"CAVE MAN" STEALS SLEEPING MAIDENS

St. Louis Bandit Attempts To Carry Off Three Girls.

St. Louis, Feb. 20.—The St. Louis police force has dealt with every possible kind of burglar. It has had its regular quota of ordinary "stick-up" men, coupled with oddities in the form of whiskey burglars, sugar thieves, candy robbers, and second-story men, who dealt only in women's negligee. Thieves had stolen every possible thing there is to steal, the police thought, until a "new one" sprang up several weeks ago.

He is the "girl burglar," specializing in stealing girls from their beds—or rather attempting to steal them, for so far he has met with failure in three attempts, due to pursuit by irate parents.

He is the most baffling burglar the police have yet had to deal with, and a city-wide dragnet has been spread for the man.

His latest attempt was at the home of Walter Rick, 3218 Dodier street, where, in the wee, small hours the burglar crept in, grabbed 12-year-old Viola Rick from her bed and dashed from the house. The girl's scream brought her father in pursuit. Clad only in his night clothes and barefooted, the father dashed after the kidnapper, who, when on the verge of capture, dropped Viola, wearing only her sleeping negligee, in a snowbank and disappeared up a handy alley.

The burglar pursued the same tactics in an attempt to carry off 16-year-old Mildred Bunda of 2828 Madison street. Mildred was dumped in a snowbank in the rear yard of her home when her family pursued the intruder.

FIRE IN PLANING MILL.

ST. MARYS, Feb. 20.—An incipient blaze gave the firemen a hasty run yesterday afternoon to Wright's planing mill, but the quick response of a bucket brigade had quenched the fire before it had time to spread.

The snow blockade, which has held up the countryside recently, is now broken. The thermometer recorded 25 below zero Wednesday night and this morning.

The flu is now decreasing, and many who were confined to their homes are out again.

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FIVE MILLION FACING DEATH BY STARVATION

Poles Are Absolutely Helpless in Desolate Land.

Warsaw, Feb. 20. — Two opposing streams of forlorn homeward-bound refugees, deserted villages, carcass and bone strewn roadsides, barren fields and great flocks of inevitable carrion crows croaking their mournful calls amidst the terrible desolation—such are some of the highlights of a trip through the Pinsk section of Poland as described by Frank W. America, an American Red Cross worker in that country.

"We traveled in that immense stretch of territory east of the Bug River, which is probably the most desolate country in the world today," writes Mr. America. "Most people heard of it for the first time during the war when its towns, rivers and marshes were fought over and were mentioned in the official communiques. It is a country of lakes, forest and marsh, about 20,000 square miles in area where 5,000,000 people are absolutely helpless.

"The highways were full of wanderers and the towns and villages were pictures of desolation, hunger and disease. The wanderers were refugees going in opposite directions, eastward and westward, from all parts of Russia and eastward from Germany. Some had been on the way for months. All they possessed they carried on their backs. All were homeward bound.

"We noticed that the roadsides were strewn with the bones of animals, cows, horses and dogs, which had been there long enough to be parched white. The barren fields were full of carrion crows. None of us had ever before seen so many of these vultures.

"We came to a small village. No smoke came from any of the thatch-roofed huts, and it looked very desolate. We walked down the village street in search of signs of life. We found one poor crying woman who was holding in her arms her baby. The child was dying from lack of nourishment. Another woman who had a child with her complained that she had visited the authorities of a nearby town begging assistance, but each day had passed her on to the next with the result that she did not receive anything."

Of the 5,000,000 people in this unfortunate region, several hundred thousands are Jews, according to advices received from its agents abroad by the American Jewish relief committee. Desperate efforts are being made by these agents to rush kosher meat and other necessary food supplies to these hard-pressed people. Regular shipments of supplies are going forward from New York to Danzig and these are to be transported inland with all possible speed.

Macon, Ga., Feb. 20.—Eddie Ainsmith, catcher of the Detroit American League team was the first arrival at the Tigers' training camp again this year. Manager Hughie Jennings and Pitching Instructor Jack Coombs are expected early next week.

