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MURDOCK GRANTS STREET CAR MEN'S PLEA

Victor St. Residents Hunting Cowardly "Peeping Tom"

HOUSEHOLDERS ALMOST CATCH NIGHT PROWLER

Stranger Lifts Blind With Stick and Exclaims "Hello, Kid!" To Girl.

OFTEN USES FLASHLIGHT

Grabbed By Ankles, But Breaks Away, Sealing Fence To Safety.

WOMEN members of households on Victor street and Euclid avenue have been almost afraid to go to bed at night for the past two weeks on account of the midnight prowling of a "Peeping Tom." This individual, who is believed to be about 40 years old, has been seen gazing in windows between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock, and has had several narrow escapes from capture on at least three occasions. A few nights ago, Miss Gladys Lott, who is employed by E. R. Newmans, grocer, corner of the Wharncliffe and Pipe Line road, and who lives next door to the store, was retiring for the night when a stick was thrust through the open window, the blind pushed aside, and a voice exclaimed, "Hello, kid."

Miss Lott immediately screamed for help but by the time a search was instituted the cowardly peeper had disappeared.

Miss Lott is still in a highly nervous condition as the result of her experiences. The man had his closest escape from capture last week, when he endeavored to gaze into the parlor of H. Land, 21 Victor street. One of the members of the house seemed to feel that somebody was looking into the house, and she called her fears to one of the men present, who quietly left the house by the back door, walking around to the side yard where the man was standing, and she had been peering from the residence of W. B. Reid next door, peering into the house. He called to the intruder and grabbed him by the ankles. The man rushed to the fence and climbed over it with surprising agility for one of his years.

Mr. Peeper generally wears a grey cap with a dark overcoat when on his prowling, this being his attire when he was seen emerging from a lane near the corner of Victor street and the Wharncliffe road. He was seen again by two men living on the street, but escaped in the darkness. The "Peepers" actions have got on the nerves of the women of the neighborhood to such an extent that on Friday night, when a slight noise was heard in the cellar of one residence, the whole family armed themselves with stove lifters, poker, etc., and proceeded to the cellar, only to find that the family had been locked in the cellar, and was naturally peeved about it.

According to resident of Euclid avenue, a man answering to the description of the individual who has been terrorizing Victor street has been peering into houses on that street at a late hour at night, using a flashlight to shine in the windows. "I think that the man must be crazy," said one resident in discussing the man's movements. "He seems to be fast on his feet, and given a few yards start, he seems to have little trouble in getting away from his pursuers. A close watch is being kept by the men of Victor street and Euclid avenue for 'Tom,' and if caught he will be a fit subject for the hospital in short order."

SUGGEST MEANS TO SETTLE STRIKE

New York, April 22.—Two methods of ending the national coal strike were proffered last night in which leaders of both sides of the present industrial crisis participated. Philip Murray, secretary of the U. M. W., announced that the coal workers were ready to return to the mines at once if congress would apply the bituminous coal commission's wage award of 1920 to present operations, to remain in effect until a conference of miners and operators could be arranged.

Thomas Watkins, president of the Pennsylvania Coal Coke Company, countered with a challenge to Mr. Murray to "put the men to work on the 1920 scale and save yourselves and the whole country a lot of trouble."

800 BIRDS DIE IN FIRE. Montreal, April 22.—Four hundred hens, 200 ducks and 200 pigeons were burned to death or asphyxiated during a fire that badly damaged a henhouse belonging to the Sulpician Fathers in the rear of the Grand Seminary, Sherbrooke street west, last night.

The Weather

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 44; lowest, 23. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 26; lowest, 22. Barometric Readings. Friday—8 p.m., 29.52. Today—8 a.m., 29.50.

Renew Hunt For Missing Toronto Theatre Magnate



AMBROSE JOSEPH SMALL, MISSING TORONTO THEATRE MAGNATE (SEATED AT DESK); HIS WIFE, THERESA (LEFT, ABOVE), AND HIS TWO SISTERS, GERTRUDE (LEFT, BELOW) AND FLORENCE (RIGHT).

TORONTO, April 21.—A new worldwide search for Ambrose Joseph Small, millionaire theatre owner, is apparently contemplated by Chief of Police Dickson today. Recent developments indicate that the second search instigated by friends and relatives of the missing magnate may be even more comprehensive and spectacular than the one that followed Small's mysterious disappearance.

