

A TRAINING PRETTY GIRL

Laura Puy, a Former Hamiltonian, Mysteriously Disappears.

Her Mother Fears She is Worse than Dead

The Buffalo News of last (Thursday) night says: Detectives have been working for several days on a strange disappearance in this city. It is the story of a girl, pretty, vivacious, interesting, who suddenly dropped out of the routine of her daily life and left no trace to show whether she is living or dead.

Laura Puy, two weeks ago last Sunday, started from her parents' home at 100 Swan street to go to Rev. P. G. Cook's church in the Fifth Institute, a block away. "Now, Laura," said her mother, parting, "be sure to hurry back from church; won't you?"

"Yes, mamma, I will," replied the girl, and that was the last she was seen of her child. Laura is a medium blonde, with luxuriant, curling brown hair, which that day was clasped in a white ribbon, and holding a white stone shaped like a rose. She has a good complexion, gray eyes, heavy dark brows and lashes, a small, straight nose, medium-sized ears, full lips. She is straight, well-grown for her age. Her hair is straight, well-grown for her age. Her hair is straight, well-grown for her age.

When Laura did not return after church time her friends became uneasy and one of her younger sisters went out to the home of Mrs. Westfall, on Seneca street, over Tiffany's picture store, to inquire if she had been there. Mrs. Westfall was Laura's most intimate friend, and she had been there, she said her husband, a driver for Chas. W. Miller, and he said Laura had not been there. Her little daughter corrected him, however, and said that Laura had been there that morning. Mrs. Westfall said he had got up late and did not know of her being at the house. At 4:15 Miss Grein, Laura's Sunday school teacher, called at Mrs. Puy's house to know why Laura had not been to school. On the previous Friday she had pronounced to be there. Then another messenger was sent to Mrs. Westfall. Mrs. Westfall said that his wife was still absent, that she had gone to his cousins and that she had not seen Laura. Mrs. Puy afterward called and was told by Mrs. Westfall that Laura was there about 10 o'clock on Sunday morning and had stayed but a few minutes. Mrs. Westfall was emphatic in saying she had never seen her since and that she knew nothing of the girl's whereabouts. Other friends in the city were asked, but no trace could be found. The last known of her was when she came out of Mrs. Westfall's house to go to a moment to speak to Mrs. Bryan, an old friend of Mrs. Westfall's. Mrs. Puy had sent Laura to a picture store on Seneca street for some pictures about 10 o'clock that morning, and it was during this walk that she must have gone, as she was not seen after that. The next day detectives were put on the case, but so far have not found the girl.

"Laura was an affectionate child," said Mrs. Puy to a News reporter, "and I do not know of any reason why she should go away. I believe she is somewhere in the city. I am sure that she knows where she is. She has been Laura's only genius."

Mrs. Puy has five children, all girls. Her husband works for the Buffalo News Company. The family came here from Hamilton, Ont., ten months ago. The eldest daughter, Adella, has a good position as book-keeper with the Buffalo News, and has come on to Buffalo to help her parents find her missing sister.

"We knew the Westfalls in Hamilton," said Mrs. Puy. "Laura and I went down with Mrs. Westfall to her home. They were always great chums. They came here two years before we did and she remained with her until we went to live with her on Chestnut street. Laura was very devoted to Mrs. Westfall. She would let me go to see my aunt and she would let me go to see my aunt. I boxed Laura's ears, and since she had advised Mrs. Westfall to go to run away from me. I have been told since my child's disappearance that Mrs. Westfall said that she had seen Laura at the place where she took her picture. I will go there," said Mrs. Puy. "I turned shortly and reported that Mrs. Westfall had not been there. When her husband asked her about it that night she said she had gone there, found out that she had gone there, found out that she had gone there, found out that she had gone there."

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An Adopted Daughter's Crimes. Another Baby and sets Fire to a House Rather Than Mirk Her.

A Manitoba, Mich., telegram says: Minnie Demore, the adopted daughter of James Henderson, was arrested Tuesday for larceny committed several years ago, but the real sensation in the case has been the fight. This spring Mr. Henderson's death illness, and her milk just previous to her death, she said she confessed she did not want to milk it. Mr. Henderson's home was on a five-acre tract one day a few weeks ago, and the girl confessed she did that, too. Mr. Henderson's baby died suddenly, and the girl confessed she smothered it with a pillow and she did not want it to be found. It is just one of the many crimes of a girl who is a

A friendly suit, to settle the question of the right of the Dominion or British Columbia to jurisdiction in regard to minerals in the railway belt in the latter Province, has been agreed upon, and a judgment finally settling the dispute is expected in a few days.

HANGED IN EFFIGY.

The Severe Criticism of Cleveland and His Policies, Which Led to Trouble in Minneapolis.

