

WAS CINDERELLA EVERY WEEK

MAGGIE CONNOLLY, GIRL FORGER, LED A DOUBLE LIFE.

Princess Charming at Girl Friends' - Lavish Gifts Caused No Suspicion - In Asylum Now for Easy Stealing.

Fifteen-year-old Maggie Connolly, who forged checks for over \$100, using the name of her employers, Belle & Therese, the Fifth Avenue milliners, and cashed them at the Aator Bank, is in the asylum of the Sisters of St. Dominic, whither she was sent by Justice Wyatt in the Children's Court yesterday.

Margaret appeared in court for sentence in the well worn black skirt, brown coat and three cornered brown hat with dragged plumes that she wore when she was not arrayed in the finery she bought with the stolen money and kept hidden away. The girl's cheeks were flushed with excitement, and her lips were pressed together in an effort at composure.

"Now, Maggie," said the Justice, "how much money did you get by forging checks?" "I don't know," replied the girl.

"How many checks for \$10 were there?" pursued the Justice.

"Four or five," she replied. Then she said that she had forged and cashed three or four \$30 checks, three or four for \$25, so many for \$10 that she couldn't remember the exact number and a lot of little \$5 ones.

The bank has figured out its exact loss through the girl's account. She had cashed through the bank from home and went to restaurants, and you throw away the lunches you brought from home and went to restaurants," asked the Justice.

"And you bought clothes and jewelry and cologne and things and theatre tickets for your friends, but nobody knew you were stealing the money?"

"Nobody knew," she replied.

"Why did you do it? Did they beat you where you lived?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, I'm sorry you have no mother—I must—"

"My aunts—not the Gilligans—my other aunts will take care of me," broke in the girl and then the tears fell, but only for a minute. She left the court room still pressing her lips together.

The girl's assertion that she had no accomplices was verified by the Gerry society's investigations, made public in court yesterday. The child has found a lot of the stuff the society bought with her stolen money. Nobody apparently realized she had not come by the property honestly. Her tales of big tips from the people to whom she delivered them were believed.

Her mother died ten years ago and her father three years ago after marrying again. Then the Gilligans, her stepmother's relatives, took her. They had her leave school and go to work. Last July, when she was laid off by Belle & Therese because of the dull season, the Gilligans told her not to go back there unless she received more than the \$10 a week she had been earning. She did return in August and she says the Gilligans scolded so that she made up a story that her salary had been raised to \$5 a week and that she could gather up several dollars more by tips.

In order to get the extra money to make good on her tip, she began tearing out blank checks from the back of the firm's check book, filling them in and cashing them. Every week she gave the Gilligans \$1 and two or three dollars extra.

It was so easy to cash the checks that she began to raise the amounts to buy herself the finery her girl heart craved and to make presents to her girl friends. To all these she told the same story of big tips.

These things she left with one of her girl friends over in Brooklyn, with whom she got acquainted while she lived there after her father married again. She told the girl's family that she didn't want the Gilligans to know she wasn't turning over all the money she got to them. The Brooklyn people sympathized with her, and so on Sundays she used to go over there and change for her little party-black check book girl with heavy shoes and limp ribbons on her pigtail to the fine lady in furs and lace. There was another Brooklyn girl she met at night school, who lived near the first one on North Eleventh street. These two envied Maggie's affluence and paid her homage that was sweet. It was like being Cinderella every week. She kept them her loyal admirers by the presents and the cream sodas she bestowed with a lavish hand.

She even began to make presents to the Gilligans. Ten dollars out of the last \$40 check she cashed went to them, but they suspected nothing wrong, they say.

Stealing was so easy that Maggie began to take things besides money from the milliners. When customers sent Maggie back with goods that were not satisfactory she simply kept them and said nothing about it. One of her caches was a candy store on Fifth Avenue near Belle & Therese's. She took packages in there and left them until she should call for them. They did not suspect the little girl who bought candy—for somebody else, she said—with so much money.

And then the whole thing went to smash. A policeman went into the store and arrested her. While the officer's hand was on her shoulder she quickly slipped her pocketbook containing \$18.26 left from the last check over to Rosie Bauer, the girl who worked with her in the store.

The way the girl has striven to keep a stiff upper lip since her bubble burst has won the hearts even of those who have worked for her punishment.

The Gerry society now finds itself with a lot of goods in its hands—some \$200 worth—that it doesn't know what to do with. Some of it the Misses McCann of the millinery firm will identify as their property today. The society is going to turn the rest over to the property clerk at Police Headquarters.

TO WIDEN DELANCEY ST. AGAIN.

Resolution in Board of Estimate to Make It a 150 Foot Thoroughfare.

