

CRUSADER QUIZZED BY HIS VICTIMS

Five Hundred Women of the San Francisco Underworld "Harvest of Wild Oats" Crop Invade Church and Ask Preacher Who Leads Crusade Against Them What He Is Going to Do With Them—Poverty the Reason of Their Occupation.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—Nearly 500 women of the underworld invaded the Central Methodist Episcopal church of Rev. Paul Smith today to find out what he intended to do with them in his vice-crusade. For thirty minutes Rev. Smith stood the target of questions resolving themselves into "what are you going to do about it?" and then the women reluctantly trailed out of the church doors they had not passed through for years before.

A bit pale, Rev. Smith opened the meeting after two policemen had been stationed on the doors and men hangers-on from the red light district had been ordered from the auditorium.

"I am not in a crusade against you women or commercialized vice in San Francisco," Rev. Smith said. "No person in the world has more sympathy for you girls than I have. The problem of commercialized vice is a man problem. Men are making the money out of it. I am willing to be of assistance to any woman in the world who is in trouble."

"I don't know your purpose in coming here. I am willing to hear you, but I must limit the meeting to thirty minutes."

Mrs. R. M. Gamble, who led the women, took the pulpit beside Rev. Smith.

"I have operated a house of prostitution for eight years and have studied the problem," she said. She was dressed modestly and appeared to be highly educated.

"I want to ask first how many of the women in your church would accept us into their homes—even to work? You would not use our children? There isn't one among us here who would not quit this life for decent work. But we won't quit for a wage of \$6 or \$8 a week. A pair of shoes, nowadays, costs \$10."

"Every woman here has at least one child. We are against street-walking and the lives we lead as well as you. But what are you going to do about it?"

"I know. I have conducted a house for eight years. I have been in hospitals and institutions and have seen the blind and the deformed. I know what caused their conditions."

"I am a mother of a girl of 11. Another girl in my house is the mother of four."

"She was sick. She wrote to her brother, a Methodist preacher, for help. He answered, 'trust in the Lord.'"

"These women before you are products of men of shame who buy them. You say 'I don't want these women around my church. My church must be pure.'"

"That is not what Christ said to the Magdalene."

"You and your people say 'our boys just sow their wild oats.' All right, you see before you the harvest of these 'oats.'"

"She said church women should quit sipping and rear their sons so they would not debauch women."

"This is the saddest moment of my life."

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FAMOUS ATTORNEY IN "LEAK" INQUIRY



Sherman L. Whipple, shown here, has been picked to conduct the house committee's inquiry into the alleged "leak" of the president's peace note into Wall street. He is a famous trial lawyer of Boston.

GERMAN PRESS HANDLES WILSON'S SPEECH CAUTIOUSLY

BERNE, Jan. 25.—Great reserve was maintained in official circles in regard to President Wilson's speech, which came as a surprise following his first note, to which the federal council gave its support.

The Germanophile newspaper, the Zurich Post, welcomes President Wilson's views on the freedom of the seas, but rejects his conception on the question of nationalities and territorial settlement. It holds that these questions must be left to the belligerents to settle in proportion to their sacrifices.

The Zurich Nachrichten, also Germanophile, scores the president for what it terms meddling in affairs in which he has no concern. The Nachrichten says:

"President Wilson violated the spirit of the Monroe doctrine in pretending to meddle with European concerns, the more so as he is totally ignorant of the principles and basis of European states, their history and their development."

The Basler Nachrichten says the tone of the speech suggests the prophesies of Isaiah. Nevertheless it considers that President Wilson's declarations amount to an engagement that they imply American intervention in the event of the neutrality of another country being violated.

PENDLETON PROTECTS RAILROADS FROM AUTOS

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 25.—Railroad trains now to be protected at Pendleton grade crossings from speeding automobiles, according to a resolution adopted last night by the city council. The nature of the protection was not determined upon.

"There is more danger at crossings to trains than to automobiles," said Councilman Taylor. "Machines shoot across at 50 miles an hour while the trains roll through the streets slowly without endangering traffic."

EX-BANDIT EVANS OUT OF POOR HOUSE

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25.—Chris Evans, years ago leader of the Evans-Sontax gang of California outlaws, who was committed to the poor farm here Monday, did not remain a public charge long. It became known today that his son, Joseph Evans, a rancher residing near here, had his father removed to a hospital as soon as he read of his commitment in the newspaper yesterday. Evans is 40 years old and is a paroled convict.

JAPANESE FACE CABINET CRISIS OVER MINISTRY

Mikado Dissolves Parliament Following Objections to Premier—Attempt Made to Assassinate Ozaki, Former Minister of Justice and the Leader of Constitutional Party.

TOKIO, Jan. 24.—The emperor has dissolved the house of representatives. By the drastic step of dissolution, Premier Terauchi dramatically ended the existence of the house of representatives before even an opportunity was given for a vote of lack of confidence in the ministry. Confronted with the certainty of an adverse vote, Premier Terauchi said the situation involved the prosperity of the empire and declared that while he maintained the confidence of Emperor Yoshihito, he could not accept the verdict of the house. Elections to the new house of representatives probably will be held in April or May.

