

FLED TO CANADA WITH YOUNG GIRL

Wealthy Merchant of Philadelphia Suburbs
Missing—Clue by Way of
Montreal.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 10.—Some-where in Canada, or perhaps on a steamship bound for England, is George W. McKinney, Germantown's wealthiest and largest dealer in teas and coffees, and with him, it is the firm belief of Harry Brandau, a tailor, of 522 Germantown Avenue, is his 18-year-old daughter, Amanda Brandau. McKinney is married and has a son 22 years old. Through the Philadelphia police Brandau has notified the police of this country and Canada to search for McKinney and Miss Brandau. On Jan. 27 Amanda Brandau left home "to visit some friends," she said, for the evening. Neither McKinney or Miss Brandau has been seen since, but last Tuesday Brandau received a letter from his daughter postmarked "Montreal, Canada," and dated Jan. 30. It reads:

"Dear Papa—Well and happy. Am with the man who loves me, and whom I love. Plenty of funds."

"AMANDA."

The simultaneous disappearance of Miss Brandau and McKinney and the cure of Roberts de Janon and Cohen, the waiter, are startlingly similar. Like Cohen, McKinney is a man about 46 years of age, but possessing in appearance, and Miss Brandau, like Miss de Janon, is but 18 years old. She is small, but well developed, and pretty. What Cohen lacked in wealth, McKinney certainly supplies, for he is known to have made a large fortune in his tea business.

KEPT THEM CURLING

(Special to The Sun.)

TORONTO, Feb. 10.—To-day's game was played on hard and true ice at the Queen city rink and while the Granites won they had to curl all the time, and the Michigan men put in some surprising fine shots. A big crowd watched the final. The Americans got off well to a lead of six, and it was uphill work for the Granites for the best half of game. However, steady curling by the veterans told, and they gradually drew ahead.

FITZGERALD'S ELECTION COST

HIM \$37,440

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 10.—Further light on the amount of money expended to secure the election of Mayor John F. Fitzgerald was furnished in a statement of campaign expenses filed today by the treasurer of the John F. Fitzgerald committee. Mayor Fitzgerald recently filed his statement, giving his personal expenses as \$10,600. The report of his committee showed that in addition \$26,840 was paid out, and that there were liabilities of \$3,714 thus making the total expense of this Fitzgerald campaign \$37,440.

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BARTLETT PLANNING TRIP TO SOUTH POLE

Canned Goods the Cause of
Peary's Success

Capt. Scott Defends Peary's Action in
Sending Bartlett Back, But Will Take
White Men When He Goes.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Feb. 10.—Captain Robert Bartlett, the man who with the exception of Commander Robert E. Peary and Matt Henson, has been nearest the North Pole, wired today from New York his resignation as commander of the steamer Southern Cross, which is scheduled to go to the seal hunting grounds next month. Captain Bartlett in his telegram says that he resigns to take command of the American Antarctic expedition.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 10.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief chemist of the Bureau of Agriculture, said today before the National Canners Association that "American canners have done great service to humanity by their care in furnishing pure canned foods." His address was the feature of the closing day of the convention.

Dr. Wiley insisted that the people of the country desire quality, rather than cheap products and advised a general standardization of canned goods.

Governor B. M. Fernald, of Maine, another speaker, declared his belief "that the good quality of canned goods taken by Commander Peary to the Arctic regions enabled the discoverer to reach the Pole."

L. A. Sears, of Ohio, was elected president of the association.

The National Canners and Dried Fruits Brokers Association elected as president C. S. Jones, Illinois; W. A. Conover, Boston, was elected a director.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Captain Robert F. Scott, commander of the British Antarctic expedition of 1901-04, and of a new Antarctic expedition soon to set out, in a lecture at York tonight, defended Commander Peary's action in sending Captain Bartlett back.

He said that some injustice had been done Peary in this respect, and while it would have been better if he had organized the party so that he could have had another white man accompany him to the Pole, under the circumstances he had no choice, because he was bound to send Bartlett back as the leader of the expedition.

Captain Scott expressed the hope that his expedition would arrive at the South Pole before the Americans reached that desirable objective point and announced his intention of having four whites in each of his parties and of taking the four fittest men to make the last journey, so that the world would have the evidence of three white men to support that of the leader.

TAMPA EXCITED
BY NEGRO OUTRAGE

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 10.—Roland Flower, a negro convict, escaped today, went to the home of Mrs. Mary Ellerbe, assaulted her and escaped. Officers with rifles went in pursuit and captured the fugitive, who was shot down.

Flower had been successfully lodged in jail and a strong guard was thrown around it. The structure is an unusual strong one, with a high brick wall enclosing it, and if any attempt is made to take the negro, Sheriff Jackson believes he can frustrate it.

