

# GIRLS GO WRONG BECAUSE OF HOME

Startling Assertion of Superintendent of the Florence Crittenton Mission in New York

## MINDS POLLUTED IN CHILDHOOD

Character Formulated in Home Long Before Application Is Made in Legislative Halls to Remedy Evils Prevalent in Many American Cities

By Associated Press.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 9.—More girls go wrong because of home conditions than for any other reason, asserted Miss Margaret E. Luther, superintendent of the Florence Crittenton Home, New York City, in an address before the International Purity Conference here to-day.

Miss Luther, who spoke on "The Girls Who Go Through the New York Courts," pointed out that most of the girls with whom the courts have to deal are not more than 18 years old.

"Statistics show that the large number of girls who are wrong are not alone in the world," she said. "Nor are they all wage earners. Girls come to us from all stations and all conditions of life. In most of the cases the minds are polluted in early childhood. Home conditions are responsible. Out of 450 girls recently brought before the New York women's night court, 289 were not more than 18 years old, while 116 of them were only 16 years old."

Stories of locked doors and barred windows in connection with white slavery, are largely imaginary, according to Miss Luther. "The men who live on commercialized vice are the men you see standing on the street corners," she continued. "Their victims are usually silly little girls they win by wiles. And the girl such a man can enslave soul, mind and body, is worse than any physical slave."

A judge recently told me that 90 per cent of the men he had sentenced for white slavery, were less than 22 years old. Home conditions are responsible for this situation.

"Some people are inclined to say that if we had better laws we would have better living and better home conditions. Character is formed in the home long before man goes to legislative halls to make laws; and the home makes the man who makes the laws. Speaking for New York, I do not believe it would be possible to have better or stronger laws. The thing we need is workers—persons who make a specialty of fighting commercialized vice."

## MRS. GEORGE H. SEAL IS DEAD

End Comes Half An Hour After She Is Taken Ill at Luncheon (Special to the Star-Independent)

Lykens, Pa., Nov. 9.—Mrs. George H. Seal, 63 years old, was taken suddenly ill while at luncheon in her home here on Saturday at noon and died half an hour afterward. Heart trouble, the family physician said, was the cause of death. Mrs. Seal was a sister of Mrs. Emmanuel Hoffman, lifelong resident of this place, who died here five years ago.

Besides her husband there are surviving her two sons, Claude, of Easton, and Harry, at home; three brothers, Charles Hoffman, Altoona; James, of town, and Frank, of Philadelphia, and one sister, Mrs. Lucy Alvord, of Lykens.

Funeral services will be held at the home to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made in the Odd Fellows' cemetery. Mrs. Seal was an aunt of William Hoffman, one of the deputy sheriffs of Dauphin county.

## ICE COMPANY SEEKS CHARTER

Merchants' Co-operative Enterprise Applies for Incorporation Papers

Application was made to-day to Governor Tener for a charter for the Merchants' Ice Company, of Harrisburg, with a capital of \$50,000. The object, as set forth in the charter, to manufacture, purchase and sell ice. The directors are: William A. Cartwright, Henry M. Hale, L. W. Kay, W. E. Perrin, C. E. Sheesley, M. P. Johnson, B. B. Drum, James D. Miller and William E. Koons. The treasurer is Henry M. Hale, 421 Walnut street. The incorporators number about 150, and the great majority are merchants who use ice in large quantities.

The application will go to the Governor this week from the State Department.

## WOMAN ON GUNNING TRIP

Party Returns After Week in Perry, Blair and Mifflin Counties

Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Cramer, 101 South River street, returned to-day from a week's gunning trip with a party of 28, having to their credit, among them, 28 rabbits, 10 quail, 6 gray squirrels and 6 pheasants.

The week was spent in Perry, Blair and Mifflin counties. Mrs. Cramer was the only woman in the party.

## Railway Company's Suit Dismissed

By Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 9.—The Supreme Court to-day dismissed the suit of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company against the United States for \$61,000,000 damages for failure to convey to it alternate sections of land through what was the Indian Territory.

