

KIDNAPPED KIDDIE BECAUSE SHE WAS LIKE HIS OWN TOT

Lonely Sailor Confesses Stealing Gladys Englund, Aged 4, Found in Brooklyn.

HE IS HELD BY POLICE.

Kept Child While Hundreds Searched, Then Left Her With Editor Brother.

Kidnapped and held for two days by her father's friend, a lonely British sailor, Gladys Englund, four years old, is back home again at No. 616 East One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Street, the Bronx. She cannot understand why her folks and the neighbors make such a fuss over her. Nicholas Peniston, the sailor, held on the charge of child-stealing, which may send him to prison for many years, seems as unable as the baby to understand he has broken the law or wronged the little girl's father and mother by taking Gladys from home.

Peniston, who is thirty-four years old, had known the father of Gladys since last summer, when they met on the Hoboken waterfront. Peniston was in port three weeks ago and looked up Englund.

"I'm almost too lonely to live," he said to Englund. "My wife and four children are in Bermuda. I haven't seen them for months and months and the Lord knows when I shall see them again."

So Englund invited him home, thinking to cheer him up. From the very first Peniston took to tiny Gladys. She was on his knee almost all the time when he was at the Englund home. Sunday he told her parents he was going to take her out

KIDNAPPED LITTLE GIRL AND MAN WHO IS HELD FOR TAKING HER AWAY.



to buy a Teddy Bear. He did not come back, and the police of the whole city were set to hunting for the child and the sailor, of whom Englund knew so little that he thought his name was Pennystone.

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Peniston appeared at the office of his brother, H. N. Peniston, textile editor of the New York Commercial, in Vesey Street. Gladys, wet and smudgy faced, but quite contented, was with him.

EVENING WORLD GIVES CLUE THAT HELPS FIND GIRL.

"Just in from Bermuda," he said. "The British Government took over our place down by the shores for defenses and we had to break up house-keeping. The wife has gone inland to live with her mother and has taken Hugh and Elsie, and I have brought Lucy to live with me. Lucy, kiss your uncle."

"Lucy" very sweetly put up her face to be kissed. Her resemblance to the Bermuda little girl, whose editor uncle had seen her a year and a half ago, was so striking he did not question her identity.

The editor "uncle" demanded she go home with him so that her aunt could take proper care of her until her "father" found a way of looking out for her. She ought not to be tramping the streets while the sailor hunted for lodgings, he said. Sailor Peniston reluctantly agreed. The editor took her to his home, No. 855 East Nineteenth Street, Flatbush. They had hardly arrived when the telephone bell rang and the sailor was

inquiring anxiously to know if "Lucy" was all right and happy. He was told she had had a big supper and had been bathed and put to bed. A few minutes later Mr. Farrell, the insurance editor of the Commercial, called his colleagues. He wanted to know if Peniston had seen The Evening World describing the missing Gladys Englund and had noticed how much his "niece," who had been playing around the Commercial office resembled the child kidnapped by a man named "Pennystone." Peniston sent out for a copy of The Evening World and came to the conclusion he would better send word to the Englunds to come and see the baby.

Police Headquarters called next. The Detective Bureau sent a porter in the Commercial Building had noticed the resemblance between the little girl Editor Peniston had taken home and Gladys Englund and the police asked what Mr. Peniston knew about it.

The editor's reply brought Papa Englund and Detective Armstrong and McCarthy to Flatbush after midnight. The baby was waked, bundled up and taken home. Dr. Kramer was called from Lebonan Hospital. He found she wasn't the least bit the worse for her adventure.

PENISTON, THE SAILOR, ADMITS KIDNAPPING LITTLE GIRL.

The detectives found Nicholas Peniston in his lodgings at No. 266 West Twenty-fifth Street soon after day-break.

"Certainly," he said, "I took the little girl. I was lonely and she was exactly like one of my own children, and I knew I could take care of her as well as her own people did. When we left the house Sunday I took her to a moving picture show and took her around to some of my friends in saloons to show her off. I told everybody she was my kid. I told that to the Serriers, with whom I live, and Mrs. Serrier helped me look after her Sunday night. If I hadn't let my brother take her home I would have had her yet."

"I didn't know it was kidnapping," he added ruefully, "so long as I was good to her and took good care of her and she didn't mind being with me. And she didn't. She just toddled around with me and never once asked me to take her home or said anything about wanting her mother. After a while, I suppose I would have taken her to her home, but her resemblance to my own Lucy has been on my mind ever since I first saw her. I got to dreaming about how nice it would be to have a baby so much like Lucy with me when I was away from home."

