

WOMEN RISE AGAINST GERDRONS WHO ENSLAVE GIRLS IN THE TENDERLOIN

Discard and Sell Their Few Trinkets and Jewels to Raise Fund to Defend Berthe Claiche, who Shot and Killed Her Master—War Is to Be Waged on the Brutes, and Courts Stand Ready to Visit Full Penalty on Those Who Lure Victims from Foreign Lands with Golden Promises.

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Months of graduation who nonly eleven years old. For two years she kept house for her mother, and then went to work as an apprentice at embroidering. For a year she worked without wages, and later raised her wages from 20 centimes to 3 francs a day. "Did you love Emil at first?" "First, not after the beatings." "When did he begin to ill-treat you?" "In three months. As soon as he got me here away from my mother. In our flat there would be so much noise with his blows and bad language and all that people would rush to my door and try to break in to save me. He made me so sick that the doctor said: 'Live with him one year more and you will be dead.' " "Beat Her for Everything." "Why did Gerdron beat you?" "Because I would steal away to see my mother, around in Seventh avenue. Emil would find out. He knew how she wanted me to run away from him. Then he would beat me because I did not bring in enough money. Then if I got 'pinched' he would beat me worse than ever. "Sometimes he would make me go out. Even in the afternoons, because I did not say 'Oh, no; shame, I would cry and say, 'Oh, no; shame, I would cry.' But I had to, just the same, and then out again at night. And there are lots of girls living just as I had to. "Didn't your mother know what you

CAREER OF A WHITE SLAVE OF NEW YORK TOLD IN PICTURES—FROM HOME TO A LIFE OF SHAME.



had to do, that you were afraid she would see you?" "She knew she had to," said the poor girl with a shudder. "But if she had seen me I would have died." "Were you the only girl in Gerdron's power?" "No. One time he had three other girls there beside me, and one night we were 'kicked,' and we girls were all sent up to Blackwell's Island. They didn't catch Emil, though they looked for him. I knew where he was and I wanted to tell but I know that if I did he would kill me for it." "He had killed a man in France, and I knew nothing could stop him if he wanted to kill me." The girl's surly face that this man would wear his terrible revenge despite the restraint of the law was pathetic to witness. She seemed almost to cringe and weaken even before Gerdron's memory. "Defied Girl's Mother." "Why did your mother leave France to be near you?" "Yes. As soon as we got here, five years ago, and I say he only wanted me to keep him, I sent to my mother to come to free me. She came here. But he was too strong, too terrible for us. I could not get away with it. He found me out again. Now he is dead. And yet I am not free." Berthe Claiche seemed to have no real-

ization of the fact that she will be held in the Tombs on the terrible charge of murder. She chafes at prison restraint, but seems to think it a mere formality prior to her almost immediate and unconditional release. "The story of Emil Gerdron's brutality to the little Parisian has awakened a vast sympathy for her wretched fellow-creature, that is likely to develop into a grim purpose to wage war against the other Gerdrons; to punish them for their crimes and to free their victims from their vicious mastery. In the past year and a half two well-ordered efforts were made to break up organized traffic in young girl slaves who are brought to this city from their peasant and village homes of Europe. District-Attorney Jerome spread consternation among the great number of east side Gerdrons by sending half a dozen to prison for long terms, and by forcing milder but nevertheless severe sentences upon others. Jacob Schiff, Jesse Seligman and a number of their associates in philanthropic efforts, aided by Capt. Stephen McDermott from Fifth street station, and attaches of the District-Attorney's office, conducted another crusade against these leeches last spring, but somehow they got wind of the movement and fled. A score were arrested, however, and sent to jail for terms of six months under the Vagrancy act. This served to frighten their kind for a short while, but now they infest a dozen neighborhoods, and their victims are recorded in the police courts by the hundreds. In the Nineteenth Precinct, especially in that section bordering upon Seventh avenue, from Twenty-third street to Thirty-fourth street, a new order of this creature has taken root. For months they have been plying their trade under an organized system. They have gone so far as to have their own club-house, splendidly appointed. They have a secret society, a code of peculiarly warped morals to suit their ends, and a grip upon their subjects that they seem powerless to shake off. With splendid promises of marriage and happiness, they send to Europe for their slaves, blinding parents and friends as to their real purpose. Once the girls land on Ellis Island their masters take possession of them and would then to their purposes, sometimes by cajolery, more often by brutality. "Hold Whip Over Slaves. This is the method by which the Gerdrons of what has become known as the French Tenderloin maintain their hold upon their slaves. The masters,

