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CHILD BURGLAR.

ONLY TWELVE YEARS OLD BUT HAS ROBBED EIGHT HOUSES.

People Walk in River Bed of Niagara Falls—Crown Princess is Still to be a Princess—Schley Coming to Portland —Other News.

Derby, Conn., March 25.—Lena Cook, twelve years old, pleaded guilty to-day to a series of burglaries that for the last month have terrified the fashionable north-end district of Bristol. Eight residences have been robbed, silverware valued at \$50 being taken from the house of Mrs. Katherine Holdridge and \$75 worth from that of Mrs. William Bancroft. Rugs, jewelry and linen were taken from other houses. The burglaries occurred twice a week, despite the fact that police protection was doubled.

Last night the girl was recognized as she emerged from a window and ran. When Chief of Police Arms arrested her in school to-day, he found three skeleton keys in her pocket. Scattered about her room at home were the stolen goods from all eight houses.

In the City court she broke down and confessed. She declared she was collecting articles for house-keeping in case she should marry. Judge Newell ordered her sent to the Industrial School for Girls on request of her father, Alexander Cook, a mechanic.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., March 23.—The American falls is practically dry and for the first time in 55 years people are able to walk about in the river bed. Thousands have clamored over the rocks hunting for relics and souvenirs. Great rocks never before seen are high and dry. So little water is flowing over the American falls that men in high boots almost could have crossed at the brink. The extraordinary condition is due to an ice jam up the river. The ice was driven from Lake Erie into the entrance in the Niagra and lodged in the shoalwater, shutting off the flow into the American channel. The Horseshoe fall is not affected as much as the American. The river in the vicinity of the Three Sister Islands is quite dry and the center falls, between Goat and Luna Islands, is a skeleton of itself. The condition is likely to exist for several days.

New York, March 24.—It is learned from an authoritative source, says the Vienna correspondent of the Herald, that the former Crown Princess will in future bear the official title of Princess Louise of Tuscany, with honors due a royal highness. Her father, as Grand Duke of Tuscany, has the prerogative of granting titles, and has conferred this one upon his daughter with the consent of the Emperor.

San Francisco, March 23.—Admiral Schley has finally consented to accept several informal dinners and luncheons in this city. Vallejo and Mare Island will be visited by the Admiral and party on Thursday, and on Saturday night they will start to return East by way of Portland, Seattle and Salt Lake.

Missoula, Mont., March 25.—Joseph L. Young, a well-known rancher living at Ovando, it is alleged, fatally stabbed Carl Dowell, a postoffice clerk, and well known in this city, at three o'clock this afternoon. The affair occurred in Young's room in the Missoula Hotel, where he had taken Dowell to try and persuade him to marry his daughter Bessie Young, whom the father claims Dowell has ruined. The physicians state that Dowell cannot live. Young almost disemboweled him with a large hunting-knife.

London, March, 23.—Mrs Florence Maybrick, the American woman who is serving a life sentence for the poisoning of her husband in 1899, has been pardoned. The long years of effort that her friends have made in her behalf have at last borne fruit and the unhappy woman is at last to be released. The pardon is not, how-

ever to take effect immediately. The stern demand of British justice has not been satisfied as yet, and Mrs. Maybrick must remain in prison until 1904. Then she may leave the cell where she has been incarcerated so many years and once more breathe the air of freedom.

The announcement of the pardon was made this morning by the Home Office. It is said that Queen Alexandra had more to do with this exercise of royal clemency than any one else, as she has always doubted the guilt of the convicted woman.

Sensational litigation is apt to follow the liberation of Mrs. Maybrick. The announcement of her pardon will be used by her Washington attorney to secure a postponement to the trial of the great law suit bearing on the prisoner's property interests in Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia.

The property in dispute is valued at several millions. Relatives of the family of Mrs. Maybrick have made determined efforts to obtain possession of this wealth on the ground that the woman, being a life convict, could not hold property in her own right. The suit will be pressed by the defence as soon as Mrs. Maybrick is liberated.

Jefferson City, March 26.—The hardest blow the meat trust has ever received has been dealt by the Missouri supreme court.

The five defendants in the proceedings to oust them from the state brought by the attorney-general last summer culminated in the supreme court, which effects the biggest pricking companies in the country.

Fines of \$5,000 each were assessed against Armour & Co., Cudahy Packing Co., Hammond, Schwarz & Shields and the Sulzberger Packing Company.

In addition to this the supreme court orders the members of the combine to pay at once the full costs of the action, which will amount to \$5,000 in each case.

The strongest point in the decision, however, is that in which a penalty is fixed for violation of the order to pay.

It is decreed that unless the members of the meat trust shall pay the fines and the costs of the action within 30 days, they will be ousted from the state and prevented hereafter from doing business within the borders of Missouri.

There still remains the termination of the definite "ouster" proceedings which are yet to be heard on the merits of the contention of the attorney-general. The decision of the court today is taken as evidence that the combine will be declared an unlawful aggregation for the purpose of restricting trade and controlling prices.

St. Petersburg, March 25.—Dispatches received today tell of a terrific battle between Mertans and Shinsans, rival tribes of Kurds on the Turkey-Persian frontier that has been fought.