Neutrals Can Visit War Countries

By Associated Press.

Bordeaux, Nov. 9, via Paris, 12.47 P. M.—The military attaches of neutral countries have been authorized by the French government to proceed for the theatre of war operations. They may visit particularly the battlefields in the river Marne.

Of course it is possible to be both blind and deaf, but people who are blind to their own faults are seldom deaf to flattery.

## ALLEGED "MCBRIDE" USED ANOTHER'S NAME FOR YEARS

Former Harrisburger, in Philadelphia Hospital From Pistol Wounds, Is Charged With Working Under Diploma Stolen in Palm Beach

Philadelphia, Nov. 9.—Detectives here yesterday disclosed a remarkable story of a man, who for years has been practicing dentistry in Pittsburgh and Harrisburg under the name and diploma of another man, and even had married under his victim's name.

The person whom the detectives accuse of the duplicity has been posing as C. Calvin McBride. He now is in the Jefferson Hospital, recovering from a bullet wound received at the hand of Dr. Silas G. Hertz, an aged physician, in the latter's office, at 1113 Chestnut street. The shooting occurred on the night of October 26.

The impostor, who real name is believed to be Harrison, not only practiced his profession under the borrowed name and diploma, according to the detectives, but was married and had a child born to him under the name of McBride. His wife and child are living in Harrisburg, where he conducted a successful practice for years.

Newspaper stories relating to the shooting resulted in the disclosures. On the night of October 26 the man who posed as McBride went to Dr. Hertz's office and got into an argument with the physician over questions of anatomy. Dr. Hertz, who is 72 years old, picked up an old brass-barrel revolver which had not been discharged for more than half a century and fired it at the intruder. The bullet hit the wall of the room.

Seriously wounded, "McBride" staggered to the street, where a policeman found him and took him to the hospital. He is recovering, and expects to be discharged within a few days.

In the meantime, Dr. Calvin McBride, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania dental college and a practicing dentist, of Thirty-fourth street and Broadway, New York, read an account of the shooting. Attracted by the similarity of his name with that of the victim of the shooting Dr. McBride remembered that his dental diploma had been stolen at Palm Beach, Fla., in 1898.

Dr. McBride got in touch with Detective Emanuel, of the City Hall force, and yesterday the New York dentist came to this city. He went to the hospital and confronted the wounded man on his cot.

According to Detective Emanuel, the pseudo-McBride acknowledged that he had been using the real Dr. McBride's diploma, first in Pittsburgh and later at 10 Market square, Harrisburg. The name on the diploma, he said, led him to take it as his own and he was married as McBride, and has a son which bears the same name.

The diploma, he said, is in the hands of a man named Ewing in Pittsburgh. He gave it to Ewing as security for a \$10 loan.

The day after the shooting police here received a message from York, Pa., asking that "McBride" be held after his discharge from the hospital. He is accused of passing two bogus checks, one for \$10 and another for \$15, by C. E. Zerling, a York lawyer. York authorities, who had been looking for him, learned of his whereabouts, when the newspapers published the story of the shooting.

Harrisburg police, who declare the man had a good practice in that city as "Dr. McBride," say his wife there had heard nothing from her husband for several months prior to the shooting and that she had an action for divorce pending.

The bullet which wounded "McBride" penetrated the left cheek and lodged in his head. It was located by the X-rays. Dr. Hertz, his assailant, and his brother, Dr. Eliam A. Hertz, a dentist, who was in the office when the shooting occurred, are being held in \$300 bail to await the result of his inquiries.

DIPHTHERIA IN MERCERSBURG

Reports Received By State Officials Do Not Refer to Big Academy There

An epidemic of diphtheria was reported to-day to the State Health Department from Mercersburg, Franklin county, and the public schools, churches and Sunday schools there have been closed to prevent a spread. In Montgomery township, Franklin county, the diphtheria appeared in the township school, almost every family in the school being affected. Dr. Rover, Deputy State Health Commissioner, said that the order closing the Mercersburg schools, did not apply to Mercersburg Academy, which is situated outside the township. He has no report of the disease being in that institution, which is a very large preparatory school attended by boys from all parts of the country. The houses in the township have been quarantined, but the disease is of a very mild type.

