

PARIS RAFFLES HID BURGLAR KIT IN A BRIEF CASE

Fashionably Dressed Thief
Operated at Midday.

Three Times a Deserter —
Robber was of Good Family,
Well Educated and
Showed Bravery in War.

Paris, March 15.—Paris boasts of a "gentleman burglar" in the person of one Serge Henri Louis de Leus, a young man of good family, fashionable appearance and extravagant tastes, but with degenerate tendencies and a long criminal record. His trial, however, rubbed off most of the glamour of his career as a gentleman if not as a master of his profession.

Leus is thirty years old and is the son of a former director of the Franco-Russian Bank. He lived a good deal of the time with his parents in the suburb of Neuilly while pursuing without their knowledge his double existence in Paris as a man of the world and a house-breaker.

He was educated at the Carnot Lyceum and the Paris School of Electricity. Before he was sent to the military academy, but was discharged as unfit because of frequent attacks of hysteria. In 1914 he enlisted in the military supply train as a camion driver. He soon deserted, however, and, having also been accused of theft, was transferred after arrest to an African battalion. He asked to be sent to the front and behaved creditably there for a while, obtaining two citations for bravery. But once more he deserted. He was again arrested and was put into the non-combatant forces.

Three Times a Deserter.
He deserted a third time and was thrown out of the army. In November, 1920, he was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for burglary, but was soon released under the general amnesty. Since then it is estimated that he has committed thirty-five robberies, twenty-three of them involving house-breaking.

He operated almost exclusively between noon and 1 p.m., when most of the apartment house concierges are at meals. He was always stylishly dressed and carried his tools in a small bag something like a brief case. He stole only articles of little weight and high value.

Leus was caught a few weeks ago through the vigilance of a concierge. She saw a young man with a limp enter the house, but asked no questions, mistaking him for the son of the owner. Presently he came out again, bag in hand. She halted him.

"You don't know whom you are talking to," he said contemptuously. But she insisted on an explanation.

"I am a wounded soldier," he went on, more ingratiatingly. "I just stepped in here to rearrange my brace. I didn't think it was necessary to ring at your office."

He then limped away and entered a

neighboring house. The janitress became suspicious and followed him. She told the other concierge to go for a policeman while she detained the stranger.

"Here is a thousand franc note for you," the latter said, becoming alarmed. The concierge refused it.

"Have pity on me," he pleaded, "I have a sick mother."

The second concierge appeared with the officer, who arrested Serge. At the police station they found that he carried a complete burglar's kit. He confessed and even furnished the police with a full list of his robberies.

He valued the articles which he had stolen at 2,000,000 francs, but said that he had realized very little on those he sold through stolen goods receivers.

At his trial it was brought out that he had had a passion for stealing since early youth. He had robbed his schoolmates. He had been arrested four times before the war for theft, and seven times in all before the two concierges trapped him.

Leus made the claim that he committed his crimes while under the influence of drugs. But the physicians who examined him declared him to be completely responsible.

MAN BREAKS INTO PRISON TO STEAL FEW CIGARETTES
London, Feb. 15.—(By mail).—A charge of breaking into the Prison Officers' Club at Wandsworth Prison and stealing tobacco and cigarettes was made against Alfred Hale, a young man of no address, at Southwestern Police Court, recently, according to The London Daily Mail.

Constable Armstrong said that he arrested Hale in York Road, Wandsworth, at two a. m. Hale was carrying a large parcel, which he admitted contained cigarettes. He refused to say where he got them, but on way to the station said: "This will do you

no good. Let me go, and I will give you half." At the station he said: "It is all right. I got them at Wandsworth Prison. I have done them over twice before. The third time I was unlucky."

Hale, who was charged with carrying housebreaking implements, was remanded.

THREATENS A MAGISTRATE
Unknown Resents Fining of Man for Having Spoonful of Liquor.
Pittsburgh, March 15.—Police Magistrate B. L. Succop has turned over to the postal authorities, a letter from Providence, R. I., condemning the judge for fining a man who had a spoonful of liquor in his possession. The letter, signed by "John Williams," says: "I do wish and earnestly hope that there is one red-blooded American in Pittsburgh who will put a knife or a bullet in your dirty hide for imposing such a fine on any man for the possession of a spoonful of liquor."

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GIRL KIDNAPPER CALLED DRUG USER

Doctors Make Examination
of Mary Conklin While
Friends Congratulate the
Minkin Boy's Parents —
Scars Found on Nurse.

Albany, March 15.—Physicians who examined today Mary Conklin, nurse girl, who kidnapped her charge, Leopold Minkin, Jr., son of Judge Minkin, decided, according to the police, that she is a drug addict. The physicians, who acted under instructions from the District Attorney, reported that they found scars on her body indicating that she was a "dope" user.

An Albany County Grand Jury is now in session and the kidnapping charge will probably be presented to that body in a day or so. District Attorney Herrick said that the woman was responsible for her acts and that she would be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Leopold Minkin, Jr., grew tired of telling the hundreds of friends who besieged the Minkin home of his experiences. He told his parents that he had been treated kindly by the nursemaid. He was much interested in the moving picture which he was enjoying in the Newburgh Theatre when he was recovered Saturday and gave a graphic description of all he saw. He was also much impressed with the reception he had in the lobby of the Palatine Hotel and later the return to Albany. Apparently he is none the worse for his experiences.

The police had expected that parents of the girl or a representative would come here to look out for her interests, but none has appeared.

The girl refused to eat breakfast and



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PAINFUL SPRING BOILS. Mr. Ernest Hill, of Mossley, R.R. No. 1, Ont., says:—"Every Spring, for three successive years, I was the victim of boils. Though I had these inflamed growths lanced I could not get rid until I got Zam-Buk. This herbal balm did wonderful good, and there has been no return of the old trouble."

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