

PARAGON BY DAY; BURGLAR BY NIGHT

Amazing Double Life Story
of Young Woman is
Disclosed.

London, Sept. 6.—One of the most amazing cases of dual personality of recent times has just been revealed. It is the case of a woman—a singer in a chapel choir, a devoted mother, conducting a little shop by day, respected by all her neighbors; by night, secret trips to the West End, dressed in costly furs and jewelry, and carrying through an amazing series of burglaries. The defence of this extraordinary woman is of unique interest and importance.

On Sunday a sweet-voiced chorister in the choir at a Wesleyan chapel in Kilburn, where she once won a prize for singing; by day a devoted mother to her two little children, and an energetic worker in the little sweets and tobacco shop which she kept; and at night—a daring burglar who broke into houses with a skill and resource which has caused the police to regard her as "the cleverest woman crackman of our time."

Such is the amazing double life of a young and beautiful woman as revealed at the Middlesex Sessions when she was sentenced to 14 months' imprisonment for breaking into two houses at Hendon. Smartly dressed, and with a strikingly intelligent face, Mrs. Bertha Crouch bore no resemblance to the daring adventuress of fiction as she stepped into the dock to face the charges against her. There was nothing suggestive of the cunning and resourceful house-breaker. Yet, the fact that during the last nine months she has perpetrated no fewer than 10 of the most mysterious and profitable burglaries without so much as leaving a trace behind her, stamps her as one of the most amazing crooks of the day.

Sought for Months.

For months the police have been looking out for the mysterious individual who has succeeded in carrying off hundreds of pounds worth of clothes and valuables undetected; for months the district has been combed for known criminals who might have been responsible. But never for one moment was the smartly-dressed woman, young and innocent looking, ever suspected.

Mrs. Crouch is only 26 years of age, and when on occasion she went out attired in a rich and costly evening dress of the very latest fashion, she looked even less than her age. How completely she hoodwinked those who knew her, and how thoroughly she kept dark her nocturnal adventures, may be gathered from the plea of the pastor of the chapel where she had been a member of the choir. On hearing of her arrest, and the terrible position in which she found herself, he wrote to the court, saying that she was a woman whom he thought should be given a "chance to make good."

Never was there a finger-print left by which they could put their theory to a test by identifying them, for this little lady with the slim fingers, clad in the thinnest of thin kid gloves, was careful not to leave any.

"She used to go out in the evening somewhere between 7.30 or 8 o'clock," her husband said, "and she came back as a rule any time before midnight. This was the cause of many quarrels and misunderstandings, as it angered me when she would never tell me where she had been. In fact, she seemed to

think it an impertinence on my part to want to know, and would tell me that it was no business of mine. "I could not understand where she got all her beautiful clothes, and it used to worry me when I saw her wardrobe packed with choice frocks of every description, including evening gowns and costumes."

Even when trapped she displayed the same unruffled calm with which she carried out all her exploits. She remained in the drawing-room awaiting the arrival of the detective who had been summoned, and when he came greeted him with a charming and genial smile.

WEDDINGS

Melanson-O'Neil.

At the Cathedral on Thursday morning at 8 o'clock Rev. Raymond McCarty with nuptial mass united in marriage Glennora Mary O'Neil daughter of Harvey O'Neil of 27 Gilbert's Lane, to Henry Clifford Melanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Melanson of 279 Chesley street. The bride was attended by Mrs. Frank McNell, while the groom was supported by Frank McNell. The bride was gowned in a white silk crepe with lace overdress and wore a bridal veil caught with lilies of the valley. She carried a beautiful bouquet of American beauty roses. After the ceremony the bridal party were given a buffet luncheon at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Fred Cashwell, of 125 Pond street. The house was prettily decorated with yellow and white streamers, arranged from the chandelier to the dining table, which was centred with yellow chrysanthemums. Many gifts of cut glass, silver and linen were received. Mr. and Mrs. Melanson will reside in the city.

DEATHS

Mrs. Verne Smith.

Many friends of Mrs. Verne Smith will regret to learn of her death at the General Public Hospital on Friday morning, after several months' illness. The body will be taken to Mahone Bay, N. S., for the funeral on Monday, and will be accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. A. LaCruix, who has been with her mother during the greater part of her illness. Mrs. Smith is survived by two daughters, Mrs. LaCruix and Mrs. Kenneth Spidle, of Lunenburg, N. S., and one son in Windsor, N. S.

Garth White.

Montreal, Sept. 5.—Garth White, assistant commissioner, Department of Colonization and Development, Canadian Pacific Railway, died at the Western Hospital here, at 11.30 a.m., today, after an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. Fred. R. Haines.

In Fredericton yesterday Mrs. Minnie Florence Haines, wife of Fred R. Haines of North Devon, died, aged 47 years. She is survived by her husband, and sons and two daughters, and her mother, Mrs. Thomas G. Thorne of Bagdad, Queens county.

NO BIGOTRY THERE.

(Westminster Gazette.) If Sir Alfred Bower, as is likely to be the case, is elected Lord Mayor of London for the coming year a situation will be created which is without precedent since the Reformation. Sir Alfred is a member of the Church of Rome, and so are the two sheriffs elect, Alderman Barthorpe and Mr. Harold Dowson. There have been several Roman Catholic Lord Mayors in recent years—the Kille, father and son, de Keyser, and Sir William Dunn, for instance—and probably the three offices should be held in one year by Catholics is extraordinary.

JAPAN ALSO SUFFERS.

Tokio, Sept. 6.—Unemployment is increasing in Japan, according to figures compiled by government employment offices. During June 86,000 men applied to these offices for work, an increase of 100 per cent. over the figures for June, 1923. Industrial depression and the effects of the earthquake are blamed.



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Mr. Van Blarcom testified that the car he was driving was following the plaintiff's car down Main street, and he blew his horn to pass the other automobile when, without warning, the doctor's car swerved to the left and was struck. He also said that there was no team ahead as contended by the plaintiff. Dr. Case was called in rebuttal, and this closed the case. G. H. V. Belyea, K. C., appeared for the plaintiff, and J. H. A. L. Fairweather and A. E. Richard for the defendant.

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