BEWARE THE LADY SLEUTH, IF YOU'RE AN EVILDOER

Each Soldier Boy, Forsooth, Will Find Her Methods Sure—She'll Get at Every Truth of Surreptitious Wooer

By M'LISS

HIST! Watson, the needle!

Philadelphia has two lady detectives who are going forth into the highways and byways of the city with nary a gun nor a "billy" to protect themselves.

They are Miss Anna B. Pratt and Mrs. Caroline Thornbury, who have just been "sworn in" by Director of Public Safety Wilson, and their jobs are in line with the work being done by the Fosdick Commission appointed by the War Department to look after the social activities of the soldiers and sailors.

There you have the clue that leads to what the lady sleuths are really up to, for the plot of this story is entirely dominated by trim-fitting khaki uniforms and middies of navy blue, which have such a mesmerizing effect on the feminine consciousness.

Miss Pratt, who is a West Philadelphian by residence and a New Yorker by birth, is at present the vocational expert in the Department of Compulsory Education at 1522 Cherry street. Mrs. Thornbury is from Coatesville. She has worked for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and will reside here permanently now that she is a duly accredited "detecative."

The former will direct the work, and it was she whom I discovered hard at her work in her Cherry street office when I went there to find out all about the habits and habitats of the lady sleuth.

Now one of the distinguishing marks of the male species of the detective is that you can always tell him a square away, for he invariably wears that air of looking for something, which you and he are quite sure he isn't going to find.

With a lady detective it's different. She has soft dark hair generously besprinkled with gray. Her gentle blue eyes are kind and infinitely tender. She has the long sensitive hands of the gentlewoman and the quiet manner of one, too. Only the determined lines about the mouth give you any hint of her adequacy to handle a situation that might be described as "tough." And, in the main, she looks like somebody you'd say your prayers to at night.

"Are you going to detect the girl leading the soldier astray, or the soldier leading the girl astray?" I asked Miss Pratt when I had learned that the necessity for the office had grown out of the war and the proximity of the camps and cantonments to the big Quaker city.

"We're really not going to detect anybody," she replied with quick emphasis. "I think we'll do a great deal more protecting than detecting," and I made a mental comment that sounded something like this: "Now, isn't that like a woman detective? No man would ever have thought of it!"

"It's like this," she continued earnestly, "the lure of khaki to the young girl who is at the romantic adolescent time of her life cannot be overestimated, and the danger is just as great as the lure.

"Perhaps, really," she said with a broad tolerance that ought to contribute greatly to her success, "the men ought to be protected also, but the Fosdick Commission will look after them. Our work will be concerned chiefly in preventing young girls from getting into dangerous situations, now that the streets are full of uniforms and all of life is hectic.

"We shall watch at the places where the girls and men are likely to congregate—in the dark, secluded sections particularly, and we shall have to sleuth when clandestine lovemaking becomes suspicious. We shall question girls wherever we suspect that they might be in danger; we shall take them home, if necessary, and although we are fully empowered with police authority, I think that the making of arrests will not be the big part of our work.

"We want to protect," she reiterated. "There is going to be nothing vindictive about our work. Environment and heredity are responsible for so much of the wrong in life, and young girls, mesmerized by the potential heroes they see in uniforms, are very often ignorant of the dangers they are likely to get into or the temptations they are likely to put into the way of the men who often are lonely and homesick."

Philadelphia has its two women detectives through the generosity of Mrs. George McFadden, who expects to broaden the scope of the work in time.

Miss Pratt graduated from Elmira College, New York, and has a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania, where she specialized in and is still studying psychology, sociology and economics.

WASH MEN'S CLOTHES FOR 16 CENTS A MONTH

Soldiers to Profit by Novel Machine Invented by Doctor Reilly

TESTED AT HOG ISLAND

Mechanical Washerwoman Cleans Anything From Overcoats to Scarfs

Probable reduction of the laundry cost per man per month in the United States army from $4 to sixteen cents is one of the results of the visit yesterday of the director general of sanitation of the United States Shipping Board—Major Philip Schuyler Doane—to the shipyards at Hog Island.

