

MAIDEN SEEKER FOR POT O' GOLD GUARDED HERE

Travelers' Aid Society on Watch for Unsophisticated Girls.

PROPER GUIDES GIVEN

What does Indianapolis do for the girl who reaches here alone?

Of course, we don't mean the competent young woman who has traveled through a dozen or more States on her "lone," but we are referring to the little girl from "down State" who, after a few short hours ago packed her suitcase so carefully with the elegant appearing dresses, the work of the town "seamstress" and, with heart beating high with ambitions to make money, told her folks "goodby," set out for "the big city," where work is supposed to abound in every direction, looks for.

To the sophisticated metropolitan citizens the problem of the country girl in the city seems to be "ancient history." But, it is one of those peculiar economic conditions which does not involve with the rest of the world and the difficulty of protecting the young girl who is seeking her fortune in the big city is as difficult as it was twenty years ago.

In these days when the church which used to hint at the wickedness of the city now paints in flaming red the closures of the pitfalls set for the undiscerning, hundreds are asking how Indianapolis care for the girls who seek work within the gates of the Union Station?

For this purpose the Travelers' Aid Society of Indianapolis has an office in the southwest corner of the Union Station, where Mrs. Edna L. Pearce watches for the strange girl and directs her to a safe place to room.

EASY TO KNOW STRANGE GIRL

How do you know a girl is strange in the city? That is easy. If she knows what she is doing she will either walk straight through the depot or look around for the person who is to meet her. On the other hand if she is a stranger she usually puts her bag down in the middle of the floor and casts an uncertain glance around the room. This girl usually arrives in the afternoon. Also, usually, is without money, or if she has any, it is a very small amount. She does not know where she is going and does not have any friends in the city. She usually has the opinion she can find a room "right across from the station," and that the next morning she can get a "swell" job at the first place she inquires.

It is the business of the matron of the Travelers' Aid Association or the Y. W. C. A. worker, into whose care she is transferred, to disillusion her as kindly as possible. Perhaps by picturing to her in firm language the hardships she will have to go through, maybe she can be convinced that "home" is the best place after all.

She usually says she came to the city to get work, but she doesn't "know much of anything," but she understood "anybody could get a job." It sometimes takes more than her informer's statement to convince her just "anybody" can't get a job, but trained women only.

What brings the girl to Indianapolis? It is generally conceded that stories of high wages paid during the last few years have drawn thousands of these girls to the cities, but the real answer for all times is "dissatisfaction" exaggerated to "unhappiness" in many instances. Perhaps it is real, but more often it is only fancied. "Home trouble" in its many phases is the title for many, many cases. Sometimes the father or mother has married a second time and discord enters the home. In other cases the results of poverty brings her to the city, ignorant of the knowledge that she is about to enter a harder life than the one she left.

THE ONE SEEKING A BETTER TIME

Then, there is the girl who, although she is not wilfully "bad," has come to believe that she can have a better time in the city than she had under the eyes of her parents. The matrons say she is "the hardest to work with."

"In fact, said Mrs. Pearce, "the girl who needs our help the most is the hardest to approach. She far more often resents what she terms our 'interference' than does the girl who is not in need of our help."

"But, I do not believe these girls should be blamed for their conduct, because they do not know any better, and

Returns Home Soon



ARMY ALL SET FOR FIRST TIME IN FIFTY YEARS

General Snow, in Report, Says U. S. Fully Equipped With Artillery.

NOTES OFFICER NEED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—For the first time in half a century the United States has on hand sufficient stocks of artillery, left over from the war, to equip a large-sized army, according to the annual report of Maj. Gen. J. J. Snow, chief of field artillery, to the Secretary of War, made public today.

"Should war unfortunately break out in the next few years," said General Snow, "we should be spared the task of the tactic of artillery drilling with improved modern guns, home-made telephone, rope harnesses and similar expedients which characterized the first year of the present war."

General Snow reviews the year's activity of the field artillery as a combination of a great deal of work with small visible results. At no time during the year, he says, have there been sufficient regular officers to properly carry on training of troops and recruiting enlisted men has been slow and difficult.

Financial inducements in civil life and undiscerned conditions were given as the main causes for resignations of officers and lack of re-enlistments of enlisted men. The result was that during the entire year many regiments have remained at little more than the strength of battalions.

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Lowther and Bryson Seek Postmaster Job

As a reward for his political services through numerous campaigns, Richard Lowther, official stenographer of the Marion County Probate Court, is seeking the appointment as postmaster of Indianapolis to succeed Robert E. Springsteen, the present postmaster, who was appointed by the former administration.

Robert H. Bryson, city attorney, is the other candidate, and it is generally understood that Bryson is the favorite among the political powers. Bryson's appointment as postmaster would remove him from the field as a candidate at the primary in the Republican race for mayor.

Lowther, however, has been popular with favor as the city administration candidate but his desire to become postmaster eliminates him temporarily from the race.

STOMACH TROUBLE

Indigestion
Sourness

Gases
Flatulence

Acidity
Palpitation

Let "Pape's Diaepsin" correct your digestion by neutralizing the harmful acids in the stomach and intestines, then you can eat favorite foods without fear. Prompt stomach relief awaits you.



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Mrs. McClain Will Accompany Bob on This South Sea Trip

Ex-Marine, Who Inherits Sultan's Forty Dusky Wives, Writes War Department.

FRANKLIN, Mass., Nov. 24.—Robert A. (Bob) McClain, formerly of San Francisco, ex-marine and soldier of fortune, has written to the War Department for confirmation of the report that he has been willed the empire of the sultan of Liang-Liang and the sultan's harem of forty dusky wives.

The little empire of Liang-Liang is an island in the south seas, washed by tropical waters. The possessions include valuable pearl fisheries. Fifteen hundred subjects dwell in this land of palm trees.

McClain once saved the sultan's life and was adopted as the sultan's son. It happened back in 1909 when "Bob," as a member of the 2d Marines, was ordered to the island, at the extreme south end of the Philippines. McClain says he rescued the sultan from some men who were beating him and that the aged sultan then adopted him as his son.

Now the sultan is dead and McClain is informed unofficially that the title for the empire, harem and all, awaits him.

But McClain was married to Miss Ethel Miller at Wrentham, Mass., last May, so he is going to disband the harem if the War Department confirms the advice from Liang-Liang for Mrs. McClain plans to go to the South Seas. At present McClain is working as a mechanic.

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