

## WOMEN CROOKS PREY ON LONDON SOCIETY; ENTICES YOUNG MEN

**Editor's Note:** For several years the police of London and the continent have been baffled by a series of robberies, frauds and mystery crimes involving hundreds of thousands of dollars of value and frequently costing human lives.

A number of these crimes have been attributed to the high class women crooks of London's fashionable quarters—the "Women Crooks of Mayfair."

The police have been given special facilities for investigating the lives and workings of these modern "Ladies of fashion."

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LONDON, June 27 (United Press)—Louise is typical of a handful of "swell" women crooks who work and prey on the society of London who depend largely on night life for their enjoyment.

She and her types engineer big robberies which come to light only as reports of a famous society woman's loss of jewels in public places.

At breakfast she reads her mail mostly continental, calls for her stenographer also a "crook," and dictates her letters and makes her plans for the day.

To see her sitting there in her silk kimono you would think you were at the breakfast table of a young society girl planning a day's enjoyment.

Louise is, however, doing nothing of the sort. She is probably planning a way of getting an invitation to the house party of the Duke of X, with a view to enmeshing some of the young "bloods" who are likely to be there, for plucking.

**How She Operates.**

Or again, maybe, she is dictating a letter to her accomplices in Paris or Vienna, trying to get a position for one of them a fashionable jewelry store on the Rue de la Paix, or again setting a train in motion for smuggling into the country a consignment of expensive dope.

Louise puts on her gown by Poiret and her hat by Faquin and sweeps out into that glittering limousine. In the morning she will probably visit the fashionable stores where she is well known as a respected customer, make several purchases and then drive off in her limousine again, this time on business. Her way may lie in the downtown direction of Whitechapel or Limehouse. Here she leaves her car, putting a raincoat over her fashionable clothes, and disappears into a side street. What she does there is never known to any save her accomplices who meet her at these rendezvous. But the results become public later with the full light of publicity glaring down on a robbery or swindle of huge proportions.

Who are Louise's accomplices? They are drawn from all classes.

**From Many Classes.**

First there are those society male victims who, bewitched will do anything to gain her favors. These give her information of the big society functions, who is to be there, who is to wear diamonds, who is to wear pearls, and who rubies. The information once given, these society "bad boys" are in the hands that "hit" the jewels in some dark corner behind the palms.

Next come the chauffeurs. These, or rather that class of chauffeurs whom she employs, are mostly dishonest taxidiaries, and private car drivers of doubtful morality.

After the chauffeurs comes a whole horde of underworld personalities at Louise's beck and call. Waiters, discharged officers, con men, pseudo-detectives, one-time policemen, discharged nurses, actors and actresses of low class.

**Police Know Them.**

The police know all about Louise. One day, they claim, they are going to get her. But I doubt it. Louise is too clever. She never does anything herself. Louise merely pulls the strings. She pays her accomplices highly. She tells them, that they have only themselves to blame if they are caught, and only the knife between the ribs when they finish their sentence if they give away the "Lone She Wolf."

Another type of woman crook who is almost ubiquitous is the super-shop-lifter. London has scores of them. They'll go into a store, arriving in a neat motor car, and first pay for all their purchases. Then, after a lapse of time, they will open a credit account. After a further lapse the assistants begin to know and trust them until, one day, madame crook phones that store and asks for a consignment of jewelry or dresses, to be sent to her flat. In due course a young man arrives with the jewelry for her to choose. He drinks a cup of coffee or something else and wakes up in an empty flat, minus hostess, minus the jewels.

(The End).

**Legion Picnickers to Enjoy Community Service Games**

Community service games led by P. H. Slocum, with prizes, are to be a feature of the American Legion picnic, to be held in Glen Miller park, June 30. The members of the American Legion with members of the legion auxiliary will attend the picnic.

The party will meet at the first spring on the right hand side of the east entrance, at 7 o'clock (new time), Friday evening. Details of the program will be announced later.

## RADIO NEWS

Palladium Government Call is 9 ZAE — Fred Clark, Operator

Summer static while annoying to the novice still is not discouraging the amateur, who keeps on the lookout for clear nights and when one comes, files it with traffic. Message work, though not so heavy as during better weather, yet is proceeding, as anyone who listens in can tell.

Local Richmond amateurs are keeping their stations in operation, although Richmond is reported to be off the route for the heaviest traffic, which passes either to the north or south of this city.

