A GENEROUS ACT RECALLS loose by springing her little bundle of ling, short in his accounts with his QUEEN OF CROOKS.

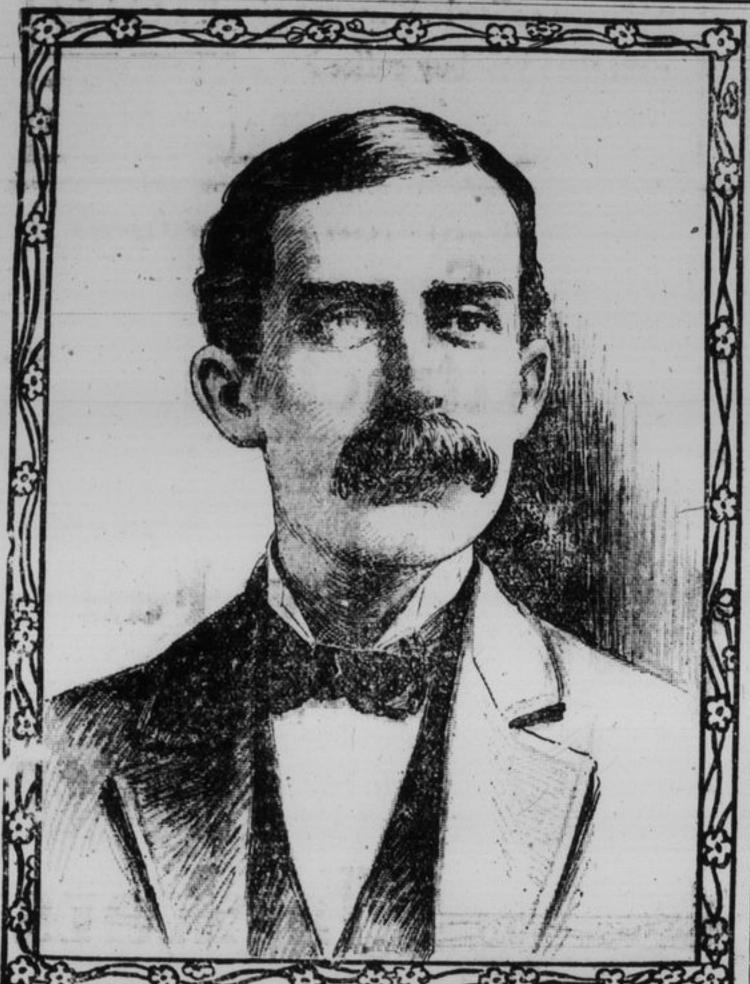
Bricks to Englishmen-An Adventure With an Actress-She Once Fleeced Mike McDonald.

nents busier than any ten female pondingly reduced in fortune. crooks ever kept them before or since, "A Scotland Yard man told me a net, and so on.

other sobby parts like that and run a loan. away with 'em.

this one. It was my understanding that it was none of his business where "I saw a news despatch from De that she made good to the actress for the men who visited his gambling troit the other day stating that So- the theft years afterward when she, place got their money. He didn't phie Lyons, who for a good many Sophie, had the yellow papers to in- make them gamble or steal their emyears kept the fly cops of two conti- cinerate, while the actress was corres- ployers' coin. It was up to them.

had remitted \$6,000 to Billy Burke, an good deal about some of the schemes | "Right at this point Sophie put American crook in limbo in Paris, she worked for trimming 'em in Eng- Mike under the gun, so to speak. She presumably to help Billy salve his land. She started in with a pretty rose up, Wilhelm Reilly, with her way out," remarked an old-time Head- villa in Bath, where, with the aid of imperious manner, and she could



THOMAS G. HARRISON,

Who has just been created Great Incohonee of the Improved Order of Red Men, is a resident of Indianapolis and one of the most pro minent figures in the Indiana branch of the order.

ity dates back more than thirty expert with the short cards, she She was never known to shake a pal lings whom she succeeded in fascinaor an expal. There never was a time ting by her looks and conversational when it was safe for her to come to charms. This, however, she found to for a woman of her adroitness. the front that she didn't do it for the be dull work, and so she took up the purpose of digging up bail or a trial gold brick game, the intricacies of to do around this little old town, off fund for the corralled crook with which had been taught her by Tom and on, for a good many years, sure whom she had worked, and even for O'Brien, the king-craftsman of the kept the headquarters staff on the plenty that she's never yoked up with phony bullion garb.

were ignorant of their mother's me- to £3,000. thod of life.

