

GIRL ART STUDENTS HAVE CLOSE CALL IN FIRE ASTOR SEES

Elevator Man Aids in Rescue of Score, After Blunder in Sending Alarm.

HOUSE HOSE ROTTEN.

East Seventy-Sixth Street Blaze Gets Twenty-Minute Headway on Firemen.

Vincent Astor and other notable watched a fire which early to-day destroyed the two upper floors of the seven-story Casa Blanca apartment house, No. 55 East Seventy-sixth Street; caused twenty-one tenants, twelve of them girl art students, to seek refuge through the sleet and snow, and almost got away from the firemen altogether because John Robinson, an elevator man, did not know how to turn in a fire alarm.

Robinson ran to the fire-box at Madison Avenue and Seventy-sixth Street and turned the door handle. When he came back, and twenty minutes had elapsed without any sign of the fire apparatus, they asked him whether he had pulled the hook.

"Which hook?" asked Robinson. The alarm was then telephoned by Grenville Vernon, a third floor resident. The fire was discovered by W. H. Rome, proprietor of the Lee Garage, No. 51 East Seventy-sixth Street, where 150 automobiles are stored. Smoke poured into his room on the fourth floor. He notified Robinson, who began calling the tenants by telephone and then kept his car speeding up and down. The fire began in the basement, swept up the shaft and mushroomed on the upper floors.

Two persons were slightly injured. Thomas Corcoran, the building superintendent, was burned about the face and hands while assisting tenants to the street, and Mrs. Gurdon Howe, a resident on the fourth floor, was burned about the left wrist while attempting to drag her Alredale terrier from her apartment.

For twenty minutes Corcoran tried to fight the fire with the building hose, which proved to be little better than a sieve. Chief Kenon, on his arrival, was incensed over the delay in turning in the alarm.

"It is an outrage," said Chief Kenon, "that the alarm was not sent in promptly. Every person in that house might have been burned or smothered to death. More people are killed in this way than the people of New York have any idea of. For years the department has been trying to teach people to send in the alarm the moment a fire is discovered."

The twelve young women live on the fifth floor and are students of the Froebel League. The house matron, they said, notified them, so they dressed and walked quietly to the street. Dr. Harmon Vedder, head of the league, found them finally and took them to his home, No. 44 East Seventy-sixth Street.

Mrs. Katherine van Wageningen, an invalid, who was asleep in her apartment on the sixth floor with her daughter, Miss Katherine van Wageningen, Principal of Public School No. 53, was carried down the stairs by two nurses, Miss Agnes Coleman and Miss Edlund, and removed to the Flower Hospital. Mrs. J. O. Cleveland, aged seventy, who lives alone on the seventh floor, calmly dressed and walked to the street unassisted. Mrs. B. G. Purdy, of the same floor, fainted from excitement and had to be carried out. Among other tenants who were carried downstairs by Robinson in the elevator were the family of Dr. Herbert L. Wheeler. The loss is estimated at \$25,000.

FACE ONE MASS OF HORRIBLE PIMPLES

And Blackheads. Skin Dry and Would Itch. Scratched Until It Pained. Could Hardly Sleep.

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"I looked a frightful sight a few months ago. My face was just one mass of horrible pimples and blackheads, and now one was always sure to appear as soon as the old ones were gone. The pimples were large and hard and would bleed most of the time. My skin became dry and would itch which forced me to scratch it and by so doing I would irritate it until it pained. I could hardly sleep. "This trouble lasted for six or seven months and I used everything that was recommended to me, but I wasn't relieved. Then my doctor recommended Cuticura Soap and Ointment, and I began to use them. The pimples began to dry up in two weeks and in about four weeks I was healed." (Signed) Mrs. Helen Silverman, 170 E. 4th St., New York City, July 19, 1915. Sample Each Free by Mail. With 32-p. Skin Book on request. Address post-card "Cuticura, Dept. T, Box 5000," "The Evening World," New York.

Plan Marriage by Conscription In Jersey, but Fear Draft Riots

Paterson May Find Itself on the Map if Isadore Klenert's Bill Becomes a Law—He Sets St. Valentine's as the Day for Mating by the Drawing of Names From a Hat, and Hopes His Will Be the First Out.