Harold Cutler still works whenever he can get any station to work with his latest report coming from Washington, Penna., where he was reported very loud on detector only. He has calibrated his set and is able to check rather closely on wave lengths now.

Station 9DBB, belonging to Gerard Harrington, as it is the newest installation, also has been one of the busiest lately. Using a five watt tube this station has worked up to 200 miles on loop modulation. Stations in all districts except the sixth and seventh have been worked, and the station has been heard in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, Kansas, North Carolina and West Virginia.

Fred Clark has installed a counterpose, and a remote control, greatly improving his station. In reworking, he also lowered his wave length to 150 meters, with the result that he has been unable to raise anyone since.

**Wireless for Vacations**

Besides individual campers, who have been unable to forget their new hobby long enough to leave wireless sets at home, the large camps also are featuring wireless receiving and transmitting stations as one of their conveniences. The new boys' camp for Connerville, established near Brookville, is equipped with a wireless operated by Malcolm Tingley and in constant communication with Connerville. It is expected that Camp Ki-Ro, the Richmond boys' camp, also will be so equipped.

**Chicago Show.**

Exhibits by manufacturers and by the weather bureau, navy, the department of commerce, and by boy and girl scout organizations feature the Chicago radio show now in progress. Special days have been set aside for consideration of jobbers' and retailers' problems and on Thursday, the whole day will be given over to discussions of the farmer's relation to wireless. His use of telephone broadcasting, the further development which it should receive, and the hours most acceptable to him, will be discussed.

This show is one move in Chicago's bid for leadership in the radio industry. "Chicago should and can be the radio center as Detroit is the automobile center," said George Carlson, city gas and electricity commissioner,

### Suburban

BOSTON, Ind.—Mrs. A. H. Piper and daughter, Elvira, were in Richmond Monday.... Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sheffer and children motored to Greenville, Ohio, Sunday, and spent the day with Mr. Sheffer's parents.... Mr. and Mrs. James McMurray are the parents of a baby son, Isaac Franklin.... Mrs. C. E. Cannon, of Detroit, and little son, Arthur Eugene, will spend Sunday with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Piper.... Mrs. Ada Robinson was in Richmond Tuesday.... A. H. Piper spent Tuesday in Cincinnati.... Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jackson went to Kentucky Saturday evening, to spend a short vacation.... Mrs. Bertha Rhinehart spent Thursday evening with her son, Hervey Farnsworth.... Mr. and Mrs. Worthie Williams spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lashley and family.... Mrs. C. F. Kennedy, of Peru, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Piper, underwent an operation at Duke's hospital, at Peru, and is improving nicely.... Miss Anna Stanley spent Tuesday afternoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stanley.... Mrs. Hervey Farnsworth and Mrs. Frank Piper were in Richmond Friday.... Miss Virginia Howard is spending her vacation with relatives at Amboy, Ind.... Mrs. Phillip Harkleroad and children, and Mrs. George Harkleroad and children called on their sister, Mrs. James McMurry Monday.

The Children's day exercises held at the high school auditorium Sunday evening under the auspices of the young people of the Christian church, attracted a large attendance. The following program was presented: Song, "Happy Children Play," small girls; devotion, Rev. Max Sheffer.

**GOOD HELP IN SUMMER**

Indigestion causes worry, nervousness, aches, headaches, biliousness, coat,ague, bad breath, bloating, gas, constipation, and constant distress. Henry C. Thorne, 1002 Harrison Ave., Boston, Mass.—"I feel fine. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I feel fine. They cleanse the bowels, sweeten the stomach and invigorate the liver. Cause no pain, no trouble, no heat. Forming, A. G. Luken, Drug Co., 626-628 Main St.—Advertisement.

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4:00-5:00 p.m., complete sum-

mary of grain, live stock and

product markets, national pro-

gram and weather reports.

6:30-7:00 p.m., topics of the day,

after dinner stories, today's talk,

baseball results and special

musical program.

INDIANAPOLIS WLR—

Daily, except Sunday  
11:00-11:30 a.m., musical pro-

gram, market reports and

weather forecast (485 meters).

12:00-1:00 p.m., musical program.

2:00-2:15 p.m., musical program.

3:00-3:15 p.m., musical program.

5:30 p.m., baseball results.

10:00 p.m., musical program.

INDIANAPOLIS WVR—

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