Officers returning from the scene of the assault where they obtained a statement from Mrs. Ellerbe, report that excitement is intense in the neighborhood.

"Uncle George, we are studying synonyms in school, and I want to know the difference between 'cute' and 'snarky.'"

"According to your mother, it is the difference between what you do and what Mrs. Jones' little boy does."

DARK CLOSET HER HOME FOR ILL BOY

Mrs. Mary Steen Convicted of Impairing
Health of Child of Nine Years

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—When Joshua Steen, nine years old, shambled to the witness chair in Special Sessions Court yesterday a wave of pity seemed to embrace all who saw him. For the little chap, stunted and emaciated, was not the equal, mentally or physically, of a normal child half his age.

His stepmother, Mrs. Mary Steen, was on trial for impairing his health, and as the evidence showed neglect hardly conceivable, there was no pity for the woman when she was convicted. The boy will remain in the care of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The woman was remanded for a week, when sentence will be imposed.

Steen and his second wife have their home in Centrepont, L. I. When the boy's mother died she left an estate valued, it is said, at \$12,000, which will be her son's when he reaches maturity if he survives. Because of the comment of the neighbors, Mrs. Steen came to this city with the boy and hired a room of Mrs. Ida Lloyd, No. 483 West Twenty-second street.

Mrs. Lloyd said that several days later, as Mrs. Lloyd talked to her the door of a small closet swung open. The closet was about three feet wide and was fifteen inches in depth. Mrs. Steen, according to the witness, placed a chair against the closet door to keep it closed and remarked, "He is such a little liar that I never let him know what I am doing or saying."

After Mrs. Lloyd had seen Mrs. Steen leave the house she said she opened the closet. She was surprised when little Joshua tumbled out on the floor. He feebly asked for food, and then she saw he needed a physician. In the closet were some dairy paraphernalia, with photographs of animals, but in the darkness, where he scarcely had room to move his limbs, he had been unable to see the pictures. Mrs. Lloyd notified the society and the lad was taken away. Mrs. Steen was arrested as she was leaving the house disguised in a man's garb.

Mrs. Steen denied she had been guilty of cruelty, too, to her husband, who remarked she often had walked the floor with the boy for four days and nights without taking off her shoes. The woman's brother, George Zahn, said he knew the child received the best of treatment.

When Joshua was called to the witness stand, Judges Zeller, Mayo and Hoyt did not endeavor to conceal their interest.

Terrified by his surroundings, the boy only answered questions put to him in a whimpering voice. He said his stepmother put him in the closet; that he never went there by his own desire; that he tried to play there, and often slept there. How long he had been in the closet he could not tell, nor could he answer when asked to tell how he could see to play.

Mrs. Steen did not seem to mind her conviction and never looked at the boy as he was taken away. Persons in the court room pressed nickels and dimes into his hand.

"What are they?" asked the youngster. "They look nice and shiny, but what will I do with them?"

THESE NATIVES WERE ASTONISHED.

Orientalists at Cairo Watch Aviators Maneuver—Sunken Stand For Haven.

CAIRO, Feb. 10.—The aviation meeting at Heliopolis attracted a great crowd of natives to see the latest phase of "European manna." When M. Roubier, who was the chief performer, rose 800 feet and circled around the arena, the Orientals were most amusing. Some were alarmed, some laughed uproariously, and all chattered at the top of their voices and watched with eyes bulging.

The aviators did not achieve anything sensational. Gobron fell a hand-reel feet, but was not hurt. His aeroplane caught fire.

A special accredited stand was provided for the harem ladies, who watched the performance from behind green curtains.

During the French Revolution a thief and a marquis joined in a tour of the city by side through the wild streets of Paris, on the way to the guillotine, while a venerable priest tried to console their terrible last ride with moral reflections.

"noblesse! Down with the aristocrats!" shouted the red-capped mob. Thereupon the thief rose in the cart and cried:

"My friends, you deceive yourself. I am not an aristocrat. I am a thief."

The priest plucked him by the sleeve, saying reproachfully:

"Sit down. This is no time for vanity."

NOBLE SENT HIS
SON A REVOLVER

When the Spendthrift Asked
for Money

Russian Baron's Inhuman Suggestion Leads
to His Son's Suicide—Notorious
for His Severity.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10.—Baron Alexander Zakomelski, son of Baron Meller-Zakomelski, who was at one time governor of the Baltic provinces, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart with a revolver sent him by his father for that purpose. The suicide was committed at Saratov in the presence of a number of the young baron's friends.

Baron Meller-Zakomelski is a member of the Council of the Empire, as the Russian House of Lords is better known. His son Alexander had been a spendthrift for years and had quickly run through the large fortune he inherited from his mother. When he found himself practically penniless he sent to his father for money.