Borough President Ahearn offered a resolution in the Board of Estimate yesterday that have Delancey street widened from eighty feet to 150 feet. In answer to the Mayor's question Mr. Ahearn said that the expense of the work would devolve upon the whole city and Alderman Tim Sullivan said that the people of the district would rather be taxed for the improvement than not to have it done at all. The matter was referred to the Chief Engineer.

A resolution authorizing the issue of \$3,000,000 bonds for new school buildings and sites was passed.

LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

The time is past when wealthy young men can sit in the front row of a first class theatre and only the young women in the chorus. Certain managers used never to make strenuous objection to this sort of row, providing the young men didn't interfere with the enjoyment of the rest of the audience, but no manager will permit it now.

Five well known young men about town tried it at a Broadway theatre a few nights ago and the management put up with their nonsense until the first part of the show was over. Then the five left their seats and started out for a drink. When they returned they were allowed to enter the theatre, but two ushers barred the aisle leading to their seats. Near the ushers stood the manager of the house. Said he to the five young men:

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SAW MRS. ROSS WAS MURDERED

Autopsy Shows That Death Was Due to Violence.

Evidence of Cerebral Hemorrhage Caused by a Blow Is Found—Police Know the Name of Missing Coachman Who Witnessed Woman's Will and Accuse Him.

There is no longer any mystery surrounding the death of Mrs. Hannah B. Ross, in the fire which destroyed her home in High street, Montclair, early on Thursday morning. An autopsy performed yesterday afternoon by County Physician W. H. McKenzie in Orange has established the fact that death was caused by violence and the police declare it to be a clear case of murder.

Dr. McKenzie found indubitable evidence of cerebral hemorrhage caused by a blow, showing that Mrs. Ross had been murdered. The County Physician also took portions of the body for chemical and microscopic examination in order further to determine whether or not poison was administered as a preliminary step to the murder.

The autopsy was witnessed by Chief Gallagher of the Montclair police and Detective Bell of the County Prosecutor's office. There is no further doubt that the murderer is the missing coachman who was hired by Mrs. Ross last Saturday. No trace of his body has been found in the debris in the cellar of the Ross house.

Workmen who were engaged in the search yesterday confined themselves to that part of the cellar under the coachman's room, but found no trace of a body. The search will be resumed to-day in a mass of wreckage at the other end of the cellar, as there is a bare chance that this may conceal the murderer.

Robert Christmas, the colored coachman, whom Mrs. Ross discharged on Saturday, went to Montclair when he read of the mysterious death of his former employer in the newspapers yesterday. He said that neither he nor his wife left the premises until Monday afternoon, and that they were paid off by the new coachman, who was known as "Bob." When Christmas left the coachman had a roll containing about \$40.

Christmas said that "Bob" was present on Saturday afternoon when Lawyer Edwards C. Black drew Mrs. Ross's will, and that "Bob" signed as one of the witnesses, besides Mrs. James H. Peck and Mrs. Charles H. Scudder, near neighbors. The reason that the new man signed to the will is known only to the lawyer and to the police. They refuse to divulge it, hoping thereby to keep their man in the dark.

The negro described the fugitive as a refined looking man whose appearance was better than that of the average coachman. Theories have been evolved concerning the folded portiere which was found pressed against Mrs. Ross's face when the body was recovered. It was suggested that she might have been choked or smothered before the house was set on fire. In the autopsy to-day, however, no traces of chloroform were noticeable, and the police believe that Mrs. Ross drew the portiere across her face to save herself from assault in the course of a death struggle.

Mrs. Ross always locked her room at night and her peculiarities were of such a character as to attract general attention. The police had difficulty in getting her to respond to a summons for appearance before Recorder Vest about two months ago, for she refused to send Florence Clark, a twelve-year-old child she had adopted. She said that she considered herself the equal of any school teacher in the county and she said to the policeman who served the summons:

"I will teach her myself, but only useful things; not fool things, like embroidery and cooking."

George A. Boyce of East Orange, the husband of Mrs. Ross's niece, made arrangements yesterday for the dead woman's funeral. It will take place from the residence of her brother, Martin B. Wallace of East Orange, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Ferdinand G. Blanchard, pastor of the Grove Street Congregational Church. Mrs. Ross's body will be buried beside that of her husband in Rosedale cemetery.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 24.—Mrs. Ross corresponded with several of her friends here and a few days ago one of them received a letter from her in which she contained the information that a New Jersey man was paying her attention and that she might marry.

"You may be surprised that one of my age should be thinking of marrying again," she wrote, "but you had better not say anything about it at present, for it might not come to pass."

