

JAP CHILD GERRY MEN HAVE.

WORRIED OVER BY A MOTHER IN FAR OFF NIPPON.

Who Can't Afford to Have Her Little Taka Sent Home—Acrobat's Attempts to Recover Child Entrusted to Him Fail, but He'll Take Her Home Some Day.

Reported for THE SUN by Jihel Hasiguchi. There is at least one mother in all Japan today who is worrying what is becoming of her eleven-year-old daughter in America.

Two years ago Mrs. Inami entrusted her little one, Taka, her proper name being Yone, to a Japanese acrobat, who is now in New York for a term of three years.

A combination of circumstances alienated Yone from the acrobat, and she is now cared for by Supt. Jenkins, of the Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and his wife in their home. Yone is apparently happy there, as she holds a place of the daughter of the house, but Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins are happier, since they have not their own child.

But Mrs. Inami in Japan would not tolerate that. She must have her child back a year hence, when the term of agreement with the acrobat expires. So she writes letters to him, demanding that the child be taken out of the Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Children and brought back to Japan.

The Japanese acrobat had a wife when he came to this country. But after a while her affection was alienated from him and she fell in love with an American, Pryce by name, who was a theatrical manager on more properly speaking. Pryce fell in love with her. A divorce suit was brought up and the Japanese acrobat was obliged to part with his wife. Since this divorced wife was a stepmother to Yone, she got the child to herself, while her divorced husband got his own daughter to himself.

The Japanese acrobat was not altogether satisfied with this arrangement, but he acquiesced for the time being. Pryce and his Japanese wife, accompanied by Yone, went to France. There the Japanese wife died. In June, last year, Pryce returned with Yone to New York. The Japanese acrobat was not in New York then, being on his tour in Mexico. But he had his Japanese lawyer in New York, who represented him in the attempt to recover the child from Pryce.

After several conferences were held between the Japanese lawyer and Pryce nothing definite had been accomplished. The Japanese lawyer was very much chagrined, and appealed to Consul-General Uchida for help. Mr. Uchida, in his official capacity, called Pryce to another conference, in which the American, as clever as Witte, presented a counter proposition. He would give up the child if the Japanese acrobat would pay him a sum of money for the care of the child for a year or so. This Mr. Uchida refused to consider, as it was purely a private affair. The only part he would take was in reference to the disposition of the person of Yone. The negotiation was put to rest.

Here it was where the S. P. C. C. came in. The society is said to be always anxious to get hold of children. And it was not otherwise in the case of Yone. As soon as the officials of the S. P. C. C. heard the story of Yone and the complaints of Mr. Uchida against Pryce they searched for the child, and the search was fruitful of result. The question was as to what should be done with her in the absence of the Japanese acrobat.

The S. P. C. C. was puzzled; Mr. Uchida no less. But, since it was Mr. Uchida that made the request to the society to take charge of Yone, at least temporarily, he was obliged to make first move. So he made it. He prevailed over the society, or the society allowed itself to be prevailed over, in the matter of keeping Yone in the society until such time as he shall have received a reply from the mother, Mrs. Inami, in Japan for a letter which he contemplated upon writing to her, directing through the Department of Japanese Foreign Affairs.

With his letter, the Japanese Government officials asked the mother whether she would send some money for the expenses of taking the child back to Japan. But she could not raise the money then. She answered the question by asking whether the Japanese Government would not pay the expenses for her. But the Government was not very anxious to take back the child at its own expense.

So a decision was reached. The mother and the Japanese Government wished that, if money could not be raised in America for sending Yone back to Japan, the decision was forwarded to Mr. Uchida. At the same time friends and relatives of the mother sent a letter to the acrobat, saying:

"We came to the conclusion that, since you have taken Taka from this country in your care by the three year agreement, you must take care of her and bring her after the expiration of the term back to this country, whatever people may have to say. No matter what Consul-General Uchida and the asylum (S. P. C. C.) folks may say, you must fulfill the terms of agreement. However much you may have to spend, you must, at all times, bring the child back with you. Besides, last year, when Mrs. Inami was called to the Government office here, she requested the officials to ask the Consul-General in New York to give the child to you. I believe you know about that. So, whatever may happen, you must remember that our mind has not been and will not be changed a whit from last year. You must bring Taka back to Japan. Otherwise you will be reproached by Mrs. Inami and Mr. Tomita."

When the acrobat received this letter he was back in New York. Apparently it was through his sense of duty to Yone's mother, as well as his desire to know just where she is at, that he began his active operations.

His first plan of operation was to find out where Yone is, how she is being treated, and second plan was to give the child to her, if he could not take her out, to ascertain whether he could get an assurance from the S. P. C. C. that Yone will be handed over to him when he is ready to take her home a year or so hence for Japan. Mrs. Beddow now takes care of his second son, five-year-old Shojiro, and she signified her readiness to take care of Yone, if the acrobat went to see his Japanese lawyer with his three plans of operation. The latter told him to see Mr. Uchida.

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took a day off and visited Mrs. Beddow's apartment house. Fairly convinced of the fact that Mrs. Beddow is a good woman to entrust the child to, he led the acrobat and Mr. Beddow in an arguable expedition to the S. P. C. C. to which expedition Mrs. Beddow joined later, accompanied by the little Japanese boy were allowed to see Yone. The rest of the army were told to stay in the waiting room. Mr. Uchida had a conference with Mr. Beddow, the superintendent, and the rest of the whole shooting match of the S. P. C. C. officials for an hour and a half. What was discussed in this conference was not disclosed to the Japanese acrobat in full, nor to the rest of the party, the only thing Mr. Uchida told was that Yone was in a good place and that she should be left there.