The anti-toxin division of the State Health Department is kept busy day and night answering calls for anti-toxin in districts where the disease has made its appearance. This preventive is furnished free of cost by the State through the various stations throughout the State, and the supply is renewed instantly when it becomes exhausted.

## TO APPRAISE HARDSCRABBLE

Owners to Be Requested to Put Prices on Their Properties There

Property owners in the "Hardscrabble" district whose homes are to be taken over by the city and razed to facilitate the reopening of Front street, from Herr to Calder street, will to-morrow receive requests from D. S. Seitz, City Solicitor, to submit to the City Commissioners the approximate value of their homes.

These requests will be sent out with a view to making settlement with the property owners for all damages and losses. The estimates of the property owners must be sent in within thirty days. If any or all of the estimates are not satisfactory to the city the City Solicitor will start condemnation proceeding against the properties.

## Reopening of Bordeaux Stock Market

By Associated Press.

Paris, Nov. 9, 12.45 P. M.—The records of the stockbrokers' corporation were brought back to the headquarters of the corporation from Bordeaux to-day in view of the expected reopening of the cash stock market. A definite date for this reopening has not been set.

## COURT HOUSE

### PERMITTED TO ADOPT CHILD

Court Allows Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Metzger to Make Stella Fulton Their Lawful Heiress

Under an order made by Judge McCarrill this morning, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Metzger, 1311 North Cameron street, are permitted to adopt as their child and heir, Stella Fulton, 14 years old. The little girl will assume the name of her foster parents. She has been living in the Metzger home since infancy.

Albert Fulton, the child's father, died several years ago, and the Metzgers are better able financially to look after the daughter, than the mother, Mrs. Blanche Madden, having remarried.

Guardian for Little Girl

The Security Trust Company this morning was appointed by the court as guardian for Esther Ellen Wilson, a child of Calvin and Lizzie Wilson, deceased, who is heir to an estate, left by the mother, valued at approximately \$1,000. The court made the order on the application of the child's aunt, Mrs. Ellen Shrum.

## Bridge Inspectors Named

On the application of the Dauphin County Commissioners the court this morning named J. A. Henninger, A. S. Hammann and Martin M. Keet, inspectors to examine the new bridge which recently was constructed over Keefer's Run, near Millersburg. The bridge has been completed by G. W. Ensign, the contractor, and will be inspected within the next week or ten days.

## Ryan Now Is Dead

The court a year ago made an order affirming the presumption that James D. Ryan, a former Harrisburger, now dead and this morning that order was made absolute. An administrator will be appointed to take charge of the Ryan estate and make proper distribution among the heirs. Many years ago Ryan left this county. Shortly after his departure relatives received a letter from him, bearing a Spokane, Washington, date and since then nothing has been heard of him.

## Bridge Gets Charter

Unity Lodge, Improved, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, this morning was granted a charter of incorporation.

## Marriage License

Peter W. Penherton, Buffalo, N. Y., and Lulu J. M. Bennett, York.

## Cases Continued

Two of the cases listed for trial at common pleas court, which opens next Monday, have been continued. One is the case of Birdson & Company vs. Nick Lingens, assump't, and the other J. C. H. Hoover vs. Harrisburg Light and Power Company, assump't.

## Forger Case Is Continued

The court to-day again continued the case of the pretty Lancaster woman, who last Monday pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery and who asked to have sentence suspended. The woman has been in jail for more than four weeks, and according to her own story has not been visited once by her young husband. An effort will be made to have the husband in court when the case is called next Monday.

## Official Count Tuesday

Official reports showing the vote east for all candidates at the election last Tuesday will be presented to the court by Benjamin F. Umberger and Frank E. Ziegler, the tally clerks tomorrow. The clerks now are comparing the vote, computing and preparing the reports.