numbering now many scores, agree to maintain a system of espionage upon their several slaves. They are ever at their heels driving them deeper into their degraded lives, forcing them to earn for them comfortable incomes and seeing that no dollar of that income is diverted. When one master sees the slave of another about to rebel and turn to the police or some one kindly disposed for aid, he immediately summons the "owner" of the unfortunate creature, who threatens her with death, often publicly beating her with his cane, and by his will and the very force of his brutality completely subduing her again. Some of these men are so prosperous that they hire aides to keep watch upon their slaves. They prescribe a certain limited boundary for their victims, and if they trespass without the master's permission. "Some Despicable Examples. Aggravated cases have developed as recently as a few months ago, not to speak of the Berthe Claiche case. Judge Cowling, in General Sessions, sentenced Arthur Wiegand, one of this type, to nine years' imprisonment with hard labor only three weeks ago. He is only twenty-five years of age, but was old in the ways of his vicious work. His slave was Hannah Neubert, sixteen years old, a daughter of a wholesale wine merchant. He lured her

FEARING NEW MUTINY, RUSSIA DISARMS CREWS

Sailors on the Cruisers Minnie and Kreml Rebel Because of Bad Food.

REVAL, European Russia, July 1.—Being apprehensive of a mutiny, the authorities here have ordered the sailors of the Russian cruisers Minnie and Kreml to be relieved of their arms. Serious discontent has been manifested among the crews of the warships owing to the quality of the food supplied. The officer who is held responsible for that state of affairs has been placed under arrest. ST. PETERSBURG, July 12.—The Nakhshin says that Rear-Admiral Krugher will leave the service on account of alleged incapacity in connection with his treatment of the situation created by the mutiny aboard the battleship Kuznetsov at Odessa. The Admiral probably will be court-martialed. At the Admiralty he is known as one of the court "Admirals." Admiral Avellan's "promotion" to the Council of the Empire is admitted, as is Admiral Bricht's appointment as Minister of Marine. ST. PETERSBURG, July 12.—In pursuance of instructions from the Admiralty, the Kuznetsov is on her way here, having left Kuznetsov, Roumania, during the night in tow of the battleship Potemkin. It was announced from Kuznetsov last night that the Russian squadron sent to that port to take over the Kuznetsov Potemkin seemed to be delayed there, owing to fear that another mutiny would break out aboard the vessels on their way to sea. It was added that the fact that fifty sailors from the Kuznetsov Potemkin who surrendered had been imprisoned on board different vessels of the squadron and were awaiting trial for rebellion had caused intense indignation among the crews of the vessels. There were fears of another mutiny.

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DUEL LIKELY OVER RUSSIAN PEACE ENVOY