H. N. Peniston said his sailor brother suffered from an attack of brain fever several years ago, which made him act queerly at times.

Magistrate Brown, in Morrisania Court, today held Peniston in \$7,000 bail for a hearing Thursday.

BANK PRESIDENT WITH MANY "HOBBIES" DIES IN BROOKLYN.



CHARLES G. BALMANNIO, CURIO COLLECTOR, DIES

Brooklyn Banker and One of the Appraisers of J. P. Morgan's Treasures.

Charles G. Balmanno, President of the Mechanics' Bank of Brooklyn, died at 3 o'clock this morning at his home, No. 591 Fifth Street, Brooklyn, from pneumonia. He was in his fifty-first year.

For several weeks Mr. Balmanno had been suffering from an attack of grip and pneumonia, but was supposed to be improving when he was stricken with a relapse last night and passed away in a few hours. He leaves a widow and two daughters.

In Brooklyn financial, club and art life Mr. Balmanno was a prominent figure. He belonged to many clubs and fraternal organizations. His collections of prints, coins, stamps and books were filled with choice and rare selections. After the death of the late J. P. Morgan he was one of the appraisers of the great banker's collection of prints and books.

All his business life had been devoted to banking, and for twenty years he had been connected with the Mechanics' Bank, rising steadily through subordinate positions until two years ago he became its president. He was a director as well in various other financial institutions.

WOMAN HAD RIGHT TO WHIP THE MASHER

Court So Rules and Gives Her Damages Against Railroad for Annoyances Caused on Train.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 7.—A woman is justified in inflicting corporal punishment upon a masher who annoys her, the State Supreme Court has ruled in affirming the \$250 damages which a lower court had awarded Mrs. Nettie Trussell of Hot Springs, a school teacher, against the Memphis and Dallas and Gulf Railroad.

According to the testimony a male passenger on a train of the defendant railroad stood in the centre of the car in which Mrs. Trussell was riding and winked and threw kisses at her. Mrs. Trussell broke her umbrella over his head. The Supreme Court in its opinion handed down yesterday ruled that not only was Mrs. Trussell justified in her action, but was entitled to damages for the annoyance and humiliation to which she was subjected.

NEW RECORD IS MADE BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

February Report Shows 408 Indictments Were Disposed of by Swann.

The monthly report of the District Attorney's office shows that during February 408 indictments were disposed of in the courts of General Sessions. Of those there were 234 convictions, 57 discharges and 88 dismissals by the Grand Jury.

During the last two months twelve persons have been convicted of homicide, two for murder in the first degree. The number of prisoners in the Tombs March 6, 1915, was 404, of whom 125 were awaiting trial and 279 the number awaiting the action of the Grand Jury 108.

PREPAREDNESS NOTE

The wedding of Charles Stuchfield of Detroit and Mrs. Cora Wickersham at the Hotel Vanderbilt yesterday had to be postponed while the best man had the wedding ring stretched.

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CANARY, NOT CAREY, GOT HER LOVING AS WIDOW GREW WARY

With Others Near Mrs. Toler Was Chary of Pet Names for Carey, Says Witness.

WOODED BIRD INSTEAD.

"Honey Bunch" and "Love Child," Fired at Pet, Were Caught by Pat, 'Tis Said.

The plan by which it is charged Mrs. Minerva B. Toler, rich widow, secretly wooed and won Patrick J. Carey, handsome, white haired Beau Brummel and father of thirteen children, was to-day revealed to Supreme Court Justice Philbin and the jury which is trying the \$5,000 alienation suit brought by Mrs. Elizabeth Carey, Carey's wife.

Miss Sarah Carey, sister of the handsome Patrick, told the jury it was Mrs. Toler and not her brother who did the aggressive wooing that resulted in the breaking up of the Carey home. The secret courtship was carried on, she said, by means of Mrs. Toler's silver throated canary bird.

"I used to call on my brother a good deal while Mrs. Toler was attentive to him," said Miss Carey, "but when a third party was present they did not wish to appear affectionate and call each other pretty love names. There was a little canary bird in the home. Suddenly, as we were all standing in the room, Mrs. Toler began to call the bird the sweetest of names—'Patsy Darling,' 'Honey Bunch,' 'Love Child,' 'Sweetie,' 'Petty.' She would look at the bird all the while. But she had arranged beforehand with my brother Patrick, so he knew the sweet names were intended for him and not the bird. I think the bird liked it too."

