'I WASN'T SCARED,' GIRL SLEUTH SAYS

Mildred Blank, Who Caught Man With Raised Bill, Praised by U. S. Agents

HELD SUSPECT IN STORE

Seventeen-year-old Mildred Blank, whom Federal Secret Service agents are praising for her clever work in detecting and capturing a man they believe to have passed much counterfeit money in Philadelphia, sees nothing extraordinary in her feat.

Yesterday the girl detected a raised bill as it was passed over the counter to her in her father's delicatessen store at Seventh street and Snyder avenue. She detained the man who passed it until her father ran for a policeman.

When the policeman arrived she was swinging onto the man's coattail to hold him. He had become tired of her conversation and was about to leave the store.

The man, Joseph McFadden, a Negro, is believed to be responsible for many of the raised $2 bills that have been passed in Philadelphia recently for $20 bills.

"When the man came in," Mildred explained this morning, "he had the bill folded up. I became suspicious by the way he handed it to me because I had been reading in the papers about the number of raised bills that have been passed here.

"I looked at it and it looked all right as far as I could see, of course I couldn't examine it closely or he would have become suspicious, so I made an excuse to go into a back room for change. Back there, father and I looked at it again and saw it was raised. I told him to call a policeman and I would talk to the man and hold him until the policeman arrived.

"It seemed as though dad would never find one. I talked about everything I could think of and showed the man all kinds of articles we have for sale. Then I ran out of subjects to talk about and he was about to leave. I caught his coat to hold him and just then the policeman came in and took him away.

"It wasn't anything. I wasn't scared a bit because I knew he didn't suspect the reason I was detaining him so long."

McFadden told police he had received the raised bill from a stranger.

FIRE STIRS CAMDEN

Smoke Alarms Family and Fire Engines Awake Neighborhood

A fire which did but $2 damage caused excitement on Elm street, Camden, at 4 o'clock this morning.

Gus H. Robinson, at 318 Elm street, was awakened by smoke. He rescued his wife and five children and a sister who lives with the family, then turned in an alarm which brought out fire-fighting apparatus that clanged down the street and awakened many persons. An overheated furnace caused the blaze.

REVIVE SEARCH FOR MAN WHO DISAPPEARED IN 1915

Sister Says Saloonkeeper Saw Orville N. Peters Recently

Search for Orville N. Peters, missing since 1915, has been revived with reports to the Detective Bureau by his sister, Mrs. A. F. Adelman, of 107 Price avenue, Narberth, that the missing man was seen at Sixth street and Lehigh avenue a few days ago by Chris Kohlhof, a saloonkeeper of Forty-seventh street and Woodland avenue. Mrs. Adelman said that she had heard nothing of her brother since Christmas night, 1915, when he called at the apartment where she then lived with her mother at 535 South Fifty-sixth street, and asked for money. Peters is forty-seven years old.

Laura Bush, a fourteen-year-old girl, was reported to the police of the Belgrade and Clearfield streets police station as missing from her home, 2727 East Berks street, since September 21. The girl's mother is ill.

Search also has been begun for Howard E. Shaw, thirty-one, an overseas veteran, who disappeared Christmas Eve from his home at 7016 Frankford avenue.

DIES AFTER SHOOTING SELF

Despondent Boarder Told Police He Was Tired of Living

Harry Herman, forty-five years old, who shot himself yesterday afternoon at the home of his employer, Charles A. Bisbing, 2421 Columbia avenue, died today in the Woman's Homeopathic Hospital.

Herman had been working as a plumber's helper. He left the shop yesterday afternoon and went to a dining room in the Bisbing home, where he boarded. A few minutes later Bisbing heard a shot. He found Herman on the floor, a revolver in his hand. Herman was sent to the hospital where he died at 12:30 o'clock this morning. He had told police he was tired of living.

MONDAY IS TAG DAY

Auto License Numbers for 1923 Must Be on Autos Then

Motorists will be compelled to use their new 1923 license tags beginning next Monday according to an announcement yesterday by Superintendent of Police Mills.

