

# GOVERNMENT WILL WAR ON WHITE SLAVES

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Secretary of Department of  
Commerce and Labor to In-  
vestigate Importation of  
Women Into America.

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## The Hearst News Service—

**W**ASHINGTON, Saturday, Oct. 5.—  
Secretary Oscar S. Straus, of  
the department of commerce  
and labor, and Frank P. Sargent, com-  
missioner of immigration, have deter-  
mined to eliminate, if possible, the  
"white slave" traffic from the United  
States. On his recent trip through the  
Northwestern and Pacific States, the at-  
tention of Straus was directed to the  
increasing importation of Oriental wo-  
men.

The Japanese and Korean Exclusion  
League informed him that hundreds of  
Japanese women were being brought to  
America, surreptitiously, and held in  
practical slavery and sold by their im-  
porters.

Straus ordered a rigid investigation,  
and it was discovered that the "white  
slave" traffic was far more widespread  
than had been suspected, involving the  
importation into America not only of  
Japanese women, but of women from  
France, Austria, Russia and Italy.

It is proposed to have careful inquiry  
instituted and a round-up of all ques-  
tionable women immigrants will be  
made. Those who have not been in the  
country three years and are found to  
have been brought here illegally will  
be arrested and subsequently deported.  
Before they are returned to their native  
land, however, they will be required to  
furnish evidence against those who  
brought them here, and prosecution will  
be begun against those responsible for  
the traffic.

It is proposed to make examples of  
such persons by sending them to prison.