

FREEBINGS OF DIAMOND TRIAL.

Importers Loaned the Government Money to Prosecute Alleged Smugglers.

IVY CRUDE IN COURT.

No Longer Tragic, She Laughs at Witnesses' Torture Under Examination.

TRUTHFUL HERMAN FRANKEL.

Secretary of the Association Prosecuting the Prisoners Calmly Acknowledges That He Would Willingly Purchase Smuggled Gems.

The Government's action to confiscate \$50,000 worth of diamonds, said to have been smuggled into this country by Max J. Lasar, continued in the United States District Court yesterday.

Miss Crude, the tragic actress of Thursday's hearing, came early into the dingy courtroom in the guise of a happy, plump, laughing woman.

Steward Nathall, of the steamship laboratory, testified that Max J. Lasar, whom he knew as M. J. Lassus, had crossed in the ship from Liverpool to Quebec in October, 1891.

Did he have a companion Mr. Baldwin asked.

Yes, I would you recognize her? A. Certainly.

Miss Crude stood up. "That is she," said Nathall, glancing at the smiling girl.

Reichman showed me \$50,000 worth of diamonds from a man named Reichman, a salesman for Lasar. He identified the bill of sale for the gems and the canceled check for \$1470, with which he had paid for them.

Importer's Starting Admission.

Herman Frankel, secretary and treasurer of the Diamond Cutters and Importers' Protective Association, told specifically of his acquaintance with Max Lasar and Reichman.

Certain envelopes which were taken at the time of the seizure from Lasar's apartment on the Grand Central Hotel, and identified them as some he had sent filled with gems at the Custom House.

All this was excellent for the State and bad, very bad, for Max J. Lasar. His name, also, was mentioned in Lasar's handwriting. He also identified the packets by some price and karat markings, and said that a number of small, uncut diamonds which had been contained in one of them when he saw it at the Custom House had previously been shown him by Reichman in the Grand Central Hotel.

Are you a friend of Max Lasar? A. I have been. Are you now? A. No, sir. And you loaned the Government money to pay these witnesses against Lasar, didn't you? A. Well, you loaned the Government money to pay my expenses, yes.

How much did you loan? A. I don't know. Judge Dittenber—How many diamond importers are there in that association? A. Twenty-five. You ought to know, Judge. You have been our counsel before.

A roar of laughter was quickly hushed. Q. Knowing Lasar's methods, you suspected these diamonds were being smuggled. A. Yes, I did. And you had your suspicions. A. Yes, I had. And you were willing to buy them? A. Yes, I was.

Q. The object of your respectable association is to prevent diamond smuggling, yes? A. Yes. Q. And you, the secretary and treasurer of it, bought diamonds from a man who was smuggling diamonds? A. Well, we didn't buy any. Q. How much did you buy them for? A. I don't know. Judge Dittenber—How many diamond importers are there in that association? A. Twenty-five. You ought to know, Judge. You have been our counsel before.

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HO FIGHT FOR BERYL BARNES.



Beryl Barnes, for Whom There is a Legal Fight.

Eric Pa., Nov. 16.—W. H. Barnes, the grandfather of little Beryl Barnes, who instituted the habeas corpus proceedings against E. A. Magowan, former Mayor of Trenton, N. J.; Helen E. Barnes-Magowan, his wife and Beryl's mother, and Constantine Wyan, wife of Dr. R. H. Wyan, of Toronto, was the principal witness in the case today.

W. H. Barnes denied that Beryl's mother had ever asked him for the child, and said that a notice of his appointment as its guardian had been sent to her in Toronto.

During the hearing Frank A. Magowan became belligerent and threatening toward J. A. Barnes, his present wife's former husband. He said he had won several thousand dollars on Roosevelt's election and intended to spend it all, if necessary, in fighting this case.

The case will be continued to-morrow. Magowan's counsel is former Judge Scott, of Oklahoma, now of New York, who granted the divorce to him and to Mrs. Barnes.

Convicts Kill in Dash for Liberty. Guard Lauterbaugh of the Ohio Penitentiary Shot Down.

Fierce Battle Follows. Separated for 10 Years. The Two Prisoners Who Tried to Escape Badly Wounded.

Columbus, O., Nov. 18.—A desperate attempt was made by two convicts to escape from the Penitentiary this morning, as a result of which Guard Charles B. Lauterbaugh, of Mount Vernon, was shot and killed, while Convicts O'Neill and Atkinson received injuries of a serious nature and both are now in the prison hospital.

O'Neill and Atkinson, who are serving fifteen years each for robbery committed in Cleveland, obtained possession of a revolver and proceeded to carry out a bold plan to escape. One covered his face with a handkerchief and went into the broom closet, where he held up Guard Lime and took his revolver. He then returned to the broom closet, where the other man joined him and they killed Guard Lauterbaugh.

The sound of the shooting reached the other officials in the prison and they came on the run to investigate. Guard Gump was the first on the scene and promptly opened fire on the two prisoners. This was returned and in the fray Convict Atkinson was wounded and as soon as the guns were emptied Guard Gump rushed in with his cane and almost beat O'Neill to death before the prisoner would surrender.

The other prisoners in the shop took no part in the affair, but it is understood that they stood ready to follow if the efforts of the two leaders proved successful. Previous to making their outbreak one of the two prisoners forced a third man to place a ladder against the outside of the penitentiary wall so that when they had fought their way out of the shop they could shoot down the wall guard and make their escape by that route.

Atkinson was shot twice in the right arm and O'Neill has two severe scalp wounds. Neither is fatally hurt.

