

### BOARDER ARRESTED IN KILLING OF GIRL

#### Man at McCarthy Home Is Locked Up After Telling of Three Revolvers.

#### LEFT ONE AT PILLOW

#### Theory Is Child Shot Her- self and Staggered Into Next Room.

#### PRISONER HAS RECORD

#### Tells Police He Got Rid of Weapons in Fear His Past Would Go Against Him.

Benjamin Prenderville, a laborer in the Brooklyn Post office, at Washington and Johnson streets, was arrested last night charged with homicide in connection with the murder of Theresa McCarthy, 10 years old, who was found dead in the dining room of her home at 542 Morgan avenue last Tuesday. This arrest was made after Prenderville had admitted to Police Captains Carey and Randall that he owned the 22 caliber revolver with which the police feel sure the child was shot.

Prenderville said he owned two 32 caliber revolvers, all of which he threw into a vacant lot after he and Mrs. Pauline McCarthy, the girl's mother, had discovered the body. He did this, he said, because he found that the smaller gun was not what he had left it under his pillow, but was on the bed. He found because he had a police record he would get into trouble.

Captains Carey and Randall said that Prenderville insists that he had nothing to do with the shooting. One theory is that the girl, finding the revolver under the pillow, shot herself and then had strength enough left to stagger into the dining room, where she died. Dr. Ernest Taubman, physician for the District Attorney's office, said that this was possible.

The theory is strengthened by statements of Prenderville, later corroborated, the police say by Mrs. McCarthy. Prenderville, who has been at the McCarthy home for some time, showed the girl the three revolvers and Theresa wanted the smaller gun for a toy to play with, but Prenderville said he refused to let her have it.

That night, Prenderville said, he heard a noise at his window and got up and loaded the gun. Then he went to sleep, and when he left the house about 8 o'clock the next morning he forgot about the gun and left it under his pillow. When he found it on the bed he discovered one empty cartridge in the chamber, he said.

The police say Prenderville was first arrested in 1911 and received a suspended sentence for grand larceny. That same year he spent sixty days in the workhouse, charged with disorderly conduct, and in 1915 was sentenced to one year and fined \$500 for violation of parole.

### BLOOMINGDALE OFFERS PRIZES FOR ESSAYS

#### Evening High Pupils' Subject Will Be Advertising.

The Bloomingdale Bros. prizes for essays on advertising in the Evening High Schools, will be awarded again this year, according to a resolution adopted yesterday at a meeting of the Board of Education. This resolution, previously passed by the board of superintendents, provides for the following prizes, to be given by S. J. Bloomingdale, president of Bloomingdale Bros.: First, \$100 and a gold medal; second, \$50 and a silver medal; third, \$25 and a bronze medal.

In addition, for the best essay in any school submitting ten essays or more a prize of \$5 will be given. If a school submits twenty essays or more two prizes will be offered—a first prize of \$5 and a second prize of \$3. If a school submits thirty essays or more three prizes will be offered—\$5, \$3 and \$1.

The subjects of the essay contest are: First—What is department store advertising brings customers into the store. Second—What are the advantages and disadvantages of a charge account from the viewpoint of (a) the customer, (b) the store. Third—What does your dollar pay for when you spend it in a department store?

They are open to all students in any of the New York city evening high schools. The contest will close April 26, 1923.

First prize was won last year by Alton Gordon of The Bronx Evening High School.

### FRANCE SHIFTS BILLION FRANC DEBT TO 1923

#### German Default Forces Re- payment of High Interest.

PARIS, Dec. 28 (Associated Press).—The Chamber of Deputies, by 418 to 1, ratified a convention between the Bank of France and the Government reducing from 2,000,000,000 francs to 1,000,000,000 francs the amount which the Government will repay to the bank during 1923, this increasing from 23,000,000,000 to 24,000,000,000 francs the amount of the advances authorized for 1923.

Replying to a question by the Government, the Finance Minister, M. Lacroix, said Germany's non-execution of the peace treaty was the cause of the situation. France already had paid 15,000,000 Swiss francs, 200,000,000 francs and 112,750,000 to Great Britain; 113,740,000 to Japan and 113,000,000 to the United States.

### BRIDGE SPEEDERS FINED.

#### Court Also Revokes Licenses of Pair Who Speeded Cars.

### Asks Court to Free Him to Get His Mother Cool

JOHN A. PARDOE, of 57 East 126th street, argued before Judge Humphrey in Queens County Court at Long Island City, yesterday on a charge of abandoning his daughter, aged ten, because he wanted to hurry home to his mother and take care of her during the cold weather. "I am afraid," he said, "that she is without heat right now."

When he said his mother was 73 years old Judge Humphrey reduced his bail from \$1,000 to \$500, which Pardoe obtained, and then went home. His wife, Mrs. Florence Pardoe, of 2226 Summerfield street, Ridgewood, Queens, said he failed to provide for their daughter and had abandoned her.