ANOTHER EPIDEMIC OF THE SPANISH INFLUENZA

A great many authorities have predicted a return of that terrible plague which swept Canada from one end to the other not long ago and left so many deaths in its wake, and those who did survive were left in a great many cases with some serious after-effect such as weak heart, shattered nerves, impoverished blood and a general weakened and exhausted condition of the system.

If you are rundown, heart not just right, nerves a little shaky, take a few boxes of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills and fortify your system against this terrible plague.

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RIGA BIRTHPLACE OF FIRST "TRUST"

In Twelfth Century Balkan Port Was Leader in League To Control Trade.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—"He who thinks that the vast monopolies are modern enterprises, or that chambers of commerce are latter-day civic institutions, or that Prussians first strove to implant kultur with a sword in 1914, will be disillusioned if he reads the history of Riga."

This statement is made in a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographical Society relating to the Baltic port.

"Riga had to wrest itself free from Prussian control once before and thereby hangs the story of an early exploit like the attempted subjugation of Belgium and the deportation of its workers," the bulletin says.

Convert Or Kill.

"About the middle of the twelfth century a few German merchants established a settlement about the mouth of the Dvina, which empties into the Gulf of Riga nine miles below the present city of Riga. Whereupon Bishop Albert, in the role of a missionary, sought to colonize the territory in 1201 by building a town where Riga now stands and the following year he founded the Brethren of the Sword.

"The new order was well named. It killed where it could not convert, though slaughter was not the main object after a foothold on the promising Baltic port was obtained. The missionaries were satisfied to reduce the population to serfdom, appropriate the land, and build fortified towns and castles to uphold this miniature feudal system in a land they aimed to exploit.

"But the Livonians are a liberty loving people. They resisted despotism then, and many times later, just as they rebel against Bolshevism today. When their early oppressors became too severe they arose, drove out the missionaries, and went in great numbers to the Dvina.

"There they immersed themselves again and sent the waters back to Germany to show that they renounced the baptism imposed by the invaders. Later Livonia, and Riga, which became its capital, espoused the Christian religion; and the Order of the Sword merged with the Teutonic Knights and continued its operations in other quarters.

Joins Trade League.

"Though Prussia's political hold was shaken off Riga, it maintained its economic ties there, and individual Germans usually have been important factors in its commerce. This phase of German influence was consummated when Riga, in the thirteenth century, became a member of the Hanseatic league, the first great trust which for two centuries controlled practically all the trade channels of continental Europe north of the Alps.

"Riga was conspicuous among the 85 cities belonging to this giant combine at the height of its power in the latter fourteenth century. Thus Riga attained a commercial importance which it never relinquished, and even in 1914 it was accounted second only to St. Petersburg (now Petrograd) among the Baltic cities in the volume of its trade.

"It is hard to realize what tremendous impetus the operations of this league of cities obtained in the middle ages. It had been formed for the sole purpose of resisting piracy; and it left in its wake such mementoes of its prosperity as Hamburg, Bremen and Lubeck, which retained their rights to free cities within the German Empire until its downfall.

Form Commerce Chamber.

"The third modern aspect of medieval Riga is to be found in the famous 'Blackheads.' It was this body which soon came to have the civic importance and apparently many of the functions of a chamber of commerce or board of trade today.

"Originally it was organized by the young traders who came to Riga as a social club to afford fellowship in addition to the needful board and lodgings during their sojourn. Since the members were mostly young men, progressive, and somewhat assertive, they took their name to distinguish themselves from their elders, or greybeards.

"Naturally their table talk turned to ways of promoting business, and soon the club became, in effect, an organization for a 'Bigger, Better and Busier Riga,' as the modern trade body would phrase it. The hall of the Blackheads, built in 1330, is one of the oldest landmarks of the city.

Objective of Germany.

"A survival of the thirteenth century is the Cathedral of the Virgin, rebuilt most recently in 1883, when there was installed one of the largest pipe organs in the world—almost as large as the mammoth instruments at Asbury Park, N. J. and in the town hall of Sydney, Australia.