Platt machine district leaders were furious yesterday over the lashing given to Thursday night at the County Committee meeting by Clarence Quigg, because of alleged unfairness on election day. Several of them went to Senator Platt and renewed their demand that Quigg be forced to resign and permit a thorough reorganization of the machine. The Senator gave them no encouragement.

A new organization, known as the "League of American Sportsmen," has been organized for the purpose of protecting game and game fishes. G. O. Shields, the president, in explaining the need of such an organization said:

"A careful inquiry recently made by the New York Zoological Society, reveals the startling fact that in thirty States and Territories, the decrease in bird life during the past fifteen years has reached an average of 46 per cent. The decrease in the number of edible birds has been even greater than that. A number of our finest species are now approaching practical extinction."

Improved Service, New York to Cleveland, O., via Pennsylvania Railroad. Commencing Saturday, Nov. 19, through Pullman Sleeping Car with the No. 10, N. Y. train from West 22d st., arriving Cleveland at 9:30 A. M.

McCarren and Palmer for Leaders. Richard Croker is expected home next week, when there will be a conference as to the organization of the Democratic forces in the Legislature. Senator Patrick H. McCarren is the favorite for leader in the Senate, while George M. Palmer, of Schenectady, is the favorite in the Assembly.

First Engineers Coming Home. Ponce, Porto Rico, Nov. 18.—The transport Minnoweater, with the First Engineers and representatives of the Red Cross Society on board, left here to-day for home via Guantico.

BABES PROWLY ASKED PRISONER TO SAVE HER LOWER.

Twins Five Days Old Were Lowered from a Window with a Rope.

TWO GIRLS UNCONSCIOUS.

Their Mother Forgot Them When She Rushed to Give the Alarm.

SHOT IN DEFENCE OF HIS MOTHER.

Brave Boy Receives a Bullet in His Head While Struggling with His Stepfather.

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A LOVELY AND MYSTERIOUS CHORUS GIRL DISAPPEARS ABRUPTLY.

A RICH MAN'S DAUGHTER.

SCHOOLGIRL ELOPEMENT ESTRANGED HER FATHER, AND NOW SHE DREADS HER HUSBAND.

HE WOULD KIDNAP THE CHILD.

FRANCES PALMER, DAUGHTER OF A CHICAGO MAN OF AFFAIRS, ABANDONS THE FOOTLIGHTS IN ORDER TO ESCAPE OBSERVATION.

There is a vacancy in the home of a rich man in Chicago. There is a vacancy of more recent origin, in the front rank of the Casino chorus. There is a vacant apartment at the Gilsey House. And the absence is in each case the same person.

Frances Palmer has been a fugitive three times—the chapters will tell how. This time she has disappeared in the interests of a certain person. And whether she may be this story will not tell where— that certain person is with her—will probably be in her arms when this narrative is being read. Still, it is not a scandalous story. The certain person is only twelve months old.

CHAPTER I. General passenger agent of the Wabash Railroad and a versatile man of affairs, E. A. Palmer, needed to spare no expense in the education of his daughter, Frances Palmer learned to speak French and German and Italian, to paint, to play the harp and to sing. She had an exquisite voice.

There is a certain finishing school at Port Hope, Canada, which is famous for the final polish it imparts to the daughters of Western millionaires. Thither went Frances Palmer.

There were duennas aplenty to keep her over the handsome Chicago girl. But duennas sometimes sleep and sometimes go shopping. Frances Palmer fell in love with the head of the school.

He was just such a bean as a small Canadian town might be expected to produce, except that he had a quite unusual gift of persuasion—the potent gift that in Ireland they call "blarney." In Frances Palmer's eyes he was a Romeo well worthy of any schoolgirl's affections.

CHAPTER II. Elopement in the schoolgirl mind, arranges itself in this sequence: 1.—Flight. 2.—Marriage. 3.—Travel. 4.—Ruin's foreboding.

Frances Palmer—or, rather, Mrs. Miller—enjoyed Nos. 1, 2 and 3. But No. 4 did not materialize. Papa Palmer was not propitiated by the insinuating letters of his son-in-law.

The travelling part of it was a unpleasant chore. It entailed a return to her town, as well as the bridegroom's funds gave out. That was in Toronto. They stayed there, and Miller made shrewdly very bad grace, to discharge the obligations which were the unexpected outcrop of his clever wooing of a rich man's daughter.

There at seventeen years of age, the school girl bride became a mother.

There was not the slightest indication that Papa Palmer would ever be allowed to be a village bean once more, and the longing word expression in his daughter's mind.

CHAPTER III. "Voice first-rate; appearance throp. What is your name, Miss?"

The musical director of the Casino dipped his handkerchief into his pocket and looked at her. "Frances Palmer," said the applicant.

She went among a crowd of girls on the dusty, deserted stage and ventured to be a part, how to glide, how to curve, how to stand still and look interested, and how to smile continually as if she were enjoying herself.

There was not a girl in the front row who smiled so artfully. That was because Frances Palmer was thinking of her baby and what a clever little woman she was to be able to support it so well, in spite of cruel papa.

But papa's cruelty had its limits. Failing to persuade his daughter to return home, which he desired, he was doing her a favor by allowing her to live at the Gilsey House and to keep a maid.

Every day the baby was brought to her by the motherly woman in whose care she had left it, and in this way Frances Palmer was happy all day long.

All that ended last Monday, when Miller confronted her. He had seen her portrait among those of the Casino chorus, and was possessed of a longing to collect her salary. Failing in this, he threatened to kidnap the baby.

On Wednesday night the stage manager received a note from Frances Palmer requesting her to be present at a certain hour, and the woman and baby called at the Gilsey House earlier than usual, and Frances Palmer went away with them, taking all her belongings.

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