

SEEK BURGLARS WHO GAGGED GIRL AND FIRED ROOM

Police Are Impressed That Real Tragedy Occurred as Young Teacher Told.

VICTIM OF BOLD PAIR.

Young Woman Might Have Been Burned to Death but for Fellow-Boarder.

After a thorough investigation Headquarters detectives have concluded that Miss Isabelle Ovale, the young teacher at Public School No. 43, who was gagged, tied, robbed and then left in the room at her boarding house, No. 16 West Eighty-fourth street, on Saturday morning, in which three or four fires had been set by the burglars, was the victim of one of the most daring robberies they have been called upon to unravel in years.

Although weak and prostrated, Miss Ovale to-day repeated her story of the inhuman treatment she had received to an Evening World reporter.

Roommate Has Means.

"My roommate, Miss Madge Ayton, a middle-aged woman, possessing considerable means, had gone to Orange to visit a nephew," Miss Ovale said, "and I was alone. I was awakened by seeing two men moving around the room. As soon as they realized that I was awake, they stuffed a towel in my mouth, and while one held the other tied my arms behind me and bound my knees together with strips they tore from the sheets.

"I tried to scream, but couldn't, and I could plainly see the men ransacking my trunk and that of Miss Ayton, and then they emptied the contents of the bureau drawers upon the floor and selected only what was valuable. They were careful in their choice of jewelry, and anything that could be easily identified they threw away. This was proved when they wrenched the back off a beautiful watch and tossed it away, because there was a monogram on the case.

"After preparing to leave, the burglars started a fire in the closet and were just gathering up their parcels when I managed to get the gag out of my mouth and screamed. Then they hurried out of the room, leaving much of their plunder behind them.

Hero Rescued Her.

"Mr. Satterlee, who has a room near mine, hurried to my room, and seeing that a trunk near which I was lying was on fire, untied the strips which bound me to the bed and dragged me to the door.

"He was about to untie the strips that bound my hands and legs when Miss Haas, who conducts the boarding-house, and her sister, Miss Jiminez, came running upstairs. I begged them to untie me, but Mrs. Jiminez, who temporarily said to Mr. Satterlee: 'Never mind her, put the fire out first.'

"They left me lying in the hall where I had been dragged, and while a police brigade was organized and was at work there was not a soul to help me. It was not until the firemen, Benwick, and I discovered a second blaze in the closet of my room, which they soon put out, was I released."

Boards Confirm Story.

The treatment accorded Miss Ovale was the chief topic of conversation among the boarders at the Eighty-fourth street house to-day. Several of these said they had known Miss Ovale ever since she came to this city. Miss Ovale is a young woman, who she is an efficient teacher, upright in every respect, and not at all hysterical in her lucubrations. Despite the efforts of the police to discredit her story, they said, there is no doubt of her thrilling experience.

Deputy Fire Marshal De Malignon, who was detailed on the case, was much interested in the fact that Miss Ovale has recently insured her belongings for \$1,000. Miss Ovale explained this by saying that she had been told that a fire in the house adjoining that in which she lived, and she said Miss Ayton had insured her belongings.

The police now believe the burglars entered Miss Ovale's room from the roof. The hatch to the scuttle was found forced off, and as there are several vacant houses east of the Haas residence it is thought they entered and escaped through one of these.

MRS. ELSIE VANDERBILT DENIES WEDDING RUMOR.

Former Wife of Alfred Gwynne Not to Become a German Countess.

BERLIN, March 22.—The report that Mrs. Elsie French Vanderbilt, formerly the wife of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, is engaged to be married to the hereditary Count William von Benckendorff, lieutenant in one of the Guards regiments, has been given authoritative denial.

Mrs. Vanderbilt, after a couple of months in Berlin, has left here for Paris.

STABBED HIS BROTHER.

James A. Kennedy, Who Gave Himself Up, Held for Examination.

James A. Kennedy, who gives his address as No. 46 West Fifty-third street, and who, after stabbing his brother, Philip E. Kennedy, in the West Fifty-third street hon. last night, gave himself up to Patrolman Tinnan, of the West Forty-seventh street station, was arraigned in the West Side Court today before Magistrate Corrigan, charged with felonious assault. The Magistrate held him on a short adjournment without bail for examination on Wednesday.

Patrolman Tinnan produced a certificate from the Flower Hospital showing that the wounded man was suffering from a stab wound over the left lung and was unable to appear in court.

ACTRESS STRICKEN WHILE PLAYING IN CHICAGO THEATRE



MABEL FENTON.

MABEL FENTON ILL IN A SANITARIUM

Actress, Stricken in Chicago, Removed to This City for Treatment.

Mabel Fenton, the actress, is seriously ill in a sanitarium on West Fifty-sixth street, under the care of Dr. George Constable and Dr. Erdman.

Miss Fenton was stricken in Chicago two weeks ago, while playing with her husband, Charles Ross, in a vaudeville sketch. She was removed to this city and taken to the sanitarium, where she will remain for at least a month longer.

Dr. Constable said to-day that Miss Fenton's condition was serious, but not necessarily alarming.

COAL MINE OWNERS PREPARE FOR A STRIKE.

