WHO'S MISS SMITH?

Question Puzzles Police of Paris as Well as London.

WRITER OF LOVING LETTERS

She Is Accused of Being Accomplice to Notorious Matrimonial Shark Who Has Fleeced no Less Than Nine Husbands.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—"Who is Miss Smith?" is a Parisian mystery with a London setting—indeed, a continental environment—which has drawn the interest of half a dozen of the great capitals to its dramatic unfoldings. So far, the developments have led only toward more impenetrable depths of plot and action, and the authorities are more and more "in the air" at each succeeding turn. But as detective patience and sagacity are only whetted by the fact that the task takes on a more difficult aspect from day to day, in the end the amazing person now known as plain Miss Smith will doubtless find herself unmasked.

It is the story of a matrimonial agency—of a Mme. Guerin and her train of heiresses and dupes. One of the latter was Dr. Paul Hebert, a London physician becoming engaged through the good offices of Mme. Guerin, to the mysterious Miss Smith. Dr. Herbert was lured to a villa in the vicinity of Paris and treacherously shot by M. Cesbron, who was Mme. Guerin's husband. Dr. Herbert was not dead, as the assassin thought, and he made his way back to Paris and the police. M. Cesbron disappeared, but Mme. Guerin was arrested. She related that both Hebert and Cesbron were in love with Miss Smith, and that the shooting at the villa was due to jealousy. Dr. Herbert received many letters from Miss Smith, all of them couched in the most affectionate language. M. Sudro, who was taken to London and introduced to Miss Smith, was told she was the unacknowleged daughter of a duke with a half a million pounds in the Bank of England. He too, has letters from her breathing passionate devotion. Other young fools who advertised to marry heiresses have turned over similar love epistles to the police. These letters now turn out to be the handwriting of Mme. Guerin, slightly disguised. None of these matchmakings with Miss Smith as a principal ever reached the matrimonial stage, but Mme. Guerin herself has had nine definitely known husbands with whom she went through a form of marriage of some kind, and each of whom she plucked handsomely. One of them, a wealthy Paris grain merchant, strangely disappeared one day, and he is now sought almost as earnestly as Miss Smith. A remarkable story is told of Mme. Guerin's connection with the missing man.

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Sir William Trelvar, the new lord mayor, who had already ingratiated himself with youthful London when, as "the children's alderman," he did wonders in making the dingy city more habitable for them in many little ways, has now quickly won the good opinion of the grown-ups by declaring for ten-minutes speeches at banquets and more public functions. It was at the Savage Club dinner, with Dr. Nansen as toastmaster, that Sir William declared his secession from the thraldom of endless and prosaic oratory. In a brief and breezy speech, the lord mayor gave a hint of his policy in the matter of official addresses. "I shall give you a sentence," he said, "which I propose to inscribe in letters of gold over the entrance to the Guildhall and in the Egyptian Hall at the Mansion House. It is this: 'Nobody likes long speeches except those who make them.' That tablet may be taken down some day no doubt, but not while I am there. Already I have begun to hate the man who proposes the inevitable toast to the corporation of London, and I am glad that the Savage Club has existed for 700 years and yet has no rights, privileges, and traditions to talk about."

Sir William Trelvar consumed the remaining time of his ten minutes in telling a delightful story about himself. "I had been dining at the Fishmongers' Hall," he said, and I had to catch a train at London Bridge afterward. Unfortunately, I missed the train, and I complained to the cabman that he had not driven fast enough. "It ain't my fault, sir," said cabby. "It's that silly old fool of a lord mayor that has stopped fast driving."

The sentence of four years imposed on Voight, the "robber captain" of Koepenick, by an unromantic German tribunal, meets with no popular sympathy in England. Voight's exploit in holding up a town set the whole world laughing, and the result of the trial can only be viewed as a sad, unheroic climax to a brilliant adventure. It is not surprising that the popular sympathy goes out to the prisoner. A man who brings mirth into a gray world is a public benefactor. Voight is something of a rascal, no doubt; but his superb audacity and his fertility in resource almost make one forget his moral delinquencies. Besides adding to the gayety of nations, he has brought home to the thoughtful Germans the absurdity of making a fetish of the Kaiser's coat. Voight seems to have been dogged by a relentless fate. More than once he turned from a criminal career to live an honest life, and employers for whom he worked gave him an excellent character. But his dead past rose up always to wreck his hope of an honest future. In the eyes of the police he was still a criminal, and as such a person to be hunted from pillar to post. In four months he was told to move on ten times, and he simply found it impossible to live down his past.