The superintendent said motorists who have not the new tags or who are unable to show that they made applications for the license in time sufficient to enable the State Highway Bureau to deliver the tags by the first of the year will be arrested.

GERMANY FREEING WAR PRISONERS. Not prisoners of other races, but some of those who were being tried for war crimes. For instance, S. H. Cooper writes from Berlin that the surviving officer of the submarine which sank the Lusitania has been freed. Foreign News Dispatches occupy a page daily in the PUBLIC LEDGER. "Make it a Habit."—Adv.

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MARKSMAN IN AMBUSH

Camden Police Hunt Man Who Shoots at Passersby

Camden police are searching for a man who frequents a pool room at Seventh and Van Hook streets and shoots at passersby.

The last victim to report is Louis Gray, of 758 Central avenue, Camden. He told police that as he passed the place early this morning he was shot in the leg.

THIEVES ORDER WATCHMEN BACK AFTER ROBBERY

Brandish Guns and Escape With $350 in Watches of Uptown Store

Gold watches valued at $350 were stolen by window smashers about 3 o'clock this morning from the department store of James B. Gillies, at the northwest corner of Broad street and Susquehanna avenue.

Two men threw a brick through one of the show windows on Susquehanna avenue. While they were busily engaged in gathering up watches, of which they obtained seven, two watchmen of the store, Fred Brittingham and Gordon C. Rile, ran out. As they approached the thieves fled to the middle of Susquehanna avenue, drew guns, and ordered the two employes back into the store. Then the robbers escaped. According to James W. Gillies, a member of the firm, this is the eighth time a window has been robbed this year.

GIRL TAKES POISON

Recovering in Cooper Hospital, Camden, From Effects of Dose

Marion Morris, seventeen years old, 730 Berkley street, Camden, is in Cooper Hospital recovering from poison which she drank last night.

The police say she took it after a dispute with her grandfather.

Watchman Wounds Man

Robert Harvey was shot in the abdomen early this morning at Front and Callowhill streets by Samuel Pollak, a private watchman, after Harvey, according to the police, had threatened Pollak with a revolver. Harvey is in the Roosevelt Hospital. The police say Pollak attempted to question Harvey, thinking he was acting suspiciously, and that Harvey ran. When Pollak pursued him, the police add, Harvey drew a revolver.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Fred McClure, 1518 S. Capital st., and Victoria Wallace, 1548 S. Capital st.
Thomas F. Kerrer, 2711 Master st., and Helen M. Flanigan, 4831 Lancaster ave.
George H. Smith, 2047 Federal st., and Nellie King, 930 N. 13th st.
Morris Sackser, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Anna Goldman, 3112 Fairhill st.
Mohamed Ali, 1424 N. Fawn st., and Florence Johnston, 1426 N. Fawn st.
Julius Thompson, 610 S. 18th st., and Lillian Johnson, 1830 South st.
Robert E. Smith, 1919 Dickinson st., and Sarah L. Valentine, Washington, D. C.
Howard J. Madison, Tacony, Pa., and Elizabeth Weedson, Holmesburg, Pa.
Louis Kramer, 623 S. 9th st., and Clara Levin, 623 S. 9th st.
James J. Salvadore, 916 N. 10th st., and Jane M. O'Brien, 1254 S. Rosewood st.
Norton C. Baker, 4431 Chestnut st., and Lillian Poullion, 4617 Sansom st.
Robert W. Perry, 2300 Stewart st., and Clara W. Scott, Darby, Pa.
Percy R. Grant, New London, Conn., and Anna Wilkes, 5718 Erwing ave.
Robert M. Nicholl, 659 E. Tioga st., and Lenore J. Rhoades, 3256 N. 5th st.
John J. German, 908 Dale st., and Margaret M. Quigley, 1105 Fitzgerald st.
Salvatore Colle, 929 S. 8th st., and Mary Tagrosa, 929 S. 8th st.
Samuel L. Mott, 730 Spring Garden st., and Blanche Baldinger, 957 N. 6th st.
John J. Backmore, 85 Church lane, and Helen E. Smith, 52 E. Brinchurst st.
Edward Moser, 624 N. 6th st., and Rose Klein, 1939 N. Marshwood st.
Ben Winecoff, 727 N. 5th st., and Rebecca Dubin, 1844 N. 5th st.
Isaac Walstencroft, 1673 Harrison st., and Rae Stein, 1625 Master st.
David Seaweroff, 1713 N. 4th st., and Blanche Halperin, 726 S. 3d st.
Leon Barnik, 1521 Olney ave., and Violet Newman, 1932 Spencer st.
Samuel Sukin, 3843 Cambridge st., and Minnie Elensky, 519 W. Susquehanna ave.