Small dropped out of the world Dec. 2, 1919. Toronto police immediately started a search. They sent circulars offering vast rewards to police in every civilized nation, they sent officers on trips through the whole North American continent, they even consulted professional psychics—all in vain. Then came a lull. It seemed that the case of Ambrose Small was to be added to the list of unsolved police mysteries.

New Element in Case.

But now a new element has been injected into the case. Gertrude and Florence, the two sisters of the missing millionaire, declare the police have not prosecuted the search with enough vigor and thoroughness.

And Gideon Grant, attorney for the two sisters, says he will ask Attorney-General W. E. Haney to conduct a new probe—a probe he is satisfied will reveal the fate of the missing magnate.

Meanwhile Mrs. Theresa Small, the wife—or perhaps the widow—of the missing man, has spent vast sums to aid the police.

Thus the whole case has been pushed to the fore. Police are reviewing the disappearance itself and the search that followed.

How He Disappeared.

Here is a summary of all that has transpired in the case to date: Small's fortune at the time of his disappearance seems to have been \$2,500,000. He controlled 35 theatres in Canada. On the afternoon of Dec. 2, 1919, he put through a big theatrical deal involving \$1,000,000. Then he left for

Oregon. He is now serving time for the theft of \$105,000 in bonds, Small's property, but he could not be directly connected with Small's disappearance.

He stopped to buy a newspaper from his favorite newsboy. He entered a barber shop to be shaved by a barber whose services he always had preferred. Both barber and newsboy have signed affidavits telling of their last talk with Small.

After he left his barber Small vanished. He's not since been heard of. Was he kidnapped? Murdered? Or did he flee?

What Evidence Shows.

Police do not know. But here are the scattered threads of evidence they have collected:

Shortly after Small's disappearance John Doughty, his secretary, also disappeared. He was arrested in

the testimony of Catherine M. Dunn, formerly a maid in the Small household. She maintains that Small returned to his home in the interval between his visit to the barber and his disappearance.

The alleged vision of Louis Benjamin, Toronto medium, who said Small appeared to him and told him he was at Honey Harbor, Nantucket, Long Island Sound. It was later learned that Honey Harbor is on Georgian Bay, Ontario.

And the village of Veronica, Ontario, pops its head into the case to insist that a man taken into custody as Small a year ago and later released, was Small, despite statements of relatives that the man was a stranger.

That's the confusing tangle of evidence.

OTTAWA FLOOD HAS SUBSIDED

Ottawa, April 22.—When the wind went down last night the level of the Ottawa River receded two inches, according to reports this morning. A further decline today is expected by residents of that place, many of whom are of the opinion that the peak of the flood has been passed.

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COMMENCE TO PLAN RUSSIAN RESTORATION

Russians Hold Out Against Restoring Freehold Title.

REPLY TO EXPERTS

Claim London Solution Would Mean Exploitation of Country.

Genoa, April 22.—George Chitocherini, the Russian soviet foreign minister, gave the Italian socialists and communists a shock today by meeting King Victor Emmanuel on the king's visit here and accepting his majesty's invitation to a luncheon on board the Italian dreadnought Conte di Cavour.

Actual work on a plan for the reconstruction of Russia was started today by experts representing the soviet government, Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Belgium, Czechoslovakia and Holland. The heated politics surrounding the Russian problems has been cooled by M. Chitocherini's note accepting in the main the allied formula stating the terms on which the great powers are willing to resume business relations with Russia. The question is thus suddenly changed from political to economic, as far as the Genoa conference is concerned, and there seem to be bright prospects for a successful outcome. The single important point of difference between the Russians and the Allies representatives is the unwillingness of the former to restore the freehold title of foreigners property, which has been nationalized or requisitioned in Russia, although they are willing to restore it to the former owners for their use.

Although the Russian delegates to the economic conference yesterday forwarded to the entente an acceptance in principle of the allied conditions concerning pre-war debts, the scaling down of war debts and compensation for the property of foreigners seized by the soviet government, they also submitted to the conference another document in answer to the report made by the allied experts sitting in London. It declares

SHOWS PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN OF THOSE IN SPIRIT WORLD

Conan Doyle in Carnegie Hall Gives Weird Manifestation of Hectic "Ecstasies."

New York, April 22.—Spirit pictures of women long dead conjured up through the assistance of a medium to sit for their photographs, were shown by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle to an audience which filled every seat in Carnegie Hall last night, and between slight bursts of applause, sat waiting he next weird manifestations of the hectic ecstasies by which Sir Arthur explained the pictures and denounced those who doubted them as persons who did not know of what they were talking.