More than a thousand dead bodies were counted on the field after the battle had terminated.

The strife was actuated by a mutual oath taken by the two tribes to destroy each other.

The war between these tribes has been in progress for two years.

In the last encounter, when the famous chief, El Ramouez led one faction, more than 2,000 bit the dust.

Chicago, March 24.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Mt. Vernon, Ill. says: The Illinois Appellate Court for the Fourth District has decided that when a man is sent to prison for the murder of his wife he is judicially dead, and his children are entitled to the insurance on the life of the murdered woman, even if it was taken out in favor of her husband. This is said to be a point of law never before raised or passed upon the supreme Court or either of the Appellate Courts of this or any other state.

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TO KIDNAP.

SENSATIONAL STORY OF PLAN TO SPIRIT AWAY MEMBERS OF CABINET.

To be Done While on Western Tour Million Railroad Merger Announced—Murderer Benson Arraigned—Other News.

Washington, March 25.—An alleged plot to kidnap three members of the cabinet of the forthcoming Presidential tour of the West was made public today.

The men against whom the plot is supposed to have been hatched are no less personages than Secretary of War Root, Attorney-General Knox and Secretary of the Treasury Shaw.

The announcement created no little sensation in government circles, for, while it is generally discredited, it is known that there are men in the West who are bold enough to attempt almost any project that promises large returns.

The warning came from John Fremont, the aged negro orator, who gave his information to Congressman Tawney today. The colored man stated that a plot was on foot to kidnap the three officials while they were with the President in Montana.

The object of the kidnapers, said Fremont, was to secure a heavy ransom. Tawney considered the information of sufficient importance to inform Secretary Shaw. It is learned that steps will at once be taken to investigate the alleged plot and to discover the plotters, if they exist outside the negro's imagination.

New York, March 25.—The Evening World says it has positive confirmation that the retirement of the Vanderbilt Company from the control of the New York Central Marks the final move in the Morgan-Rockefeller scheme of a trunk line transportation trust in America. Four fifths of the railway mileage in the United States east of the Mississippi is included and embraced approximately 75,000 miles of railway and \$5,000,000 of capital.

Olympia, Wash., March 24.—Chris Benson was arraigned in the Superior Court today, charged with the murder of Jailer David Morrell. Benson stated he had no money, and asked that Phil Skllmon, of this city, be appointed as his attorney. The request was granted, and Benson was given until next Thursday to plead.

Dublin, March 25.—All Ireland is wild with delight and excitement over the land bill, which is up today in the House of Commons.

Not for half a century has the country witnessed such a display of exuberant good feeling.

The introduction of the land bill, with its home rule features, is considered the most momentous event in the history of Ireland since the formation of the Union.

The bill is confidently expected to pass. The attitude of the anti-Irish population of England has undergone a radical change in the past few years and the members of the present house of Commons are

more liberal in their tendencies than any of their predecessors.

The rest of the world can hardly realize what this legislation will mean to the people of Ireland. With the throwing open of fine stretches of land now held by non-resident landlords, thousands of families, now destitute, will be rendered independent.

New York, March 25.—Hon. Franklin K. Lane, recently a candidate for governor of California, and the city attorney of San Francisco, is in New York. His mission in coming East is to secure from the department of the interior the right to use two reservoir sites on the Yosemite National Park as a source of water supply for San Francisco. Applications were made for these sites two years ago by the mayor, but were rejected. The city now renews the application in its own name. If they are granted the water supply will be owned by the municipality.

Plans and estimates have already been made which call for an expenditure of \$40,000,000. In general outline, the scheme is to hold back in giant reservoirs the waste flood waters of the Tuolumne River, and by canals and pipes carry the water across the San Joaquin Valley and under San Francisco Bay, a distance of 140 miles.

The new charter of San Francisco makes it mandatory that the question of municipal ownership of the water supply shall be submitted to the vote of the people, and it is in conformity with that direction that the plans of the Tuolumne project have been made.

New York, March 24.—There is every indication that the Lorenz apparatus invented by the celebrated Vienna surgeon to be used in operations for congenital hip disease will prove a complete success.

The six children upon whom Dr. Frederick Mueller, the pupil of Dr. Lorenz, operated on Sunday, using the device for the first time in this country, now rest comfortably, and appear to have their limbs set in normal form.

The Lorenz hip redresser resembles somewhat the skeleton frame of a crib. At one end is a padded support for the children's backs, at the other are leather sockets in which the feet are strapped. At either end are clamps and screws for adjusting the appliance and for the stretching process. The redresser, heavy and silver-plated, is clamped upon the operating table.

The patient is etherized and arranged with one foot in the fixed leather socket and the other in the movable socket, adjusted much as a boot is clamped in a skate. Then Dr. Mueller holding the distorted tendons and muscles with one hand, manipulates the screws with the other and slowly draws out the foot of the shorter leg toward its mate.

Bit by bit under the strain of the clamps and screws, stronger than human hand, the muscles stretch. The proper length of leg attained, the screws are released. Then the child is taken from the redresser and placed in a plaster of paris cast already prepared.

On another Lorenz apparatus—the osteoclast—for operation upon club feet, Dr. Mueller attended to a little girl and a little boy yesterday morning. Children will again be operated upon in the redresser today.

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