ENTICED FROM HOME IN TEXAS

PRETTY RUTH SUMNER UNFOLDS INTERESTING STORY.

POLICE AFTER J. L. NICHOLS

Warrants Issued for Man Charging Him With White Slavery and Perjury—Woman Claiming to Be His Wife Captured at W., B. & A. Terminal With Girl in Custody, but She Is Later Released.

An unusual story of how a girl, the oldest of a family whose head is incapacitated for work, in her desire to aid her father and her younger sisters and brothers, was enticed away from home by an elderly man, who offered "fatherly protection," and who later threatened her if she divulged the truth of her relations with him, was told in the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon.

Miss Ruth Elizabeth Sumner, a pretty 17-year-old girl of the plains of Texas, who was taken into custody here on January 14, under the name of Mrs. Ruth Elizabeth Nichols, was the person who told the story. Miss Sumner and William Hambrich, a Texas cowboy, eloped from Norfolk, Va., on January 12 last, and Hambrich was arrested here, charged with violating the white slave statute, and the girl was held as a state's witness. At the hearing in the Central Police Station on January 14 J. Laurens Nichols, a man of over 50 years and who swore he was the husband of the girl, testified. He said he had married the girl a year before. She testified that this was so, and that she was on her way from her home in Texas to join Nichols in Norfolk when she met Hambrich on the train and decided to run away from Nichols. Nichols pleaded with the magistrate to dismiss the charge against Hambrich so that he and his "dear little wife could go back to Norfolk together and live happily." The charge was dismissed.

Never Married Girl.

It now develops that Nichols was never married to the little girl, but, according to her story, he got her away from her home last July on the pretext of keeping her as his stenographer on his travels about the country. He told her paralyzed father that he would be a "father" to her.

Warrants are now out for Nichols and he will be arrested within the next 24 hours. Perjury, violation of the White Slave law, and fraudulent intimidation are some of the charges laid against him.

A woman, who gave her name as Margaret R. Nichols and said she was Nichols' wife, was held at the Central Police Station for a time yesterday, charged with kidnapping the little girl. The woman was later released, the charge dismissed and she went back to Washington. Miss Sumner is at the Young Women's Christian Association, where she has lived for the past week. She will testify against Nichols and his wife.

United States Government Inspector Grgurevich, Samuel E. Pentz, counsel for the Society for the Suppression of Vice, and plain clothes Patrolmane Cullison arrested Mrs. Nichols at the W. B. & A. Electric Railway terminal yesterday afternoon as she and another woman were about to board a train with Miss Sumner to take the latter over to Washington to Nichols. Mrs. Nichols' companion ran and the police were unable to catch her.

Then the following facts were learned. When Nichols left the Central Police Court after the hearing on January 14, he said he was going back to Norfolk that evening with his "wife." Instead, he went to Washington, D. C., engaged a room for the little girl there, and he lived in another part of the city, however frequently visiting Miss Sumner. It is now learned that he was living with his real wife.

Says He Made Threats.

"He threatened me and made me remain with him," said the little girl yesterday. "I tried so hard to get away, and I wanted to. But I was afraid of him. He said he could put me in the penitentiary, and I believed him."

Finally, five days ago the girl fled to Baltimore and to the Young Woman's Christian Association. They obtained for her a position in a local laundry, and she had been living at their building at Park avenue and Franklin street. Last Tuesday evening Nichols learned where the girl was and came to Baltimore. He went to the Young Woman's Christian Association and created quite a scene by demanding that the young girl go back to Washington with him, claiming that she was his wife. She clung to one of the women there and said she would not go back. Nichols left and the officials of the association notified the police. Then the girl received several letters from Nichols, which she produced before Magistrate Supplee yesterday, stating that "if she told anything," she would ruin both herself and Nichols.

These letters stated that "if you do not come back with me, I can have you sent to the penitentiary." All of these letters were turned over to the police. Yesterday afternoon Nichols sent his wife, with another woman, over here to bring the girl back to him. They went to the laundry where she had been working, and, she says, threatened her if she did not go with them. She says she was afraid and had to go, but was thankful that the police intervened. Officials of the laundry notified the police and the trio were spied at the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis terminal. The other woman with Mrs. Nichols got away. Then all went to the Central Police Station where, after the stories were told the warrants for the arrest of Nichols were sworn out.

Her Father Paralyzed.

Little Miss Sumner looks scarcely over 15, but says she is nearly 18. She is very pretty, with a small, oval face, pink cheeks and large innocent blue eyes.

