of this government, she claims \$250,000.

KANSAS CITY GOES ASHORE

Steamer With 385 Passengers Ashore in the Columbia River—No Lives Are Reported Lost.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11.—Word reached here this afternoon that the Kansas City, Captain Kidston, went aground in the Columbia river last night near Henric's Bar. According to reports received here the steamer, which was on her way to San Francisco with 385 passengers struck hard and fast about 500 feet toward the Oregon shore. All attempts to get her off by her own steam proved unavailing and word was sent to the local offices of the steamship company to send tugs to her assistance. Three vessels were dispatched this afternoon to assist in relieving the steamer.

JACKSONVILLE AND VICINITY.

Mrs. E. J. Roberts is making an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Gall of Big Sticky.

Miss Hazel Raypholtz spent Wednesday night with friends in Jacksonville.

Thomas Panky and one of his men went to Medford Wednesday and brought out a load of fruit trees which he will heel in at present and later set out on Dr. Clancy's ranch.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Abbot of the Abbott hotel is sick with scarlet fever, but has it in light form.

Mrs. Mary Ford died very suddenly at the home of her sister, Mrs. Arnold, Wednesday. Deceased had not been in very good health for sometime but was around at her work as usual until Wednesday morning, when she felt unable to rise and expired before medical aid could be called. Interment will be made in the Jacksonville cemetery at 11 a. m. Friday. She leaves a husband and sister, besides many friends to mourn her demise.

Nicholas Mitchell has sold his ranch near Jacksonville to some Medford parties, but will not give possession until March.

Miss Oleson of Central Point is staying with her sister, Mrs. H. T. Pauley.

HEALTH HINTS

Are you aware that every other form of artificial illumination, excepting electric light, eats up the oxygen in the air, and robs your lungs—and your family's lungs of the most essential and life-giving elements of which the air we breathe is composed?

Did you ever think of that? A gas flame, or an oil lamp flame, burning in your home is consuming as much oxygen as four adult persons.

That means that if there are six people in your parlor in the evening, and three burners (gas or oil) are alight, the result on the air in that room is the same as if there were eighteen people there.

Ever go out in the evening to a card party, or some similar affair, and stay for several hours in a room in which twenty or thirty people were congregated—and that room lighted with gas or oil?

Remember what a long, relishing draught of pure night air your poor lungs breathed in when you left that house?

Remember that a relief it was? A gas or oil flame cannot burn for a minute in air from which oxygen has been extracted.

An electric light burns in a vacuum enclosed in an air tight glass bulb. Catch the point?

Now—when you install electric light in your home you are just chasing so much unsanitariness out of your home.

Is electric light more expensive when you consider this?

Would you not consider buying, at however cheap a price, a piece of furniture, or drapery, which was under suspicion that it harbored disease germs?

Do you consider there is any economy in buying and using any form of light (no matter how cheaply it

may be bought) that vitiates the atmosphere and tends towards sickness or discomfort?

Truly, there is none. Another point:

Electric light is eminently safer than any other kind of light. No matches are required.

And—matches cause more fires than anything else in the wide world. Is electric light more expensive than gas or oil lamps when you consider this?

Once more: Gas and oil are both explosives—a little neglect—a little thoughtlessness—a trifling act of thoughtlessness—and you and your family are in imminent danger of tragic, sudden death.

Is electric lighting more expensive than gas or oil lamps when you think it over?

Besides—if there weren't these real and tremendous arguments in favor of electric light in the home—what light is there that compares with it in quality for a moment?

Think of its brilliancy, its steadiness, its convenience, its absolute perfection of quality.

No flickering uncertainties. No shadows on the book or papers. No chairs to climb on to light it. No matches to strike to light it. No nerve-irritating roar. No fuse or sputter to blacken ceiling or curtains.

No stale, unpleasant odor. No coal oil can in the kitchen. No lamp chimneys to clean. No lamps to fill. No wicks to trim. No broken down mantels to ruffle your temper.

And—we could go on for a long time yet.

But, we'll leave it to your own sense to complete the list, and see the point. We know it won't take long.

HARRY THAW AGAIN WANTS TO LEAVE MATTEWANA

NYACK, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Attorney Horseabitt today applied to Judge Tompkins for an order to have Harry K. Thaw transferred to some asylum other than a Matteawan where he is now confined.

In his petition, Horseabitt alleges that the operation of Justice Miles committing Thaw and allowing him certain privileges, has been violated.

LIFE TERM ENDS ALL BY TAKING HIS LIFE

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 11.—Juo. W. Beam, a negro attorney of Lima, Ohio, who was serving a life sentence for the murder of Mrs. Maud Dilz, white, committed suicide by hanging in his cell in the penitentiary here early today.

N. L. Narreagan of Sams Valley was in Medford Saturday on business.

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ADVERTISED LETTERS.

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- Anderson, Jhon; Amtage, Geo.; Barfield, Mrs. Ruth; Bishop, A. H.; Brown, William J.; Dixon, Joseph; Dodge, Laura; Dustin, L. B.; Ferguson, Chas. A.; Fileds, W. F.; Howard, Mrs. Ella; Huff, A. S.; Jackson, W. M.; Johnson, J.; Larson, N. P.; Marsh, Mrs. Nella; Millar, Andrew; Murphy, D. P.; Mulligan, Mrs. Marie; Mushoff, Oswald; O'Brien, Mrs. H. J.; Mary Francis M.; Packard, Fred; Powhson, Martha J.; Ritter, Mrs. S. L.; Smith, Mrs. Ada; Smith, B. E.; Smith, John W.; Wakeman, L. R.; Wall, E.; Whitman, Roger; Wisenor, F.; Winn, J. D.

TONG WAR CLAIMS STILL ANOTHER VICTIM IN OAKLAND

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 11.—Yee On, a member of the Yee family, was shot at an early hour today by an unknown assassin.

The murder was committed in a lodging house at Fifth and Harrison streets. The attention of the officers was attracted by the shots and they rushed to the scene to find the victim writhing on the floor. He was hurried to the hospital where he died a short time later. An investigation disclosed four bullets in the murdered man's body.

A search of the premises failed to reveal his assailant, who is, however, thought to have been a member of the On Yick Tong.

This is the eighth victim of the Tong war that has been in progress for the last month. The On Tong have lost two and their rivals, the Yees have six deaths to avenge.

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