The reduction will be brought about by the use of the new washing machine installed there by Surgeon Reilly, of the yard's sanitary department. An exhibition of the cleansing powers of the mechanical washerwoman was made for the benefit of Major Doane, Dr. Thomas Darlington, of New York, and other medical and army men.

It works on the principle of the washwoman's knuckle, and in a few moments took the dirtiest kind of clothes, even overcoats—something it was said could not be cleaned—and made them spotless.

The cost of the machine is only $250, and its upkeep—run by electricity—is figured out to be only sixteen cents per man per month, with the men doing their own washing, of course. A child can run the machine, it was demonstrated, and it is "foolproof." The visitors put their fingers into the swiftly revolving brushes and rollers, such is the protective arrangement. Blankets were made white and soft in a few seconds. The latter cost the railroad companies more than $1 apiece in the laundries; this machine cleans them in two minutes or less at almost no cost. Furthermore, the softest materials can be cleansed a hundred times without injury.

The machine is being used at Hog Island to clean the clothes of each man applying for work. The laborer is fumigated, examined and his clothes cleaned from overcoat to underwear, and dried and handed back to him in about thirty minutes. Thus the city and county are kept free from possible contagious diseases.

After inspection of other sanitary arrangements at Hog Island Major Doane and his companions expressed themselves delighted with Doctor Reilly's sanitary care of the yards and their workmen.

THINK ELMWOOD SITE CHOSEN FOR SHIP MEN

Official Statement Expected Confirming Selection of 40th Ward for Homes

An official statement that the Fortieth Ward has been selected as the site for 5000 to 10,000 homes for men employed by the American International Shipbuilding Corporation at Hog Island is expected here today from Washington.

It is believed that the Elmwood section of the Fortieth Ward has been chosen for the site of the future homes of the shipbuilders. The construction of these houses for the workmen and their families, it is estimated, will cost between $10,000,000 and $24,000,000.

J. Rogers Flannery, director of housing for the Emergency Fleet Corporation, who has been in this city for some time making a study of housing conditions, left for Washington last night.

At the local offices of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation it was said today that a statement on the published report that Philadelphia had been selected as the housing site for the shipbuilders was expected immediately.

LIEUT. HARVEY MOORE
Son of Congressman J. Hampton Moore, who will take as his bride next Saturday Miss Edna Matthews, a teacher in the Hawthorne Public School.

LIEUTENANT MOORE COMING HERE TO WED

Miss Edna Matthews Will Be Bride of Philadelphia Congressman's Son

To be married in Philadelphia, a honeymoon through the South and a home in "Sunny Georgia" will be the fate of Miss Edna Matthews, a teacher in the Hawthorne Public School, Thirteenth and Fitzwater streets, who next Saturday will become the bride of Second Lieutenant Harvey Moore, of the Fifty-fifth United States Infantry, stationed at Chickamauga Park, Ga. Lieutenant Moore, who resides at 271 South Fourth street, is a son of Congressman J. Hampton Moore.

Aboard a fast train Lieutenant Moore is speeding northward. The ceremony will take place at the Matthews home, Thirteenth street below Chelten avenue, Oak Lane.

Miss Matthews, who is an attractive young woman, is well known among the younger set in Oak Lane. She is a daughter of Everett M. Matthews, who is superintendent of the Widener Building.

After the ceremony the pair will depart for a brief honeymoon through the South, and then make their home near the post where Lieutenant Moore is stationed.

CLOSE 40TH STREET STATION

Pennsylvania Railroad Stops Service at Midnight

The Fortieth Street Station of the Pennsylvania Railroad becomes a station of the past at midnight. The Public Service Commission has approved the company's plan to discontinue the station.

Since it was reopened in 1909 traffic at the station has diminished annually, except during the 1910 car strike, according to officials of the railroad, and less than seventy-five passengers use the station daily. This is less than three passengers for each train that stops at the station.

The revenue is considerably less than the maintenance cost of more than $1000, due, according to railroad officials, to improved trolley facilities in the district. The station will be dismantled and torn down in the near future.