"Sophie Lyons was in her day eas- Lyons, with a wholesome fear of Britily the star female crook of this countish prisons, began to find England too try, if not of the world. She had all calorie for her that she took to the of the women grafters that I ever ran diamond smuggling game on a large into, and I've handled a few, beat in scale. She did the trips between Ama stroll, and down to the present min-sterdam and New York, carrying all ute the old time stars among the male but quart measures of the non-declarcrooks doff their bonnets at the mere ed shiners for a long time before she mention of her name. Any old game got pinned to the stick. She was was good knough for Sophie during one of the original users of the false the quarter of a century that she was bottomed steamer trunk for jewelplaying them both ends from the mid- | smuggling, and she had as many dle and coming and going shoplifting, scheines for stowing the jewels away spark-grafting. moll-buzzing and as a gosling has pin-feathers. It was straight dip work, forging, running a Sophie Lyons who invented the holswagger fence, skinning marks at low, high shoe heel which, screwing on cards, stringing along with the green and off the shoe, made a fine reposigoods people, sninggling-it was one tory for smuggled jewels, and to Sophie, so long as the coin was in mighty safe one, at that, until the sight; and I don't believe I'm going inspectors eventually got wise to too far in! saying that she probably through the squealing of a nerveless picked up more of the dough during woman smuggler who peached to her active career than any criminal, dodge punishment.

history. Sophie Lyons to give up anything a nous Chicago, gambler, who died about her connections or her early few years ago, for a \$2,500 bank roll. life, but she was brought up in De Wike was running a big fare bank in troit; a town that has sprung some of Chi ago at the time; and he had not the craftiest crooks on the books, and yet obtained the tremendous clutch | hauled up for this, and then ber luck she had a refined manner and a good which afterward made it virtually useéducation. I remember her as a less for the authorities of the whole on her lawver's clever plea that, as mighty handsome and gifted woman state of Illinois to attempt to budge the sight of the man who had sold 'way back in the seventies. That was bim. He was, in fact, in some danger, the diamonds to her had become deafter she had deliberately embarked, owing to the assumption of office of a fective, his identification wasn't ac-

lifter. She didn't go in for the tripk look. It is pretty safe to believe that Lyons charted out and put over here for profit, organized to enforce the et stuff, but expensive laces were her Sophie Lyons knew all about how it and elsewhere while she was on the sale of Mrs. Eddy's books by its Hungarian patent, \$2.20 to \$2.30 graft Being new and lacking experi- stood with Mike at the time, or she turf. Some of them were mighty in members, which is a matter of busi- cwt.; oatmeal and rolled oats, \$4 to

a style that wouldn't put a lump in Mike met her in the parlor she told of the stage boxes of the Boston Muthe throat of the Cardiff giant, and him that she was the wife of a man seum to attend the matinee. She was Sarah Bernhardt never saw the min- man who had a few nights before lost gotten up regardlessly, and she looked ute that she could turn on the faucet \$15,000 trying to buck Mike's fare like the real bill of lading from Beaand gush so many hot, crystalline bank-she had got the name of the con street. During the progress of the

years. "That was just like Sophie, vanked down big money from fledg-

"That little characteristic kept So, todo provincials whom she snagged cleawer game in the annexing of a phie out of State's prison on a good that she was the widow of a wealthy stack of carbons. She rented a couple many occasions when it looked bad American gold miner who had died of communicating rooms in a promifor her. The gratitude of prospers suddenly in England, leaving her nent down-town hotel, after registercrooks for whom she had stood when short of the ready money but with ing under the name of a wealthy westhey were in trouble always took them enough pure gold bricks to build a, tern woman, whose husband was highto Sophie's aid in bunches whenever smokehouse. She stuffed them with ly rated in the commercial directories. she got nailed and was scheduled for the little story that, inasmuch as the Then she sent to one of the biggest a long, bit, and in pretty nearly every British Mint was forbidden to pur- gem dealers in New York, to fetch a case this sort of help pulled her chase gold from any person not a collection of diamonds brooches, earthrough tidily. Considering the kind British subject, she would be com- rings, rings, and so on, to her apartof chances Sophie took for so many pelled to dispose of one of the gold ments, as she was desirous of selectyears, she did very little time. She bars at a sacrifice in order to obtain ing some wedding presents for a sisfunds to get back to the States in |ter about to be married in the west. "Sophie must be getting on in years | the style befitting her station, in addi now. This recent despatch was the tion to paying up a number of rather. first I'd heard of her in several years, heavy personal debts that she had although I understood that she had contracted in London. It isn't on rebeen living on the level in Detroit, her cord, of course, just how many times home, for some time, I know that a Sophie got away with the gold brick good many years ago she put her two game in England, but the Scotland little girls into a Montreal convent to Yard man told me that he had seen be reared and educated, and a friend three of the alleged auriferous bars of mine who saw them there told me that she had reluctantly parted with that they had developed into charm- to gullible Englishmen of the proing, cultivated women, and that they vinces for sums ranging from £1,000