### SAGE ESTATE WINS BIBLE FUND APPEAL

#### Appellate Division Upholds Cohalan Ruling Against \$500,000 Request.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday affirmed a decision of Surrogate Cohalan by which the American Bible Society lost \$500,000 from the estate of Mrs. Russell Sage.

The amount in dispute was contributed by Mrs. Sage in March, 1910, when the society raised an equal sum through church, individuals and auxiliary Bible societies. The executors of her estate contended that under the terms of the will the gift was an "advance" from the share which went to the society from the residuary estate. This contention was upheld by Justice J. Tompkins, in a matter went as referee, and later by the Surrogate.

After deducting the \$500,000 now contributed to the society, the Society's share in the residue is estimated at \$250,000.

### 'BIRDS OF PARADISE' ARE BARNYARD BRED

#### Custom: Men Issue Warning Against Fakers.

Nature fakery has been devising birds of paradise from the heads of pigeons and dyed feathers of barnyard fowl and selling them to milliners as the real things have caused the customs authorities to issue a warning against peddlers' wares. Special Agent E. W. Barber recently got hold of one of the birds with a major's badge, but could do nothing with him, as there is no Federal law to cover the offense.

Birds of paradise are barred by law, and when they are confiscated they are destroyed. The sellers of the fake birds tell milliners that the birds are "smuggled" in by sailors or stewards aboard liners.

### LAUNDRY FIREBUGS TO BE ROUNDED UP

#### Destructive Feuds Found to Exist Among Competitors on East Side.

#### HIRED TO COMMIT ARSON

#### Six Prisoners Already Taken Held in High Bail for Grand Jury.

Additional evidence of violence committed in the laundry trade feuds was placed before the authorities yesterday and further arrests are expected in the course of the day. Some of the new evidence submitted to the District Attorney's office by Thomas J. Sheridan, ex-State Senator, who is counsel for the Manufacturers and Trades Cooperative Laundry Association, and other evidence has been obtained from individual laundry operators who suffered from arson and sabotage.

Since the disclosure that incendiarism is a recognized weapon in the warfare between rival groups of laundry proprietors the police have been deluged with complaints about the activities of the West Wash Laundrymen's Protective Association, of 28 Park row, whose secretary, Irving L. Paul, was among those arraigned yesterday on a charge of arson. Paul is charged with having paid Louis Wallinger and Frank Marchese, employees of the association, \$150 for setting fire to a laundry, at 49 Rutgers street.

A lawyer representing an association of laundrymen on the East Side went yesterday to the office of Richard Murphy, Assistant District Attorney, with a story of intimidation alleged to have been practiced by Paul's associates among the small hand laundry owners on the East Side. The authorities' informant declared that not long ago the West Wash Protective Association inaugurated a campaign for a larger membership in order to prevent price cutting in the trade and attempted by threats of various kinds to include in their association the competitive hand laundries.

These and many other stories are being checked up by city detectives. The police are also looking into the steam laundry situation with a view of ascertaining whether some recent fires in big plants were of incendiary origin. All six of the prisoners were arraigned yesterday and held in high bail. Wallinger and Marchese received examination and were held in \$10,000 and \$2,500, respectively. Fire Marshal Brody was the complaining witness against Paul, who was held in \$25,000 for a hearing in the Essex Market court on January 4. Boca Amis, the only prisoner who was not charged with arson, was held in \$5,000 bail on a charge of burglary for a hearing on January 2.

### ROBBERS GET \$2,000 FROM SAFE IN HARLEM

#### Beat Watchman for Edison Company Unconscious.

A safe in the Harlem office of the New York Edison Company at 15 East 125th street was ripped apart with a jimmy yesterday and robbers got more than \$2,000. Entrance to the building was through a scuttle in the roof. George Plankett, superintendent of the building, after finding the safe stripped went with several policemen of the East 126th street station to the basement, where they found Philip O'Connor, night watchman, beaten unconscious. In Harlem Hospital O'Connor was not able to supply much information.

The burglars, it is believed, climbed up the fire escape of another building and made their way across roofs to the Edison building. A gold watch, minus works, was found on this fire escape.

### TRANSIT BODY AWARDS \$2,000,000 CONTRACTS

#### Fort Hamilton Subway Will Cost \$1,485,151.

More than \$2,000,000 worth of contracts for rapid transit construction have been awarded by the Transit Commission, according to an announcement yesterday. The contract for the Fort Hamilton extension of the Fourth avenue subway went to the lowest bidder, T. A. Gillespie Company, for \$1,485,151. The contract for the Fourteenth street-Eastern line in Brooklyn was awarded to Frederick L. Crawford, Inc., for \$750,982.75.

The third contract, which provides for the installation of two new passenger elevators in the shaft being built at the station at Broadway and 168th street of the West Side subway was awarded the only bidder, the Otis Elevator Company, for \$39,850.