A Minneapolis despatch says: The following is from the article in the Tribune on the occasion of the visit of President McKinley to Cleveland, which has caused a great sensation and indignation among Cleveland friends: "And it is extremely hard to respect either member of this family now touring for votes. Mrs. Cleveland is a handsome, mature woman, apparently several years older than she is said to be. At least she was old enough to have exercised her own free choice in marrying Grover Cleveland. It is inconceivable that she should have married him except to obtain the position of mistress of the White House. Such a marriage would never have been thought of but for the astonishing political accidents, which, in the course of two or three years, brought Mr. Cleveland out of the obscurity, which is his proper element, to the highest position in the nation."

"It is hard to have respect for a woman who will sell her soul to gross and repulsive man as Grover Cleveland, and who with a private regard so malodorous, for the sake of a brief social ascendancy. She is a cold, calculating, and calculating woman, and her photographs are sold almost, if not quite, as freely as Mrs. Langtry's. Such is her reputation as an ex-President could possibly be. One cannot help a pang of sympathy for her, but she has chosen her lot deliberately."

About 10 o'clock last night a hundred men and boys, mostly members of an organization known as the Algonquin Club, gathered at a saloon on a rather hard road, and after drinking heavily, repaired to a secluded spot in a side street, where the usual straw man, which had been used on such occasions from time immemorial. The mob was led by Mayor A. A. Ames, who was foremost in the crowd, and with debris and had no longer any sense of honor or decency. The "Comteess," first of all, denounced her former accomplice to the police; then followed complaints from various sources, and at length the police proceeded to watch Madame Limouzin. It was simply a question of one of those innumerable small agencies which abound in Paris, that paradise of adventurers. The inquiry led further than was expected.

FIRE AMONG THE INSANE.

Cleveland Inmate Asylum Scorching by Fire and Six Patients Lost Their Lives.

Last (Wednesday) night's Cleveland despatch says: The horrors of a fierce fire, in the smoke and confusion of which stalked the presence of grim death in his most terrible form, broke out in the insane asylum on the southern limits of the city for the second time to-night. It was the occasion of weekly dance given the more than 200 inmates of the asylum, who were engaged in a game of billiards, and the smoke and flames and the smoke poured in upon them with bewildering suddenness. A stampede was in progress and the attendants had scarcely time to realize the situation when the room was filled with leaping fire and dense smoke. As soon as the first excitement had abated, the attendants made a courageous rush into the suffocating smoke and rescued all they could of the unfortunate inmates who had overcome. The fire was extinguished by the fire department, and three more were found in an injured condition. The fire started in a story building which adjoins the wing in which the patients are located. The prompt response and active work of the firemen prevented a disastrous conflagration. The loss to property will fall below \$25,000.

THE CAT O' NINE TAILS.

Didn't Appear to Hurt Him Very Much.

Last (Thursday) night's Montreal despatch says: For the fourth time in the criminal records of Montreal, the lash was applied to a man named Desormiers, who some months ago, while dressed in a priest's garb, committed an indecent assault upon a young girl named Marie. Desormiers was tried at the last term of the Court of the Queen's Bench and sentenced to one year's imprisonment, with the addition of twenty lashes. Desormiers, however, did not flinch at the twenty lashes. The operation took place in the presence of the deputy clerk and a small knot of spectators. The prisoner was tied in a triangle by his arms and legs, his back bare, and he flinched not a muscle as the lash fell upon his back. The lash was applied by one of the prisoners, and the whole operation only lasted a few minutes. After a few lashes Desormiers was heard to exclaim, "So not so hard," but no other remark escaped him, and he took the remainder of his punishment without flinching. The whipping was certainly not very severe in its nature, and did not seem to have any effect upon the prisoner, who, beyond a few bruises on his back, was not much hurt.

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A CAPITAL BREEZE.

Interesting Letter of One Ottawa Lady to Another.

An Ottawa despatch says: In the Assize Court yesterday, the local case celebre of Walker v. Birckett was heard. Both parties are prominent in the city. The charge against Mrs. Birckett is of sending letters to Mrs. W. H. Walker with an intent to defame him. The prisoner pleaded guilty. Mr. J. K. Kerr, Q. C., and Hon. R. W. Scott for the Crown; Mr. W. Mosgrove and Mr. T. McVeety for the prisoner. The letter complained of is as follows: "The Lord is the judge of the fatherless and the children." Tuesday, 26th Mrs. Walker, - Sister I cannot call you, for you do not deserve that name. Your small pretensions are disgusting of course, as all sensible people have felt for years in Ottawa, but I must confess that I did not believe you would consummate such a crime. I received your husband's letter, the man or woman who would quietly pick my locks and carry away \$250,000 dollars is a fool. Now for a little breaking the least of these, viz., the Holy Ghost, and I will be satisfied. Now for a little chain is only as strong as the weakest link. You shall not steal. You shall not covet thy neighbor's goods. Perhaps the angel Gabriel may be hurried by the heavenly gate, but according to the real regulation order of things it will be impossible. One must not only repent, but make restitution. I seriously advise you to look up that grand old doctrine. I require five hundred dollars at your hands; if it is not forthcoming in a few days I will give myself the pleasure of treating you to a public dinner on the subject. I am, yours truly, HENRIETTA M. BIRCKETT."

