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## MYSTERY WOMAN IS TAKEN AT LAST

"The Black Thrush" They  
Call Her in Half of  
Europe's Capitals.

Berlin, April 10.—One of the most successful of women war spies, and one of the most extraordinary personalities among the many clever criminals who prey on high society all over Europe has been caught by the police at Jassy in Rumania.

She is an exceedingly beautiful woman of 30, a native of Berlin. With wonderful black hair, a marvelous voice and fascinating black eyes, she is known in half the capitals of Europe as "The Black Thrush."

Time and again the smartest of Berlin's detectives have set forth to try to capture her, but always without success. The police of eight or nine countries have often been on her trail, but in vain.

Now, by an odd chance, she has fallen into the hands of the Rumanian police when they were not looking for or even thinking of her particularly, and many a nobleman of Central Europe will rejoice to know that "The Black Thrush" is caged at last.

Becomes Adventurer.

Josefine Duermand left Berlin when she was 18 and went to Vienna, where she made the acquaintance of a rich banker. One day she went to tea at his house, and when she had gone he missed his pocket-book with \$2,000 kroner—in those days nearly \$2,000.

With the money Josefine fitted herself out for the role of high life adventurer, and, until the Jassy police arrested her, she "never looked back."

It was in Milan that her beauty won for her the title of "The Black Thrush," and while she fascinated everybody at fashionable clubs and drawing-rooms, several gangs of thieves, of which she was the head, worked on the information with which she provided them.

It is believed that, at one time in 1912, she had no fewer than six clever gangs under her command.

She had the entire everywhere in Rome and Milan, Venice and Naples. In Venice, for instance, she attracted the attentions of a count, from whom she stole \$5,000 (about \$10,000); and who nearly lost his life as a result of one of her gangs because he took the matter up with the police.

A successful time in Paris followed; then, when the gay city was rather too hot for her, she appeared in Nice as the Baroness von Schatzenheim. A few weeks later she was arrested at the request of the Paris police, but she behaved so cleverly that before 24 hours were over she was at liberty again.

The war came, and she returned to Germany as a spy. In this she was extremely successful, but eventually she was arrested in Berlin.

The case against her was black in the extreme, but, just at the right moment, a high prison official fell in love with her, arranged for her escape and concealed her for two months in his house. She escaped to France with masses of information of an extremely valuable nature.

Disappeared.

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## THE EVOLUTION OF FIREARMS SHOWN

Interesting Display of British  
Relics Exhibited  
by N. H. S.

The latest display to be exhibited in the Union street window of the Natural History Society building consists of seven guns from the museum collection of firearms used by the British army. The seven pieces show the developments that have taken place since 1688. The display has attracted considerable attention.

The first gun is a Prussian flint lock musket given to the museum as part of the Queen Anne collection. It was the first flint lock musket used in the army of the Prince of Orange, and his army of Hollanders in 1688.

The second gun is also from the J. DeLancey Robinson collection and is a smooth bore flint lock musket of the type used in the army of the Prince of Orange, and his army of Hollanders in 1688.

The third specimen in the exhibit is a Baker's rifle flint lock, also from the DeLancey Robinson collection. It has a triangular bayonet and was the first rifle used in the British army, in 1800 the 90th Regiment, now known as the Rifle Brigade, was armed with this rifle.

The next specimen is an Enfield percussion rifle given by W. P. Banting, of the Provincial Red Cross, to the museum in 1885. It is a three grooved rifle with 38-inch barrel. It first saw service in the Crimean campaign at Alma, Inkermann and Sebastopol in 1855.

It was used in Persia in 1859, the Chinese wars of 1856-1860 and the Indian Mutiny, 1857-1859. It continued in use until 1867. The one shown was used in the American Revolution and the barrel has been bent and the woodwork and the stock broken by a bullet.

The Snider Rifle.

The fifth specimen is a Snider rifle of the Long type converted. The Enfield Percussion rifle was converted into breech loaders by a plan proposed by Mr. Jacob Snider. This was the first breech loading rifle in the British army. It was used by some of the troops in the war with Abyssinia and in the Ashantee war. The specimen shown is the gift of George Morrissey.

The next gun is a Martini-Enfield rifle Mark I. This type of rifle was used to some extent in the Canadian army succeeding the Martini-Enfield. The last gun is a Magazine Lee-Enfield, Mark I, showing the improvements made in the rifle to resist the wear of the smokeless powder and also in the bolt action. The number of grooves in this rifle has been reduced to five from the seven that were found in the Martini-Enfield Mark I. This rifle is officially adopted as the rifle of the British army.

Only Part of Collection.

The guns in the window exhibit are only a small portion of the collection in the museum, which is complete with one exception only. The only gun used in the British army which the museum does not possess is the smooth bore percussion musket. The percussion

## SHIP AGROUND

Stores open 8.30 a. m.; Close 6 p. m., Saturday 10 p. m.

With his ports of call filled with so many fair charmers, it's impossible for a sailor to remain true to his wife. At least that's what William H. Morris, San Francisco naval officer, told his wife (above), according to her divorce petition. The judge granted the decree.

FAIRVILLE W. M. S. MEETS.