Over the sign of the Rose and Crown a public house in Woodham Ingrey, near Epsom, swings the coat-of-arms of Sir Henry Edelin, Bart., otherwise "plain Harry." Sir Henry, who succeeds to the title through the death of his brother, Sir Thomas Edelin, has had a somewhat varied career in town and war, his youthful indiscretions having culminated in enlistment in the army and then—[illegible] further "disappointing his family by becoming possessed of a licensed house or saloon. The Edelin baronetcy is an ancient one of Scottish origin, and formerly possessed extensive and valuable estates both in Scotland and Ireland. Very little, however, now remains except a name and a [illegible] of traditions having clustered round the very [illegible] of the title. [illegible] Sir Henry [illegible] "plain Harry" [illegible] the last [illegible] worth recalling.

King Edward's grandsons, the Prince of Wales' young hopefuls, are showing a mind to revive cross-country riding at Sandringham. They have been following the West Norfolk hounds this season with much of the zest which marked the hunting period of his royal majesty's life. Here he rode his last mad dash in the saddle to be first at the death of reynard, and the West Norfolk Hunt therefore has a prescriptive right to the young royalties, who will be none the worse by and by for having ridden in their grandsire's hoofprints, so to speak. There was also some [illegible] if not more, in the old days, and the appearance of the [illegible] in Sandringham assures that Sandringham is ready to see another [illegible] of such gatherings.

CARRIE NATION

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Will Connect Sante Fe and Southern Pacific at Camp Five.

Northwestern Railroad Company has been organized to take over the properties of California Northwestern, the North Shore, the Santa Fe line running south from Eureka to Camp Five and to close the gap from Willits at the end of the North Shore to Camp Five by building a broadgauge road. The work of constructing this new stretch of track will be rushed and it is expected will be completed within 15 months. The move was taken, in a measure, it is said, as a compromise between the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe.

The former road had lines running toward the northern part, while the Santa Fe owned other lines south from there. Between the two there was a gap of 150 miles and to bridge this gap the new corporation has been organized.

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"I want to give some valuable advice to those who suffer with lame back and kidney trouble," says J. R. Blankenship, of Beck, Tenn. "I have proved to an absolute certainty that Electric Bitters will positively cure this distressing condition. The first bottle gave me great relief, and after taking a few more bottles, I was completely cured, so completely that it becomes a pleasure to recommend this great remedy." Sold under guarantee at Chas. Rogers' drug store. Price 50c.

FRISBEE SLAYER FOUND.

LAMAR, COL., Dec. 31.—The city marshal's office is in receipt of news from a reliable source at Eads, Colo., to the effect that the other Frisbee murderer had been located near that place and that several posses are preparing to surround him in his place of concealment.

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CLEVELAND RECOVERING.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Former President Grover Cleveland who has been ill for a week at his home at Princeton, is improving slowly. His physician, Dr. John H. Carnochan, however, entertains hopes of the former president's recovery within a week or if no further unfavorable symptoms develop.

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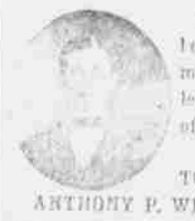

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Attest: F. L. BISHOP, President.
Secretary.
Astoria, Oregon, Dec. 20, 1906.

NOTICE.

There is money in the general fund to pay warrants indorsed prior to December 1, 1905. Interest will cease after this date. THOMAS DEALEY,
City Treasurer.
Astoria, Ore., Dec. 20, 1906.
12-20-10t

NOTICE.

There is money in the following street funds to pay the following warrants: Eleventh street from Harrison avenue to Kensington Avenue, Nos. 22061 to 22071, both inclusive; Duane street from 10th street to 6th street, Nos. 22195 to 22598 and 22263 to 22210 inclusive; 7th street from Niagara to Bay Avenue, Nos. 22225 to 22229 both inclusive; Bond street from 6th street to the west line of McClure's Astoria, Nos. 22283 to 22304, both inclusive. Interest will cease after this date.

THOMAS DEALEY,
City Treasurer.
Dated Astoria, Oregon, December 17, 1906.

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PROPOSALS.

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J. C. CLINTON,
County Clerk.
Astoria, Ore., Dec. 6, 1906.

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