The young nobleman waited a few days for a reply. It came in the shape of a revolver.

The baron disregarded this hint to end his life, but wrote another letter asking for work. It would have been an easy matter for the father to comply with this request, because of his connections at court, where he was ever gladly received by the Czar.

A few days later the boy received a large envelope containing a letter in which his father wrote:

"I am astonished to find you have not yet made use of my last present to kill yourself."

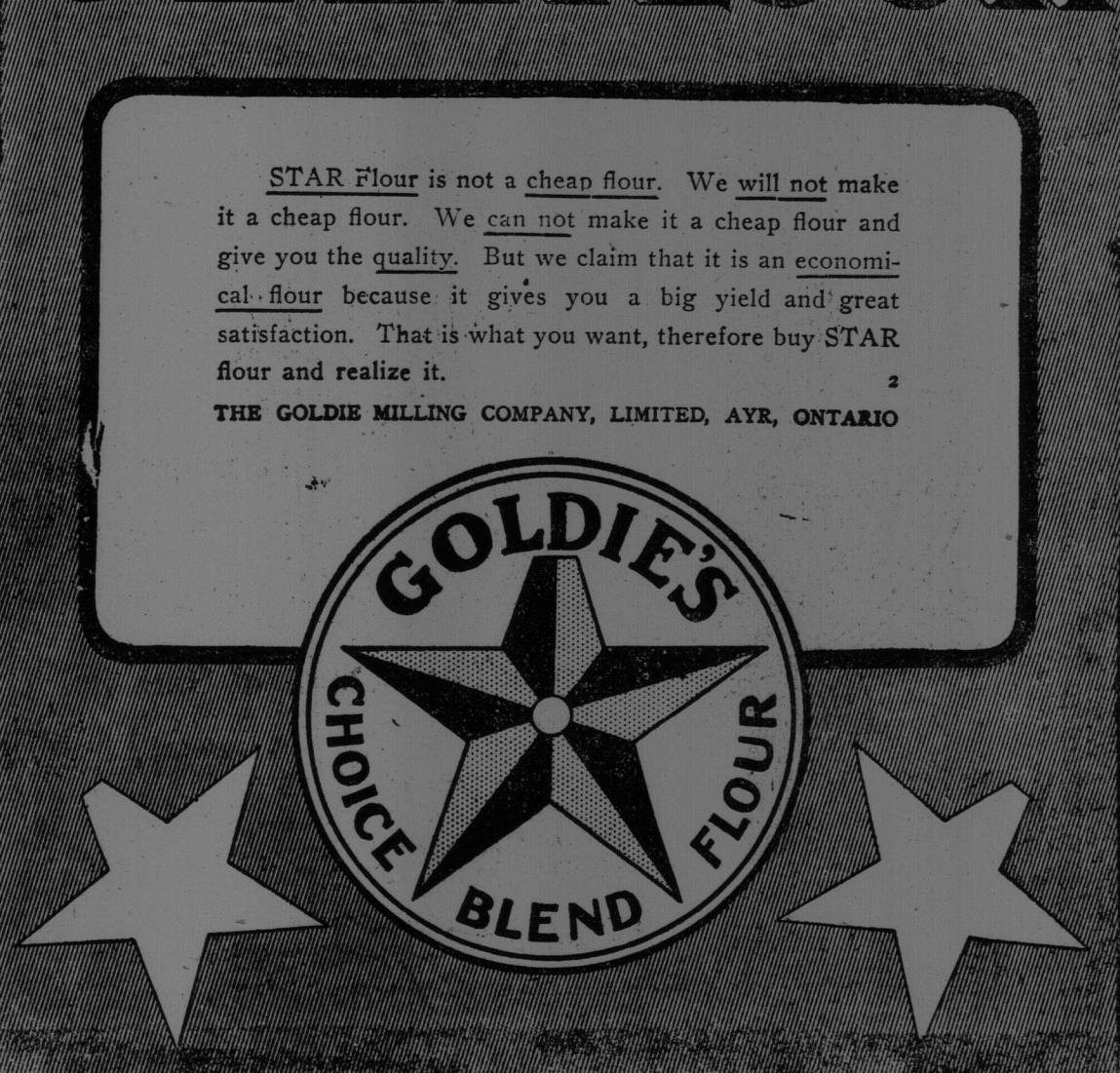
He read and reread his father's missive, then hired some sledges and got up a jolly sleighing party. When he and his friends returned from the party he went to his room and, without removing his fur coat, fired six bullets into his heart.

In speaking to a friend of the letter from his father, Baron Alexander said:

"I would have shot myself long ago, but I did not care to afford my father too much pleasure."

The old baron is notorious throughout Russia for his severity. It is said that he hanged more people than any other person in a like office.

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