

## HONGKONG SLAVE STORY AROUSES HOUSE COMMONS

Chinese Watch Battle in British Parliament Seeking to Abolish System.

IS TERMED BLOT ON THE EMPIRE

"Adoption" of Girls by Wealthy Men Held to be Form of Bondage.

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Hongkong, Feb. 15.—The public here is deeply interested in the battle which is being fought out in the House of Commons, in England, on the issue as to whether a system of slavery exists in this colony.

Before going into the matter more fully, it would be well to explain that in Hongkong there are some 700,000 Chinese inhabitants, the greater number of whom, being born in the colony, are British subjects. They live in their own quarters of the island and city, though the wealthier of them, among whom are the so-called "slave owners," mix freely with the white population. The "slaves" are servants, girls, purchased by wealthy Chinese, and they spend their lives, until of marriageable age, in domestic servitude in the homes of the rich.

The system by which these girls are procured and placed in bondage is one which is common to China, and it will persist in the Oriental republic, despite the fact that laws have been nominally passed for its suppression. Here in this British colony there is no specific law forbidding the system, though it is interesting to recall that the first law passed by the local Legislature when Hongkong came into the possession of the British some eighty years ago was one designed to end this and similar Chinese customs.

Victoria Disallows Law.

The law was, however, "disallowed" by Queen Victoria, on the ground that the common law of England, so far as it related to the suppression of slavery, extended by its own force and power to Hongkong.

Since those early days, there have been periodic agitations against this Chinese custom, but none of such intensity as that now being waged in England, which is largely directed by a labor colonel, John Ward, M. P., who knows Hongkong first-hand. John Ward, known as "the Navy M. P.," raised the British House of Commons to the great war and later he was appointed to the command of a regiment sent out for garrison duty to Hongkong. It was while here that he looked into this slavery question, gathering facts and figures of which he has made full use since his return to England.

A woman actively engaged in the campaign also is Mrs. Harwood, wife of a naval officer, who also was posted in Hongkong during the war. When she learned of the system first-hand, she began an anti-slavery campaign in the press, whereupon her husband was informed that if she did not cease her activities in regard to her back home. He declined to interfere and was daily posted to duty in Europe, whether his wife also went and has since played a big part in the parliamentary campaign against this slavery system.

System Termed Slavery.

In the system by which these servant girls are procured and kept in domestic bondage rightly to be termed slavery? Taking the ordinary conception of the term, it is. These girls, who are invariably the daughters of the very poorest Chinese, are purchased under what is to all intents and purposes a deed of sale. They themselves have no voice in the matter. The transaction is put through by men and women known as "go-betweeners," who make a regular trade of placing these girls in wealthy homes. From the deed usually describes the process as one of "adoption," but in point of fact the parents seldom, if ever, see the child again, and what is more the girl does not in any sense become one of the household into which she is sold. She is there merely as a servant. She receives no wages, she gets her food and clothing, and she rarely leaves the four walls of the house. In the respect that she is a servant working without her own consent for others and is not regarded in any way as a member of the family, her status is altogether different to that of the child adopted.

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Into a British or American home in England or the States. Moreover, when she reaches womanhood, she is generally sold again, without her parents being in any way consulted, into marriage. The system, too, has another evil aspect, in that there is undoubtedly a considerable traffic in girls who are sold into prostitution.

Problem Proves Difficult.

It is a difficult problem with which to deal. British colonial tradition is to respect the customs of subject races, but only to the point at which they do not conflict with British law. Registration of these "girl slaves" has been suggested, with a view to their interests being safeguarded by the authorities, but the idea has not found favor in official circles, possibly because its adoption would be a tacit recognition of a system which at any rate in principle conflicts with anti-slavery laws.

The London government is now urging the Government of Hongkong to appoint a committee of leading Chinese to consider the problem and to see that the system is not abused. This does not satisfy the liberty campaigners in the House of Commons, where the fight is likely to be reopened and carried on until some definite steps are taken to remove what is regarded as a blot on British colonial methods.

## REVOLUTION IN INDIAN STATE

Tonk District is Scene of Violent Outbreak Against British Rule.

London, Feb. 15.—Revolution has broken out in the Indian state of Tonk, in Rajputana, says a Reuters' despatch from Ahmedabad. After agreeing to demands of the people, the Nawab Muhammad ruler of the district, arrested leaders of the movement, whereupon rioting broke out. State troops are actively engaged and people are fleeing toward British territory.

