

"HIFALUTIN' THRILLERS" DEMAND OF BOY READERS

Stories With Lots of Action Are Wanted by Youngsters Who Throng the Municipal Free Library

"I want a story with blood in it"; the little boy, loquacious as ever, the library desk, mumbled stuff."

He was the eleventh in the long line of children waiting to get books at the children's department of the Free Library at Thirteenth and Locust streets, and Miss Maria Gilpin pretended to stare in horror at "An matter-of-fact and wide-open book." As a matter of fact she was not particularly surprised that most of the boys wanted tales of wild adventure, stories that had been acted in the movie like "The Count of Monte Cristo" and those by Jack London.

"And so they try to put what they read in practice," was asked.

"We have very little disorder here," Miss Gilpin laughed. "Once in awhile some of the boys try cutting up, but I always give them a second trial. I tell them 'Two strikes and you're out.'

BRITISH ORDER OF MERIT GIVEN TO JAMES M. BARRIE

American Woman Also Honored by King on New Year

London, Jan. 2.—(By A. P.)—Sir James M. Barrie is the most conspicuous recipient of the new year's honors. Sir James (beloved throughout the English-speaking world as the author of "Peter Pan," "Peter Pan in Scarlet," "Peter Pan" and delightful comical novels and plays) is awarded the Order of Merit for services to literature and the drama.

This is one of the highest honors and is strictly limited in numbers; others holding the decoration include Lloyd George, A. J. Balfour, Lord Morley and Thomas Hardy.

New peers are created—Sir James Buchanan, the famous whisky distiller; Sir Robert Nivison, financial adviser to the Government and the overseas dominions; Joseph Watson, railway director and prominent in the horse-racing world, and Lieutenant Colonel Francis V. Willey, head of the Bradford and Boston, Mass., firm of wool merchants.

Among the new knights are Gerald du Maurier, actor-manager, and the actor Charles Hawtrey; James Jebusa Shannon, the artist; Landon Ronald, musician; Professor William Abbott Herdman, scientist, and Colonel Joseph Reed, chairman of the Press Association.

Among the ladies appearing in the new order of the British Empire is Marchioness Curzon of Kedleston, wife of the Foreign Secretary, who was the daughter of the late J. Mowbray Hinds, United States Minister to Paris.

Another, Mrs. Sophie, wife of the Australian Premier, receives the same order, both being appointed Dames of the Grand Cross, for war services.

Lady Greenwood, wife of Sir Hamar Greenwood, Chief Secretary for Ireland in England, and Ethel Smyth, the composer, are appointed Dame Commanders.

GIRL CHURCH WORKER CONFESES EMBEZZLING

Lover of Literature and Music, She Couldn't Resist Impulse

Pittsburgh, Jan. 2.—After an amazing confession of thievery, involving thousands of dollars, Miss Mathilde Kiel, lover of literature and music, devout Sabbath school worker and trusted bookkeeper, was held for a further hearing by Magistrate John J. Sweeney, in Central Police Court this morning.

Miss Kiel, who is under investigation by police for detectives at the instance of Hecker Brothers, hardware dealers, by whom she had been employed, gave money to a man brought to her.

The young woman's confession that for three years she had embezzled amounts aggregating probably six thousand dollars came as a shock to friends, relatives and neighbors. In the Lutheran Church in which she was a leader, Miss Kiel, who is twenty-three years old, and resides in Brentwood Farms, a suburb, asserted that nobody but herself had been implicated in the theft. A suggestion that she might have given money to a man brought to her.

"I don't know like men," she said.

Her employer and members of her family say that her only male admirer is a Lutheran minister, whose home is in an Ohio town. He was said to be a suitor for her hand.

"I don't know how I came to do such a thing," Miss Kiel said. "I got down on my knees and prayed. Sometimes I clinched my hands so tightly in the effort to overcome the desire to steal that my fingernails brought blood from the palms. But I always lost. I could not control myself."

"SALOME" TOO DEPRaved FOR CHICAGO, PASTOR SAYS

"Insult to Intelligence of the People!" He Exclaims

Chicago, Jan. 2.—"Salome," which was presented last Wednesday by the Chicago Grand Opera Company and is announced for another performance next Friday evening, was described yesterday as "an insult to the intelligence of the people of Chicago" and "a proper subject for arrest by the police."

The critic, however, said that Mary Garden says her favorite role was the Rev. Albert L. McCartney, pastor of the Kenwood Evangelical Church whose audience contained several hundred of boxes and other seats at the opening.

"No one has the right, no matter how perfect the music or how wonderful the genius of the performer, to present upon the stage of this city for the entertainment of decent people a demonstration of lust and perversion," the clergyman said.

Attempts to restrain performances were attempted in some of the six-hundred theaters of South State street but the managers and performers would be pained. But it gets by at the Auditorium because a lot of you fine people throw about its rotteness a mantle of respectability."

NAVY MAN DROWNS AT SEA

Lieut. MacDonald, Pennsylvanian, Swept Overboard on Way Here

Newport, R. I., Jan. 2.—Word was received here yesterday by relatives of Lieutenant Donald MacDonald, U. S. N., that the officer was swept overboard from the mine sweeper Quill early yesterday and lost. The Quill was off Montauk Point at the time on her way to Philadelphia for which port she sailed yesterday from Newport.

Lieutenant MacDonald was forty-four years old, and a native of Pennsylvania. His widow resides here.

FIRE DAMAGES HOME SLIGHTLY

Fire believed to be from an overcharged stove did trifling damage to the home of Louis Garberino, 326 Lombert street at 8 o'clock this morning. Edwin Edward, houseman of Engine Company 22, Third and Pine streets, had his hand cut by a piece of glass.

Uncommon Sense

By JOHN BLAKE

Many Ways to Wisdom

IN SCHOOL or out intelligent men are always studying. Many of them are hard at work on psychology, although they may not have heard the word itself, or may not suspect that psychology is a science.

The child in a home where people speak good English learns more grammar from the speech of his parents than he will ever learn from books.

The reason that many men succeed without schooling is not because they remain uneducated, but because they get their education from life rather than from books.

THE school is merely a short cut to knowledge. It supplies and predicts mental food which those who do not go to school must find and digest for themselves.

The writer knows of a business man who makes millions of dollars in the lumber business at a time when his knowledge of reading, writing and arithmetic was confined to knowing how to add and subtract and to sign his name.

Yet he had an exceedingly acute mind. He had studied medicine instead of books.

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