

DEN OF YOUTHFUL DEPRAVITY FOUND

Houseboat on Ross Island Used by Boys for Immoral Purposes.

THREE ARRESTS ARE MADE

Young Girl Lured to Place and Drugged—Wild Orgies Said to Have Occurred—Discovery Made Through Story of Girl.

With the arrest by the police last night of three young students, belonging to well-known Portland families, there was brought to light a distressing story of depravity. It is the story of half a dozen students banded together for degrading purposes and maintaining a houseboat at a secluded point on Ross Island as a place for bacchanalian revels.

The three boys under arrest are Robert Garretson, Hoeter Hinks and Ralph Stow. Garretson attends the High School. The others are students at the Columbia University. All claim to be 17 years old and therefore are amenable only to the Juvenile Court for their conduct. The arrest of three other boys is to follow, as warrants can be made out and served by the police.

The arrest last night followed the disappearance of 17-year-old Hazel Murphy from her home at 429 Hawthorne avenue. The girl left home Friday night. Yesterday afternoon she was found at the houseboat in a dazed condition. She was dressed in boy's attire and appeared to have been suffering from the effects of drugs.

The girl was taken home by her mother and last night was confined to her bed under the care of a physician, Dr. Finn. The doctor said she was just recovering from a stupor produced by drugs, the nature of which he was unable to determine.

Boys Are Arrested.

This incident brought about the arrest of young Garretson, as it was he who lured the girl to Ross Island Friday night. Indeed, the developments that came the developments that led to the arrest of the other boys. They were accused, with the boys yet to be arrested, of luring the girl to the houseboat named Welch. It is known that five young men took the Welch girl to the island Saturday night a week ago.

The houseboat was attractively furnished, and the police say it was stocked with whisky. The girls taken there were given liquor as soon as they reached the houseboat, the statement of Miss Welch, to the authorities. While the three prisoners, confessing their misbehavior, deny that any of the liquor was ever drugged, yet it appears evident that Miss Murphy received drugs Friday night when she was there with Garretson.

That the houseboat was maintained for such revolting practices is admitted by one of the students. He denies, however, that many girls were taken there, although the police believe differently, and say that fuller investigation will doubtless show that the two instances of depravity just brought to light were by no means the only ones.

Discovery of the Den.

The discovery of the den was made by Lou Hartman, a private detective, and Mrs. Hartman, who were called to the houseboat after being absent all night. Mrs. Murphy put the case in Hartman's hands. It was learned from Miss Welch that Miss Murphy had visited the houseboat Friday night. The Welch girl, in fact, accompanied Miss Murphy to the place, but returned home without her, leaving her there with Garretson. They were shown to the boat, Miss Welch said, by a boy named Brown, son of a cigar dealer. He came away with Miss Welch.

Mrs. Murphy and several friends located the missing girl on Ross Island. They had to ascend her home, and taking her dazed state, sent for a physician. The girl's condition was such that the doctor directed that she be kept in bed. He said it was clear she had been drugged. Garretson, in denying that he drugged the girl, said that they smoked cigarettes together, but that this would have such results is doubted.

Two Other Boys Caught.

Garretson and Stow were arrested near the Murphy home last night, apparently while looking for Miss Murphy. It is believed by the police that on returning to the houseboat and finding her missing, they went to see if she was home. Detective Hartman was called to the Murphy house at the time they appeared in the neighborhood with inquiries concerning her, and he at once held them for the police.

The three boys took their arrest very much to heart, and each declared that the disgrace would force him to leave town. They endeavored to give ostentatious names to avoid publicity. While it was urged at first by Captain Slover that the three be thrown in jail, Captain Bruin was inclined to believe that they should be admitted to bond. Relatives appeared and furnished \$200 apiece for them to assure their appearance when wanted. The case will probably be referred to the Juvenile Court for action. The other arrests, it is said, will occur today.

MORGAN'S MINIATURE BOOK

Costly Catalogue of Paintings to Be Given to Friends.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—The catalogue of all J. Pierpont Morgan's miniatures, which is now in preparation, will be one of the most remarkable books published in the present century. The first 10 copies will cost \$2500 each. The printing and illumination will be entirely handwork, and an enormous sum will be spent on the reproductions of miniatures which will illustrate the book.

So truly have the artists done their work that it is difficult to distinguish the copies from the famous originals which fill the collection at the Prince's Gate, Mr. Morgan's London house.

The chief d'oeuvre of the book is the world-renowned miniature of Henry VIII, painted to that King's order as a gift for Anne of Cleves in 1532. This gem, one of the only three known miniatures painted by Holbein, is the most precious in Mr. Morgan's priceless collection. A dozen Italian artists were tested as to their knowledge of ivory painting, and from these one was selected, who did the work to perfection.

Every page of the book contains groups of miniatures, all executed on ivory. The collection includes striking examples by all the great masters, from the earliest painters of miniatures down to Rossetti and Isabey. Not only will the best works in existence be

shown in fac simile, but the whole rise and progress of miniature painting will be illustrated.

The first two books are intended for King Edward and President Roosevelt, while the other copies forming the first edition are to be distributed among monarchs with whom Mr. Morgan has come in contact. The next edition, although not quite so magnificent as the first, will be published at \$1000 a copy. This will be profusely illustrated and also contain a good many colored miniatures. A third edition, the copyist is also in contemplation, for different friends and schools of art in which Mr. Morgan is interested.