By Nicola Greeley-Smith. Volunteer marriage has proved a failure. Marriage by conscription must be the order of the day if the State, and particularly the City of New York are to be preserved. Isadore Klenert says so. Who is he? Well, the Paterson papers describe him as a bachelor, continental tourist and learned criminal lawyer—and as I never attempt to gild the lily I will let Paterson have its way. Paterson, N. J., of course, home of silk mills and silk magnates; Paterson that suppresses the singular ambition of young ladies like Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, who want to speak there; Paterson that has famous fires and Bosscheter cases; Paterson that hit the Billy Sunday trail; Paterson on the Erie; and better than that, on the map.

Isadore Klenert and Abraham Klenert—nobody has quite decided which is the brother of which—are celebrities in Paterson. And the other day Isadore put one over on Abraham by announcing in the Paterson newspapers that he has persuaded the Assemblyman of Passaic County to introduce a bill in the New Jersey Legislature making marriage compulsory upon all males and females more than thirty years old.

According to the Klenert plan a census will be taken of available but reluctant males and females in January—Herod, Tetrarch of Judea, had nothing on Isadore you perceive—and on Saint Valentine's Day—Feb. 14—the names of men and women are to be drawn separately from a receptacle and Bachelor B-2 is to be united in wedlock forthwith to Spinster B-2. He will be given, however, thirty days in which to select a eugenic mate of his own choosing.

WHERE THE PROCESS OF GETTING A MATE IS ALL WRONG. I saw Mr. Isadore Klenert yesterday afternoon in his office at No. 120 Washington Street, Paterson, and we discussed his plan of "marriage by conscription" at some length. Mr. Klenert is a metropolitan person, who assured me that he spent at least four days a week in New York City; that he is a bachelor, way past his own age limit of thirty, and that there is absolutely nothing in this proposition of taking one girl after another out to dinner and to the theatre and waking up next morning richer in experience but poorer by a \$50 bill. No, take it from Mr. Klenert, the real thing is to settle down with a nice old-fashioned girl—not too prim, however—none of your narrow-minded ones, and live happily ever afterward. After an hour's conversation with the advocate of "marriage by conscription," I gathered that his ideal is just the usual masculine conception of a cross between a peach and a prune. I trust Luther Burbank will turn his attention to its production some day.

But girls' spinster! widows! Mr. Klenert himself is a bachelor. He has a large practice. He is well dressed and like most firm believers in the old-fashioned girl he seems to possess the very quality of speed he deprecates in her modern sister. "Men of to-day are afraid to marry. That is why I am calling upon the New Jersey Legislature to help them out," he told me. "I'd be very glad to have the Legislature make up my mind for me. I know plenty of girls but—I'm afraid. They're all so speedy. What man can keep up with them? How many girls of to-day who want to get married know how to cook a good meal? How many of them care about anything except going to a dance? They dress beyond the young men. They eat beyond them. What fellow with \$5,000 a year has a chance of winning the girl he loves?"

HAPPY MARRIAGES NOT FOR BIG CITIES. If he does win her what chance has he of keeping her in a city—a big city, particularly? She wants to live in a neighborhood he can't afford; to wear French gowns and have her slippers made to order, and by and by she needs the fellow with \$20,000 who can give her these things and who does give them to her—on the side. I tell you marriage in a big city is a sure loss. The happy marriages occur in small cities and towns.

"If you really believed in marriage, Mr. Klenert, would you think it must be made compulsory?" I asked. "But I DO believe in marriage," the young lawyer answered. "When a man and woman are properly mated nothing can surpass their happiness. Every man has his ideal girl, and when he meets her he does not rest until she is his wife." "What is your ideal wife?" I inquired. "From the picture of Billie Burke on your desk, I have guessed that she is red-headed."

"You're wrong," Mr. Klenert answered, blushing to the color of Miss Burke's hair. "I want a brunette. I have never been very partial to blondes. My ideal girl can cook a good meal, wears sensible clothes, is willing to have children and to look after them, instead of rushing off to bridge parties."

WHAT THE IDEAL WIFE SHOULD BE. "Does your ideal possess intelligence?" I asked as hopefully as if I did not know the answer. "Well," Mr. Klenert answered, "she must know something, but not too much." "Not so much as you, for instance?" I said. "Well, no," Mr. Klenert admitted. "A man does want his wife to look up to him a little, you know. But I should not be too particular on that point. If a man and a woman are really mated, such little questions don't matter. I'm sure I shouldn't see the mental defects in a girl that I really loved. On the other hand, she need not be a dazzling beauty."