## ALEX AND BECKY OBJECT

Protest Against Arrest of Their Ilk in New York City

By Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 9.—Alexander Berkman and Becky Edelson led twenty anarchists into a police station early to-day to protest against the arrest a short time previously of four of their number, Helen Goldblatt, known as "Helen of Troy;" her sister, Lillian; William Shatoff and Abraham Blecker. The quartet were arrested after a free-for-all fight in the street between a band of anarchists and five policemen.

In the station house one of the five policemen identified Berkman as the man who had tried to wrest away his night stick during the fight. Berkman was then arrested. His companions thereupon demanded that they, too, be locked up. The reserves were called and cleared the station house of Berkman's followers.

Berkman was charged with resisting an officer and the four other prisoners with disorderly conduct. In police court the Goldblatt sisters, Shatoff and Blecker were found guilty and fined \$10 each. After hearing the story of five policemen, the magistrate ordered the charge against Berkman changed to a felony charge.

## TO TRY INDIAN CASE HERE

Embezzlement Charge Against Nori Is Transferred to the Federal Court

Special to the Star-Independent)

Carlisle, Nov. 9.—Under an agreement between District Attorney Alexander of Cumberland county, and John M. McCourt, Assistant United States District Attorney, the embezzlement charge against Seenei Nori, an Indian, formerly a clerk at the Carlisle Indian school, has been removed from the Cumberland county court to the Middle District Federal court.

M. Friedman, formerly superintendent of the Indian school, is the plaintiff in the Nori suit. The case will likely be tried at the next term of Federal Court to be held in Harrisburg during December.

## Jailed for Breaking His Parole

Charles M. McDonald, who last week was put on probation after pleading guilty to a charge of malicious mischief, this morning was sent to jail for two months for violating his parole. McDonald originally was charged with breaking a lock and battering a door at his former boarding house. The day after he was paroled he became intoxicated and sought revenge for his arrest by annoying his accusers. He told Judge McCarrill to-day that he didn't think the parole rules restricted him from drinking.

## GERMANS POUND FRENCH WITHOUT, APPARENTLY, DOING VERY MUCH DAMAGE

Paris, Nov. 9, 12.15 A. M.—A general battle has been in progress along the whole front from the sea to the Vosges mountains for the past three days without the Germans having been able to find a weak spot in the French defenses.

However, it is still in Flanders that interest in the formidable and seemingly interminable battle centers. The Germans are concentrating there all the men they can get and ceaselessly are hurling them against the allied lines. Never has this method been directed with as much tenacity and fury as now.

## Attacks on Ypres More Violent

The attacks on the line from Ypres to the Lys are more violent even than those directed against the coast roads and the passages of the Yser. It is the British who bear the brunt of these onslaughts. In many places their lines have become so thin, says an officer who has been in that region during the past fortnight, that only by showing obstinacy worthy of the traditions of Waterloo are they able to hold their ground. Their losses have been terrible. One battalion of foot guards went into action commanded by a non-commissioned officer. Certain cavalry regiments have lost their effective strength.

## Germans Surprise Their Enemy

Occasionally, according to this officer, the Germans by surprise capture some of their trenches, but by vigorous counter attacks the British not only regain these, but fresh ground. The Indian troops continue to bear themselves magnificently despite enormous losses. They have proved themselves in the equal of any other troops both in defending the trenches or in attacking positions.

Compared with the German losses this officer continues, those of the allies appear almost insignificant. After a night attack 600 German dead, he said, often are found before a single allies' trench. Recently still, according to this officer, a British battalion caught a German brigade in close formation and slaughtered 1,000 of them in a few minutes.

## When Fighting Rages With Intensity

The fight rages with the greatest intensity south of Ypres on the main road, the Ypres canal. The Ypres and the plateau crossed by the road from Ypres to Armentières. Since the offensive by the allies was beaten off by a violent counter-attack followed by a German assault, the British army corps has brought into play a mobile force supported by the concentration of a great number of massed batteries. The Germans, to far, are said to have achieved nothing more than temporary successes and that slowly but surely the allies are pushing forward.

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