Sir Arthur gave a short talk on the nature of ectoplasm which he explained was "the raw material of psychic phenomena." He said he had felt it after he had seen it emanating from the body of a medium, and knew by the touch that it was a living matter. The substance is of a viscous nature apparently, is projected in rods from the medium's body, and is not only the material by which spirits are materialized, but that by which the phenomena of tableting is accomplished.

Represents Dominion at Baltimore



MRS. SIDNEY SMALL.

BALTIMORE, Md., April 22.—Resolutions embodying in concrete form the work of the pan-American conference of women, which will end officially this afternoon, will be brought in at the closing session by a committee which includes Mrs. Sidney Small of Toronto, Dona Bertha Lutz of Brazil, Senora DeCalvo of Panama and Senorita Elena Torres of Mexico.

The sessions today dealt entirely with the civil and political status of women in the various countries of the American continent. Canadian and South American delegates led in the discussion.

EXPECT LOWER RATES IN WEST

Winnipeg, April 22.—Grain trade and merchant associations have received assurance from Ottawa that on July 1 there will be amazing reductions in freight rates in Western Canada. The railways, it is said, will go back to what is known as the Crow's Nest Pass agreement.

Rates will go down 23 per cent on July 1, it is expected. Goods affected are agricultural implements, fresh fruits, all grains, hardware, live stock, household furniture.

DENIES ALLEGED EMBARGO VIEWS

London, April 22.—Hon. P. C. Lar-kin, the Canadian high commissioner, authorizes the Canadian Press to declare that he has made no public statement whatever concerning the alleged embargo. He states that certainly he has said nothing about "placing a potential weapon in the hands of the annexationists of the prairie provinces," which a cablegram from England to Canada appears to have attributed to him.

For Be She Fair or Dark of Hair He's Sure to Like Her Best In Blue

BY OLIVIA HOGG.

It is a safe guess that every girl who reads this article has a blue frock or skirt—or both.

I bought a blue frock yesterday. The girl who lives next door to me has one. The girl across the road has several. The girl at the shop round the corner seems always to wear blue. The girl I find in the train, the girl I see at the beach, the girl I sit next to at the theatre—in fact, half the girls I meet wear blue.

Why this extraordinary preference for blue?

The answer is simple. Blue suits us all.

From Windsor to Kingston search how you will, where is the girl who looks ill in this color? It may become some girls better than others; different shades of it may appeal to different tastes, but it remains an easy all-around favorite.

When in doubt, wear blue. Red is not everybody's color. Green suits many faces, but not all. Violet and yellow are risky. But with blue you are safe.

For be she fair, or dark of hair, blue frocks are sure to please. Remember, too, that every blue of every shade agrees.

Blue has been called an old-fashioned color. So it is. It never goes out of fashion, and that is why it never comes in as "the rage."

Blue suggests purity and simplicity. It appeals to man's heart as no other color does, for most men are incredibly old-fashioned where their own womanfolk are concerned, however much they may admire sparkle behind the footlights.

If "he" tells you that his favorite color is cerise, orange, or peacock green, don't believe him. Wear blue, and watch his eyes.

Most people dislike some particular color. Personally, I dislike purple. Perhaps you object to red, yellow or violet. But do you know anyone who detests blue?

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INVITES UNION TO SELECT ITS BOARD MEMBER

Representatives of Contracting Parties Must Be Chosen by Midnight Wednesday.

WILL PROBE CUT IN PAY

Federal Conciliation Body Also To Hear Counter Claims For Holidays.

The London Street Railway Company and the Street Railwaymen's Union have until Wednesday next at midnight to choose their representative to sit on a federal board of conciliation to smooth out if possible wage disagreements between them. Saturday morning, Lewis Parker, secretary of the union, received from the office of the Hon. James Murdock, federal minister of labor, official notification that their request for a board of conciliation, has been granted, and that the same will sit directly by representatives have been appointed by the two contracting parties.

Five days is allowed for this procedure, it is explained.

Discussing the question briefly, John Colbert, president of the union, stated that his executive will decide without undue delay who their delegate shall be.

"We have a good man in mind," he said, "but we have yet to make a final decision."

In both instances the representatives must be disinterested parties. On March 1 last the company instituted a general three-cent an hour reduction, against which the men have filed counter claims, including increased provision for overtime and a regulation that will allow at least one week's holidays each year for each employee.