"Stockades" Being Repaired and Barb-Wired—Miners Get Word to Keep April 1 a Holiday.

HAZLETON, Pa., March 22.—In order to be prepared for a strike it one is ordered by the United Mine Workers of America, the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, a subsidiary concern of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, to-day began repairing the high fences surrounding its collieries in this city. New barbed wire is being strung along the tops of the fences.

The fence around the colliery of A. Farabee and Company, at Cranberry, near here, is also being put in good condition. Nearly all the collieries in the anthracite region during the big strike of 1902 were surrounded by high board fences to keep the strikers off the property and to protect the coal and iron police. The miners called them stockades and several of the fences were set on fire and destroyed.

Circulars were received here from President Lewis, of the miners' union, asking the anthracite men to observe as usual April 1 as a holiday in commemoration of the granting of the eight-hour day in the soft coal fields. The miners are also advised to banish strife from the union.

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DRINK SYMPTOMS TOLD BY WOMAN IN DAMAGE SUIT

Miss Lasky Quite Sure Dele-vante Was Incapable and So Lost Job.

Miss Blanche Lasky, a sister of Jesse L. Lasky, the theatrical manager, told Justice Greenbaum and a jury in the Supreme Court today her idea of an intoxicated person.

The case was that of Edward Prospero Delevante, who instituted suit against Lasky, Benjamin A. Roffe and Henry B. Harris for \$3,000 damages, alleging breach of contract. Delevante was engaged to conduct rehearsals of "The Stinging Grenadiers," a musical vaudeville piece, in London, and the defendant discharged him before his contract had matured. "They alleged he went on a spree and was not fit to do his work."

Miss Lasky, who is associated with her brother, said she had to conduct one of the rehearsals in Delevante's absence. She told of seeing him on several occasions in the theatre.

"How did Mr. Delevante appear to you?" she was asked.

"He seemed intoxicated."

"How did he act?"

"He talked thickly, dropped his baton and his hat and was incapable of conducting the rehearsal."

"Stupid. His face showed intoxication. His mouth hung loosely. His speech was stupid."

"Did he play the piano?"

"This answer was stricken from the record after an objection was made. "Did he play?" repeated counsel. "Yes or No?"

"He did not play."

GRAFT NET TAKES IN MILLIONAIRE WITH POLITICIANS

Pittsburg Magnate Indicted in Connection with Municipal Corruption.

PITTSBURG, March 22.—As the result of the Grand Jury investigation last week of municipal corruption, the Court ordered indictments against the following men: Dallas C. Byers, millionaire manufacturer; P. A. Griffin, cashier Columbia National Bank; Councilman John F. Klein, Councilman W. H. Weber, Councilman Charles Stewart and H. L. Bolger, hotel proprietor.

The steamer Caracas, which arrived today from West Indian ports, brought the Porto Rican Commission, en route to Washington, to thresh out the difficulties which caused the recent adjournment of the Porto Rican Legislature's extraordinary session, following a deadlock over the budget.

One commission is headed by Luis Munos Rivera, leader of the Unionist party in the House of Delegates, and will urge an amendment of the organic law of Porto Rico, separating the executive powers from the legislative powers held by the Executive Council, and the vesting of sole legislative authority in two bodies to be elected by the people.

The insular government, which believes in another way of clearing up the difficulty, is represented by William F. Willoughby, Secretary of Porto Rico, George Cabot Ward, Auditor, and Henry M. Hoyt, Attorney-General.

INCENDIARY SUSPECT TAKEN

Arrest Made in Rochester, Where Queen Fires Continue.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 22.—In spite of the fact that the entire police force of the city are on "firebug work," searching for the author of the many recent incendiary fires here, stimulated by a reward offered by Mayor Egerton for the arrest of the miscreant, another fire of a suspicious nature was kindled in the drying kiln of the William B. Morse Lumber Company yesterday.

A bunch of oil-soaked waste had been thrown into the kiln through an unused door that had been pried open. Near the fire, behind a freight car, Charles L. Brace was found and was locked up. After another suspicious fire yesterday in the home of Mrs. Nora Johnson the woman was locked up also. A third fire in Ely street last night was due to excelsior being kindled in a barn.

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BRING PORTO RICO SQUABBLES HERE FOR ADJUSTMENT

Delegates From Warring Fac-tions Arrive, En Route to Washington.

"PRETTIEST" FIANCEE WON'T BE HURRIED

Bride-to-Be Tells City Cupid She Will Wait a Day Longer Than Bridegroom.

"There goes the prettiest girl that ever came to the City Hall with her husband-to-be to get a marriage

license," said Clerk Hart, of the Marriage Bureau, to-day. He indicated a tall young woman, attired in close-fitting "London smoke" velvet, leaving on the arm of a short, stout man whose figure was covered by an astrakhan-trimmed coat.

The couple were Miss Beatrice Henchman, twenty years old, of No. 34 St. Nicholas avenue, and Israel Samuels, a real estate broker, thirty-seven years old, of the same address.

"We are going to be married on April 2," said Mr. Samuels to the clerk.

"Now, I say," said the pretty young woman, whose blushes added an extra adornment, "please do not rush things. We are to be married April 5."