The catalogue of Mr. Morgan's pictures at Prince's Gate is now completed. It is a three-volume book covered in green-tooled morocco, the colored frontispiece to each volume depicting the three best paintings of his collection. These are all of the English school. In Volume I is Gainsborough's once stolen "Duchess," the second opens with "Lady Betty Deane and Her Children," by Reynolds, and Mr. Morgan's most recent acquisition adorns the third. This is the famous portrait of Kitty Farren, afterward Countess of Derby, recognized as Sir Thomas Lawrence's best work.

Mr. Morgan had long desired to possess this picture, but for years his efforts were unsuccessful. It was in the possession of Mr. Neumann of South African fame, and hung in his house in Piccadilly until 12 months ago, when Mr. Morgan induced him to part with it for an immense sum. It was transferred to Prince's Gate and hung near the celebrated portrait of Miss Croker, the famous Irish beauty who died only two years ago. She paid a visit to Mr. Morgan's house when she was 80 years of age in order to inspect the picture.

SKILL IN CHARCOAL WORK

Exhibit of Miss Currier's Paintings and Drawings Attracts Notice.

BY LILIAN TINGLE.

An interesting reception and private view was held yesterday afternoon and evening, at the studio of Miss Florence Chase Currier, in the Selling-Hirsch building, for the exhibition of her charcoal work, which was assisted by Mrs. Gwyn Jones and



Miss Florence Chase Currier.

Mrs. Robert Galloway; Miss Grace Chambers and Miss Florence George presided at the punch bowl in the evening.

Visitors at the Art Institute will recall some studies of New England Coast scenes and two portrait studies, by Miss Currier, which were exhibited some time ago and attracted favorable comment. One of the coast scenes, "The Ebb Tide," has been particularly praised. Another interesting study in this series shows the birthplace, near Marblehead, of the original "Old Black Joe."

Among the watercolors perhaps the most striking is a view from Portland Heights showing excellent atmospheric effects. Miss Currier is most enthusiastic in speaking of her impressions of Portland and its surrounding scenery.

"I have seen no other American city with such striking pictorial possibilities," she declared.

A misty early morning study, a beautiful scene on the Montgomery drive, and other characteristic "bits," show that the artist has taken complete command of the spell of our wonderful Heights.

Some clever charcoal work, in the first room, shows Miss Currier's skill in working with the living model. She received her training in Boston, where she had the advantage of special instruction in portrait work and illustrating from leading artists such as Arthur Hazard, Lucy Curtis and others. It is Miss Currier's intention to open an art school in Portland which, in its work, will follow the same general lines as the larger schools in the East. From the very beginning all students will draw from the living model, not from casts. With a thorough foundation in drawing, they will be instructed in the mediums best adapted to the branch of art they intend to adopt.

SHOWS WHITE FEATHER

Japanese Flees in Terror From Hindu Armed With Knife.

A Hindu and a Japanese became engaged in a fight in a room of a lodging-house at Second and Burnside streets about 10 o'clock last night. When the Hindu pulled a long knife the Japanese jumped from the second-story window and fled down the street in terror. The two men, who gave their names as E. Desson and K. Yoda, were sharing the same room and became involved in a quarrel after retiring to the night.

After a struggle in which the Hindu had all the better of the argument on account of his greater weight, the Japanese broke away and leaped out of the window to avoid the knife. He landed in the court back of the rooming-house and fled naked and screaming for help down Second street. The yelling of the Japanese attracted a large crowd which followed in his wake. He was finally overhauled by Patrolman Thorne and hurriedly wrapped in the officer's cape, taken back to the room, where he secured his clothing.

The Japanese then visited police headquarters and swore out a warrant charging the Hindu with assault. Acting Detectives Pike, Tichenor and Jones located the Hindu and brought him to the City Jail, where he was locked up in default of \$750 bail.

Harriman Engineers Confer.

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PREACHERS TO MEET

Annual Conference of Oregon Methodist Church.

SESSIONS BEGIN SEPT. 24

Preparations Made for Entertainment of Ministers and Their Wives at Grace Church. Other Churches Untiring in Work.

The Oregon annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which will be opened next Tuesday night in the Grace Methodist Church by Bishop Moore, includes the entire western half of the state, and has about 120 pastoral charges with more than 150 church buildings and a time-honored institution of learning known as the Willamette University. The annual session of this conference is to be held in Grace Methodist Church on the corner of Twelfth and Taylor streets. The Taylor-street church unites with the Grace Church in providing entertainment.

Elaborate preparations are being made by the two churches. At Grace Church, where the ministers' conference is to be held for six days, 19 rooms have been amply equipped for committees. Telephones have been installed, both the automatic Home telephone and the Pacific States telephone. Two stenographers will be constantly in attendance to assist the secretaries and committees and any of the pastors who wish to conduct correspondence.

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Also, the State Biologist will devote the season to the study of crabs and food fishes of this region, and the possibility of restocking the bay with native or Eastern oysters, and will make use of the laboratory for this purpose. A full equipment of microscopes and all apparatus necessary for the study of marine life will be taken from the University. It is possible that a course in the geology of the region may also be offered.

With the completion of the railroad to the bay, the ease of access will be assured. The land around the station will afford well-sheltered camping-grounds, so that expenses may be reduced to the minimum.

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