

SAY THAT MANN ACT SHOULD BE AMENDED SOON

Court's Decision Makes it a Tool for Blackmailers and Its Good Intent Nullified.

New York, Jan. 26.—Department of Justice officials in New York said today that the decision of the United States Supreme court in upholding the Mann act, in the case of F. Drew Cammett and Mury I. Diggs, would have the effect of practically nullifying the law. They were certain that no jury would find a defendant guilty of a violation of the law unless it were amply proved that he had investigated the transportation of a woman across a state line for commercial purposes. None of the officials would talk for publication, deeming it more fitting for Attorney General Gregory to express the opinion of the department.

But other lawyers echoed the opinion of the officials so exactly that it became certain that the law had been a subject of wide and long discussion. Abraham Levy, a criminal lawyer, said that while he believed the Mann law had been enacted for a good purpose, it had been so construed that it would serve the blackmailers rather than the decent people.

"In this country," said Mr. Levy, "there are many hundreds of divorces a week. In many of them the evidence on which the divorce is granted is that the husband had entertained the co-responsibility somewhere in another state. The facts are often brought out to the entire satisfaction of the court, and a divorce is granted. Under the construction of the Mann act it would be the duty of the United States attorney to turn such evidence over to an investigator and the case would have to go before a Federal grand jury. I don't believe that any petit jury in the country would find such a defendant guilty. But the defendant would have already been punished by what many persons would think was a narrow escape from a prison term. The result would be that in a very short time the law would fall in to disuse and those whom it ought to punish would go free with those whom it sought to persecute."

Mr. Levy called attention to the fact that Section 2,460 of the penal law provided a punishment of from two years to twenty and a fine of not more than \$5,000 for any person found guilty of procuring, enticing, or inducing a woman to enter or leave the state for immoral purposes. The punishment was so severe that Mr. Levy said he did not believe there ever was a conviction under it. Therefore it remains a dead law and ought to be modified or repealed.

"The Mann act," said Mr. Levy, "does not fit a penalty for an immoral practice, but for the taking of a woman from one state to another. A trip on a ferryboat or in a train across a line dividing two states is punishable under the act to imprisonment not exceeding five years, or if the woman is less than 18 years of age, to ten years."

"If the Federal Department of Justice intends to carry out the law it will need many more district attorneys and a very much larger appropriation. It may not be said before, I don't believe that any jury would convict any person accused under its provisions unless it was shown that he was guilty in the transportation of women for commercial vice."

A representative of the United States Attorney Marshall's office said that it had been the practice of this district not to prosecute any person under the act unless he was suspected of having traded in women for vicious purposes.

"Our position," he said, "has been indorsed in a measure by the decision of the Supreme court, which was divided on the subject."

Asked if he would find it necessary to follow the divorce cases here and to proceed against any defendant found guilty of having taken a woman from this state to another, he replied: "I should not believe that I was doing my duty if I failed to take action in such cases. The only thing that would prevent me would be the lack of the necessary assistance. Of course it would cost much more than perhaps millions of dollars more than appropriated now. If all of the United States attorneys should follow the same course."

"Under the construction of the law," said this official, "the Mann act is a menace rather than a help to the public. It will serve no purpose other than that of the blackmailers, and under it, unless it is amended, I expect to see the already big army of blackmailers largely increase."

BRITISH CAPTURE TURKISH TRENCHES NEAR KUT-EL-AMARA

London, Jan. 26.—Eleven hundred yards of Turkish first-line trenches southwest of Kut-el-Amara, and portions of the Turkish second-line trenches in Mesopotamia have been captured by the British forces in heavy fighting in which the Turks suffered heavy losses, according to a British official communication issued tonight. The communication says: "By a determined assault Friday morning, under the cover of an intense bombardment, we seized and consolidated 1,100 yards of the enemy's first-line trenches on the right bank of the Tigris, southwest of Kut-el-Amara, and a considerable length of the second line, sustaining only slight losses."

"The Turkish forces west of the Hal river thereupon delivered four furious counter-attacks, the first and third being broken up by our artillery and machine gun fire. The second and fourth attacks gained momentary success, but our troops, returning to the offensive, regained much of the ground, from which they had been temporarily dislodged. Throughout the day the Turkish losses were extremely heavy. Seventy prisoners were taken."

Almost at the same moment the death of Mr. Wood occurred, his son, Duncan, met with a very serious accident. He was seated on a load of hay when his head came in contact with the branch of a tree. He was knocked to the ground and badly injured about the head and spine.

The injured man now lies in a very critical condition.

Special to The Standard. New Glasgow, N. S., Jan. 26.—While sitting at the tea table at D. Rogers' residence, George Wood, aged 87 years, gave a slight moan and fell to the floor. Mrs. Rogers, who was upstairs at the time, rushed down and summoned a doctor but the old gentleman expired before the doctor arrived. Mr. Wood had been about town as usual yesterday. Heart disease was the cause of death.

Special to The Standard. Sackville, Jan. 26.—Mrs. Estabrooks of Upper Sackville had an unpleasant experience this week. While returning home from a visit to a neighbor, along the Aboushagar Road, on a cold, dark night she went on a road which led into the woods. She was lost, but was not so far from the nearest house that she could not be heard. She cried lustily for aid, and after she had been in the woods for several hours, neighbors heard her and by the aid of lanterns had little difficulty in locating her.

