

**PLAY-BANDIT KILLS
7-YEAR BROTHER**

Finds Daddy's Pistol in Closet, Loads it So it will Make a Noise, and Pulls Trigger.

Robert Loeffler, eleven years old, 1298 Taylor avenue, the Bronx, New York, the other afternoon in the Westchester police station, told Willoughby Dobbs, assistant district attorney, how he happened to shoot and kill his brother, George, aged seven.

"George and me came back from school. It was rainin' and I knew mamma wouldn't want us to go out and get all wet, so I told George we were gonna play 'round the house' and we went rummaging 'round and we found a pistol in daddy's closet. I said to George: 'Let's play robbers and bandits.' And George laughed and said: 'All right, let's.' We just wanted to play, we didn't mean no harm.

"We got to playing, but the pistol didn't make any noise, and it wasn't much fun. Then we found a bullet and put it in the pistol.

"I said to George: 'Now I'm a big bandit and I'm gonna hold you up.' And I told him to stand in the corner and I pointed the pistol at him. George just grinned. Then all of a sudden the pistol went off, and George tumbled down. I thought he was just playing dead. Then blood started to come out all over his head.

"I yelled, 'George! George!' but he didn't say nothin'. And then—"
The boy broke down, choked with sobs. The district attorney patted him on the shoulder and sent him home with a policeman. He arrived a few minutes before his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Loeffler, owners of an East Harlem hotel, all unknowing of the tragedy, returned to find their smallest son dead.

Theodore Ball, a neighbor, said Robert had come running to him, crying that he had shot his brother, and that when the doctor and ambulance arrived George was already dead. And he told of how Robert had gone with a policeman to the station to tell the story.

Mr. Loeffler was arrested, charged with a violation of the Sullivan law, and released on \$500 bail.

SUBURBAN SERVICE, ST. JOHN-WELSFORD

Effective May 1st partial suburban service will be established between St. John and Welsford; times of departures and arrivals given below:

May 1st to May 20th:

Train 130 leave Welsford 5.40 a. m., Westfield Beach 5.50, Grand Bay 6.13, arrive St. John, 6.45 a. m.

Train 108 leave Welsford 6.36 a. m., Westfield Beach 6.53 a. m., arrive St. John 7.50 a. m.

Train 127 leave St. John 5.15 p. m., arrive Westfield 6 and Welsford 6.20 p. m.

On Saturdays, May 6th, 13th and 20th, train 127 leaving 5.15 p. m. other days, will be cancelled and sent out at 9.20 p. m., arriving Welsford 10.25 p. m.

On Saturdays, May 6th, 13th and 20th, train 125 leave St. John at 12.20 p. m., arrive Westfield 1.04 p. m., Welsford 1.25 p. m., and returning on the same days, train 128 leave Welsford at 6.55 p. m., Westfield 7.15 p. m., arrive St. John, 8 p. m.

From May 1st until May 20th train 106 will leave Fredericton one hour later than shown in printed time tables.

The above service will be in operation until May 20th, and after that date practically the entire suburban service will become effective, but midday train will run on Wednesdays and Saturdays only until July 1st, when it will run daily except Sunday.

Canadian Pacific desires to have patrons note that when daylight time becomes effective in St. John city suburban trains will be adjusted to conform with Daylight Saving Time.

Eastern Time covers all figures shown herein.

EXMOUTH STREET W. M. S.

The Easter meeting of the W. M. S. of the Exmouth street Methodist church

was held on Wednesday with the president, Mrs. M. Bonnell, in the chair. Following the devotions, the mission band presented a pleasing exercise, and Mrs. Bonnell read a helpful paper on "Opportunity." Mrs. H. E. Thomas gave a paper on the "Progression of Women" and solos were sung by Miss Edith Magee and Miss Mildred Bustin. The Easter envelopes were opened, and with some more still to be received the Easter offering amounted to \$65.

Boyd Andrews appeared before Judge Armstrong in the county court on Thursday on the charge of committing serious offences against three young boys, and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary on his plea of guilty.

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PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IN SESSION HERE

The provincial government met here yesterday in morning, afternoon and evening sessions, when much routine business in connection with the recent session of the legislature was disposed of. All the sheriffs were reappointed, the only change being the appointment of J. W. Goun as sheriff of Sunbury county, which office had been made vacant through death.

At the meeting yesterday further arrangements for the construction of the hydro-electric transmission line to Moncton were completed, including an order-in-council providing for the necessary right of way.

Million Men May be Idle

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, April 21—Negotiations between the employers and representatives of the amalgamated engineers' union, which had been in abeyance for awhile, were resumed today, but they broke down again just when there seemed encouragement for the belief that an agreement would be reached.

If the threatened lockout becomes effective about 1,000,000 men will be involved, it is said, as kindred trade unions are concerned in the engineers' trouble.

RELIEF WORK BY FUNDY CHAPTER

The Fundy chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire at its meeting in the G. W. V. A. rooms last night heard reports of much relief work done during the past six weeks, and voted money to care for five relief cases spoken of at the meeting. Miss Alice Fairweather, the regent, was in the chair and gave an interesting account of the transactions of the annual meeting of the provincial chapter which she had attended in Fredericton and at which she had replied to the address of welcome. A letter of thanks was read from the Canadian Patriotic Association for

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flannel given by the chapter for relief work. The Boy Scouts Association wrote to ask the support of the chapter. When the proposal that a war memorial should be erected in the city was brought forward, the chapter voted in favor of the memorial. Miss Harriet Smith, the educational secretary, reported that the chapter would give four prizes in the city schools this year and the Echoes secretary, Miss Bolton, reported one new subscriber enrolled. Miss Ethel Melick presented the treasurer's statement. Plans were made for a rummage sale to be held in the near future.

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MUTT AND JEFF—JEFF'S MOTHER KNOWS HER BUSINESS By "BUD" FISHER

SO IT'S A LETTER FROM YOUR MOTHER! HOW IS SHE?

FINE! AND BUSINESS IS GOOD, SHE SAYS!

OH! SHE'S A BUSINESS WOMAN, EH? WHAT KIND OF BUSINESS IS SHE IN?

SHE KEEPS BOARDERS!

WELL, WELL!

THAT IS TO SAY, SHE KEEPS AS MANY AS SHE CAN; OF COURSE, SOME OF THE BOARDERS GET AWAY!

DOES SHE KEEP THEM LONG?

NO!

BUT SHE KEEPS THEM SO THIN THEY LOOK LONG!