"I was living at home in San Angelo, Tex., last July," she said, "when I met Mr. Nichols. I was the eldest of three children and my father was paralyzed and could do but little. Mr. Nichols came to my home and tried to persuade my father to let me travel with him, saying he needed a clerk and that he would be a father to me. My father refused and he did not want me to go from home. Mr. Nichols then went to Vicksburg, Miss., and wrote several letters to me and to my father, saying he had a fine position for me if I would take it. My father finally consented in August, and Mr. Nichols sent money to my father to pay my transportation to New Orleans, where I was to join him. He was all right to me for about a month. Then he began paying attentions to me and ruined me and made me pose as his wife. I was under his spell and had to do what he said. He let me go home during Christmas, and said I must join him in Norfolk in January. I hated to do it, and was afraid to tell my father the truth about him. When I approached Norfolk I weakened, and when I met Mr. Hambrich on the train I ran away with him to Baltimore. I did not like Mr. Hambrich, but I would go with anyone to get away from Mr. Nichols. After that he took me to Washington and threatened me. I ran away last Monday."

After the arrest of Nichols and after the cases against him are disposed of, the girl will be sent back to her home.

MOST DEATHS ARE PREVENTABLE

Startling Statement Made By Dr. Vaughan

NERVOUS DEBILITY MENACE

Famous Specialist Has Stated That Eighty-Five Per Cent. Of Deaths Are From Preventable Causes---Nerve Trouble Robs Patient Of Necessary Vigor To Ward Off the Attacks Of Other Diseases.

"Dr. Victor C. Vaughan, dean of the Ann Arbor Medical College, once stated that 85 per cent. of the deaths in this country are from preventable diseases," said John Beazeley Webb, the London nerve specialist, now connected with the new tonic, Tona Vita. "Think of these figures and note how appalling they are.

"Neither is this terrible state of affairs the fault of medical science. It is the fault of the people themselves. It is the fault of the new mode of living, which they have created in defiance of all laws of nature. It is the fault of nervous debility, the twentieth century ailment.

"People flee in horror from such scourges as cholera, smallpox, yellow fever and other similar complaints because the effect is so speedy and so apparent, but they have no fear at all of an ailment like nervous debility because the ill effects are not so apparent on the surface and its dangerous action is slower. This is where the people deceive themselves because nervous debility is far more dangerous than any of the scourges above mentioned and is also far more common nowadays.

"Nervous debility saps the vitality of the brain and of every organ of the body. It makes the subject get so run down in health that he or she is an easy mark for any disease.

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JEWELRY AND CANARY GONE

Robbers Loot Mason Home—Bird Taken From Mrs. Conway.

Changing their field of operation to another section of Baltimore county, the thieves who for weeks have terrorized the residents of Walbrook, West Forest Park and Park Heights avenue by their boldness are believed to be the ones who robbed the home of Mr. J. Dudley Mason, an attorney of 5 Someset road, Roland Park, of jewelry valued at $1,000 on Tuesday night.

The robbery at the home of Mr. Mason is considered most bold, in view of the fact that it is thought to have occurred about 7 o'clock in the evening, while Mr. Mason and his family were at dinner. The thieves belong to the class known by the police as "porch climbers," as they gained entrance to the house by climbing up on the porch in the front of the dwelling, after which they had little difficulty in opening a window leading to the room of Mr. Mason. All the jewelry stolen belonged to Mr. Mason and was taken from the front room. The articles were all in a jewel case, which was also taken away by the intruder, who, it is thought, was probably slightly disturbed by some noise in the house and was afraid of being caught if he took the time to remove the jewelry from the case before making his getaway.

A sneak thief, who entered the home of Mrs. Daniel W. Conway, 1540 Poplar Grove avenue, was not satisfied with taking jewelry valued at $29, but had the nerve to steal a brass cage containing a canary bird. How the man got into the house has not been learned.

Abraham Lichtenstein, 317 North Eden street, wants the police to find a suitcase, containing peddlers' goods valued at $30. The suitcase was stolen from the cellar of 228 Camden street.

Hank Gibbons, 404 St. Paul street, reported that he was robbed of a suitcase containing clothes valued at $30, while on the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic steamer, Dorchester.

Mrs. Freda Braun, 807 South Paca street, was robbed of a watch and chain valued at 28, while having a bureau moved.

Mrs. Marie Manley, 16 West Hamilton street, reported to Detective Headquarters that she was attacked by a white man Wednesday night and robbed of a fur valued at $20. Her assailant bumped into her and snatched the piece from around her neck.

To Lecture on Labrador.

At a stated meeting of the Maryland Academy of Sciences to be held on Monday evening next at 8:15 o'clock Prof. James H. Taylor, of Washington, D. C., will deliver a lecture upon Travels in Labrador, showing a liberal number of lantern slides.