"Oh, yes, that's true," stammered Mr. Samuels, as he paid the dollar fee and departed with his bride-to-be.

Sponges and Wash Cloths. Sponges have almost been discarded from the modern bathroom on account of the difficulty of keeping them in a sanitary condition. When they are used one should not be satisfied with giving them an occasional washing even in warm water, but they should be boiled once a week in water to which has been added a teaspoonful of Gold Dust washing powder and rinsed through several clear warm waters. Wash cloths should also be boiled in Gold Dust suds and thoroughly rinsed, sunned and ironed. Those of thin linen crash are more desirable than heavy ones.

WORLD WANTS WORK WONDERS.

Greenhut and Company Dry Goods ANNOUNCEMENT On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday March 23d, 24th and 25th OUR SPRING OPENING A Complete Exposition of MILLINERY Costumes, Wraps, Waists, Misses' and Children's Apparel, Silk Petticoats, Lingerie, Silks, Dress Goods and Laces During this opening we will show for the first time in New York all the very newest and most exclusive creations, exhibiting a pronounced type of those distinctive features that portray the correct style trend of the season. THE PUBLIC IS CORDIALLY INVITED A Regal Display of the Fashionable Spring Dress Silks---And a Sale You will ask in wonder how it could be possible that a single season's styles could demand so many kinds of silks and so many colors and shades. But the presiding muse of fashion is of varying moods and tastes this season, lavish in her demand for color beauty, yet exacting as never before in precise tint and weave. With intimate foreknowledge of what fashionable women demand in silken fabrics, Greenhut & Co. have assembled this prodigious array for the choosing of New York's discriminating women. Many there are who deem it a privilege to have such an all-inclusive stock to depend upon. Prices? You know what Greenhut's have always stood for—high qualities and moderate prices. That policy controls every yard of silk bought in the regular way. But recently we secured a very large manufacturer's surplus stock of the newest silks at radical price concessions, which result in special values that have never before been possible at this time of year. 36-Inch \$1.25 Colored Directoire Sat ns, 88c A handsomely finished fabric in those new and beautiful shades which the real smart dressers are choosing for those picture-gown, so rich, so dressy and artistic. Every desirable street and evening shade, including several shades of old rose, taupe, wistaria, Cop-ni-lygen, tan, champagne, brown, &c.; also the new pastel effects and white and black. Regularly \$1.25; 88c 24-inch Rainproof Foulard, all size polka dots. This quality is the best made and retails throughout the country regularly at \$1.25, here at 85c 27-inch Rough All Silk Shantung. Another shipment enables us to continue the sale of this silk in all colors; the best all silk Shantung offered this season—worth \$1.25, at 68c 24-inch Plain Colored Showerproof Foulard. Over 60 shades. A quality that retails elsewhere at \$1.00—here special 59c at Main Floor—Greenhut and Company—For Tuesday's Selling 19-inch White Chiffon Taffeta—also ivory and cream; superior quality, lustrous finish; regularly \$1.00 59c 44-inch Satin Meteor—an exquisite dress fabric; in the largest variety of the new shades shown this season; reg- ularly \$4.50 yard, special at \$3 36-in. Imported Black Dress Taffeta—pure eye, Mess line finished. In the best elsewhere at \$1.50—for this sale, yard 95c Imported Black Satin Messaline—good dress quality Imported to sell at \$1—special, yd. 59c The Favored Spring Dress Goods Introduced With Some Special Values The showing is a noteworthy one, being replete with Fashion's chosen weaves and preferred colorings. Here is a wonderfully wide choice of the lustrous, satin finished cloths that are pre-eminent favorites, an array of the soft, deep, indefinable tints that Paris prefers, as well as the popular, practical year-round colors. The ever-wanted serges have generous space and the color assortment is unusually wide. Check suitings, mohairs, broadcloths—all of them are fully represented. Altogether, it is an authoritative display, which will guide you unerringly in the selection of your spring suit. Special: Reg. \$1.25 Imported Satin Prunellas at 89c This is the real smart fabric—a lustrous, dressy, rich cloth, that lends itself to such artistic and varied treatment—a handsome showing—43 inches wide, in a full line of the new colors, including catwabs, raspberry, wistaria, taupe, mustard, rosea, amethyst, navy and black—usually sold at \$1.25, at 89c English Mohairs, in dairy hair-line stripes, new shades and designs—42 in. wide, at yard \$1.00 Satin Directoire—silk and wool, with a soft, satin finish, in all the desirable shades, 40 inches wide, worth \$2. \$1.50 at yard Cream Storm Serge—42 inches wide, all good service—69c Main Floor—Greenhut and Company—For Tuesday's Selling 50-inch Check Suitings—in black and white checks only. 75c worth \$1.25, at yard Black Broadcloth, chiffon weight, spot proof, 32.00 quality for \$1.48 36-in. Lining Satins, quality guaranteed for two seasons' wear, shown in desirable colors, also in cream and black—also lately last (regularly \$1.10) 78c Sixth Avenue, 18th to 19th Street, Greenhut & Co. Store formerly occupied by B. Altman & Co.