

## GIRL FOR \$300; WASN'T PAID

Father's Inhuman Action is Brought Out in Court When He is Convicted of Assault.

New York, Feb. 6.—That Joseph Tocco, of East Fordham Road, the Bronx, sold his daughter for \$300 was brought out at his trial for assault before a jury in the Bronx County Court.

Mrs. Stella Vitulli, 20 years old of Whitlock, avenue, testified that four years ago, when she was sixteen years old, her father introduced her to Joseph Vitulli and told her that she must marry him, as Joseph had agreed to pay \$300. The father, according to the story which came out in court, collected \$100 and has been trying to collect the remainder since that time. Because she did not succeed in getting her husband to pay the additional \$200, her father, Mrs. Vitulli testified, beat her repeatedly, finally, on April 6 last, striking her with an iron bar.

"The jury found the father guilty of

second degree assault. He will be sentenced later.

**HIGH COST OF LIVING FELT BY EX-GERMAN PRINCESSES**  
London, Jan. 10.—(By mail).—High prices continue to hit former German princesses and other ex-royalty, and demands for increased "allowances" are pouring in on central and federal governments, notes the Berlin correspondent of The London Daily News.

The Thuringia Parliament has decided to increase the yearly allowance of the Princess of Schwarburg from 48,000 marks (about £1 10s.) to 180,000 marks (about £24), and the monthly allowance of the Princess Thieles from 1,000 marks (about £8.) to 8,000 (about £80).

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## DEATH VISIONS DRIVE HIM INSANE

Melchione, Awaiting Trial for Verotta Boy's Murder, Taken to Matteawan.

New York, Feb. 6.—John Melchione, one of five men indicted twenty months ago for the kidnapping and killing of 2-year-old Giuseppe Verotta in a "blackhand" ransom plot, was committed to the Matteawan State Asylum for the Criminal Insane when all five reported to Judge McIntyre in General Sessions that he had become a raving maniac because of his fear of being put to death for the crime.

Melchione, who is 25, saw three of the men indicted with him for the murder of the boy, convicted and sent to the death house. He was expelled to be called for trial on an indictment charging him with murder in the first degree. Dr. M. S. Gregory, head of the psychopathic ward at Bellevue Hospital, and Dr. Perry M. Lichtenstein, Toms physician, reported, to Judge McIntyre that fear of conviction had brought about dementia praecox and it was necessary to remove him immediately to the asylum. Judge McIntyre thereupon signed an order and Melchione was taken to Matteawan yesterday afternoon.

Detectives seized Melchione on June 1, 1921, corroborated statements of the parents of the kidnapped boy that Melchione asked for \$500 of \$2,500 which the kidnapers had demanded in a letter received by the Verottas the day before, and which threatened that if the police were informed of his intended visit and arrest him the boy would be killed.

Giuseppe, kidnapped while playing with other children in front of his tenement home was strangled and the body thrown into the Hudson. It was found in the Hudson River, off Piermont, N. Y.

The boy had been strangled. Roberto Raffaele was convicted of murder in the first degree more than a year ago, and the Court of Appeals sustained the conviction, although he was in the Toms when the boy was slain. He then confessed to Antonio Marino, the head of the blackmailers, and on his testimony in Judge Tully's part of General Sessions Antonio Marino, the head of the blackmailers, and Santo Cusumano, were convicted of first degree murder and sent to join Raffaele in the death house.

Raffaele testified that he told Melchione to go to the Verotta home and receive \$500 for him in settlement of an estate. Melchione had repeatedly said that he had no hope of escaping the electric chair.

Assistant District Attorney Brothers announced, after Melchione had been committed to Matteawan, that he would ask Judge McIntyre today to discharge James Ruggieri, the one member of the hand in the Toms. He explained that it would be impossible to convict Ruggieri as the testimony of Raffaele, an accomplice, was uncorroborated.

## COLLEGE HEAD ATTACKS JAZZ

"Can't Develop American Life on Ragtime," Declares Mary E. Woolley.

Amherst, Feb. 6.—Mary E. Woolley, president of Mt. Holyoke College, in an address before the student body of the college, declared that "Education and Adventure" declared that "we cannot develop the sort of American life we need on ragtime."

"Amusement determines character," she asserted. "What we see on the stage and what we hear in the form of music does not tend to raise our character. Ragtime is the worst of the worst. It is the Christ-like in the soul." She said that the girls in China who are seeking an education are trying to educate themselves more eagerly and conscientiously than are the girls at Mt. Holyoke and were guests of the college.

"There is a law on our statute books," she said, "that many people who call themselves respectable citizens prefer to ignore. Every time a citizen of the United States ignores or violates a law, he is writing the word 'anarchy' across our national life."

## ENTERTAINMENT AT SAINT PAUL'S

The St. Paul's Y. P. A. held an entertainment last evening in the club rooms in Winter street, to raise funds for the placing of a hardwood floor in the rooms. A substantial amount was realized. The success of the entertainment was largely due to the efforts of the committee composed of Harold Hamann, P. M. Woodley and Chester Bourne.