Mrs. James M. Rice, president, was hostess yesterday afternoon for the Fairville Methodist W. M. S., at its Easter At Home. The Easter offering which amounted to \$40 was taken.

Mrs. S. A. Worrell, Mrs. O. D. Hanson and Mrs. Jeremiah Stout assisted in the devotional period. Mrs. William McCavour, Mrs. Edward Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Hanson gave readings. Mrs. Rice gave an Easter Meditation and after the Misses' benediction, a social hour was enjoyed. Others present were Mrs. Arthur Long, Mrs. Alex. Scott, Mrs. S. T. Cougle, Mrs. Dune Crosby, Mrs. Vernon McCumber, Mrs. Wellington Lester, Mrs. Stephen Shaw, Mrs. C. W. Cooper, Mrs. H. Marshall Stout, Mrs. J. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Harold Hanson, Mrs. Arthur Sweet, Mrs. Arthur McCoolgan, Mrs. John Green, Mrs. J. Cheeseman, Mrs. W. J. Linton, Mrs. Thomas Ryan and the Misses Gertrude Masson and Margaret Rice, who assisted in serving.

NAVAL CADETS ON PARADE.

There was quite a large gathering of citizens on the corner of Charlotte and North Market streets last evening about 9 o'clock when the cadets of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve were lined up by Instructor Thompson and Petty Officer Hurst.

The boys in navy blue presented a fine appearance, looking smart and attractive. Quite a large number of the cadets lined up, and after a few preliminaries, they formed four and then the squad was turned over to Lieut. H. A. Morrison, who gave the order "Right turn, quick march," and the manner in which the young fellows paraded along the street was given commendation and applause. They were alert in their movements and marched perfectly.

succeeded the flint musket, the flint locks were converted into percussion in 1839 but the percussion musket was not in general use until 1842. It continued in use in the British army until it was partially superseded by the Minié Rifle in 1851 and altogether by the Enfield Rifle in 1856. It was first used in the war with China.

## BATHURST SOCIETY MAY BE REVIVED

Provisional Reorganization  
of the Red Cross is  
Effectuated

Miss Ethel Jarvis, provincial Red Cross secretary, returned from Bathurst yesterday where she addressed women of the town and told of the work now being done by the Red Cross Society throughout the province. Bathurst had a very active war time branch of the Red Cross and reorganization was discussed. Provincial officers and committee members were elected and arrangements made to meet the first of next week to make more definite plans. Mrs. Henry White, former president, was chairman of the meeting which was held at the Chateau Gloucester through the kindness of the proprietor.

On Monday night Miss Jarvis spoke at the Opera House in Bathurst explaining the peace time work and aims of the society. Again on Tuesday evening, through the courtesy of the management, Miss Jarvis gave an address in the Opera House.

For the last two years the funds of the Provincial Red Cross have maintained a nurse at Bathurst and last summer the Provincial Red Cross conducted traveling clinics for school children at Carleton Place. The nurse's services are to be terminated shortly.

DEATHS

Mrs. Clara Woodland, widow of John Woodland, died at 2 o'clock this morning after a long illness at her home, 161 Prince Edward street. Mrs. Woodland was a native of Boston, Lincolnshire, England, but had been a resident here for many years. She was highly respected and when in good health was prominent in lodge affairs. She was a member of John's Lodge No. 119, L. O. B. A., and a charter member of True Blue Lodge No. 98. She was the widow of Sergeant Woodland of the 62nd Battalion. She is survived by three sons and a daughter. Two of the sons are John and Thomas, Canadian Pacific engineers on the West Side, and the other children are Frank and Josephine, both at home.

DR. MACEACHERN  
DEAD IN REGINA

Antigonish, N. S., April 9.—Alexander J. G. MacEachern, LL. D., aged about 68, a provincial magistrate at Regina, Sask., who was a native of Mahou, N. S., and a former professor of English at St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, died today at his home in Regina, according to word received here tonight. Dr. MacEachern left here for the west in 1910.

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(German St. entrance)

MAIL BAG LOST AND FOUND.

Shortly after the train from the east arrived about 9 o'clock last evening, and the mail truck was proceeding to the post office, a small bag fell off the load and was found by a citizen on the corner of Mill and Pond streets. The bag, which was said to contain registered packages, was handed to C. N. R. Police Constable Young in the depot S. for which this firm is also the contractor, was begun last week.

The post office was notified.

AWARDED CONTRACT.

Parsons Ed Co., Ltd., of Moncton, had been awarded the contract for the erection of the new Nurses' Home in Newcastle, Robert Ed announced last night. Work, he said, would begin the first of next week. Work on the Al-bany Perforated Wrapping Paper Company's plant at Sheet Harbor, N. S., for which this firm is also the contractor, was begun last week.

THE BRITISH MAELS.

A full British mail will close here at 4 p. m. on April 11 for the steamship Montrose from this port. A British newspaper mail will close here at 11 a. m. on April 12 for the steamship Marloch from this port. A full British mail and direct parcels mail for France will close here at 4 p. m. on April 12 via the steamship Ausonia from Halifax. A British letter and parcels mail will close here at 11 a. m. April 12 for the steamship Doric via Halifax.

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