THE WEATHER IN THE AIR TODAY. Rain, Temperature, High, 55; Low, 35; Wind, Variable; Humidity, 75; Clouds, 40. Look for light S. W. breeze, 20-30, A.M.

CONNECTICUT YOUTH DETAINED IN LONDON. Father of Albert Spector of Ansonia Called Upon for Details as to Nativty. ANSONIA, Conn., Jan. 12.—Albert Spector, twenty years old, of this city, is detained by the authorities in London, his father, Simon Spector, was informed to-day in a cablegram from England. Proof of his nativity was asked and the father has forwarded an affidavit that the boy was born in New York. No details as to why he is held were given in the cablegram. Young Spector, for the past year, has been travelling about the world and was last heard from in Ireland.

WHITMAN STARTS A BOOM. But It's Still Albany, Not Washington, He Aspires To. ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Gov. Whitman has officially announced his candidacy for reelection to the Governorship, political Albany claims to-day. The announcement is seen in Whitman's declaration before the County Bar Association at its annual dinner on the last night. "Without regard to party feeling, I want to announce right here to-night that I am going to stay in Albany as long as I can. I like the mansion, I like the Capitol—I will even grow to like the state door—and I want your support," the Governor declared.

WINTER'S WORST STORM IS SWEEPING COUNTRY. Snow and Rain General With Temperatures Away Below Zero—Cold Wave Coming Here. WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The most extensive and severest storm of the winter is raging to-day west of the Mississippi River and is moving eastward. Temperatures reported, ranged from 50 degrees below zero in the Canadian Northwest to zero in the Texas Panhandle and in Southern Utah and Northern Arizona. It was from 10 to 16 degrees below. The storm has advanced from the Pacific Coast and to-day was central in the middle Mississippi Valley. It was a cold, sunless and rain generally throughout the country except in the South Atlantic States and over the middle and south districts of the Rocky Mountains.

WILSON IS OPPOSED TO CONSCRIPTION. Dissents from Garrison's Proposition That Continental Army Enlistments Be Made Compulsory. WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—President Wilson is opposed to compulsory military service, Chairman Hay told the House Committee on Military Affairs to-day. Assistant Secretary of War Brockbridge told the Committee the plan for the organization of the continental army would be more satisfactory to the War Department if enlistment were made compulsory instead of voluntary, but admitted that the President dissents.

HOUSE CONFERS WITH BRITISH STATESMEN. LONDON, Jan. 12.—Col. E. M. House, confidential agent for President Wilson, has conferred privately with Premier Asquith, Sir Edward Grey, Minister of Ammunition, Lloyd George, First Lord of the Admiralty, Arthur Balfour, Foreign Secretary, and other prominent persons in the last few days. It was learned to-day.



SING SING CONVICT ESCAPES, LEAVING DUMMY IN PLACE

Authorities Discover That Jean Kircher Is Gone Only When He Misses Breakfast.

Jean Kircher, a burglar serving a term of seventeen years and six months, escaped from Sing Sing Prison some time during the night, and the officials of the institution are utterly ignorant of how he got out and when.

The first alarm sent out from the prison to the police of Westchester County and New York City stated that Lewis Kircherman, serving a term of twenty years for second degree murder, committed in Kings County, had escaped. Kircherman's description was flashed broadcast before it was discovered that he was still in the prison. Then the alarm for Kircher was recalled and another was sent out stating that the escaped prisoner was Jean Kircher.

Not until the discovery of the escape was two hours old did the Sing Sing authorities begin to send out accurate news and a description of the prisoner, and a description of what kind of a story to tell about the escape at 11:30 o'clock. It appears from the best information at hand that when the convicts turned out of their cells this morning Kircher did not join the line on his tier in the procession to the prison yard.

His absence was not noted, however, until his vacant chair loomed up in the mess hall. Then the convicts were ordered back to the cell house and the dormitories and were checked up. Kircher's cell was empty, but on his cot was a cunningly contrived dummy.

From the fact that Kircher had put the dummy on his cot it is assumed that he had escaped when the convicts were locked up last night. He could not have broken from his cell after he was locked in, according to the prison authorities. They believe he had the dummy ready, placed it on his cot, slipped out of the cell block and concealed himself somewhere within the walls before the cells were locked for the night.