The programme was divided into two parts, the first half being a musical comedy. The second half consisted of a comedy drama. Several members of the crew of the steamer Montauk, who were guests of the club, during the evening \$20 was raised at a candy table which was conducted by the Misses Dorothy Ward, Hazel Peters and Edith Williams.

Those who took part in the programme were: Miss Audrey Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Woodley and Miss Winifred Woodley. Mrs. Harold Hamann, Miss Florence Dunham, Miss Beale Wiltz, Miss Pearce, Chester Bourne, Norman Betts, Lester Rowley.

The second half of the programme consisted of a comedy drama entitled "The First Day at School," under the direction of P. M. Woodley. Those who took part in the play were: Mrs. H. M. Hamann, Miss Dorothy Hickson, Miss Edna Crawford, Mrs. Florence Dunham, Miss Daisy London, Miss Winifred Woodley and Miss Beale Wiltz.

Miss Edna Crawford, Mrs. Florence Dunham, Miss Daisy London, Miss Winifred Woodley and Miss Beale Wiltz, were assisted by Mrs. M. Vail, Mrs. P. M. Woodley, Harold Hamann, Mrs. H. Roberts, Hugh Granger, Miss Daisy London, Chester Bourne, Roy Bond, Henry Evans and Miss L. Stevenson. Percy Bourne was the pianist.

## BRITISH TAX DODGERS HUNTED AMONG ISLANDS

London, Feb. 6.—The residents of the Channel Islands of Jersey and Guernsey, who hitherto paid only an infinitesimal income tax, have received a rude shock in the form of a letter from the Home Office suggesting that in the future they contribute to the imperial revenue to the extent of £225,000 annually for Jersey and £275,000 for Guernsey.

Since the war many English citizens have transferred their residence to these islands to escape the income tax, which last year was six shillings in the pound, and now is five shillings, or twenty-five per cent. of earnings.

## RICH INDIAN TIES UP HIS FORTUNE

Has So Arranged His Will That His Money Will Be Kept Out of Designing Hands.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Disposal of the fortune of Jackson Barnett, reputed to be Oklahoma's wealthiest Indian, has been arranged at his request to keep it out of the hands of "designing persons" when he dies, Charles H. Barker, commissioner of Indian Affairs, announced.

The plan, it is said, assured Barnett an income of about \$50,000 a year during his life and disposed of the bulk of his estate, comprised of his allotment in the Cushing oil pool of Oklahoma and Liberty bonds and cash approximately \$1,500,000, through gifts and trust funds in such a way as to exclude the schemes of a host of "designing persons" whose activities and ingenuity have added considerably to the work of the Indian Bureau.

Barnett, who has no relatives with legal or moral claims upon him, according to Mr. Barker's announcement, has been in the public eye more prominently perhaps than any other Indian, not only because of his great wealth, but because of his sensational marriage about three years ago, when his bride is alleged to have kidnapped him from his guardian in Oklahoma and taken him to Kansas, where they were married.

The disposal of the estate includes gifts of \$500,000 each to Barnett's wife and the Baptist Home Mission Society of New York. Out of the gift to Mrs. Barnett she establishes a trust fund of \$200,000, through a Washington bank, with the provision that Barnett is to receive \$7,500 of the annual income. The entire gift to the Mission Society is deposited with a New York trust company, which agrees to pay him \$20,000 a year from its proceeds as long as he lives. It is explained that the gift to the society, which will go to its permanent endowment fund, is not a denominational or church donation, but is made solely because the organization has administrative control over the Indian orphanage in the heart of the Indian country of Oklahoma.

Barnett in addition to the \$27,500 a year thus assured to him from these gifts, retains to his allotment in the Cushing oil field, which is bringing him more than \$18,000 a year, and is receiving about \$5,000 a year in interest on loans which have been made for him.

## YOUNG CANADIAN GETS IN TROUBLE

Arrested in New York and Charged With Swindling a Boston Firm Out of \$9,700.

New York, Feb. 6.—A dapper young Canadian, who gave his name as Robert M. Anderson, was arrested on a charge of having swindled the brokerage firm of Hornblower & Weeks of Boston out of \$9,700 in negotiable bonds by means of a worthless certified check. The check was signed "Robert M. Anderson" and was passed by a young man who under that name occupied a fashionable Brooklyn apartment with a young woman said to have been his bride.

Anderson at first denied that he had ever been in Boston. When a picture of "Amerson" and one of "Mrs. Amerson" were shown to him he went readily to the East Fifty-first Street Police Station, where he was held on a Massachusetts warrant charging grand larceny.

"Amerson" was said by the detectives to have depended largely upon his prosperous appearance to pass the worthless check upon Hornblower & Weeks. He first purchased \$500 worth of Liberty bonds for cash and with

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Nearly sixty worthless checks of varying amounts, purporting to bear the certification of a bank cashier, are said to have been circulated in New York City within the last three or four months.

## WISHED BON VOYAGE

The St. Andrew's Ladies' Curling Club yesterday afternoon took occasion to extend hearty good wishes for a pleasant journey to Mrs. Richard Hooper, the president of the club, who sails on Saturday for England. A beautiful bouquet of tulips was presented Mrs. Hooper. There was an exhibition at the meeting the silver tray which was won by Mrs. J. Pope Barnes in

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