"It wasn't very long after Sophie

man or woman, in American police | "It was no less a foxy feminine person than Sophie Lyons, the same, "Nobody ever succeeded in getting who once fanned Mike McDonald, they with her eyes wide open, upon a new Chicago chief of police, and he cepted by law. was consequently running a sort of . It would take about a week to tell

She flashed up to Mike's fine house such as no woman crook before or "Sophie could manipulate the per in a barouche one afternoon, in a lafter Sophie Lyons, ever exhibited. secuted and martyred female stunt in state of great perturbation. When One afternoon she floated into one

SOPHIE LYONS. main clutch to operate the lachry- Mike's bank at the time. She tearful-mose play. I once saw her make a ly told Mike that her husband had notoriously hard Chicago judge blow confessed to her that morning that his nose ferociously and turn her he was, in consequence of his gambweeps on him at the opportune min- firm, that he imperatively needed \$2,ute, and this, too, when she had been 500 to tide him over and temporarily nailed with the goods all over her, cover up his shortage, and that she If, instead of becoming a class A had come to beg the man to whom Originator of the Kleptomania crook, she had gone on the stage, she her unfortunate husband had lost the Dodge-How She Sold Gold | would have picked up 'Camille' and money to let her have the \$2,500 . as

> "Mike couldn't and wouldn't see it. "Sophie was never hauled up for and he told her so flatly. He said Every thing was fish that came to his

quarters detective, whose police actival a couple of male crooks who were throw one of those things in a way to make a vicious mastiff within the radius of her eye fold away his tail and sneak across a sand lot. Mike wouldn't come to the front for little matter of \$2,500 to keep out of State's prison her husband who had lost everything at Mike's place, wouldn't Mike. Very well! She would immediately drive to the chief of police, who happened to be her first cousin, and she would tell the whole story to him, and she would "Which was about as far as Sophie

needed to go on that line. McDonald skated to the centre of the baize with the \$2,500, and thus closed the incident. He didn't know until several months later that it was Sophie. Lyons who had so cleverly swung him for the bundle. He then saw her in a Chicago court, where she happened to be up for a bit of a check transaction he laughed when he recognized her. He remarked that as she was the only woman who had ever succeeded in shredding him for a wad on a bluff, she was entitled to the

"When she clambered out of her first little mess in Detroit, Sophie made up her mind that that town wasn't roomy enough for her and so she lammed on here to main burg. She was a swell looker, as I say, with all kinds of the society manner, and when she started in to shred the New York shops the game came her way with a rattle. She was the first woman to put through the kleptomaniac frameup in this country, if not the first to spring it anywhere. She had about looted the lace departments of a lot of New York stores, including several cute hauls at A. T. Stewart's, where laces were a specialty, before she was nabbed by accident, a bolt of expensive lace slipping to the floor from one of her cavern pockets.

"Sophie rigged up a beautiful faint the office to which she was summoned by the manager of the store, and reduced the members of the firm to tender sympathy by her recital of how the habit of involuntarily taking things had grown upon her. The upshot was that they asked her, for her own sake and that of her family, to be good, and let her go. Sophie then decided that swiping from the counters and cases involved too much personally conducted risk, and that there really wasn't enough in; it, anyhow,

"The things that she then proceeded move. She was the first crook, man or "She put it to the credulous well- woman to pull off the sliding bureau The diamond man sent an agent with a grip full of jewelry to the hotel, Sophie, putting on her fine, haughty manner, received the agent in the sit ting room of her twa-room suite. She spent about an hour carefully select ing the gig-lamps that she wanted, putting them aside in a morocco case that she produced for the purpose. Af ter picking out about \$8,000 worth of stones she announced that she had enough, and she placed the morocco case in the top drawer of a bureau that stood by the door leading into the bedroom. She told the happy diamond man that she would go into the other room and draw a cheek for the amount of her indebtedness for the jew-

