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A CRY FROM THE UNDERWORLD

The letter from which the following extracts are made was sent by an unfortunate victim of the social evil to the editor of the Terre Haute Post's Woman's Department. It is a gripping piece of writing—a passionate plea for the girls who have not yet tasted life's bitterest cup. The writer is a college woman whose name is withheld.

Will you let a woman of the underworld address you? Although there is never a word for the poor, deluded creatures down here in the darkness, yet we like to read about you people up there in the light of day.

I was much interested in your trip to the Court House tower and the panoramic view upon the graves of the dead and the homes of the living. I was interested in the description of our street, where glided vice cringes and hides in the shadows by day and prowls about seeking its prey by the red lights' glare by night.

You looked upon our home—our hells, I had better say, for it is the latter to us down here in our pollution.

Now, women up there in the light of day, who caused this vice down here in the shadows?
"For once I was as fair as the purest snow,
But I fell—fell like the snowflakes—
From Heaven to Hell;
Cursing, pleading, afraid to die—
I sell my soul to whomever will buy."
We, too, see the church spires in the distance, and on Sunday we hear the bells. To me, they only ring a knell to Christian religion. For what are your churches doing? You go dressed in your Sunday frock, the preacher preaches about high ideals, clean politics, etc.—preaches right over your head. The organ plays, they take up a collection "for the Lord." The Lord isn't satisfied with what you give, but asks for more, for silk socks come high and the "church lords" all wear them.

The old brother in the "Amen" corner, who has heard the sermon on "clean politics," goes out and votes "wet." The girl who has heard the moral sermon, sits in the porch swing and lets the Sunday school boy hug and kiss her, while papa and mamma, upstairs dream of the golden future of their daughter.

I have known men who sang in the church choir on Sunday and mingled with the ogres on Monday. The churches of today have lost sight of "the lowly Nazarene," barefooted, healing the leper and casting out devils. But greed of money—greed, it says—has become the great force behind the pulpit.

Making the salvation of souls a money-saving scheme!
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And you fool people think when you throw your dollars into the collector the Lord looks down and smiles and put it down to your credit on the big book up there some place in the sky. Be careful, you pretenders who go to church on Sunday and gossip about your neighbors all week; the Lord may some day enter your church. And when He does He will turn over your money tables and use the lash.

How many of you Christian mothers teach your boys to respect your neighbors' daughters and protect their honor with their lives, if need be? Not many. Why do not parents train their boys for purity of living? If they did their duty for their boys, your girls would be safe.

I know a girl down here in sin who is a beautiful singer. She used to sing in a church choir in an Eastern city. The preacher led her to hell. Diseased and lost eternally, she gropes about in the shadow of despair.

What are your schools doing? Your teachers teach language and grammar, and your boys, whom your teachers have taught, come down here and curse and use the vilest language. You teach arithmetic, accurate accounts, then your merchants up there—honorable men they are—cheat, "mark down" goods which really never cost more, and your pupils let them cheat them openly. You teach them statesmanship. Your boys grow up, vote for the saloon and the houses of vice, which cater only to the lusts of men. They allow men to manufacture the deadly cigarette, and by its manufacture they coin millions of dollars. Then you are taxed to keep up insane asylums for the boys and men whom the cigarette habit sends to the madhouse. You allow some men to manufacture drugs, poison, carbolic acid—our great cure-all down here—and liquors, so they can make a fortune and live in ease while your sons pay the price.

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Frankie Callahan Licks Wolgast

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—Ad Wolgast, one-time lightweight champion of the world, got a licking from Frankie Callahan in a ten-round tussle at Washington Park, Brooklyn, to-night. In the ninth Callahan sent the champion reeling with a right-hand smash to the jaw. The ropes saved Ad from falling. The former "wildcat" weighed 138 1/2 to Callahan's 132 and was fat and paunchy and had little speed. Callahan easily outboxed him, but got into trouble at close quarters. In the seventh and eighth Wolgast had the Brooklyn lad slowed down to a walk with rips to the stomach. Things looked very cloudy for Frankie in the seventh, but he made a strong finish. A god crowd saw the battle.

Predicted Bulgarian Move

ATHENS, Aug. 27, via London, Aug. 29.—Commenting on the Bulgarian occupation of Kavala, former Premier Venizelos said to the Associated Press correspondent: "I predicted that the Bulgarians assurances that they would not occupy Kavala would not hold good five days. They lasted just four days.

"Can you conceive anything more criminal in a military sense than the action of the Greek general staff in demobilizing three army corps, and leaving the entire artillery and other supplies behind to fall into the hands of the Bulgarians?"

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Interesting Story of the Dublin Riots

Major Vane, in Some "Impressions" of the Rebellion, Tells of Captain Bowen-Colthurst's Exploits and the Difficulty in Obtaining Order for His Arrest

LONDON, Aug. 26.—In connection with the inquiry proceeding into the execution of F. Sheehy Skeffington and his two companions during the Dublin riots, the Clarion publishes some "impressions" of the Irish rebellion by Major Sir Francis Patrick Vane, founder of the world order of Socialism, and a distinguished soldier and writer. In his article Sir Francis makes some sensational statements. He was Captain Bowen-Colthurst's superior officer during the riots, but only heard indirectly of the shooting of Skeffington and his two companions.

"Naturally I at once went to the officer commanding the troops to inquire about it," writes Sir Francis, "and I found him in as great distress as myself about the affair, and that he had communicated by telephone with Dublin Castle. Quite obviously no orders to arrest Captain Bowen-Colthurst had been given which seemed altogether incorrect, but as the commanding officer of his own regiment was present, and I had received no official report, it was clearly not any duty to interfere.

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"I soon ascertained the fact and proceeded to try to prevent their recurrence. Some of these have not heretofore been published.

"For example on that memorable day Captain Colthurst, when on a raid into the streets, had halted his men in front of the tobacco shop of Alderman Kelly and, as I presume, by way of introduction to the family, had thrown a bomb through a window. Miss Kelly and her maid narrowly escaped death.

"On Monday, May 1, the rebellion so far as Dublin was concerned was finished and I was naturally relieved from my active duties as commander of the defences. A curious part of this transaction, however, was that I was ordered to hand over my duties to Captain Colthurst, who six days before had illegally executed three men, as I well knew.

Kitchener Ordered Arrest.
"I proceeded to headquarters of the high command and there officially reported the facts of the Skeffington murders, and still the officer who had committed them was allowed to command men. Even then, six days afterwards, I could not obtain any assurance that this officer would be restrained, and consequently, being well aware of the serious effect in Ireland of this obvious attempt to hush up a crime which was at that time a matter of common knowledge I obtained leave to go to England, and reported the facts direct to Lord Kitchener.

"In my presence the late Secretary for War, wrote a telegram placing Captain Colthurst under arrest, and he asked me why this had not been done immediately. I could only reply I did not know and this was eight days after the crime had been committed."



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