"From the beginning of the world war Riga was an objective of the Central powers, because of its importance as a focal point for the lumber from White Russia and Volhynia, the flax from Northwestern Russia, and other products from a wide area with which it has rail and water communication. Its recent prosperity is indicated by the growth of its population from 102,000 in 1867 to more than 500,000 before the war."

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BOTULINUS IS NOT CONFINED TO OLIVES

U. S. Experts Urge Caution in Use of All Preserved Foodstuffs.

Washington, Feb. 20. — Botulinus poisoning, which recently killed six in one family in New York is caused by eating spoiled food infested with the bacillus botulinus, say the officials of the bureau of chemistry, United States department of agriculture, who have investigated this and other poisoning cases in connection with the enforcement of the food and drugs act.

In the New York case death was caused by botulinus poison in ripe olives. The olives remaining in the bottle in this case had an offensive odor. The same condition was found in the food in other cases investigated by the department.

All spoiled food does not contain this poison, but any spoiled food, even though the spoilage be slight, may contain it, and for this reason, say the officials, all food showing even the slightest unnatural odor, unnatural color, swelling of the container, signs of gas or any evidence of decomposition whatever, should be discarded.

The department of agriculture has used every possible effort and gone to the limit of its legal authority to remove all dangerous foods from the market by seizure under the food and drugs act, say the officials.

Traced to Makers.

Each time when botulinus poisoning has occurred food inspectors have traced through the channels of commerce the batch from which the poisonous food came, and have used all measures to remove it from the market and the surplus from all other brands put out by the packer have been examined.

Since the law authorizes seizure in such cases only when the foods are actually found to be decomposed or to contain poisonous ingredients, since only an occasional package in millions is infected with bacillus botulinus, and since it is physically possible to open and examine but a comparatively few of the millions of cans entering interstate commerce, it is beyond the power of the authorities to protect the public completely. For this reason they emphasize the necessity for scrupulous care on the part of persons opening and serving foods to discard anything which is spoiled.

In products not obviously spoiled, if there is doubt in the recognition of the odor, sterilizing and thorough cooking will remove the possibility of danger from botulism. If spoilage is apparent, destruction is recommended by the specialists.

Source of Poison.

Nobody knows just how the bacillus botulinus gets into any particular food. It has been found in articles put up in the home by the careful housewife, and in goods packed in commercial establishments. It may be present in a few packages only of any lot. There is no method, the officials say, by which the packers or home canners can assure themselves by casual examination before canning that the product does not contain the bacillus botulinus.

If the food were in all cases properly sterilized and perfectly sealed the development of any poison would be impossible, but no method of preserving food has yet been found, the specialists say, that eliminates the occasional spoiled package. Failure to sterilize may not become apparent for weeks or even months after the canning of the article. If signs of spoilage have appeared when the can is opened, it is clear warning that the product is no longer edible.

There is no greater probability of bacillus poisoning in olives than in many other food products either commercial or domestic. Until this year it has been more commonly found in string beans, asparagus and the like. It was originally found in sausage. It has been found in cheese. It is present sometimes in stock food, such as moldy hay and other kinds of spoiled forage, but it has never been found, in the department investigations in any kind of food that was not spoiled.

BOY VAGS SENT HOME—E. Vanditti, Harry Greene and Thomas Service, the three Toronto youths, who were being held in this city on the charge of vagrancy, were taken back to their homes last night by an uncle of two of the boys.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

BORN.

HEY—At Victoria Hospital, on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hey, a son (Thomas Ashworth). b

DIED.

PARKE—At St. Joseph's Hospital, on Saturday, Feb. 21, 1920, William Parke, aged 86 years.

Funeral (private) Monday, Feb. 23, from his late residence, 984 Richmond street, at 2:30. Services at 2 o'clock. Interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. b

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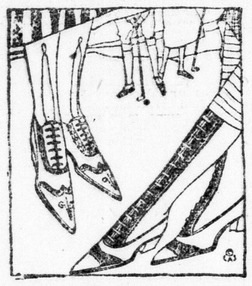
Guipure Lace Collar Trimming. Price ..... $2.50 yard

Tucket Net, two rows val. lace edging all round and numerous other styles on display at Ladies' Neckwear Department, Main Floor.