Kircher was one of a gang of burglars that looted numerous country houses along the Sound in Westchester County last year. County Judge William T. Platt sentenced Kircher at White Plains on Oct. 15, 1915.

WHITE SLAVE RUSE NETTED \$250,000 TO BLACKMAILERS

Bogus Department of Justice Agents Found Many Victims at Atlantic City.

The arrest of Don Collins, alias Robert A. Treubillon, in the Criminal Courts Building, by Detectives Finan and Lennon to-day, on a complaint made by Frank I. Garbarino, Special Agent of the Department of Justice at Philadelphia, will bring to light, according to Garbarino, a most elaborate and widespread blackmail plot which has netted more than \$250,000 in the past eighteen months. The blackmailers, Garbarino says, posing as agents of the Department of Justice and using young and attractive women as accomplices preyed on wealthy and prominent men visiting Atlantic City and other Jersey resorts by threatening them with prosecution under the Mann White Slave Act.

A well known up-State New York jurist, Garbarino stated at Police Headquarters, paid the blackmailers \$2,500. A member of Congress whose name is known to the breadth of the nation handed over \$5,000. The mother of a young society man in Philadelphia produced \$4,000.

Collins and his male and female accomplices, according to Garbarino, watched the big hotels along the coast for the arrival of men of wealth and prominence. One or two of the members of the gang apparently had a wide knowledge of public and wealthy men, because they were able to spot several elderly, dignified Americans from remote parts of the United States who registered at Atlantic City hotels under assumed names, and as husbands of young and lively women.

The brains back of the Collins gang, Garbarino says, realized the immense possibilities for blackmail which are latent in the Mann White Slave Act. According to Garbarino, the blackmailers working under the guidance of Collins caused to be printed some of the Department of Justice, Philadelphia, blank warrants, letter heads, affidavits and other forms used by the Department of Justice.

Garbarino says the Collins outfit would spot an arriving celebrity and note whether he was accompanied by his wife or somebody else, or was unaccompanied. If the prospective victim was unaccompanied one of the fascinating female members of the gang would proceed to make his acquaintance. Then would start the party on a hotel room by two men wearing Department of Justice badges, the arrest of the man and woman and the start for Philadelphia by automobile.

The supposedly embezzled prisoners would be taken to the building in which Garbarino's office is located and would be started in the direction of the Philadelphia branch of the Department of Justice. One of the bogus detectives would say that he was thirsty and suggest that all hands take a drink before going into the awesome presence of the representative of Uncle Sam.

Invariably the suggestion would be entertained that the party would repair to a quiet place in the neighborhood, where the bogus Government agents would offer to "fix the case" for a certain sum of money. Complaints about the activities of the bogus Department of Justice officers were received for a year and a half before Garbarino and his men got a clue. This was obtained through the New York police, who, last Friday night, raided a couple of flats in an apartment house on Audubon Avenue and captured eight men and women who were sitting at the booths in public telephone pay stations.

In the room of William Lewis, one of the prisoners, was found a trunk containing a quantity of what were apparently warrants, affidavits, blanks, letter heads and other forms used by the Department of Justice in the Philadelphia branch of the local police communicated with Garbarino, who came over and started an investigation.

It was found that the trunk belonged to Collins, and that Collins was arrested on Oct. 10, 1915, on a charge of trying to extort \$2,500 from George H. Bacon, a banker of No. 16 Beavertown, Collins was released on bail of \$7,500.

Garbarino and the police after going through the documents in the trunk and interviewing some of the prisoners taken in the Audubon Avenue raid notified the security company to produce Collins at the District Attorney's office to-day. As Collins entered the building he was arrested by Finan and Lennon and taken to Police Headquarters.

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Are You Saving Money? Evening World Starts Campaign for Thrift

Centenary of the Founding of the First Savings Bank in America

American Bankers' Association Co-operating in Campaign to Bring Out Most Helpful Plans of Saving.

The Evening World, co-operating with the American Bankers' Association, begins to-day a campaign for pocketbook preparedness—for thrift.

It is not the easiest thing in the world to save money, but the readers of this paper during the next few months will be given every encouragement to learn how to do it.

Cash prizes amounting to \$250 will be given to those who show the most sensible plans of home or domestic financing.

