

FACE HER MISFORTUNE, SAYS MOTHER OF GIRL

Demaris Thompkins, of Ardmore, Attempts Suicide When Deserted by Man

"Her face was her misfortune." So says the worried mother of a sixteen-year-old girl of Ardmore, who disappeared from home two weeks ago, and whose whereabouts were made known in dispatches today from Pittsburgh, to the effect that she had been arrested there, following an attempt to end her life.

Next to the desire to see her daughter again and have her safely at home is the mother's hope for revenge on the man who lured the young girl away. According to the dispatches, the man had disappeared, but the police of many cities are looking for him.

Demaris Thompkins, daughter of D. D. Thompkins, 323 East County line, in the Beverford township section of Ardmore, who is a Pennsylvania railroad employe in the street station, answered an advertisement early last month for a young woman to take care of a child. She got into communication with a man at a hotel in this city, giving his name as Al Grant. He had a three-year-old motherless boy for whom he wanted a nurse. He said he was waiting for a bookbinding firm.

Recently, he asked that Demaris go with him on a trip to act as a substitute for the bookkeeper who, he said, was ill. The mother consented, but before the end of two days she thought of her mistake and hurried to the address in Washington given by Grant.

The girl returned home, and on December 4 she said she was going to work in a Philadelphia department store. She never returned, and the mother placed the case in the hands of Edward T. Hallissey, chief of Beverford township police. By means of photographs he traced the girl to Altoona, Pa., where he traced her to Pittsburgh. According to the dispatches, the girl, on her arrest yesterday, gave the name of the man as Raymond Gardner, of Boston.

HOPEFUL OF RETAINING MAIL TUBE SERVICE

President of Philadelphia Bourse Thinks Government Will Please Good Postal Patrons

George E. Bartol, president of the Philadelphia Bourse, who made the principal argument before the House of Representatives committee in Washington for the retention of the postal pneumatic tube service, said today he felt that Philadelphia had made an excellent presentation of its case and believed that the committee had been impressed with the soundness of the local view.

Mr. Bartol said he felt certain that the committee's judgment would coincide with his though he was not so assured that the recommendation would be favorable. "I quoted to the committee members," he said, "the methods of George C. Boldt, who always said that he made it his policy to please his patrons regardless of whether they were right or wrong. In the case of the pneumatic tubes in Philadelphia it is a plain case of pleasing a good customer. The Philadelphia Postoffice makes for the Government a profit of \$5,000,000 a year. The patrons of the postoffice want the pneumatic tube service. Therefore, I think it is good business for the Government to give these patrons what they want, using the Government makes such a big profit off them. If, for the sake of economy, the Postoffice Department must make some change, they should cut off some of the unprofitable services. We don't want to economize on us in favor of the fact that we furnish such a tremendous profit as things are. I think that whether we are right or wrong we should be allowed to retain the tube if we want them. It is simply a case of pleasing a good customer, and we are that."

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"HER FACE HER MISFORTUNE" Miss Demaris Thompkins, of Ardmore, was taken in charge by the Pittsburgh police after she tried to end her life. She left home two weeks ago with a traveling man from Boston. Her despairing mother declares her daughter's pretty face has always been her misfortune.

RESERVES SAVE RUSSIANS

Germans Gain, Then Are Beaten Back in Volynia PETROGRAD, Dec. 13.—Tentative forces took the offensive yesterday in the region of Kievelin, in Volynia, west of Lutsk. A War Office statement today says the Russians were pressed back, but that the position was regained through the prompt arrival of Russian reserves.

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NO-LICENSE ADVOCATES BUSY IN SUSQUEHANNA

Two Applicants Refused—Fight to Prevent Restoration of Bars in Hotels

MONROE, Pa., Dec. 13.—Temperance forces represented by the No-License League are fighting the applicants for liquor licenses in Susquehanna County relentlessly. Two applicants from Hopbottom, where the W. C. T. U. is very strongly entrenched, were refused by Judge H. A. Denny yesterday. Both hotels in this town were closed last year for violation of the liquor laws. One of the proprietors had been selling "a malt" beverage, believing that he had a right to do so, as it contained but one-half of one per cent of alcohol. The sale of the malt is permitted in dry Wyoming County, but Judge Denny said that it was not salable in unincorporated places in Susquehanna County. The fact was also brought out that one of the applicants had been deprived of his license in Wyoming County a few years ago.

The case of Earl Hendrickson, at Lanesboro, where violations are charged, was taken up at an evening session of court. The case was postponed to get the evidence from the bartender as to an alleged illegal sale of liquor. The case of Thomas L. Dolan, of the Montrose House, started Monday, will be taken up again this afternoon. A large number of witnesses has been called. Charges of selling to persons of known intemperate habits and of no necessity have been filed. The big question to be disposed of is what constitutes a person of intemperate habits. It is said that 500 persons in and about Montrose have signed the remonstrances against the Montrose hotels. The cases from Rush and Auburn have not been called. Both will be vigorously fought.

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Long Island Man Soothes Them to Sleep With Music

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Soothing his two children, ten and four, by playing "The Rosary," Gustav Blum, thirty-eight, placed them in his own bed early today and, while they slept, in their home at Jamaica, L. I., shot and killed both. Pillsows placed over their heads muffled the sound of the pistol. After killing them, he shot himself through the head.

Blum, according to the police, had been grieving over the removal of his wife to a hospital for the insane.

Father of Doctor McCrea Dies NORTHWESTON, Pa., Dec. 13.—William Henry Harrison McCrea is dead at an advanced age. He was the father of Dr.

Woman Shopper Falls Dead

RHENANDOA, Pa., Dec. 13.—Mrs. Bertha Fisher, wife of Henry J. Fisher, superintendent of the Girard estate of Girardville, fell dead from heart disease on the steps of her home after returning from her Christmas shopping.

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