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11,000 MUMMERS TO BE IN PARADE

New Year's Mardi Gras Will Be "Biggest Ever," Is Tip

21 CLUBS ARE ENTERED

The "best and biggest ever" as the slogan of the approaching Mardi Gras of the North, the annual New Year mummers' parade, Monday morning, will be more than substantiated, when 11,000 frolicers and gamboleers, representing twenty-one different clubs and associations, will engage in their customary hilarious and colorful display.

Considering the fact last year's parade saw only the participation of fourteen shooters' clubs, the forthcoming parade may well be gauged as to the numerical display. And as for the range and variety of costumes, the little advance information leaking out from the various club headquarters gives promise of something as startling and impressive as has ever been seen on similar occasions in the past.

The keen competition between the various mummers' organizations, always pronounced, this year has brought about an air of almost unbreakable secrecy.

Liberty Club Has 2000

In point of numerical strength, the Liberty Club, according to what has been made known so far, will lead all the shooters' clubs, with some 2000 members in line, when the parade starts out from Broad and Porter streets at 8:30 o'clock New Year's morning. Included in this unit will be five bands and eighteen floats, while the Charles Klein New Year's Association will set forth with 1100 men in line in three brigades and with four bands.

The Daniel R. Oswald Club, according to their captain, will have 1600 frolicking members in the parade in nine brigades and with four bands and ten special features.

From Camden will come another of the big organizations, the Camden Clowns, who announce they will have 1500 men capable of competing point by point with the best from this city, while the League Island New Year Association, composed of navy yard men, will traverse the route from Porter street north to Columbia avenue 850 strong.

The Frank Collins Club has arranged to have 800 men parade in glittering and colorful regalia, while one of the noted fancy clubs, the Lobsters, will be along with 600 men, one brigade and three bands.

As the oldest shooters' organization in the city, founded twenty years ago, the Silver Crown, will be the first in line, and when the head of the column moves, 500 members and three bands will be in line. Though the display of costumes and floats in general will be along established lines, many new features have been provided for by the various organizations.

Monster Cape to Appear

One club, however, it was learned will appear with a monster cape, 150 feet long and forty feet wide, which has just been completed by Mrs. E. E. Murphy, 1619 East Passyunk avenue. For several months Mrs. Murphy, who has been specializing in mummers' costumes ever since the parade was first inaugurated, has been busily at work with a staff of women helpers for several months past, and fifteen girls were required to work at once on the giant cape.

Folded up it requires a dozen men to carry it, while Monday morning, when it will be unfurled in all its splendor it will take 150 men to carry it along the line of march. Another feature of the display will be a costume of pearls weighing seventy pounds and which will be worn by Edward Harris, of 2808 Ormes street, who will march with the Klein organization. To complete the costume it required nearly 9000 pearl buttons of all sizes.

A new feature of the parade will be the participation of the Joseph A. Ferko Club string band, which has been joined by many old-time New Year shooters, "Joe" Ferko being a veteran mummer himself. The band will have between 100 and 125 men in line.

The Bumpernickle Music Band, of Scranton, will be another new entry and will compete in the comic group, while the Hageman string band will be on hand with eighty-five members. Among some of the "old-timers" who will be along, making up in display what they may lack in numbers, will be the Silver Crown, led by Captain "Jimmie" McLindsay, and the Jack Hines' Old-Timers who will have something to surprise the onlookers. They will be headed by their popular captain, Bernard Dougherty.