Attempt to Assassinate. TOKIO, Jan. 25.—An attempt was made to assassinate Yukio Ozaki, former minister of justice and leader of the constitutional party, while he was addressing a mass meeting called to demand the resignation of the cabinet.

While M. Ozaki was speaking two men armed with short swords sprang on the platform and tried to stab him. They were overpowered and arrested. Two other men then tried to assault the former minister and were severely beaten by the audience. M. Ozaki demanded that Premier Terauchi resign, on the ground that his administration was unconstitutional. A heavy police guard is in attendance for today's session of the diet.

Visited United States. Yukio Ozaki was formerly mayor of Tokio. He visited the United States in 1914 and a dinner was given in his honor at Washington by President Taft. He became minister of justice in the Okuma cabinet in 1914.

A political crisis developed at the opening of the diet on Tuesday. The chief reason was the appointment of Field Marshal Count Terauchi as premier by the emperor last October. This appointment was a surprise both in and out of Japan and was criticized unfavorably by Japanese political leaders, who contended the premier did not command public support. He is regarded as a representative of the radical militarist faction in Japan, although in an interview with the Associated Press shortly after his appointment he disavowed any policies of aggression. Japanese newspapers said the premier did not command a majority in parliament and predicted that the outcome would be dissolution of the house and a new election.

SUPERDREADNAUGHT MISSISSIPPI LAUNCHED

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 25.—The superdreadnaught Mississippi was successfully launched today in the presence of Secretary Daniels, other distinguished visitors and more than 15,000 spectators.

N. Coleman, a lumberman of Tacoma, is in Medford looking over the saw mill and box factory situation. He may decide to locate here and engage in that line of business.

SPANELL SAYS COLONEL BUTLER KILLED HIS WIFE

Accused Murderer of Mrs. Spanell and Colonel Butler Testifies That the Shot Which Caused Wife's Death Was Fired by Army Officer, for Whose Death He Is Also Held.

SAN ANGELO, Tex., Jan. 25.—Harry J. Spanell, testifying in his trial in connection with the killing of his wife at Alpine, Tex., last July, this afternoon declared that the shot which caused Mrs. Spanell's death was fired by Lieutenant Colonel M. C. Butler, for whose death Spanell is also held.

Colonel Butler forced his attentions on Mrs. Spanell from the time he arrived in Alpine and "seemed to be everywhere we were," Spanell testified. He added:

"He asked to be permitted to go automobile riding with us, and when I invited him he always wanted to sit in the back seat with Mrs. Spanell." Spanell said that on the evening of the shooting he saw Butler come out of his (Butler's) room in the hotel operated by Spanell and go downstairs and that he then found Mrs. Spanell in Butler's room, badly frightened. He said Mrs. Spanell told him something had happened, adding, "don't ask me now. I'll tell you later."

He said Mrs. Butler was out of the room at the time.

STOCK BROKERS PRODUCE RECORDS

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Stock exchange brokers who have been requested by the rules committee of the house investigating the alleged leak on the president's peace note to produce records of the transactions of their customers, are promptly responding. It was announced today by Sherman L. Whipple, counsel for the committee.

Mr. Whipple and Chairman Henry did not go to Washington with the rest of the committee yesterday, and today were busy with the committee's expert accountants preparing for the resumption of the inquiry here Monday or Tuesday. Mr. Whipple said he expected that it would now be possible to complete the inquiry in New York next week.

BRITISH LABOR VOTES TO CONTINUE WAR

MANCHESTER, England, Jan. 25.—The labor conference this afternoon rejected by a vote of more than three to one a resolution favoring the immediate offer of peace proposals.

The conference defeated a motion proposing an international congress of socialists to be held simultaneously with the peace conference. Some of the delegates said it would be impossible for socialists from the entente nations to meet Germans in this way.

An amendment proposing a socialist and trade unionist organization, to be confined to the allied powers, was adopted.

SCULPTOR MAKES DEATH MASK OF DEWEY



U. S. J. Dunbar, noted sculptor, and a death mask of Admiral Dewey he has just made. The mask is the forty-ninth made by Dunbar of celebrities, including President McKinley and Admiral Bob Evans.

HEAVY BATTLE NOW IN PROGRESS ON RIGA FRONT

BERLIN, Jan. 25.—Further progress for the Germans in their attacks on the Russian lines on both banks of the River Au, in the Riga region, on the northern end of the Russian front, is announced by army headquarters in this evening's supplementary statement.

The heaviest fighting now in progress in any of the war theaters on the Russian front in the Riga sector, where the Germans recently took the offensive and drove back the Russians a mile and a half in the region of the great Tird marsh, that long has hindered the way to Riga for the German forces.

Attempting again to advance over the frozen ground which has made the effort in this swampy region possible, the Teutonic army has sustained reverses, according to Petrograd today. Northwest of the marsh they opened a heavy artillery fire and then attacked, but failed to make any headway against the Russian defense.

Elsewhere there has been little but artillery and patrol fighting. Entire quiet apparently prevails all along the Rumanian front, owing to the severe winter weather.