### LIEBMAN'S TO SELL 36 SALOON SITES

#### Brewers Convinced That Vol- stead Law Will Stand.

S. Liebman's Sons Company, brewers on Forest avenue, Queens, is convinced that the Volstead law will not be amended to allow the sale of real beer. The company has decided to sell thirty-six properties in Ridgewood, Flatbush, Bay Ridge and other parts of Brooklyn almost all valuable corner sites, formerly used as saloons. Several are still being run as cafes and holding out in the hope that the ban may be lifted. The sale will be at auction at the Real Estate Exchange, 189 Montague street, Brooklyn, early next month.

### JACK JOHNSON FINED \$5.

Jack Johnson, negro, aged 42, erst-while world's champion heavyweight pugilist, was fined \$5 yesterday for violating the traffic regulations by failing to stop on signal at Seventh avenue and Fifty-first street, December 6 last, by Magistrate Norman J. Marsh in Traffic Court. In paying his fine Johnson explained that his \$10,000 automobile was a little hard to manage.

### SCHOOL HEAD DENIES HYLAN'S CHARGES

#### Ettinger Demands Specific Names Instead of 'Rocke- efeller Talk.'

William L. Ettinger, Superintendent of Schools, in a letter yesterday to Mayor Hylan said that only 750 pupils needed seats in the public schools and that the report of George J. Ryan, president of the Board of Education, which the preceding city administration favored. However, we were opposed for reasons quite different from your naive mill and factory theory to which you gave frequent expression.

"Neither I nor my associates, as far as I know, have changed our views with reference to the plan and therefore were more than critical when the president of the Board of Education recently proposed to reduce part time in high schools by the utilization of outside facilities, such as parks, libraries and armories. "However, if you honestly believe that those in high administrative positions in the Board of Education are really part of what you are fond of call the Rocke-

efeller-Gary Ring, and if you really believe, as you recently stated, that superintendents, principals and teachers are in a conspiracy to prevent children from progressing through grades, why not drag these violators of sacred trust into the spotlight by naming them so they can be held up to the scorn of every decent parent in the community? Why not show up these malefactors by specific mention rather than hide their infamy behind vague general statements which, when oft repeated, appeal to judgment minds not as charges to be taken seriously but as demagogic shibboleths."

### ELECTED BY STEEL INSTITUTE.

E. H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation and president of the American Iron and Steel Institute, announced yesterday that E. A. S. Clarke, a director of the Institute, lately in charge as president of the activities of the Consolidated Steel Corporation, now in liquidation, and formerly president of the Lackawanna Steel Company, has been elected secretary of the Institute and will assume his duties January 2, 1923.

### WOMEN FREED IN XMAS FUND

#### Democratic Club Charges, Dis- missed in Brooklyn.

Charges of misappropriating a Christmas fund, brought against Mrs. Catherine Greene of 100 Evergreen avenue and Mrs. Mary Eichel of 244 Stockholm street, Brooklyn, by Mrs. Johanna Abel of 574 Bushwick avenue, Brooklyn, were dismissed yesterday in Gates Avenue court, Brooklyn. The fund belonged to the Women's Regular Democratic Club of the Nineteenth Assembly district, of which Mrs. Abel is president. Mrs. Greene, who was formerly treasurer, spent \$177.58 on Christmas gifts for the poor which Mrs. Abel charged should have been turned in to the club treasury.

### EXPRESS CARS DERAILED.

PRINCETON JUNCTION, N. J., Dec. 28.—Three cars of the Commercial Express, which operates over the Pennsylvania Railroad between New York and St. Louis, were derailed here to-day when a piece of mechanism under the engine tender caught in an interlocking switch system. No one was injured. A passenger and freight track were blocked for some time.

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<p>Full Length Mink Capes Regularly 1450.00 at 1050.00</p> <p>Straight-from-the-shoulder capes, falling in a graceful line. One may choose chin or shawl collars, as preferred. The linings are exceedingly handsome.</p>	<p>Luxurious Mink Wraps Regularly 2450.00 at 1795.00</p> <p>Full length models with the skins worked into effective design that displays all their beauty. Chin collar for warmth, and colorful linings for beauty.</p>	<p>Eastern Mink Wraps Regularly 2950.00 at 2250.00</p> <p>The last word in fur wraps—the model taking wide maffarin sleeves and chin collar, a braid and bead girdle, and a sumptuous lining of satin and velvet.</p>
<p>Russian Ermine Wrap Regularly 1950.00 at 1350.00</p> <p>A model that possesses unusual distinctiveness of design—with monkey collar edged with monkey fur and clasped with rhinestone buckle. Lined with panne velvet in color.</p>	<p>American Ermine Cape Regularly 1000.00 at 695.00</p> <p>A most beautiful cape for evening wear—with bolster collar fastened with cut steel buckle, a graceful scalloped bottom, and lining of panne velvet in black and white.</p>	<p>Reversible American Ermine Cape Regularly 745.00 at 595.00</p> <p>A stunning cape with long pointed sides and collar of white fox. Its surprise is its lining of black velvet and ermine tails; made so that it can be worn on either side.</p>