

MOTHER GOES TO BEDSIDE OF ILL 'SKI GIRL'

Comment Is Withheld on Possibility of Return to Canada.

By United Press
MINEOLA, L. I., Dec. 2.—Miss May Gledhill, comely Canadian "Ski Girl," caught in the tangled web woven by her own love affair, has conferred with her mother, but neither will say if she and her baby will be returned to her Montreal home.

There are no legal bars to such action.

The unwed mother of "Sonny," the 2-year-old son of a philandering engineer, William Conner, today was reported recovering rapidly from her collapse of last Saturday which focussed public attention on her strange "love triangle."

"Sonny" is playing gleefully about the home leased for his mother by his father before he went to Vermont state penitentiary to serve a sentence for forgery. He is cared for by Conner's wife, Inez, who went to live with her husband's "adopted family" after he was convicted.

Wife Cares for Baby

Mrs. Conner is caring for "Sonny" whom she calls "My Baby" on a schedule—so much milk, so much cereal, so much spinach, and certain hours for sleep and play—all according to the book.

The "Ski Girl's" Mother, Mrs. Peel Gledhill, arrived at Nassau county hospital Tuesday night for the talk with the daughter who had concealed the birth of her child from her parents, but not from the wife of its father.

Meanwhile, additional letters from the convict to his wife and mistress were quoted in published interviews with Mrs. Conner. She has said that letters to both herself and Miss Gledhill have arrived in the same envelope and have been read by both.

Letters Are Quoted

The new letters tended to show that, while the two women always were friendly toward each other, they did not always hold Conner in their affections. One quoted note dated Nov. 27, last, said:

"Dearest May—Why do you hate me so? I know I have done you wrong and am paying for it dearly and you will never know how I suffer. I am praying God that you or Sonny will never suffer mentally the way I do."

In another quoted letter to his wife dated Nov. 16, 1931, Conner told of his love for Miss Gledhill and his annoyance at recent acts. He wrote:

"Dear Inez—You will realize how great my love for May has always been and is more than ever now and you must realize that I have nothing but worry and won't you be kind enough to try to show her how she is wrong for Sonny's sake only."

In February of last year Conner gave his wife a copy of Shakespeare's sonnets with this written on the fly leaf:

"To my dear wife whom I have never ceased to love. . . Ernest."

Boy Badly Hurt in Fall

Falling down a stairway Tuesday afternoon at school No. 50, Robert Hoefling, 7, son of Gerald Hoefling, 2617 Jackson street, sustained a skull fracture and is in a serious condition at city hospital.

Chorus Boss



Miss Myrna Celeste

Dancing choruses for the Marion county sheriff's circus to be given at B. F. Keith's theater Dec. 25, 26 and 27, will be instructed by Miss Myrna Celeste. Services of Miss Celeste and those of the dancing classes of the Louis Stockman studio have been donated for the circus, at which orphan children of Marion county will be guests.

SEEK TO HALT INSANITY GAIN

Mental Hygiene Group to Discuss Methods.

Means of halting the increase in the number of persons suffering mental ailments will be discussed at the annual conference of the Indiana Society for Mental Hygiene Monday at the Claypool.

"There are 7,000 insane, 1,900 feeble-minded, and 800 epileptic persons, a total of 9,700 in the eight Indiana state institutions for mental cases," said C. O. Holmes, Gary, president, in announcing the conference.

"This total is 200 more than a year ago, 1,100 more than five years ago and 2,400 more than ten years ago. It costs \$2,500,000 a year to support them in institutions, in which the state has more than \$14,000,000 invested."

"It is well known that the population of the state institutions is but a fraction of the whole number of mental cases in the state needing care and training."

A number of prominent speakers are on the conference program for discussion of various phases of the problem of reducing the number of mental cases.

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'WAGE SLAVERY' ON U. S. JOBS IS TARGET OF BILL

Congressman Says Law Is Flaunted by Group of 'Contract Brokers.'

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Declaring that the spirit of the prevailing wage law is being flaunted by a group of "contracting brokers" who undercut regular contractors and farm out government work to sub-contractors, Representative Robert L. Bacon (Rep., N. Y.) today said he would ask congress for amendments to the Davis-Bacon act to broaden its scope and put teeth in it.

Representative Bacon's determination was strengthened by reports from American Federation of Labor investigators of "slavery in its most hideous form" among workers for government contractors on the Mississippi river lee project near Vicksburg.

He says that by a ruling of the controller general any contractor offering the lowest bid is "responsible" if he can offer the required certified check to cover fulfillment of the contract.

Under this, Bacon says, contracting middle-men are able to get the government's work and outbid those paying good wages.

Bacon proposes to amend the prevailing wage law, passed last spring, to provide that:

1. The word "responsible" shall be defined so as to exclude from bidding these "contracting brokers" and include only bona fide contractors;

2. The law be broadened to include a mandatory prevailing wage on more than mere public buildings. This would make Hoover dam, the

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3. Teeth be inserted in the act, if necessary, so that it contains a penalty provision.

Representative Bacon says he also

is considering a resolution calling upon the United States department of labor to investigate government contracts against which serious complaints have been lodged. These would include the Hoover dam as well as the Vicksburg camps.

PRIZE BEEF ON MENU

Penny Christmas Passengers to Eat Blue Ribbon Meat.

During the Christmas holiday period on the Pennsylvania railroad dining cars, prize beef will be served

that is to be bought Thursday at the annual action of blue ribbon animals at the International Livestock Exposition. J. W. Weller, assistant vice-president-traffic, Chicago, will bid for the cattle. Three carloads will be bought.

Fugitive Sentenced
By United Press
GREENCASTLE, Ind., Dec. 2.—George McCann, 49, Terre Haute, who was recaptured after escaping from the state penal farm, was sentenced today to one to five years in Indiana state prison.

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