Before making this offer The Evening World submitted the plan to the American Bankers' Association. The result was that the association, representing the financial interests of the entire country, gave its hearty approval and backed it up by offering \$150 to be given in prizes to Evening World readers who are able to prove that they can save and take care of their money. This action of the American Bankers' Association, through its savings bank section, is one feature of its country-wide campaign for thrift, which will be carried on throughout the year 1916 to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the first savings bank in the United States.

All signs point to a tremendous, record-breaking year of prosperity in this country this year. Millions on millions will be made, but if the best and most lasting results are to be gained, the wage earners and salary workers must learn to save and invest their surplus more sensibly than they ever have before. No thrift campaign could have been started at a better time, for there has never been a time when saving should be so easy.

It is safe to say that every reader of The Evening World has money problems. It is planned to have you write about them; tell what your income is; tell how much you spend for rent, food, clothes, etc., how much you have in the bank, what investments you have, and how much life insurance you carry. In other words, "What Do You Do With Your Money?"

The articles on this subject will be published on Wednesdays and Saturdays in The Evening World. In these columns will be discussed the most interesting letters received. All will be considered in awarding the prizes. The discussions are designed to be helpful.

The Evening World campaign is designed primarily to help men and women earning \$150 a month or less. The committee of awards will be announced later.

The American Bankers' Association offers \$150 in prizes, and The Evening World adds \$100, making \$250 in all. The prizes will be as follows: First prize, \$50; two prizes of \$25 each; five prizes of \$10 each; ten prizes of \$5 each; twenty-five prizes of \$2 each.

All correspondence will be kept confidential, but it will be necessary for you to give name and address. Address all letters to Thrift Editor, Evening World. KEEP LETTERS WITHIN 200 WORDS. The privilege of participating in the campaign is open to every one. There are no conditions.

"NO CENSORSHIP," SAYS MISS WILSON

President's Daughter Gives Views on New York Forum Talks in School Buildings.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Miss Margaret Woodrow Wilson, daughter of the President, in a statement given out to-day replying to a request from the Labor Forum of New York City to give her opinion regarding the proposal to stop the forum use of the New York City school buildings or to restrict the freedom of discussion in them on account of an address of Helen Keller delivered in the Washington Irving High School there on Dec. 13, said:

"The proposal that the School Board or any other body of the people's agents limit or restrict what is said in the citizens' forum, when once this most important institution of democracy is properly established in the public school house," said Miss Wilson, "is as absurd—indeed more absurd—than the proposal would be to have some outside and inferior body impose restrictions upon the discussions of Aldermen, State legislators or Congressmen."

MYSTERY OF PERSIA UNSOLVED BY AUSTRIA

Vienna Reports That No U-Boat Was in Vicinity of Point of Sinking.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The Austrian Government has notified the State Department, it is understood, that after a full investigation it has been unable to determine how the British steamer Persia was sunk.

Austrian Charge Zwiedinek is said to have placed this information before Lansing at a conference they held to-day: No Austrian submarine was operating near the point where the Persia went down.

This leaves the United States with no means of placing responsibility for the disaster.

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JACK WILSON FIGHTS TO SAVE KITTY GORDON

Comedian Mistakes Process Server for Robber and Battles at Stage Door.

Details of an exciting fight at the stage door of the Winter Garden, late yesterday afternoon, when Jack Wilson, comedian, battled with a process server who was trying to hand a summons to Kitty Gordon, were unfolded in the West Side Court this morning. Louis Temple, the process server, had summoned Wilson on a charge of assault.

"Miss Gordon and Mr. Wilson were leaving the theatre," Frederick Goldsmith, attorney for Wilson, explained, "when Mr. Wilson saw this man rush up to Miss Gordon. He thought he was a robber. Miss Gordon was carrying thousands of dollars worth of jewelry. Of course he struck him. Mr. Wilson and Miss Gordon are posing for moving pictures, and Mr. Wilson could not come to court to-day." Magistrate Corrigan warned Attorney Goldsmith to have his client in court Friday morning. Miss Gordon will probably be a witness.

Waste Fire Near Subway. Much excitement was caused early to-day by dense smoke from a fire in the subcellar of the Times Building, Forty-second Street and Broadway, which filled the building and penetrated to the subway. The blaze was in a pile of waste paper and did little damage.

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