CARS FAR TOO FEW, SAY NAVY YARD MEN

League Island Transportation Sadly Inadequate, Declare Waiting Passengers

165 RIDERS IN ONE LOAD

Marine From New York Contrasts Conditions There With Philadelphia's Lack of Service

The Philadelphia Navy Yard at League Island is the largest naval station in the United States. At the present time, as can be appreciated readily, there is an unusual need for sufficient transportation facilities to and from the center of the city and the yard.

The P. R. T. operates two lines of cars to League Island, Route 20 south on Twelfth street and north on Thirteenth, and Route 2, south on Fifteenth street and north on Sixteenth.

An EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER reporter took Route 20. He arrived at the yard at 4:30 in the afternoon. He found several hundred persons waiting for cars to take them uptown.

The reporter approached a group of men in uniform and engaged them in conversation.

"I am investigating complaints against the trolley service to League Island," he said. "How do you find it?"

In the meantime two cars had stopped on the loop together, ten minutes after the car which had brought the reporter down had started northward, considerably overloaded.

"How do we find it?" answered one of the group, a splendid specimen of Uncle Sam's sea forces. "Nothing to brag about, I can tell you. There are not enough cars and the ones that are run are crowded far beyond their capacity. Look at that car."

The reporter looked, and wondered if the car would stand the strain. More than 130 persons already were aboard and they were loading in more. The cars used on these lines are the green cars, which seat about fifty-two and will carry 100 with solid discomfort. Now when they get 165 aboard one of these "pay-as-you-crowd-in" cars, the discomfort ceases to be solid; it is unmentionable.

But this is just what happens on Routes Nos. 2 and 20 when the rush hours are on, according to what this honest sailor lad said, and the reporter had no reason to doubt his word, as he returned on a car that had 141 variously draped about its interior. And the atmosphere! The reporter is trying to forget it; unfortunately he cannot, as he is compelled to use the trolleys in all sections of the city and therefore has a constant reminder.

Thinking perhaps that he had not reached the right men, he spoke to a marine who was standing near the gate of the yard.

"I have just been told that the trolley service down this way is far below par. What do you think of it?"

MAKES NEW YORKER HOMESICK

"Oh, it makes me sick—homesick I mean. I came here from New York city, and we have plenty of trolley cars over there. They tell me here it is on account of unusual weather, but I can't see that argument. We have had the same kind of weather in New York, but it doesn't stop the cars. The people are there and have to get around, and that's all there is to it. I have heard Philadelphia is slow, but I don't believe it. I guess they mean the Philadelphia Rancid Transit Company is slow."

"I am afraid you are like all New Yorkers; you can't see any other town but New York," suggested the reporter.

"No, that's not it," the marine replied. "You can ask any of the men down here. They will tell you the same thing. There are not enough cars at the hours they are needed the most. What's the matter that they can't have enough cars?"

The reporter took the marine's advice and asked a civilian employe of the navy yard what experience he had lately. This man was a mechanic, and so his mind went to mechanics.

"The reason the company's cars are in such bad shape, which makes a scarcity of cars, is because they will not pay enough wages to men to work on cars," said this man. "What kind of a mechanic do you think you can get to work for about thirteen dollars a week? Can you imagine me working for that amount of money in these times or any other times?

"I have worked for the P. R. T., and I know something about cars. It takes real mechanics to keep electric equipment up to the standard, and they have not got them. They had better wake up before they have even fewer cars to run than they now have. The old saying, 'A stitch in time saves nine,' is a pretty good one, but the P. R. T. seems to have overlooked its wisdom."

This same criticism had been heard on nearly every line in the city and from employes mostly.

The mechanic's conversation was repeated to a conductor on the return trip from League Island.

"That fellow said a real mouthful," was his only comment. The reporter naturally took this to mean that the conductor thought so, too. It is not always easy to interpret our modern tongue.