> "After she went the diamond chap sat and twiddled his hat, figuring joyously on the amount of his commission for the big sale. But after he had waited and twiddled his hat for about half an hour he began to grow neryous, and so, just to satisfy himself, he tiptoed over to the bureau to have a look at the morocco case. Of course it wasn't there. Sophie had walked off with it long before,

TShe had simply passed out of the room in which she had examined the jewelry into the hall, and then entered the other roam. A panel had been cut out of the door leading "into the sitting room, and likewise the back board of the top drawer of the bureau. So that it had been something easy for Sophie just to reach through the cut-out panel, annex the morocco case from the bureau drawer, put on her hat and stroll out. It wasn't until years afterward that Sophie was was with her, She wriggled out of it

"She began in Detroit as a shop pentup game for the high-rollers even of the new ones that Sophie ence, they corralled her in Detroit, but would never have dared to try to pull genious. Nearly all of them were charpeas and not of religion. As the \$5.50 a bbl.; corn meal, \$1.40 to \$1.- pair of good steers were sold at \$4.60 | crly commander of the military dis-

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pany. This actress were a lot of glitterers in portraying her part that the practiced eye of Sophie easily preceived were the real thing, and not the usual stage phonies. The actress was flattered over the gracious smile and handicappings of the woman the box, whom she took to be a figurante in social affairs of the Hub.

and she smiled back at Sophie. "At the close of the performance Sophie sent to the actress' dressing room a card- a bogus, of course-inpressively engraved with a good name and address. The actress was delighted to receive Sophie in her dressing room, and they had an enjoyable chat tor half an hour or so, in the course of which the actress' vistor invited her to teas and dinners and receptions to fill a route book from cover to cover. When the visitor departed, however, the actress discovered that, her jewelry, which she had removed and placed in a casket on her dressing table, was mournfully minus.

REFUSED A CHARTER.

Philadelphia Judge Says They are a Business Corporation.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 18.-The aplication for a charter made by the First Church of Christ, Scientist, has 25 each. been refused by Judge Arnold, In his Meat-Beef, hindquarters, 6c. to 7c. pinion Judge Arnold says :

overs a double purpose a church and business. We have power to grant charter for a church, but we have no authority for profit—that is, a such. usiness corporation. Continuing, the court quotes from

the text book of Mary Baker G. Eddy astructions to Christian Scientists to ell and circulate the publications of Mrs. Eddy, failure to do the same being sufficient cause for expulsion from lev. 40e. A bushel; peas, 65c. a bushel membership in the church. "This shows," says the court, "that bushel,

the so-called church is a corporation courts have no power to charter such | 60 a cwt.; bran \$18 to \$29 a ton; corporation the application for a shorts. \$23 to \$25 a ton; hav, \$9 to

Sophie dopen it out that it was her lese out from a crook who had been in over the acting of one of the com- I James Swift & Co., agents.

PRODUCE AND PRICES.

The Standard Rates - Governing The Local Markets. Kingston, Sept. 16.-There is but t little change in the local produce mar- in rolls, 18c. a lb.

ket quotations since last week. Fruit-Plums, 40c. a basket; peach es, 40c. to 85c. a basket; lemons, 20c. a dozen; Jamaica oranges, 30c. to 40c. a dozen; bananas, 15c. to 25c. a dozen; pears, 40c. a peck; California ers' in prints, 22c. a lb.; in rolls, 20c. rs, 30c. a dozen.

Vegetables-Green corn, 10c. a doz.; potatoes, 75c. a bag; cabbage, 5c. a head; carrots, beets, etc., 5c. a bunch; tomatoes, 75c. a bushel. Fish-White fish, 12c. a lb.; sea sal-

mon and Seattle salmon, 25c. a lb.; salt salmon, salt trout, salt mackerel, 10c. a lb.; salt codfish, 7c. to 15c. lb.; kippered herring, 30c. a dozen; perch, 20 c. a dozen; mackérel, 15 c. a lb.; pike, 7c. a lb.; halibut, 15c. a lb. bloaters, 30c. a dozen; finnan haddie, 10c. a lb.; salmon trout, 12c. a lb.; blue fish, 121c. a lb.; frogs' legs, 30c. a lb.; oysters, 40c. to 50c. a quart; shell clams, 20c. a dozen; shell oysters, 20c a dozen; ciscoes, 10c. a lb.