THE CAFFAREL SENSATION.

Strange Story of a Pair of Parisian Adventurers—General Caffarel's Arrest—An Opportunity to Commit Suicide.

A London cable says: The Caffarel-Limouzin case in Paris is a sad scandal. Madame Limouzin is a vulgar adventuress. She is a woman of large size, yellow, wrinkled, limping, humbug, and with small, pinching, extreme volubility of speech and considerable elegance of language. Last year she lived in the Boulevard Beaumarchais with a companion who called himself Comtesse de Boisier, Baronne de Beauregard, or Marquise de Clemenca, and whose name is Henriette Boisier, a coquette of the commercial type, who used to keep a house at Paris where you drank tea, played baccarat and placed a louis under a candidate each time you took the cards. Madame Limouzin also has a husband, an adventurer of smaller calibre.

This trio carried on the business of an "influence agency" for the benefit of persons desiring employment in the Ministries, promotions, Government contracts, etc. Well in view in the drawing-room, the visiting cards of eminent politicians, and other persons, on which were written a few words, cards and writing being forged if necessary. The dupes on entering were struck by the ease with which the conversation ended by a deposit destined to grease the palms of the Ministers, Senators, Deputies and other notabilities, and those who had the honor of being introduced on the best of terms. In reality Madame Limouzin and the "Comtesse" passed their time writing politicians—notably M. Thiebautin and General Boulanger—letters containing flattery, threats, calumnies, offers of service and propositions of a most compromising character. Both M. Thiebautin and General Boulanger finally warned the trio, through the police, to cease their manoeuvres.

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THE RUTH HARLOW CASE.

Dr. J. C. Bright Tried For Murder and Acquitted.

A despatch from Sandwich (dated last Wednesday night) says: At the assize here to-day the whole of the day was occupied in trying the case of Ruth Harlow, Bright, murderer. Dr. J. C. Bright, of Chatham, was charged with committing an abortion upon Ruth Harlow, a girl from Hamilton. Ruth Harlow was seduced, it is alleged, by George P. Holden, a commercial traveller, of Hamilton. The girl went to Chatham, it is said, under the direction of Holden. The Crown endeavored to show an arrangement between the prisoner and Holden, but the prisoner should perform the duties of a doctor. Holden went to a hotel in Chatham. She was there visited by the prisoner, who procured a boarding place for her, where it is alleged the offence was committed. Several medical men were called to show that an abortion had been committed upon the deceased. The defence rested mainly on attacking the veracity of the witnesses put in by the Crown. The prisoner was acquitted. The defence called a number of medical men, who were very slight in their evidence between them and the doctor, but the box by the Crown. The prisoner was defended by Mr. E. Meredith, Q. C., Mr. Pegley and Mr. White. Mr. Lister acted for the Crown.

The prisoner is an old medical practitioner, of Chatham, and is a wealthy man. His wife, who was present during the trial, stepped up and kissed her husband when he went into the box for trial. The doctor is a frail man, upwards of 70 years of age. At 10 p. m. the jury returned with a verdict of not guilty. His Lordship, in discharging the prisoner, remarked that the evidence against him was of such a character that he could not have laid a charge against him. He discharged him with a caution to be careful in the future.

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ABOUT THE MANZANILLA.

Particulars of the Wreck—The Captain Saved.

A despatch received Thursday night from Dunkirk, N. Y., says: During the fearful storm on Lake Erie last night the schooner Manzanilla of Hamilton, Ont., was driven ashore in a mile from this city, and has become a total wreck. She was commanded by Capt. Geo. O'Brien, and bound on her way to Toronto with a load of block stones. All the crew were saved. The vessel was built by Jos. Shicklona, of St. Catharines, and owned by R. Williamson, of Hamilton, and J. S. Murphy, timber merchant, of Quebec. The Manzanilla was valued at about \$7,000 and is but partially insured.

A further despatch says: The crew left the captain and vessel when the craft was a mile and a half off Brocton, and had great difficulty in getting ashore. They refused to take a life preserver, and the boat so unserviceable that the perilous undertaking was given up. You see that the "big stone," as it is called, and her rigging all gone, and she is entirely at the mercy of the waves. The Customs authorities made every effort to get the schooner ashore. The captain of the vessel, but all refused. The life saving crew held itself in readiness all day for a tug.