SLAYER OF WOMAN FOUND IN VAN ADMITS CRIME

Thomas Roche, Chicago Street Car Conductor, Confessed Murderer, and Another Under Arrest.

Chicago, April 22.—Thomas Roche, street car conductor, confessed last night, according to the police, that he had killed, unaided, the woman whose unclothed and mutilated body was found in an abandoned moving van near Roche's home early yesterday. The woman was identified as Mrs. Anna Corliss, 39, a divorcee, formerly of New Haven, Conn.

According to a police announcement, Roche said that the woman had met him on the street on Wednesday night, and had gone to his apartment. He struck her with a revolver, the police said he admitted, after they had quarrelled. A jewelry store had been wearing was found by the police beneath a carpet in Roche's room. Roche said he kept the body there until Thursday night, when they had quarrelled. Roche said he kept the body there until Thursday night, when they had quarrelled. Roche said he kept the body there until Thursday night, when they had quarrelled.

WIFE SLAYER DIES AT KITCHENER

Kitchener, Ont., April 22.—Henry H. Meyers, who shot and killed his wife last Monday afternoon with a double-barreled shotgun, and then turned the gun on himself tearing a wound in his left side which exposed the heart, died at the Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital at 10:10 o'clock last night. He took a turn for the worse at 4:30 p.m. yesterday and sank rapidly. Although conscious at the last, he died without making any statement.

May Fly It Alone



SIR KEITH SMITH.

SIR KEITH SMITH, who was to fly around the world with his brother, Sir Ross, will probably carry on alone, following the latter's death, it was said today.

7 YEARS TODAY AT YPRES, HUNS ADDED POISON GAS TO WAR'S HORRORS

BY WILLIAM SHARMAN.

It was out past the historic town of Ypres, out beyond the village of St. Julien, shortly after 4 o'clock, seven years ago this afternoon.

It was approaching the tea-hour back on the boulevards of "Gay Paris" and over in the swell hotels in "Blighly," but there was to be no regular refreshment period for the members of the 1st Canadian contingent that afternoon, April 22, 1915.

In the space of the few hours that followed—while war's first gas attack preceded Von Kluck's desperate dash for the channel ports—vivid history was hurriedly penned; history that will survive in Canadian memory down through the ages yet to come.

And the following morning the late Gen. Sir Sam Hughes was able to hurl back a silent reproachful answer to the swivel-chair critics and tacticians safely ensconced in home billets, who for weeks previous had condemned him for his "ragged" band of volunteers: the "obvious pick of the Dominion's riff-raff."

The latter were occupying the death-trap of the line

that memorable afternoon; the far-famed Ypres salient, heralded as such since the first battle, when the German army.

Four or five days prior to the second battle of Ypres the Canadians relieved the French in the salient. The 2nd Canadian (Highland) Brigade held the left of a 5,000-yard stretch. On their immediate right were their comrades of the 2nd Brigade. The boys from Winnipeg, the prairies and the far west. On their left were the Turcos and Zouaves, under French leadership, making what proved to be their last stand in the line. Further back a few hundred yards was the reserves, the 1st Brigade, the Ontario battalions, including the "Fighting First," with the late Col. Becher in command, and his Londoners from the old 7th Regiment.

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Early the morning of the 23rd, Canadians—the 10th Battalion from the prairies and the 16th (Canadian

Scottish)—in the face of what seemed to all practically certain death, charged into the wood at the left of St. Julien and recaptured the guns. How few returned when subsequently it became imperative to retire again, after the guns were destroyed, has long since been recorded in the casualty lists.

Suffice to say the members of the party little knew, as was later explained, that they were but the sacrifice, to enable the remainder to fall back and take up a more secure position. British troops at the moment at Hill 60, five miles away, stated that they were all packed up and ready to drop back several miles had the attack failed. Up until that time, the possibilities of the Canadian division had not seemingly been anticipated. So numerous were the tales of the second battle of Ypres, which really continued until the first week in May, that are worth the telling that it would take a volume at least to relate the fortunes of each individual unit, should such an undertaking be possible. And many were the examples of bravery and devotion that passed unnoticed in the heat of battle or the chaos of retirement.

Suffice to say that the German army was stopped and military critics have since claimed that probably the war was then won, as no better opportunity was later afforded the enemy to make Calais and the English Channel.