DEFENDS CARRYING PISTOL IN HIS BOOT

Physician Says He Wants to Be Ready for Bandits' Attacks

Dr. Penn Gaskill Skillern, of Sharon Hill, arrested because he had a pistol thrust in one of his boots, will appear before Magistrate Renshaw, in City Hall, today, and reiterate his argument that the magistrate has no right to confiscate the revolver.

The physician, a lineal descendant of William Penn, was arrested at Ninth and Walnut streets yesterday when Policeman Shean saw the pistol.

"My pistol is not concealed," he said to Magistrate Renshaw at City Hall. "Besides I think I am within my rights to go armed in view of the lawlessness that is going on in every town and city in the country.

"A gentleman never knows when he will be held up nowadays and as I have always been a good shot I have taken this means to protect myself from such attacks."

The physician was allowed to sign his own bond upon his promise to return for a hearing this morning. The Magistrate said he would hold the pistol pending his study of the law.

CURIOSITY IS COSTLY

Man Who Would Be Good Samaritan Pays for Impulse

"Mister, there's a man in that next alley who must be in trouble—I heard him groaning," a pedestrian said to Robert Graigg, of 1306 Cabot street, who stopped him at Darien and Noble streets early this morning.

"Let's go see what we can do for him," agreed Graigg.

A moment after the two men entered the alley the other put a revolver to Graigg's body, stripped him of his overcoat and purse, containing $7, and got away with the loot.

YARDLEY BRIDGE FREED

No More Tolls on Span Purchased by Two States

Another "Christmas present" to suburban motorists, following closely upon the freeing of the Hatboro-Horsham turnpike, has been the freeing of Yardley Bridge, crossing the Delaware River at Yardley, in the northern section.

The bridge has been purchased by the States of Pennsylvania and New Jersey at a cost of $67,500, from the operating company, and after the formal transfer of title, no further tolls will be collected.

DRIVER HURT IN CRASH

Express Truck Collides With Trolley at 31st and Market Streets

The driver of an American Express Company motortruck was injured and trolley traffic was held up shortly before 8 o'clock today when the vehicle collided with a trolley at Thirty-first and Market streets.

William Lieveck, 649 North Marlton street, driver of the truck, swung the vehicle in front of the westbound trolley and was thrown to the ground. He was taken to Misericordia Hospital.

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RESCUES HER BABY, JUMPS FROM ROOF

Mrs. Mary Volpe Suffers Broken Leg at Fire in Home on South 12th Street

GAS EXPLODES IN BAKERY

After rescuing her three-year-old daughter, Mary, during a fire in their apartment early today, Mrs. Lily Volpe, 1502 South Twelfth street, was compelled to jump from the roof when flames cut off escape by way of the stairway.

Mrs. Volpe broke her right leg and was taken to St. Agnes' Hospital. Two other injured persons also went to the hospital.

The first floor of the building was occupied by the hardware store of Michael Capaletti. Mrs. Volpe, her husband and three children occupied an apartment on the third floor, while a second-floor apartment was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Abulucci and two children.

The fire, which caused $7500 damage, started in the cellar and quickly spread through the building.

Mrs. Volpe was awakened by smoke. She aroused her husband and children and carried Mary down the smoke-filled stairway to the street. While Mrs. Volpe was groping her way out her husband threw a blanket over his daughter Anna and carried her to safety down a rear stairway.

Unaware that Anna had been saved, Mrs. Volpe again entered the burning building, and with great difficulty made her way to the children's bedroom.

Shouts from the street assured her that her other daughter had been saved. Mrs. Volpe then attempted to leave the house by way of the stairway, but the flames had gained such headway that this was impossible. She was driven to the rear of the house, which was filled with smoke.

Escape was cut off in all directions and Mrs. Volpe made her way to a rear roof. Her husband, who had taken care of both children, shouted to her to jump. Mrs. Volpe did so and fell in a crumpled heap.

Abulucci and his wife saved their two children on the second floor. Both were burned on the hands and arms in effecting the rescues. They were also taken to St. Agnes' Hospital.