On another occasion, after Carey had left his home, the witness declared, Mrs. Toler vowed her love for Patrick in no uncertain way.

"My brother did not communicate with Mrs. Toler for several days," Miss Carey continued. "She was nearly frantic over it. She called upon me to help her. When I found her at home she said, 'My God, if I don't find Patrick I'll go crazy.'"

The witness described the intense emotion with which the widow made the statement. "Mrs. Toler," said Miss Carey, "almost tore her hair out."

Shortly after Mrs. Carey learned of the attachment between the two, she advised her sister-in-law, Mrs. Toler, and seek her aid in sending Patrick to England, where he could "forget the affair."

"I told Mrs. Toler," said Miss Carey, "that my sister-in-law was willing to take a small amount of money out of the bank and sell a piece of property she held and send Patrick back to England. She wanted Mrs. Toler to let Patrick go. I then asked Mrs. Toler to make the sacrifice. She replied: 'I will make any sacrifice for my man I love. Why, I love Patrick more than anything in the whole world—even more than I loved my poor dead husband.'"

"But she didn't give up Patrick," said Miss Carey. "She wanted me to get him one time; sometimes as many as six. There was never a day he didn't receive one letter from her."

SAVED AS SHIP SANK, GIRL MARCHES WITH ARMY IN MALE GARB

Miss Laujos, Red Cross Nurse, Tells of Thrilling Experience at Front.

Miss Marie Laujos, a Red Cross nurse of Chicago, arrived in New York to-day on the steamship Vasilis Constantine, of the Greek Line, with a thrilling tale of war on sea and land. Miss Laujos was a passenger on the Italian liner Brindisi, blown up by a mine in the Adriatic Jan. 6. Then, for over a month, she trudged through Montenegro and Albania in the uniform of a soldier.

"We had just finished breakfast," said Miss Laujos, "when the Brindisi gave a tremendous lurch. The steamer had struck a mine. Which tore a tremendous hole in her bow, and she began sinking by the head. I got into a boat with thirty soldiers and as it was being lowered it turned over, throwing us all into the sea."

"A piece of wreckage kept me afloat two hours. Several boats had been lowered, but all capsized. Finally, a little steamer picked me up with forty others, and put us ashore on the Albanian Coast."

"I removed my wet clothing and a soldier gave me his uniform to wear while my clothes were drying. When I went to get my clothes, they had been stolen, so I was compelled to keep the uniform. While we were on the beach, an Austrian aeroplane dropped bombs upon us, killing half a dozen. With several soldiers I set out for Scutari and joined the remnants of the Montenegrain army."

"There were about 65,000 Montenegrins and Serbians in the army, and I was the only woman. I accompanied the army on its marches for almost a month, doing what Red Cross work I could without supplies. I had become so accustomed to my masculine garb I hated to don dresses again."

At Gibraltar the British authorities put a passenger named Dr. Gula under arrest and removed him to the fortress of Gula, claimed to be an American citizen, but admitted his Austrian birth.

BARNES TO APPEAL IN ROOSEVELT CASE

Second Trial of Libel Suit May Be Held During Next Campaign.

The Barnes-Roosevelt libel suit is to be renewed, and according to present schedule may come up again in court in the midst of next autumn's political campaign.

The boss of Albany has filed formal notice of an appeal from the verdict against him returned by a jury in Syracuse last spring, but counsel said to-day that it would be impossible for the appeal to be ready for the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court at Rochester before the fall term.

For nearly a year Mr. Barnes delayed taking any formal action. Much of this postponement was due to the death of his counsel, William M. Ivins, but the case has been continued in charge of other members of the firm of Ivins, Wolff & Hoagut.

Several weeks ago notice of appeal was served by counsel for Mr. Barnes on John M. Bowers, counsel for Col. Roosevelt. The case is expected to come up on appeal about the first week of October.

\$5,000 VANITY CASE THEFT AT PALM BEACH

Jewelled Trinket Sought Here Said to Have Been Stolen From Society Woman.

A private detective agency yesterday sent circulars broadcast offering a reward of \$500 for the return of a vanity case stolen on the evening of Feb. 17 from the owner, who was on the veranda of the Breakers Hotel, Palm Beach.