\$70,000 OF CHADWICK JEWELS.

Collector Leach Says He Has Seized That Amount for Unpaid Duties.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 24.—Collector C. F. Leach of the Customs Department returned from Washington and New York this morning. He had been on a hunting trip for Mrs. Chadwick's jewels.

"I brought back with me \$70,000 worth of jewelry," said Mr. Leach, "all of which was imported at various times by Mrs. Chadwick and has never been entered for import duty."

When asked in what part of New York he secured the jewels he replied:

"All I care to say about that is that I didn't find a dollar's worth in New York, or Pittsburg either, but got them elsewhere, just where I do not care to say. I have about two-thirds of the smuggled jewelry actually in my possession and located."

Mrs. Chadwick and J. P. Dawley, her attorney, defied Referee Remington in the bankruptcy court to-day. Mr. Dawley refused to allow the woman to be sworn though the Court ordered her to take the oath. In reply to this order she only looked at Dawley and snarled.

After a conference with him she took the oath, but refused to answer questions put to her. About the only statement of any consequence obtained from her was that she had no personal property in New York. So successfully did she baffle the questions of Attorney Louis J. Grossman that he was compelled to give up the effort to obtain information from her.

My financial affairs are so closely allied with the case in the Federal court that anything affecting the one must necessarily affect the other," said Mrs. Chadwick in explaining her refusal to answer questions.

The proceedings were a meeting of creditors for examination of the bankrupt's affairs, a hearing on the petition to sell the bankrupt's real estate. With the hope of saving from the wreck a large part of her personal effects Mrs. Chadwick, through Attorney Kernish, filed her application for exemptions in connection with the bankruptcy proceedings brought against her.

WAIN SEARCH FOR FLYNN

BRITISH CONSUL-GENERAL ASKS THE POLICE TO FIND HER.

Private Detectives Hired by the Firm whose Consul-General's Office Was Seen in Whitehall Street at the Rush Hour a Week Ago, Then Vanished.

Sir Percy Sanderson, the British Consul-General in London, called the attention of Police Commissioner Gladstone yesterday to the disappearance of Mary Flynn from the sight of her relatives, friends and employers last Friday afternoon. Miss Flynn's home was at 706 Macon street, Brooklyn, where she lived with her parents. She was employed as a stenographer and confidential clerk by E. O. Jacobson & Co., leather merchants, at 2 Stone street. Miss Flynn is 29 years old, bright and good looking.

She was in charge of the payment of the Jacobson employees. Last Friday, before 5 o'clock, she distributed the weekly wages, but did not take her own weekly payment, \$25. She remarked that she had \$20 in her pocketbook, more than she would need for a week. She left the office after telephoning to Blanche Miller, a British consular officer, who lived near her in Brooklyn, to which they would meet as usual at the Wall Street ferry.

Earlier in the day Miss Flynn had told her parents that she might spend the night at the home of her aunt, Miss Jane Flynn, at 52 West Fifth-seventh street. She did not go to her aunt's house, but did telephone to another relative that she was not feeling very well.

Between 5 and 5:30 o'clock that evening Mr. Blakesley, attorney for the Jacobson firm, says he met Miss Flynn in Whitehall street coming away from the ferry. He says he stopped her and asked if Mr. Jacobson was in the office and she said that she thought not, as she had left the office some time before and Mr. Jacobson was then ready to go.

Since then so far as her family and friends have been able to learn, no one who knew Miss Flynn has seen her. Mr. Blakesley says that when he saw the girl she was coming up Whitehall street toward Jacobson's office and was not going toward the Wall Street ferry.

Sir Percy Sanderson's interest in the case was aroused by the grief and bewilderment of his stenographer, Miss Miller. It was Miller's custom to meet Miss Flynn on the New York side of the Wall Street ferry as soon after 5 o'clock in the evening as was practicable. Miss Miller is very sure that Mr. Blakesley is wrong about the time she saw the girl, but she says Miss Flynn, she says Miss Flynn was talking to her on the telephone at the moment on Friday when Mr. Blakesley thinks he saw her.

Flynn was the most trusted employee of Jacobson's. She had the power of attorney of the firm to sign checks. On her desk were a number of papers, and other papers which were to be attended to the first thing Saturday morning. There is no evidence in the affairs of the office that she was ever absent on that day.

John Flynn, the girl's father, is an election district captain in Brooklyn, and has used all the money that the new man signed to the will to find his daughter. He said yesterday that he was sure the girl had been waylaid and killed. She was too big and strong to be kidnapped, he thought, making such a disturbance as would have attracted attention.

Miss Flynn was much in the company of a young man, his name is withheld by the family, but he has been most prominent in the search