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BROTHER IS ACCUSED

Arrested on Charge of Stabbing John Tartuimo During Quarrel

John Tartuimo, 969 Tasker street, is in St. Agnes Hospital with a knife wound in the chest. His brother, Stephen, is under arrest charged with the stabbing. John is not expected to live.

The police of the Moyamensing avenue and Dickinson street station are trying to learn the reason for the stabbing.

GUARDING MAIN LINE FROM MEASLES MENACE

Parents Advised to Watch Children Closely for Ailment Symptoms

Precautionary measures are being employed by the Board of Health of Lower Merion Township to prevent the spread of measles along the Main Line.

A statement issued today by the board advised parents to keep children home from day school and Sunday school when the children show symptoms of a cold, dry or sore throat, redness of the eye or a cough. "Call your physician early and keep your children out of congested places, such as the moving-picture theatres," continues the board's warning. School teachers are requested to be especially careful to exclude children from school who have any catarrhal symptoms or the slightest indication of fever.

Conditions along the Main Line are described by the board as "by no means serious" at present.

CAMPBELL UNDER KNIFE

Register of Wills, Victim of Blood Poisoning, Operated Upon

Register of Wills Campbell, who was operated on last night at St. Mary's Hospital in an effort to relieve blood poisoning, developed from a pimple on his hand, is expected to leave the hospital today. The operation was performed by Dr. William F. Kelly.

Mr. Campbell first noticed the infection two days ago. The condition became acute yesterday. He lives at 2815 Gaul street.

PINCHOT CONFERS WITH ROBERTS HERE

Follows Meetings With Lawyer on Appointment of New Attorney General

SEE UNUSUAL IMPORTANCE

Governor-elect Pinchot arrived here from his home in Milford this afternoon and at once went into conference with Owen J. Roberts.

The lawyer and the Governor-elect have had several conferences on other occasions when Mr. Pinchot was in the city and was conferring with lawyers with respect to the big question of Attorney General in the new cabinet.

Another who will confer with Mr. Pinchot this afternoon is Major William G. Murdock, of Milton, former State adjutant of the American Legion for the Department of Pennsylvania. Mr. Pinchot's visiting list will be very limited this week, so that it is felt each conference will have more than the usual importance.

Interesting in connection with talk revolving about Mr. Roberts is a report from Washington that Congressman Vare is fighting the plan of Governor Sproul to have Senator Pepper recommend the appointment by the President of Charles J. McKeehan for the additional post of Federal Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Mr. McKeehan is a member of the law firm of which Mr. Roberts is the head.

For some time it had been expected that Senator Pepper would bring about the appointment of Mr. McKeehan, who is secretary of the State Board of Law Examiners. First opposition to the latter came from the dry forces, and now it is understood that Mr. Vare is also opposed to Mr. McKeehan. Apparently, the combined dry-Vare opposition has had the effect of holding back action in favor of Mr. McKeehan. Mr. Vare is in Washington today and will probably confer with Senator Pepper in an effort to reach a compromise.

In some quarters the drive against Mr. McKeehan was interpreted as part of a movement to bring Harry A. Mackey into the limelight as a candidate for the judiciary. Mr. Mackey is now chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board.

DR. COUE HERE JAN. 15

French Exponent of Auto-Suggestion to Explain Famous Formula

M. Emilie Coue, the French exponent of auto-suggestion as a means of curing physical ills, will lecture in this city on January 15, it was learned today. Definite arrangements regarding the place where he will speak have not been made.

Dr. Coue is scheduled to arrive at New York on January 4. He sails from Cherbourg on the Majestic tomorrow.

Following his address in Philadelphia Dr. Coue will go to Washington, where he will speak under auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution. He will also make two addresses in Cleveland.

MAN DIES FROM GAS

Jacob Major Found in Room With Open Jet

Jacob Major, fifty-seven years old, of 1938 Brunner street, was found dead from gas poisoning in the parlor of his home early today.

His step-brother, Herman Weber, who lived with him, found Major sitting in a chair, with the gas pouring into the room from a jet that was only partly open. The police think the death was accidental.

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