Muraviev's Selection Starts a General Row and Even the Czar Grows Cold.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 21.—The newspaper criticism of M. Muraviev's fitness for the post of Peace Envoy is likely to result in a duel between M. Sialkovsky, of the Nova Vremya, and Prince Oukhtomsky, editor of the St. Petersburg Viedomosti. The former has not been sparing in his attacks on M. Muraviev, and yesterday Prince Oukhtomsky took M. Sialkovsky personally to task in the Viedomosti, whereupon M. Sialkovsky assailed the Prince Oukhtomsky in a fashion that was hardly overlooked. He says in so many words that Prince Oukhtomsky is a fool, but recalls Victor Hugo's observation: "While every man has the right to be a fool he should not abuse the right." Strong influences have been brought to bear on Emperor Nicholas to induce him to replace M. Muraviev as peace plenipotentiary, although the Ambassador has taken passage on the North German Lloyd steamship Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, sailing from Cherbourg July 26. According to reports the Czar is wavering, if he has not already become convinced of the fact that his choice was unwise. The Russian newspapers whose criticism compelled M. Muraviev to relinquish the portfolio of Justice have attacked him with great savageness as being utterly unqualified to conduct such important negotiations and the Foreign Office has all along been supposed to share a similar view. The peace party at Court has done its utmost to secure the supersession of M. Muraviev under the belief that his conduct of the negotiations would be sure to lead to unfortunate complications if not to the complete wreck of the hopes of peace. The members of this party profess to believe to-day that they have won a victory and that while M. Witte will not head the Washington mission M. Pokotloff (Russian Minister to China), M. Witte's right hand man, will head the mission. They say the Emperor's attitude was apparent on Monday when he received M. Muraviev coldly and remarked that he did not believe his health would stand the strain of going to Washington—and the Imperial intimation was of a character not to be disregarded.

GIRL WHO MAY BE HELD CAPTIVE.



FEARS GIRL IS BEING HELD A CAPTIVE

Father of Missing Rose Levin Thinks She Has Been Lured Away. The police are making a vigorous search for thirteen-year-old Rose Levin, who disappeared from her home at No. 137 Third avenue, her father Jacob, who is a prosperous indie tailor with two establishments, one at No. 123 Lexington avenue, and another at No. 30 East Eighty-sixth street, said today that he fears that his daughter has been lured away and is held somewhere in captivity. "The girl disappeared Monday morning. Her father sent her from his Lexington avenue establishment to the office of P. A. Geoghan, a real estate agent at No. 44 Eighth avenue. He gave her only her car fare, and is sure she had no other money with her. She never arrived at Mr. Geoghan's office. The girl was large for her age and unusually bright. She was graduated from the East Eighty-seventh street grammar school last January, and then attended the Wadsworth High School. This summer she has been attending a school of stenography. She has a fine soprano voice and plays well on the piano. She was in great favor in the neighborhood where she lived, and the entire

ROCKEFELLER ROBBED HIM, SO CORRIGAN SAYS

Cleveland Man Bitter in Replying to Lawyer of the Oil Magnate.

(Special to The Evening World.) CLEVELAND, July 12.—James Corrigan, who was the defendant in the famous litigation in which John D. Rockefeller was plaintiff and which was the subject of an article by Miss Ida Tarbell in McClure's Magazine, was very bitter to-day over the statement made by Mr. Rockefeller's attorney, Virgil P. Kline, yesterday. "Mr. Kline knows very well that Mr. Rockefeller robbed me, but he was paid to say that," said Mr. Corrigan. "Attorneys helped to rob me, in fact; but they were paid to do that, too," he continued. "The account of Miss Tarbell's was about right, including the insinuations. The case is really worse than Miss Tarbell put it. It is worse than any one has put it. "It is all right for Mr. Rockefeller to sue me now. Legally, I suppose, they got the case. Morally they were not entitled to it. "The money was gotten out of me by crookedness, and Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Kline know it." "Mr. Kline says there was no book or document for which I was not promptly produced. I tell you the books were kept in such a way you could not get any information from them. We did not know what to ask for. "There were a lot of telegrams and papers stolen from Frank Rockefeller's desk, so he told me, which would have helped me. "I borrowed considerable money from Mr. Rockefeller, and he sent agents to come to my house to borrow money. "One time Mr. Kline gave me about \$20,000, and I did not know until I had it that it was Mr. Rockefeller's money. "Mr. Rockefeller did not endorse the book he already held for his brother Frank's debts. He wanted me to get the certificate. He wanted me to pay Frank's debts. He would let Frank have money if I would endorse the book. This was how he got those certificates. "I know what Mr. Kline is after. He was paid to say what he has.