Novelty Hose For Ladies' Spring Wear



The well-dressed woman, as well as the sportswoman, will adopt these new hose, because, aside from service, they are unusually good-looking with Oxfords and the Jersey or gabardine suit or dress. Many of these stockings are shown in the new shades of heather, Oxford grey, green, navy, in plain and Derby rib.

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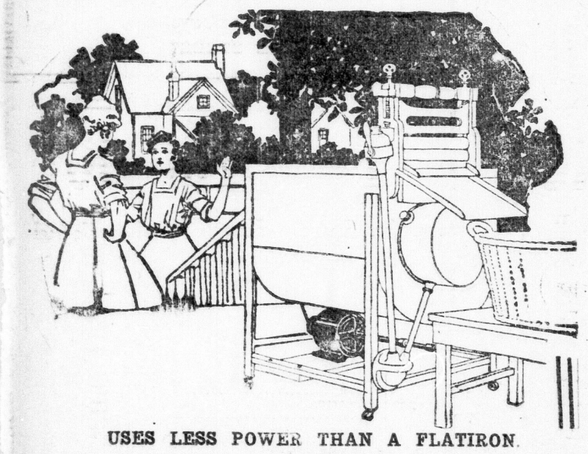

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Liverpool, Feb. 21.—Turpentine Spirits—207s.

Rosin—Common, 60s.

War Kerosene—No. 1, 2s ¾d; No. 2, 2s 1¾d.

CASH GRAIN.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Opening:
Corn—May, $1 32; July, $1 28⅝.
Oats—May, 78⅛c; July, 71¼c.

WALL STREET.

New York, Feb. 21—Wall Street, 10:30 a.m.—Increasing opposition by labor to the railroad bill and another reaction in foreign exchange from yesterday's high point, were responsible for the irregular tone of stocks at the opening of today's market. Rails held better than any other division, a few noteworthy additions to recent gains being registered. Oils, leathers, and textiles rose from fractions to 1½ points, but this advantage was forfeited when several of the motor and equipment issues fell back. The market became listless within the first half hour, trading dwindling to slender proportions.

SKATING RACES

Lake Placid, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Following is a summary of the results of this afternoon's events in the international skating championships here:

Final, ½ mile, women—1, Rose Johnson, Chicago; 2, E. Dunlap, Chicago; 3, C. Carey. Time, 1:50. Miss Rose Johnson wins women's title.

Final, 220-yard, senior—1, J. Moore, Lake Placid; 2, Ed Horton, Saranac Lake; 3, C. Jewtraw, Lake Placid. Time :20.

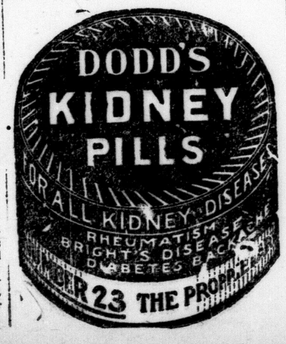
M. Goodman, Winnipeg, won the third heat in this event, but was not placed in the final.

Final, 1 mile, boys 16 years—1, George Thompson, Chicago; 2, Martin Brewster, Lake Placid; 3, Morris Baker, Chicago. Time, 3 minutes and 15 seconds.

Final, 3 miles, senior—1, E. McGowan, St. Paul; 2, Joe Moore, Lake Placid; 3, Chas. Jewtraw, Lake Placid. Time, 9 minutes and 17 2-5 seconds. McGowan international champion.

Final, ½-mile, boys 14 years—1, Eddie O'Brien, Pittsburg; 2, John Darragh, Lake Placid; 3, Harold Fortune, Lake Placid. Time 1:39 4-5.

Final, 440-yard, boys 10 years—1, Jas. Shea, Jr., Lake Placid; 2, John Shea, Lake Placid; 3, Hugh Farrell, Lake Placid. Time, :52 1-5.



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