OREGON DOCTORS CANNOT PRESCRIBE BOOZE TO PATIENTS

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 25.—Oregon doctors would not be allowed to prescribe intoxicating liquors in any form for medical purposes under the provision of an amendment to the "bone dry" absolute prohibition bill as it was reported back favorably today to the house of representatives by the committee on alcoholic traffic. The measure was introduced by Representative J. E. Anderson, The Dalles, and the amendment was added in committee.

Another change the bill suffered in committee was the reduction from two to one quart of alcohol that a person can import on prescription each month for medical, scientific or mechanical purposes. A third amendment would compel district attorneys, instead of dentists, to sign all permits for purchases of alcohol.

Five days of grace after enactment are given common carriers to deliver liquor imported under the present laws. A fight was made for a ten-day period for delivery. A member of the house, it is said, has received suggestions from constituents regarding changes in the act. One representative said a medical association would urge him to introduce an amendment which has specifically intimation by air-slips or submarines.

DANISH ISLANDS UNDER DISCUSSION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The form of government for the Danish West Indies was discussed at a conference today between Secretary Lansing and Senator Stone, chairman of the Foreign relations committee.

Senator Stone recommended and said afterward that Secretary Lansing agreed that the present form of government should be continued as nearly as possible under the direction of either an army or naval officer as deemed best by President Wilson.

The present form of government centers largely about a general council chosen on a limited suffrage. An American customs official also will be appointed.

CONFISCATION OF WEALTH DEMANDED

MANCHESTER, England, Jan. 25.—Immediate confiscation of excessive wealth to lighten the financial burdens of the war is demanded in a resolution adopted unanimously today at the annual meeting of the labor party. The resolution calls for taxation of not less than fifteen shillings on the pound on unearned incomes, direct taxation of land and nationalization of the banking system.

WHAT ARE WE TO DO WITH OUR OLD MEN?

Pension Laws Needed as in Europe and Australia—Economic Pressure Greater, Men Wear Out Quicker Than Formerly—Shall We Knock Them on the Head?

By CHAS. EDWARD RUSSELL. WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—What are we going to do with our old men in this country? Knock them on the head?

I mean men that work with their hands and produce things, and wear out at the job. They are the huge majority of the nation. The other kind, that grow old in the midst of wealth and comfort or have any chance to get that sort of thing, are few. We are apt to overlook this fact, but fact it is just the same. What shall we do with the worn-out worker?

Wears Out Faster. He wears out faster than he used to. Men in the mass may live longer in the present stage of civilization, but they don't keep up with the pace.

That is because the great demand in making things now is to make them quickly. Speed, and always more speed, and the human machine will not stand it.

Blacksmiths, fitters, turners, molders, pattern makers, boiler makers, get their best wages as a rule between 25 and 45; engineers and iron and steel workers, between 24 and 40; carpenters, between 20 and 45; printers, between 25 and 48.

That is to say, when a man is past 45 he begins to find it harder and harder to sell his labor, and ten years later he is in luck if he can sell it at all.

Is a Derelict. After that he is a derelict on the industrial ocean.

It is no fault of his. The employers don't want him around because they think he fills a place that might be filled by a sprightly man.

Supposing him not to be quite ready to die, what shall he do now? What happens to him, as a matter of fact?

Why, unless he has been able to accumulate a competence, he goes on charity. His children support him, if he has any and they are able. His union superannuates him if he is fortunate enough to belong to a union. Or he undergoes the exquisite torture and virtual prison sentence known as the poor house!

Well, then, why doesn't he get that competence? Why doesn't he get that sort of thing, you know. Lay by for a rainy day.

Time to Wake Up. It is about time we woke up from the trance produced upon our fathers by copy-book stuff of this kind. I could show you some charts that would make the prospects about getting rich from wage savings look pretty queer. Only about one workman in 150 has a chance really to save anything that counts. The way things are now, with prices going up faster than wages, he is lucky if he can buy his butcher's bill and things like that out of his pay envelope. The average workman, I mean, not so-called and highly fortunate trades that fare better than the rest.

Before any of the preachers of the grand old school of petrified formulas start in to talk much about the possibilities of saving and cheese paring, they ought to take one good look at the current prices for household necessities and another good look at wage schedules, and then go home and have a think.

But Them on the Road? Well, then, what are we really going to do with them?

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FAIR TRIAL PROMISED MEXICAN PRIESTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Representation by the United States for a fair trial for two Mexican priests sentenced to death at Zacatecas on charges of aiding Villa have been successful. The American embassy in Mexico City has been informed that as a result they will not be tried under a law which gives them no opportunity for defense.



These are Swiss soldiers in charge of a mountain battery guard by the Alpine frontier, near Basel, to prevent German troops crossing the line in an attempt to strike at Fribourg territory.

MALAYS KILLED AT BALI BY QUAKE

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Fifty natives were killed and two hundred others injured in an earthquake on the island of Bali, in the Malay archipelago, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Central News. More than a thousand houses and factories and the native temples were destroyed. The governor's palace was seriously damaged.