AHLE, SOCIETY PAPER'S AGENT, SENT TO TOMBS

Man Accused of Trying to Blackmail Vanderbilts and Others Held.

When Charles H. Ahle, the alleged blackmailer of prominent social and business circles, was arrested by Police Commissioner Street, Police Court to-day he was remanded to the Tombs until Friday in default of \$5,000 bail, which was decided upon after a spirited wrangle between the counsel—Abe Levy and Assistant District-Attorney Kline. "We find that this scandal is growing every minute," said the Assistant District-Attorney in explaining his demand for bail high enough to keep Ahle in the jurisdiction of the court. "At the time of this man's arrest we found in his possession a memorandum book with the names of the Vanderbilts, McK. Twombly, J. J. Astor, Elbert H. Gerry, Lloyd Phoenix and other prominent people, whom he has down as his subscribers." In response to the Magistrate's query as to whether the names were bona fide, Mr. Krotel said that he was trying to learn under what circumstances they had been secured, if they were similar to those alleged to have been attempted on complainant in this case. Ahle was then taken to the Tombs. Before being taken to court his picture was taken at Headquarters. Ahle, a solicitor for the Society Editors' Association, was arraigned on the complaint of Edwin M. Post, broker, member of the New York Stock Exchange, society man and resident of Tuxedo. According to Mr. Post, he represented himself as in a position to speak for Charles Stokes Wayne, managing editor of Town Topics. He was arrested yesterday after Mr. Post had handed to him \$500 in marked bills. Scandals Suppressed, He Says. Ahle says the money was in pay for an edition of America's Smart Set. Mr. Post says the money was in reality to prevent the publication in Town Topics of certain facts in connection with his domestic life which, if garbled, might be made to appear as a scandal in high life. Mr. Post says Mr. Wayne called him up June 21 and asked him to see Mr. Ahle on a personal matter. Mr. Post said he told Mr. Wayne he did not have the pleasure of his acquaintance, but Mr. Wayne said he would send Mr. Ahle to him with a letter. Mr. Ahle came. He wanted Mr. Post to subscribe to the Smart Set edition at \$500. Mr. Post declined, and then Ahle is alleged to have told him that Town Topics had certain facts about a student in Stamford that might not look well to print. Post Told Jerome. Mr. Post temporized to delay matters for a few days and told his wife, she says they agreed that the thing to do was not to be heard of because of any misunderstanding they had had. He then communicated with the District-Attorney's office, and Mr. Krotel, of Mr. Jerome's staff, was placed in charge of the case. Mr. Ahle says he knows nothing of Mr. Post's action, and has no story about Mr. Post to print. Both Angry. (From the Houston Post.) "What is that post looking insulted about?" "He has been mistaken for a football player and a football player." "But why is yonder football player making such a fuss?" "He was mistaken for a post."

"400" ON LIST OF MAN ACCUSED OF BLACKMAIL

This list of names, claimed to have been given him for "de luxe" subscriptions, was found on Solicitor Ahle, charged with blackmailing E. M. Post: No. 250—William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., Grand Central Depot. No. 171—J. J. Astor, No. 23 West Twenty-sixth street. No. 309—H. McK. Twombly. No. 252—Alfred G. Vanderbilt. No. 239—A. Van Rensselaer, Eighteenth and Walnut. No. 168—Mrs. H. Mortimer Brooks. No. 300—Lloyd Phoenix. No. 185—C. A. Pestley, No. 817 Fifth avenue. No. 86—Eugene Higgins, No. 10 West Twenty-third street. No. 237—Mrs. Alex T. Van Nest, No. 31 West Thirty-seventh street. No. 172—W. P. Thompson, Westbury, L. I. No. 251—Reginald Vanderbilt. No. 173—Mrs. Bertha Honore Palmer. No. 138—Henry Barton Jacobs, No. 11 Mount Vernon place, Baltimore, Md. No. 319—Mrs. George Westinghouse, Erskine Park, Ignot, Mass. No. 160—Mrs. Linda Thomas. No. 277—Elbert H. Gerry. No. 297—Harrison J. Drummond, St. Louis, Mo.