Trouble in Capital.

The capital of the district is located in the city of Tonk, about fifty miles south of Jaipur. Tonk is one of twenty-one Indian states included in the Rajputana district, which covers a vast area in the northwestern part of the Indian peninsula. Tonk has an area of 2,553 square miles and in 1911 had a population of 205,181. Most of the population are Hindus.

Stabbed While Taking Prisoner

Police Officer's Comrade Diverted Blow Struck by Comrade of Prisoner.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Feb. 15.—Stabbed in the hip by an Italian who followed him while taking a prisoner to the station, Constable Victor Dalpe, of the Montreal street station, escaped a probably fatal blow when Constable Cleroux grasped the arm of the assailant in mid-air as the other was about to strike Dalpe in the back with a dagger. The assailant was taken to the station by Constable Cleroux and charged with aggravated assault on an officer and of having a weapon illegally in his possession were laid against him. He gave his name as Giovanni Monico, and his address as 14 Bridge street. Constable Dalpe, after taking his own prisoner to the station, was sent to the Montreal General Hospital, where his wound was treated in the outdoor department. Dalpe, according to the report made at the station, had arrested Pignatelli Diacurio, of 518 St. James street, on a charge of interfering while under the influence of liquor at a corner on St. James street. Taking him to the station he was followed by Monico, who, at the corner of St. James and Cathedral streets, drew a four-inch dagger and, as he was about to strike the constable in the back, Constable Cleroux appeared on the scene and grasped the man's arm, the blade landing in Dalpe's hip. Searched at the station, Diacurio was found to be carrying a 38-calibre revolver with three chambers loaded. Constable Dalpe, who was sent home after being treated in the hospital, joined the police force on January 20 last.

W. C. Meahan, demonstrator of the Wade Drug Saw Co., of Portland, Ore., is registered at the Dufferin. He is demonstrating and giving advice concerning the use of the one man Wade Gasoline draw saw for cutting up trees and logs, to the patrons of A. H. Williams Machinery Co., who are handling the saw in this part of the country.

## French "Turnover" Tax Dropped

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By YVONNE BARRE. (Copyright, 1921, by Gros-Atlantic.) London, Feb. 15.—English women have never had the reputation as good cooks, which has distinguished their French and American sisters. But that is now to be changed. Women in every class of life are showing an increased tendency to study domestic economy and all subjects that will help the housekeeper and homemaker to approach the weekly budget with a trained outlook. Cookery classes and professional cookery teachers are especially feeling the result of this new interest for domestic information, shown by women. "Whenever I give a demonstration I am besieged by women who want me to give them private lessons in making really nice new dishes," a professional cook said the other day.

New School in London.

A new cookery school to be opened in London has had many applicants from pupils who are anxious to have private lessons. The West London Cookery School, as it will be called, is established in Newman Street, W., and it will deal chiefly with the principle of cooking on a stove that burns anthracite coal—a process which, it is maintained, is much more economical than the ordinary coal, in addition to the labor-saving advantages entailed in its use.

The first course of lessons arranged by the principals includes lectures on French frying and Anglo-Indian cooking. Every pupil—not more than three—may take private lessons at a time—provides herself with her own equipment in the way of apron, notebook, and similar requisites, but the ingredients used will be bought for her on condition that she purchases the cooked article. The head cookery teacher, Mrs. Goddard, has won fame as the prize-winner for an omelet in a competition—chefs from the big London hotels being among the competitors—that took place before Queen Mary.

KEMALISTS ARE EN ROUTE TO LONDON

Copyright 1921, By Public Ledger Rome, Feb. 15.—Contrary to doubts expressed in the London press, your correspondent learns that the Kemalists delegation will reach England about the date fixed for the London international conference. This will be rendered possible by the fact that the Italian Government has undertaken to facilitate the journey of Mustafa Kemal's envoy, providing a man of war for their passage. The representatives of the nationalist government have already left their capital and are expected in Rome within ten days when they will proceed to London.

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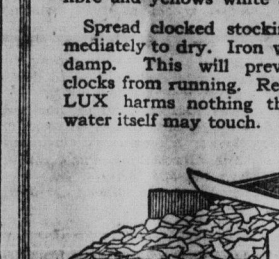
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