Then there was a fight between Mr. Uchida and Mrs. Beddow, who felt that she has been betrayed, and flung all sorts of invectives at Mr. Uchida. The explanation Mr. Uchida gave was that since the society would not give up the child he could not get the child. Could anything be more convincing than this?

The matter was left as it was for some weeks. But the Japanese acrobat, not satisfied with the vagueness of the society, decided to investigate. He found out the address of a branch of the Legal Aid Society. He went there with his Japanese interpreter and left the matter in the hands of the society. A few days later he and his interpreter went to the S. P. C. C. to see if possible, Mr. Jenkins.

A young man whom the interpreter had known had an acquaintance with the latter had to do with the Yone case. But upon being told that the acrobat had a letter from the Consul-General, he requested him to dictate its translation to a stenographer of the society. As for the information in regard to Yone, he said, could be given, except through one of the Japanese Government and every body else.

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RIGO'S FIDDLE SEIZED.

But Got Out of the Sheriff's Hands on Bond—Pollak Wants \$1,650.

A violin, described by its owner, Rigo Jancs, who made himself celebrated by cloning with the Princess Chimay, as worth at least \$2,000, was seized yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Murray at the Hotel Carlton, where Rigo is.

Murray had an attachment issued by City Court Justice McCarthy on the complaint of Michael Pollak, who has sued Rigo for \$1,650 on an alleged breach of contract.

Pollak alleges that in February Rigo made a contract with him for the services of nine musicians, to form a string orchestra, which Rigo was to lead.

Rigo, according to Pollak, agreed to pay \$300 a week for the musicians, but after he had led them a couple of weeks he sent them back to Pollak, on the ground that they were not up to his musical standard. Then Rigo sent to Hungary for a bunch of fiddlers and went on tour with them as his string orchestra.

Rigo got back here a few days ago and was served with the complaint in Pollak's suit for \$1,650. This represents the total of what Pollak says he actually expended and what he claims he would have made had Rigo stuck by his contract.

Rigo being a non-resident, an attachment was procured, and Deputy Sheriff Murray was instructed to seize the alleged \$20,000 violin.

Rigo's manager, Charles Bornnau, put up \$1,450 in cash and released the fiddle. In the next breath he poured in upon him, Rigo's defence will be that the real breach of contract was on Pollak's part in failing to furnish him with competent men.

EDWARD PAGE DEAD. Was Father of Mabel Page, for Whose Murder Tucker Was Sentenced to Death.

BOSTON, April 21.—Edward Page, father of Miss Mabel Page, for whose murder Charles L. Tucker was sentenced to death, died this morning of heart disease at the age of 79 years. Ever since the murder of his daughter on March 31, 1904, Mr. Page had been in failing health. Through the long ordeal of the Tucker trial he was a constant attendant at court, and the strain left an effect upon him from which in his advanced years he was not able to recover.

Since the trial he has lived in seclusion at his Weston home, but he has been constantly harassed by intruders of one sort or another, who have succeeded in making his last days miserable with all sorts of foul threats. Letters also poured in upon him, accusing him of being himself the murderer of his daughter. Mr. Page was a retired iron merchant of Boston.

BIG U. S. STEEL SHIP LAUNCHED.

The J. Pierpont Morgan Afloat—Three More to Be Built.

CHICAGO, April 21.—The steamer J. Pierpont Morgan proved very hard to hold when launched at South Chicago to-day. When the big boat struck the water on an even keel and began to swing around every line was broken before the great mass of steel finally became quiet.

The Morgan is 600 feet long, 83 feet beam and 22 feet deep, and will carry 12,000 tons. In the next berth is the second of the 600 foot steamers under construction for the United States Steel Corporation. It will be launched in about a month and will be named H. H. Rogers. A third sister ship will at once make the berth vacated to-day by the Morgan, and a fourth will be started inside of a month.

WIFE MURDER SUSPECTED.

Meineke Held for the Grand Jury—Pistol Left No Powder Marks.

HUNTINGTON, L. I., April 21.—Coroner Gilson, who has been making an inquiry into the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Meineke, to-day held the woman's husband, Charles Meineke, to await the action of the Grand Jury. Meineke was sent to the county jail at Riverhead.

Mrs. Meineke was found dead in her home with a bullet in her heart. The husband alleges that his wife was about to shoot herself when he got hold of the pistol. In the scuffle that followed the pistol was discharged, the bullet passing through the woman's forearm and piercing her heart.

As no powder marks were found on the woman the story told by the husband is doubted by the coroner. It is said that Meineke and his wife had frequent quarrels.

Fugitive Murderer Lang Seen.

New BRATTLESBURY, N. J., April 21.—Fred Lang, who shot and killed his niece, Katie Gordon, near this city yesterday morning because she refused to marry him, has been traced to Perth Amboy. He stopped in a road house between the two cities yesterday afternoon, bought a drink and sat at a table. He was recognized by a man who came from South Bethlehem, Pa. That is his home. The saloonkeeper positively identified him by the description furnished by Miss Gordon's family. A search is being made in Perth Amboy for him. The dead girl will be buried in this city to-morrow morning.

Strike in Lynn Shoe Factories.

LYNN, Mass., April 21.—In accordance with a vote of the union, 400 edgemakers struck to-day. All the factories connected with the Shoe Manufacturers' Association are affected, the strike being aimed at this association. The trouble originated in the factory of the Miller-Haggood Company, where six edgemakers struck two weeks ago for higher wages. Through the efforts of the Manufacturers' Association, non-union men were brought from Chelsea to take the strikers' places.