

### DENIES SHE WANTS TO LEAVE ASYLUM

#### Dorothy Gordon Declares She Went to Hospital of Her Own Free Will

### FINDS GIRL DESPONDENT

Deson, Nov. 16.—Lieutenant Governor Alvan T. Fuller visited Dorothy Gordon at the McLean Insane Hospital at Waverly yesterday. To him the girl, speaking in the manner of an automaton, said she was in the place of her own free will and desired to stay there.

Attorney Sheehan, representing the girl's uncle, John Gardiner, was told of the result of the interview Fuller had with Dorothy. He said:

"I have no desire to get into any controversy with the Lieutenant Governor. But when I saw Dorothy yesterday with her uncle, she said nothing to me like she is reported saying to the Lieutenant Governor. Quite the contrary—but there, I can't say anything now."

The talk between Fuller and Dorothy surrounded Mr. Fuller. Here is the interview that took place:

"Do you know that you can get out of this place if you wish to?" the acting Governor asked.

"Yes," Dorothy replied.

Coercion Is Denied

"Are you a voluntary patient here?"

"Yes," Dorothy replied.

"Do you want to leave here?"

"No, I wish to stay here."

"Did you sign the paper for your commitment here?"

"Yes, I did."

"Are you treated well and fairly here?"

"Yes, I have no complaint to make."

During the talk Dorothy seemed despondent and uneasy. She spoke automatically, as if she had been asked the same questions before. The answers came readily, apparently without thought or consideration.

Mr. Fuller said:

"My opinion is that Dorothy Gordon is not entirely competent. She seems to be in need of further care. She is not an unattractive child, but seemed to be very despondent. Her main thought seemed to be to get out of here."

"I did not ask for preference with respect to Mr. Jardine and Mr. Gardiner."

"Before the interview with Dorothy I talked with Dr. Packard and other officials of the institution and the attendants who have had her in charge."

Attempts at Suicide

"The woman attendant who has had the girl in charge for the last two months told me that Dorothy had requested to be kept in the institution. She said she had tried several times to commit suicide. I asked if she had ever been restrained, as reported, and I was told that she had. The restraint, I was told, was merely to protect her from what they term her suicidal mania."

"It was a return of her great dependency that occasioned her voluntary return to the institution a year ago last March."

"It seems to me that if the girl is competent to judge for herself she wishes to stay there. She said so. On the other hand, if she is not competent, she needs further care, and should stay there. Thus she seems doomed to remain."

"Nevertheless, I feel that Dr. Kline, State Commissioner of Mental Diseases, should make a full investigation of this case from all angles of it. I will ask him to do this. I will ask him to ascertain particularly whether Dorothy was induced by some threat or other to sign the voluntary petition for commitment or whether she did it of her own free will."

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### HARDING SAYS PUBLIC HAS SHIFTED ON 'DRY' QUESTION

#### Predicts Prohibition Will Remain Political Issue

New York, Nov. 16.—President Harding, it was learned last night, has sent a letter to Mrs. Douglas Robinson, sister of the late Theodore Roosevelt and member of the National Republican Committee, conceding that there has been a shift of public opinion regarding prohibition enforcement.

He predicted the prohibition question would not be taken out of politics within this generation.

Receipt of the letter was announced at a meeting of the Republican Neighborhood Association yesterday. Mrs. Robinson confirmed the receipt of the letter, but declined to make the text public.

She explained that she had been attacked by a Republican leader on the national organization's attitude toward prohibition, and wrote of it to the President. His letter was in reply.

### EDITOR SEES JAPANESE DRIVEN OUT OF AMERICA

#### Tokio Press More Pessimistic Over U. S. Supreme Court Ruling

Tokio, Nov. 16.—(By A. P.)—Continued moderation marks the Japanese press comment on the decision of the United States Supreme Court holding Japanese ineligible for naturalization as American citizens. In some circles here, however, it is believed that the underlying feeling is more bitter.

The Yoron Choho, an independent daily, predicts that the decision will impair friendly relations between the two countries.

The Japan Times, an English language paper, owned and edited by Japanese, declared that the time is not far distant when all Japanese will be driven out of America.

The Osaka Nichinichi Shimbun says it is not commendable for America to discriminate in the matter of naturalization by reason of color. Citizenship ought to be granted the subjects of any cultured nation, it is contended.

### WOMAN SECOND-STORY THIEF

Irvington-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., Nov. 16.—A woman second-story thief is believed by the police to be operating here. Tuesday night the home of William A. Burnham was robbed of \$5000 in jewels. A pair of women's black cotton gloves was found near the porch today. The police believe the thief is the same one who stole \$15,000 worth of gems from the home of Joseph Case recently.

### DEMAND PEKING FREE MISSIONARIES

#### Ministers of Five Powers Move for Release of Men Held by Bandits

### THREATEN DRASTIC ACTION

By Associated Press

Peking, Nov. 16.—Measures for the immediate release of the foreign missionaries kidnapped by Chinese bandits were demanded by the Peking government today by the American, British, Italian, French and Swedish Ministers, who acted under instructions of their Governments.

The five Ministers, presenting a joint note, called in person and informed executives of the Chinese republic that the continued repetition of the missionaries in captivity would not be tolerated by the Powers. The Powers, it was said, would be compelled to act drastically unless the missionaries were released and guarantees given for the future safety of the hundreds of other missionaries in China.

The note was couched in vigorous language. It declared that the missionaries were carrying on their work in the interior of China under treaties which had been violated by the abductors.

It is understood that Washington instructed Jacob Gould Schurman, the American Minister, to impress upon China the seriousness of the bandits' activities in detaining foreigners for political motives. Dr. Schurman protested on behalf of the two American captives, but joined the other Ministers in a general complaint against interference with the treaty right of missionaries.

Besides the Americans, the captives now include one Greek, one French citizen, one British subject, one Swedish and one Italian. The French Minister represented the missing Greek. The Italian hostage was identified as Father Grimaldi, who was captured in Anhwei province and taken into Honan province, where about 10,000 outlaws have been holding a large area. The others all are detained in Honan.

The bandits have seized the various nationals with a view of forcing the Peking Government to incorporate the bandits in the regular Chinese army. Most of the brigands are dismissed as duffers who want reinstatement. Peking probably will be forced to accede to the bandits' demands in order to satisfy the Powers.

### ENDS HIS LIFE IN A TRUNK

New York, Nov. 16.—The body of Leland H. Garretson, Detroit electrician, was found yesterday in a rooming house, squeezed in a trunk in which he had bored a hole and inserted a rubber tube connected with the gas jet. He left a note: "My life isn't worth a dime to any one."

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