The case, valued approximately at \$5,000 and said to be owned by a New York society woman, is described as of hammered gold, with two emerald corners surrounded by small diamonds, opening in two with a cigarette compartment on one side and mirror and powder box on the other. It is three and one-half inches wide, five inches in length and one inch thick.

Detectives have searched New York pawnshops for the missing article in vain. They believe the thief brought

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THOMPSON FIGHTS TO KEEP WHITNEY OFF P. S. BOARD

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There was nothing to enjoin. Senator Thompson showed that a representative of the railroad company had received a plan and map for William Harkness's suit, and that after the injunction had been denied restored them to the commission's files. Secretary of the Whitney had declared that nothing was on file, and it was upon his statement that the Court denied the injunction.

Several Senators still seemed to believe in Mr. Whitney's qualifications for Public Service Commissioner. Senator Thompson argued that he was like all the officials who had served of late and the commission—too apt to see the corporation side of any case and to be blind to the cause of the taxpayers.

It is understood that the Senate Finance Committee will not reach any conclusion as to the appointments to-day. The chances are that it will be taken up in executive committee tomorrow. Probably Taxpayer Williams will be called up to testify before the committee as to what happened to him when he tried to keep the H. R. T. from shutting out his light and air.

HARKNESS FOUND CAUSE TO ATTACK WILLIAMS.

Leroy T. Harkness of counsel to the Public Service Commission argued before the Thompson Committee in New York that Williams made a misleading statement when he swore he was owner of his property in fee simple while there was a small mortgage on it. Senator Thompson cites this as an example of how far the Public Service officials go in their unfriendliness to all who seek to interfere with service corporations.

Besides Williams, the Committee on Finance may hear Herbert L. Carpenter, President of the Fulton Street Property Owners' Association, who also fought the B. R. T. raid tracking plan and suffered many rebuffs at the hands of the Public Service Commission employees. Also the president of another association, who wrote to Secretary Travis H. Whitney asking whether he might inspect the records of the commission "without interference or molestation" and in reply received from Mr. Whitney the following letter: "Dear Sir: No."

Messrs. Whitney and Horsey may also be summoned before the commission and asked to explain the charges against them. It is understood that these are other matters which have not yet been published which will be examined into.

Late this afternoon it was reported that the matter will be taken up by the Finance Committee in executive session tomorrow and a programme will be determined upon. If all the witnesses for and against the candidates are examined the appointments must drag over for a long time.

Congress Barbers Catch the Fishing Spirit.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—A fight in the House barber shop between two colored barbers, just before the House convened and directly beneath the chamber was the prelude to the battle in the House to-day. Prince Robert and John William, who slay Congressmen, were the barbers. Injured with the militant spirit of the day, they quarrelled over their duties. The fight ended when John broke a bottle of toilet water on Prince's head and both barbers were arrested.

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Thought Cathedral Afire.

But Small Blaze Was in Building Across From St. Patrick's.

A great crowd collected about St. Patrick's Cathedral this morning, believing the edifice to be afire, because clouds of smoke-like steam were rising from manholes in the streets flanking the Cathedral, and Engine Company No. 3 came clanging through Fifth Street from Lexington Avenue. The fire was on the third floor of No. 614 Fifth Avenue, opposite the edifice, in the waist making establishment of Frances Clyde, Inc., but the flames had been extinguished before the engine arrived. The damage was slight but there was much excitement for a time.

Germany Laughs at US, Says U. S. Diplomat

Consular Secretary Mac-Elwee Declares She Also Feels Bitter Toward America.

Roy S. Mac-Elwee, Secretary to the American Consul General in Berlin, arrived in New York to-day aboard the steamship Kristianoford and immediately gave out an interview of a decidedly pro-German nature.

"Germany has reached the end of her resources to retain the friendship of the United States," said the diplomat. "The people of Germany feel very bitter toward us. They deplore very much our obvious friendship for the allies. Germany believes that the greatest obstacle to peace is the friendship of the United States for England. America is supplying the means for continuing the slaughter in Europe."

"Germany does not care how soon war is declared upon her by the United States. They laugh at our military organization. Germany cannot be starved. You can live as cheaply in Berlin as in New York. Conditions in Germany are not what the British would like to have us believe. There are no starving babies in Germany, nor are there any bread riots. There is a shortage of milk and meat, but plenty of other foodstuffs."

Mr. Mac-Elwee is a graduate of Columbia and the University of Berlin. He has been a resident of the German capital for eight years. It is now on his way to Washington to report to the State Department.