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BOY, 5, BARES BRUTAL SIEGE; PARENTS HELD

Serious Illness Result of 2
Weeks' Punishment
in Home.

STOLE BREAD, BUTTER

Tied to Ceiling by Wrists,
Lad Fed Only Twice, to
Break 'Habits.'

By United Press
CLEVELAND, O., May 7.—Physicians at Lakeside hospital here today were attending a 6-year-old boy, who, police claim, escaped from his home after being locked in the bathroom almost without food for more than two weeks.

The boy is in a serious condition with tuberculosis-peritonitis, caused by undernourishment, physicians said.

Police arrested the boy's father, James Robinson Sr., and later captured his stepmother, who had fled. The boy was subjected to inhuman and fiendish treatment during the fourteen-day period, according to officers, because he stole "bread and butter." He repeatedly was suspended by his wrists to light fixtures in the bathroom, they said.

Authorities said that the child escaped by prying the bathroom window open while his parents were away from home. He told his story of imprisonment and hunger to neighbors, and collapsed, police said.

Escaped Through Window
Hospital physicians said the boy was conscious and able to give a description of his imprisonment. According to his story, there was little food in the house, and his parents were depriving him of his share so that his 4-year-old brother Arthur could have plenty. James said he climbed to the cupboard and took "the bread and butter." Discovering that the food was gone, his stepmother told his father, James said.

Angered by his deed, Robinson Sr. tied him up in the bathroom where he remained for more than two weeks, it was said. A few days ago he jumped from the bathroom window and ran to the home of a neighbor, with the story that his "mama was mean to me." Later he returned.

Prosecution Started

Physicians said the boy was fed prune juice and water twice a day during his imprisonment, but that when he cried "too hard" his parents gave him rye bread.

According to police, Mrs. Robinson admitted that the boy was tied, but declared it was done to "break bad habits." The boy's wrists were reported badly bruised from the ropes which bound him.

Word of the boy's plight was received at police headquarters in an anonymous telephone call. Emma Schuler, policewoman, went to the house and found the child, thin and starved.

"Please take me away from here, my mama is mean to me," the boy begged. "I was stealing bread and butter and she punished me."

Police said the parents would be prosecuted by juvenile court authorities.

RESCUE CHILD IN WELL

Hundreds Participate in Tunneling
Underground Pass to Lodge.

By United Press
GENEVA, Neb., May 7.—Carol Brower, 18-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brower, imprisoned twenty-two feet underground in a narrow well for four hours, was rescued by hundreds of neighbors.

The child was rescued late last night after the neighbors sunk a shaft parallel to the abandoned well and cut a cross tunnel to the narrow ledge where she was perched just above the stagnant water.

HIKE PAY IN TIN MILLS
Youngstown (O.) Industries to
Boost Wages in May, June.

By United Press
YOUNGSTOWN, O., May 7.—Sheet and tin mill workers in the steel industry will receive a wage increase during May and June for the first time in nearly two years. Wages of these employees are computed by the average selling prices of sheets, in the two preceding months.

The average selling price in March and April was 2.65 cents a pound or 15 per cent above base and 1% per cent above the last sheet sale examination.

Japan Village Fire Routs 3,500

By United Press
YAMANAKA, Japan, May 7.—About 3,500 residents of Yamanaka were homeless today after fire had destroyed more than half of the city. Three persons were killed and 100 others seriously injured in the blaze.

Circus Facts
Here are the facts you want to know about Sels Floto circus here today for two performances:

Date—Today.

Location—Keystone avenue grounds.

Performances—1 p. m. and 7 p. m.

Previous Stand—Terre Haute.

Departure—About 3 a. m.

Railroad—Pennsylvania.

Following Stand—Richmond.

Drug Store—Claypool Hotel

MARY EATS LITTLE LAMB!

'Our Gang's' Sweetheart Must Reduce



By Times Special

M. T. CLEMENS, Mich., May 7.—Mary with her little lamb garbed in snowy fleece may do for the nurseries of Mister and Missus Average Folk, but to Jean Darling, 8, blonde sweetheart of "Our Gang" comedies, that lambkin of Mary's is an ogre.

For that lamb is nothing but a thin chop to Jean, served daily so she can reduce weight, and retain her sweet form, and keep the spotlight in the "talkies."

Hollywood "highnesses" called Jean and her mother aside last week and said, "You're too fat."

"She weighs only 65 pounds," scoffed "Ma" Darling.

"Sixty-five pounds—pounds. Sweat it off. Run it off. Starve it off," ordered the "highnesses" of the films.

"She just dotes on wheat cakes,"

maple syrup and candy," mourned her mother.

"Yes, and all I can have is a la-m-b chop," cries the "Gang" honey.

"But you've lost three pounds in three days. Think of it! Three!" exclaimed the mother.

"But," interrupted Jean, "I'm tired of lamb chops."

And with that her mother launched into that "once-upon-a-time there were Three Bears" which has nothing at all to do with Mary's lamb, Jean's weight losing, or cruel film magnates.

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