

store girls are surrounded. But the idea that it was only "temporary" with his girl finally caused him to withdraw his refusal.

From a friend of the family a Day Book reporter obtained Wiles' attitude on the department stores as a workshop for unwise girls. Wiles believes that some men of evil intentions saw his daughter behind Rothschild's counters; that he was attracted by her girliness and that he plotted against her.

It all smacks somewhat of a "movie" plot, but in the vice investigations made by various bodies, including the Chicago Vice com'n and the Illinois Senate Welfare com'n, evidence has been brought out that serves to substantiate Wiles' fears.

It is known that girls are forced to treat strange men with courtesy and attention under penalty of losing their positions. And in courtrooms girls have told how they were brought to their ruin through flirtations in State street stores.

The police have searched down every possible clue to the girl's whereabouts. She is with no relative. There was never any man or boy in her life that her relatives or girl friends know of. The police theory

is that she met some man in Rothschild's.

To throw further mystery on her disappearance the girl called up her sister, Mary, Saturday night. The following conversation took place.

"Hello, Mary, this is Lyde."

"Where are you?"

"I can't tell you."

"Are you coming home?"

"No, I'm not."

"Please tell me where you are."

"I can't tell you, but don't worry. What I want you to do is tell father to call off the police and stop the publicity. If you don't you will never see me again."

The girl rang off abruptly. The father rushed to the telephone and tried to get the company officials to

trace the call. But they refused. He explained how important it was to get tract of his girl. But the officials shut him off with the statement that it was against the rules of the company.

So Wiles is keeping up his search, praying that his girl will come back to him unharmed.

MAIL NOTE AND BLACKLIST AROUSE WASHINGTON

Washington, July 24.—Direct relations between the British mail seizures and blacklisting American firms was pointed out by state department officials today, after the arrival of a preliminary reply to the mail note.

The extreme irritation which the administration feels over England's delay in answering the mail note is partially because it was through the alleged illegal practice of opening mail of American firms that they obtained much of the information on which the blacklist was compiled.

The preliminary mail reply received is altogether unsatisfactory, officials said, because it ignores the contention of principle expounded in the American note and deals only with specific cases which have no immediate bearing on the demand for a reform in British practices.

Unless the full reply on the principle involved is made shortly the state department will request Ambassador Page at London to make a peremptory demand for an answer from the British foreign office.

Bluffton, Ind. — Eight years ago Mrs. Lewis Brown accidentally dropped a pound of butter into the well. Wm. Davison scooped it up in a pail of water this week, found it perfectly preserved and is eating it.

Philadelphia. — An adventurous cat with fondness for fish attempted to poach in private pond of Gus, big polar bear at Zoo. When the cat fell in Gus took her gently in his mouth and dropped her safely on the grass outside his cage.