Fall Fractures Woman's Skull

Mrs. Caroline Winters, fifty-eight years old, of 1707 South Second street, is in Mount Sinai Hospital with a fractured skull caused by a fall downstairs at her home as a result of an attack of vertigo.

Barrooms Join Conservation Drive

GLOUCESTER CITY, N. J., Jan. 15.—Gloucester saloonkeepers started last night to conserve the gas and electric light supply as well as the coal supply and all lights of this kind were turned off at 8 o'clock. All outside lights were off all night. Oil lamps and candles are being used and some of the saloons closed at 10 o'clock. The saloonkeepers have asked the authorities to compel the cigar stores and poolrooms to do likewise.

FREIGHT-MOVING WEEK SUCCESS IN THIS CITY

Two Days' Work Produces Substantial Results in Clearing Yards of Congestion

"Freight-moving week," inaugurated at the request of Director General McAdoo for the purpose of relieving congestion at terminals all over the country, is proving a success so far as Philadelphia is concerned. With less than two days of the week gone there has been a substantial reduction of the amount of freight piled up in the yards here.

Co-operation between the railroads and the consignees has been apparent and on the first day of the campaign seven freight stations of the Pennsylvania Railroad were kept open until 10 o'clock at night. They were the stations at Broad street and Washington avenue, Dock street, Walnut street, Pine street, Federal street, Thirtieth and Market streets and Kensington. Employes of the passenger department of the railroad helped the freight men handle the business.

Freight depots will remain open during the remainder of the week, or until it becomes apparent that there is no need for the extra hours in order to relieve the congestion.

Manufacturers Change Charter

An amendment to the charter of the Manufacturers' Club has been adopted which places greatly enlarged powers in the hands of the members of the organization.

WEST IS THREATENED WITH FRESH BLIZZARD

Foot and a Half of Snow on Ground in Illinois and Indiana—Zero Predicted

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—The West was threatened again today with a heavy snowfall. Southern Illinois and Indiana reported more than a foot and a half already on the ground. Temperatures in the vicinity of Chicago were falling rapidly and zero weather was predicted.

Packing plants and other industries have been forced to shut down because of lack of fuel caused by the inability of railways to cope with the snow. Railway traffic, except in the southern sections, where the storm still is raging, slowly is becoming normal.

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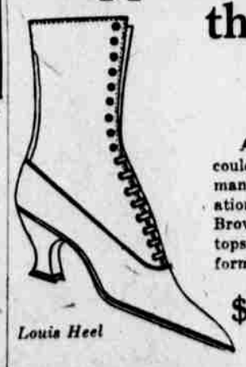

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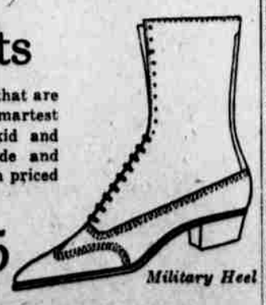
The serviceable and popular models that are being demanded this Spring—the smartest walking boots obtainable. In calf, kid and with 8 and 10-inch tops of buck, suede and Worumbo cloth. These styles have been priced at $10 and $14, now reduced to

$7.85 to $12.85



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27x54	9.25	7.00
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4.6x7.6	30.75	22.75
6x9	55.00	40.75
8.3x10.6	82.50	62.00
9x12	89.00	66.50
10.6x12	122.50	92.75
11.3x15	153.25	115.50

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RUGS

Size	Regular Price	Sale Price
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27x54	7.00	5.25
36x63	10.75	8.00
4.6x7.6	23.00	17.00
6x9	41.00	30.25
8.3x10.6	62.00	47.00
9x12	66.50	49.50
10.6x12	90.50	69.50
11.3x15	113.00	86.00

Hardwick Wilton
Perfection in Weavery
RUGS

Size	Regular Price	Sale Price
22½x36	$5.00	$4.00
27x54	7.75	5.75
36x63	12.00	9.00
4.6x7.6	25.50	18.75
6x9	45.25	33.50
8.3x10.6	69.50	52.50
9x12	73.50	55.50
10.6x12	100.00	76.50
11.3x15	125.00	95.00

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