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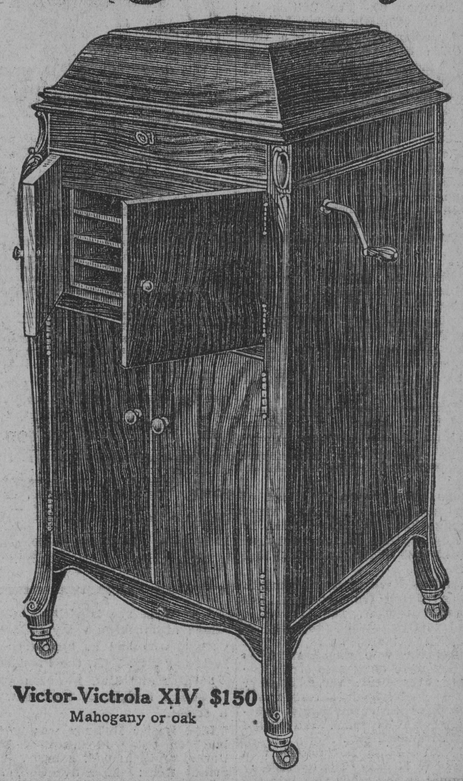

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Henderson, Tex.—In a letter from this place, Mrs. T. V. Bennett says: "Last November I was taken very sick and had two doctors. They doctored me for most everything that could be thought of, and at last they told me it would be necessary to have an operation. I couldn't give in to this, although I was suffering great pain.

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STRIKE BALLOT WILL END TODAY

FIREMEN ON FIFTY-FOUR RAILROADS MAY WALK OUT.

SITUATION REGARDED GRAVE

Officials of the Various Lines Have Urged Repeatedly They Would Be Willing to Submit the Dispute to Arbitration by an Impartial Board, but This Offer Has Been Ignored—Their Ultimatum to the Firemen.

Firemen on 54 of the Eastern railroads, including all of the roads coming into Baltimore will finish taking their secret ballot to decide whether a strike shall be ordered today, and officials of the Baltimore and Ohio, the Western Maryland and the Pennsylvania railroads in this city admitted yesterday that the situation was one of the deepest gravity.

The officers of the Firemen's Brotherhood have so far ignored the published offer of the railroads to submit the questions to the same sort of arbitration employed in the engineers' case. President Carter, of the firemen, objected that too great a delay in the settlement of the demands would result from employing the agencies of an arbitration board. The firemen submitted their final demands on December 18 and decided that if these were not accepted by the companies, that the strike vote would be taken. Officials of the railroads leading into Baltimore yesterday conceded that the result of the secret ballot, which will be completed today, will show that 90 per cent. of the 30,000 firemen are in favor of a strike.

In view of the refusal to submit the matter to a board of arbitration, say the local officials, it appears that as a result of the ballot, a strike will be declared within a few days unless the companies agree to the demands in full, or unless the Interstate Commerce Commission steps in and takes a hand in the matter, both of which possibilities are considered remote.

All of them agree that it is impossible to tell whether the men will actually go out if ordered, "but," said a Baltimore and Ohio official, "we are taking them at their word, and they say that they will do so. If they do, traffic will be tied up, and the most serious results will follow. What these results will be to Baltimore and other Eastern cities have been described graphically in the report of the board of arbitration in the engineers' wage dispute, and the results from a strike of the firemen will be even more serious."

At the office of the Western Maryland Railroad hope was expressed that a strike might be averted, but it was admitted that the situation was one of the deepest gravity since the men had refused arbitration. "That a strike seriously menaces not only Baltimore, but the whole country," said the same official, "is evident from the bulletin issued to the firemen by their committee. This bulletin reads: Under no circumstances should any person voting be told that there is no danger of a strike, for it is expected that every man will vote just as he expects to act. If he does not expect to leave the service of the company, if necessary, he should not deceive the officers of the brotherhood by voting 'Yes;'"

It was further stated at the Western Maryland offices that the firemen are the bone and sinew of the roads, and that if they decide to strike, the trainmen will probably follow their example, and that it will be found impossible to replace the men. Officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad expressed similar views, and although hope is expressed that the strike may be averted, none of the officials are clear on the point of how this may be accomplished.

Elisha Lee, chairman of the conference committee of the 45 railroads involved, yesterday issued the following statement to the firemen: "Before the strike vote is counted and the firemen have gone too far the railroads wish again to repeat their offer to lay their differences with the men before an unprejudiced board of citizens." In the same statement attention is called to the fact that the railroad managers have learned with considerable surprise that the firemen are also polling the engineers who belong to their brotherhood. These same engineers, continues the report, had their wages increased by the recent arbitration award.

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WARFIELD FOR PRESIDENT

Other Nominations Also Made by Historical Society.