A Buffalo despatch says: No marine disaster of consequence is reported as the result of Wednesday night's gale in this section except the schooner Manzanilla, a Brockton, N. Y., correspondent of the following details: The Manzanilla, a three-masted schooner, built at Kingston, master, sprung a leak off Van Buren Point, and was run ashore west of Buffalo. The life saving crew, who were on board, were notified by telegraph, and the crew went ashore in a small boat, leaving the captain on the vessel. The boat was smashed by the waves soon after the crew reached shore. The captain, O'Brien, and Erie were notified by telegraph, and the crew went ashore in a small boat, leaving the captain on the vessel.

RISKED HIS LIFE FOR 10.

A French Canadian's Feat at the Chaudiere Falls.

An Ottawa despatch says: A remarkable feat of daring was accomplished here yesterday when a courageous French Canadian, named Francis Potvin, who has worked in the various mills in the summer and the shanties during the winter since he was a boy, and is now a splendid specimen of a French Canadian shanty-man. He made a wager with some friends in Hull that he could walk through the big kettle. The wager was taken and the Potvin, accompanied by a number of men, proceeded across the large table rocks on the Hull side of the Chaudiere falls to the bank of the river, where the water falls. Owing to the unusually low water in the river and the addition of the new dam to the former series of dams above the falls, about four inches of water was passing over the falls, except in one place, near the Ontario shore, where the water was ten inches deep. Potvin, after putting a pair of rafter's boots, well caulked, with the usual sharp nails in the soles, started to walk across the face of the falls. He proceeded cautiously, partly on the table rocks, and partly on the rocks before lifting the other, and in a few minutes from the time he started to cross on a pier, below Perley & Co.'s, the water was washed away, and the lowness of the water the feat was a dangerous one. Had he missed his footing at a moment he would have been hurled into the cauldron below, with no possible hope of escaping death.

WHY AM I A HEATHEN?

The Chinese Lecturer Taxed \$50 for Coming to Canada.

A Kingston despatch says: On Saturday, before leaving for New York, Wong Chin Foo, the Chinese convert, who has vented his grievances against the Canadian Government. It had, through the Customs collector at Suspension Bridge, sent the Minister of the Interior a letter, in which he expressed his indignation at the proposed tax on the Chinese Lecturer Taxed \$50 for Coming to Canada. Wong Chin Foo, being quite unwell, and possessed of an oily tongue, he set about showing the officer the mistake he had made. The officer was to be satisfied in that way. He had learned that Wong was a Chinaman and that was enough. "I didn't deny," said Wong Chin Foo, "but I was an American citizen. I was now an American and claimed the rights and privileges of American citizenship. I made affidavit of the facts before the American Consul at Suspension Bridge. New York World, he asked for proof of my identity and all to be offered. I was told to pay the demand or return to New York. The only new point of importance brought out was that the steamer had not a full cargo and the officers neglected to put in shifting ballast. Capt. Harbottle expressed himself as quite satisfied that the most strenuous exertions had been made to save the California, suggesting several things that might have been done to which Captain Trowell replied that it was easy enough to plan in an easy chair and carpeted office, but it was a different matter on a rocking ship.

VERY LIBERALLY REWARDED.

The Engineers of a Heavy Double Header Train Save a Child on the Track near the Village of Rock Glen, N. Y.

The engineers of a heavy double header train save a child on the track near the village of Rock Glen, N. Y. They whistled for brakes, and when the train was almost at the village, the engine stopped. How can a public man help receiving shady people who ask to see him? His position compels him to receive all sorts of people. Why, if you were to go on that principle you would convict Mrs. Corbett for letting Marchandou, the murderer, into her house. Upon being asked, what will come of the scandal, he replied: "It will not upset M. Grevy." He would simply repudiate the people who have communized only themselves. As for Mrs. Corbett, she would not care for it. She will get off with a fortnight's imprisonment—if she goes to prison at all, which she will, but whoever else escapes the Ministry will not.

ANYTHING FOR A CHANCE.

Did you ever hear me sing my new solo, Emily, 'Under the Silent Stars'?" "No, I never have. Is it sentimental?" "Probably so. I have had a great deal of praise for it. I have the pearls so bad that anything will be welcome as a relief."

THE QUEEN REGENT OF SPAIN HAS SIGNED A DECREE AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLEET OF 7,000 TONS EACH, CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING A SPEED OF FORTY TO SIXTY MILES AN HOUR, AND FOUR LARGE AND SIXTY SMALL TORPEDO BOATS.

AMONG THE IRISH TENANTS.

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