Utica, N. Y., Jan. 26.—The highest price paid for a cow of her age (feet) was for the sale of Tietje Queen de Kol, by A. C. Howe of New Hartford, a suburb of Utica, to the Carnation Creamery Company. The cow, which is nine years and nine months old, recently made a record of 42.28 pounds of butter in a week. The price paid for her was \$5,000.

Editor Pleads Guilty of Heinous Offense (Williamsville, M. D., Journal.) We wish to apologize to Mrs. Orlando Overlook. In our paper last week we had as a heading, "Mrs. Overlook's Big Feet." The word we ought to have used is a French word, pronounced the same way, but spelled differently. It means a celebration and is considered a very tony word.

British Drink Supply to be Cut One-Half London, Jan. 26.—The British public this year will be allowed to drink only half as much beer and whiskey as they consumed the year before the war began, and each drink probably will cost them twice as much as it did then. This will be the result of the food controller's drastic restrictions on the output of beer and whiskey, according to the representatives of the Licensed Trade Defence League. Brewers and distillers have not yet had time to decide what action they will take with regard to the restrictions, but informal conferences already have been held from which sufficient information has leaked out to advance in prices will take place some time before the new regulation is effective at the beginning of April.

In expectation of this whiskey has advanced sharply in price among the wholesale dealers at Glasgow. A mass meeting of the retailers there has been summoned to determine what they will charge consumers. The price, it is predicted, will be double the present rate.

Woodstock Minister Accepts Montreal Call Montreal, Jan. 26.—Rev. Frank L. Orchard, of Woodstock, N. B., has accepted the invitation to become pastor of Olivet Baptist church in this city, and will preach in Olivet church on Sunday, Feb. 4.

WRIST WATCH AND ADDRESS FOR MISS PITT

Girls' Club Members Show Appreciation of Her Work in a Targible Way. The Girls' Club on Princess street was the scene of a very pleasant happening last night, when Miss A. M. Pitt, who has had charge of the work of the club since its inception, was presented with a handsome gold wrist watch, suitably engraved, and an address, as a token of appreciation of her services on behalf of the girls. About forty girls gathered at the rooms of the club and spent a jolly hour in games of various kinds after which they all joined hands in a circle and Miss Edith Piers, on behalf of the girls, presented Miss A. M. Pitt with a gold wrist watch and the following address:

Dear Miss Pitt.—We the members of the Girls' Club, some of us having been with you in the work for four years, under your able leadership, cannot refrain from expressing to you our thanks for the valuable services you have personally meant to us during all your leadership and companionship. You have never shown anything but the spirit of our Master and of friendly interest in all our undertakings and we feel that you have put your whole soul into the work in an endeavor to make it a success. Words fail to express what your example and influence have meant to us. We have learned to love and to lean on you as a mother and on behalf of the girls of the club and friends it gives us great pleasure to present to you this small token of the esteem in which you are held by us. We trust you will accept this gift and that we may long be united in this great work.

After the presentation Mrs. W. C. Good, president of the Playgrounds Association, spoke briefly in reference to the good work of Miss Pitt and the assistance she had always been ready to render in any good cause.

Red Cross Society Meets. The main street Red Cross Society held their fortnightly meeting at the home of Mrs. D. Hutchinson last night. The attendance was large and eleven new members were elected. Rev. D. Hutchinson read a number of letters from boys who had received Christmas boxes from the church and plans were talked over for an open meeting two weeks from last night.

Important Conference of Sea Lords London, Jan. 25.—It is officially announced that the conferences held in London on recent days "to discuss and determine the questions relating to the naval policy of the Allied fleets in the Mediterranean," were attended by Sir Edward Carson, First Lord of the Admiralty; Admiral Sir John R. Jellicoe, First Sea Lord; Rear Admiral LaCaze, former Minister of Marine; M. Lebon, former Minister of Colonies; the Italian minister of marine, Admiral Corisi; the Italian minister of munitions, General D'Alloio, in addition to other experts of the three powers.

The proceedings were opened by the British government's views for closer co-ordination and unity of action of the Allied fleets in the Mediterranean. "The results of the conference," says the announcement, "were entirely satisfactory. Important decisions have been reached, affecting not only naval operations, but the use of shipping, control of trade routes and other problems."

Many Honor M. Mary of Mrs. J. M. Lyons Funeral Held at Trinity Church, Sussex, Following Service at Home of Deceased Lady in Shediac.

Special to The Standard. Sussex, Jan. 26.—The funeral of Mrs. Lyons, wife of John M. Lyons, formerly head of the I. C. R. passenger department, who passed away at her home in Shediac on Wednesday, took place here this afternoon. The body, which arrived at four p.m., was taken to Trinity church, where the Church of England burial service was held by the rector, Rev. Mansel Sheven.

A large number of friends and relatives were present to pay their last tokens of respect to the deceased lady, who was greatly esteemed and beloved by all. Interment was made in the Sussex Corner cemetery, where the committal service at the grave was also conducted by Rev. Mr. Sheven.

Walker B. McMonagle, brother of Mrs. Lyons, manager of the Dominion Experimental Farm, at Fredericton; Rev. Canon Cowie of Fredericton; D. A. Storey, general freight claims agent; F. Whippley, treasurer, and other officials from the C. G. Railway office in Moncton, were here to attend the funeral.

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Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all dealers in medicine or may be had by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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No. 10. 11.30 p. m. Moncton, Halifax, The Sydneys.

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No. 23. 9.00 a. m. Sussex Express.

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