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SAVED A PATIENT FROM THE RIVER

Frank Zeigler, seventy-two years old, patient in Bellevue Hospital since Nov. 2 last, was rescued from drowning in the East River to-day by the prompt action of Patrolman Reid, of the East Thirty-fifth street station and George Lewis, better known as "Prof. Bitich of Bellevue." Zeigler was walking on the wall which protects the new addition to the hospital from the waters of the East River with another patient when Reid, who is temporarily on duty at the Morgue, heard a cry for help. Diving himself of his coat and helmet as he ran, the policeman jumped in and managed to hold Zeigler. By this time the water was on hand with a rope which he flung to the patient. The policeman caught the rope, and Lewis, with the aid of several of the hospital's patients attracted to the scene by the drowning man's cries, hauled the two to the Morgue pier. When taken out of the water Zeigler was in a serious condition, and it required several hours' hard work on the part of the hospital physicians to restore him. Zeigler is married and lives at No. 408 East Seventy-second street. How he happened to fall into the river is not known. A fence five feet high surmounts the wall where he tumbled off.

HEALTHY AND NUTRITIOUS, IT MAKES BONE AND MUSCLE.

Advertisement for Sweet Clover Brand Condensed Milk. It says 'SWEET CLOVER BRAND CONDENSED MILK is next to mother's milk, and a safeguard against sickness and disease. It is guaranteed to keep sweet in any temperature or climate. The trademarks are valuable; save them and write for list of free premiums.' Below the text is a small illustration of a woman's face and a can of milk. At the bottom, it says 'MOHAWK CONDENSED MILK CO., Rochester, N. Y. At all grocers.'

POSSE ROUNDS UP AND KILLS THUGS

WINFIELD, Kan., July 12.—Two highwaymen, who were guilty today of a robbery, were shot and killed by a posse of Kansas City men. The robbery was committed at a place known as the Oklahoma State Prison. One of the highwaymen, Ed Madigan, of Ponca City, Okla., was shot and killed. The other, who was shot through the chest, was taken to the hospital and died. The posse, which was led by Sheriff J. M. Pope, was organized by the local law enforcement officials. The posse was made up of men from the neighborhood where the robbery took place. The posse was organized to hunt for the highwaymen who had been active in the area. The posse was successful in locating and killing the highwaymen. The posse was made up of men from the neighborhood where the robbery took place. The posse was organized to hunt for the highwaymen who had been active in the area. The posse was successful in locating and killing the highwaymen.

THREATENED LIFE OF ROOSEVELT

(Special to The Evening World.) PITTSBURGH, July 12.—Stephen Chemil, of Coal Centre, Pa., an alleged Anarchist, has been sent to jail for thirty days by Burgess W. S. Ross, of Homestead, so that an investigation of some of Chemil's statements may be made. Chemil was in a Homestead pool room yesterday afternoon when he became involved in a quarrel with some negroes over President Roosevelt. "Oh, well, never mind," Chemil is reported to have said, "I will be dead within thirty days." "What do you mean by that?" asked one of the Jews. "That makes no difference," retorted Chemil. "I will do it or some of the other fellows." Chief of Police William Cavanaugh threatened Chemil, who admitted making the statements. Burgess Ross said Chemil was an intelligent Lithuanian, about twenty-eight years old. He is declared to be sane. The Pittsburgh Secret Service officials will investigate Chemil's record.

BUNDAY WORLD WANTS WORK MONDAY MORNING WONDERS.

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