Officers of the Maryland Historical Society will be elected at the annual meeting to be held in the rooms of the society, on the night of February 10. The annual session will follow the monthly meeting. Besides the election of officers, standing committees will be elected and the reports of officers and committees will be read. The nominees to be voted upon are:

For President—Edwin Warfield.
For Vice Presidents—W. Hall Harris, Michael Jenkins, Henry Stockbridge.
For Corresponding Secretary—Richard H. Spencer.
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For Committee on the Library—H. Oliver Thompson, chairman; Walter I. Dawkins, Louis H. Diehman, Richard M. Duvall, Edward B. Mathews, Frederick W. Story, Moses R. Walter.
For Committee on Finance—R. Brent Keyser, chairman; Robert Garrett, Douglas H. Thomas.
For Committee on Publications—Clayton C. Hall, chairman; Samuel K. Dennis, Bernard C. Steiner.
For Committee on Membership—McHenry Howard, chairman; James D. Iglehart, William H. Lytle, George Norbury Mackenzie, Isaac T. Norris, J. Hall Pleasants, DeCourcy W. Thom, Henry Williams.
For Committee on Genealogy and Heraldry—Thomas E. Sears, chairman; Kirk Brown, B. Bernard Browne, William M. Hayden, Christopher Johnston, William J. McClellan.
For Committee on Addresses and Literary Entertainments—Andrew C. Trippe, chairman; William M. Pegram, Lawrence C. Wroth.

Concerning Health.

To keep the members of his congregation from enjoying poor health, an Eastern preacher has his services printed and sent to them when they are too sick to attend church.—Toledo Blade.

PARDON FOR DYING NEGRO

Tubercular Prisoner in Penitentiary to Be Cared For.

Charles D. Reid, secretary of the Prisoners' Aid Society, obtained a place yesterday for Woodford Toomey, colored, a tubercular patient to the Maryland Penitentiary. Toomey has only a short time to live, according to the physicians, and within the next few days will be taken to the new State Tuberculosis Asylum at Salisbury. Dr. George W. Todd, the superintendent, yesterday sent word to Secretary Reid that he would make a place for the prisoner, and this information was immediately communicated to Governor Goldsborough, who has promised to pardon the man.

The story of the dying man in the penitentiary has aroused much sympathy throughout the entire city and state, and offers have been received from a number of citizens offering to make a place for him on their farms. One woman, as soon as she read of the negro's plight, telephoned to Secretary Reid from Annapolis saying that she would give him a home on her farm.

"I'll treat him right and be a good nurse," she told Mr. Reid. "He will have all the fresh milk and eggs he wants, and will not have to do any work. My place is ideally situated and I have an outbuilding which is well ventilated and would make a splendid home for him. Let me know whether I can assist you, and if you want any references I will gladly furnish them. My offer is made in the sake of humanity, suffering and dying humanity, and I want to help your society."

Besides this offer, dozens of persons have visited the Penitentiary to talk with Toomey. Warden Leonard permitted everyone to see him in the hospital, and is doing everything in his power to aid in the pardon. Toomey is not, as has been reported, confined to his cell and the corridor on which it is, but spends the greater part of the day in the open. He is not compelled to do work, and has all of his time to himself to do with as he pleases. He spends most of his time in the Penitentiary yard. At night he occupies a well-ventilated section of the Penitentiary Hospital.

When Governor Goldsborough heard of the offer of Dr. Todd, of Salisbury, he told Mr. Reid that he would pay the expenses of the man, but Warden Leonard, of the Penitentiary, would not hear of this. The Warden yesterday declared that it was up to him to take care of the prisoners, and that as soon as his pardon is granted he will be released and furnished with funds and clothing. However, he will not be allowed to leave the prison until the sailing of the next steamer for Salisbury.

"It is an outrage that Maryland cannot afford an asylum for tubercular negroes," said Mr. Reid yesterday. "I cannot understand what the saving to the state is, for by trying to save in this way the life of every person is placed in jeopardy. We have 5,000 tubercular negroes in this state with no place for them to go, and I think it is about time that Maryland should provide for them. Crownsville, where the negro insane asylum is located, would be an ideal place for the tuberculosis hospital, for directly adjoining the present institution is a large field which would be an admirable site for the proposed institution.

"This is only the beginning of one of the biggest fights ever made in this state, and before we are through we intend to get what we want. We intend to rid all of the penal institutions in Maryland of the tubercular and insane patients, but before that we are going to have a negro tubercular asylum. This is going to be a fight to the finish. And soon the public will know just what is what along these lines. Take, for instance, the case of this prisoner. Suppose his time had been up today; he would have been turned loose and would now be walking the streets with everyone else, spreading the germs of his disease right and left. What the result would be in the end no one knows, but it is safe to say that there would be a number of persons who would contract the disease from him."

Warden Leonard yesterday said that he expected the pardon of Toomey to arrive at any moment, and was very anxious that he find a good place. When told of Dr. Todd's offer he declared that that was just the thing and expressed his hopes of soon seeing a negro asylum in this state.

Money and the Doctor.

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