Poultry.-Chickens, 50c. to 70c. pair; fowl, 60c. to 70c. a pair; ducks, 60c. to 70c. a pair; turkeys, \$1 to \$1 .a lb.; forequarters, 5c. to 6c. a lb-; "The charter applied for in this case choice cuts, 121c a lb.; mutton, 6c. to

Sc. a lb.; spring lamb, 9c. to 10c. a

lb.; hogs, live weight, 6c. to 64c. a-

lb.; veal, 3c. to 6c. a lb.; tongues, 25c. Grain-Wheat, Manitoba. No. 75c. to 80c. a bushel; white winter and Canadian spring, 65c. to 67c. a bushel; local soft wheat, 65c. to 70c. bushel; Northern, No. 1, 70c. a bushel; buckwheat, 50c. a bushel; bar-

oats, 30c. a bushel; rve, 45c. to 48c. a Flour and feed-Bakers' strong and farmers' flour, 82 to \$2.10 a cwt.;

SII a ton; straw \$4 to \$6 a ton. Hides-These prices are given by Steamer North King leaves Kings- John Mckay, Brock street: Dekin at from 21c. to 3c. per lb. Calves lessness, weak stomach, indigestion, ton Sundays 10:17 a.m. for 1,000 Isl- skins, 50c. to 60c, each; beef hides, sold at from \$2.50 to \$12 each, or dyspepsia, try Carter's Little Nerve ands, and at 5 p.m. for Rochester, N. No. 1, 7c. a lb.; lamb skins, 40c. to from 31c. to 5c. per lb. Sheep sold at Pills. Relief is sure. The only nerve Y: calling at Bay of Quinte ports. 45c. each; horse hides, \$2 to \$2.25 from 3c. to 31c., and lambs at from medicine for the price in market. Take the Rideau King for Ottawa each: rendered tallow, 54c. a. lb.; un- 34c. to 4c. per lb. Good lots of fat Planteur, the great food for house woot, 11c. a lb.; washed wool in trade,

15c. a lb.

Dairy Wholesale. Butter.-Creamery, 22c to 23c. a lb.; farmers' in prints, 20c. to 22c, a lb. Cheese—97c. a lb.

Dairy Retail. Butter.-Creamery, 25c. a lb.; farm-

Wholesale-15c. a dozen. Retail-17c. a dozen.

Markets Elsewhere.

Toronto, Sept. 15 .- Wheat, white, ew, per bush., 65c. to 71c.; wheat, red, new, per bush., 65c. to 68c.: wheat, spring, per bush., 65c.; wheat, goose, per bush., 62c. to 65c.; oats, new, per bush., 34c. to 35c.; barley, per bush., 40c. to 42c.; rye, per bush. 48c.; hay, old, per ton, \$16; hay, new, per ton, \$10 to \$14; straw, per ton, \$10 to \$10.50; seeds, per bush., Alsike, choice, No. 1, 87 to \$7.25; Alsike, No. 50; apples, per bbl., 75c. to \$1.25; track its line from Utica. N.Y., to Montrent dressed hogs, \$9.25 to \$9.75; butter, on account of the heavy and increasing pasdairy, per lb., 14c. to 17c.; butter, senger and freight, traffic. creamery, per lb., 18c. to 21c.; chick- The exports of animals and their products ens. per pair, 55c. to 70c.; ducks, per from Canada, during the months of July pair, 60c., to 80c.; eggs, per dozen, 17c. and August, were valued at \$41,000,000, as to 19c.; potatoes, per bag, 65c. to 75c; compared with a little over \$10,000,000 for beef; forequarters; \$4.50 to \$5.50; beef, the same period last year. The exports of hindquarters, 87.50 to 89; beef, medi- agricultural products during the last two um, carcase, 85 to \$6.50; beef, choice, months were valued at \$3,956,000, an incarcase, 87 to 87.50; lamb, 88 to 89; crease of \$1,300,000 over the same period mutton. \$5 to \$7; veal, choice, \$7.50 last year. to \$8.50.

Montreal; Sept. 15.-There were about 800 head of butchers' cattle, 50 New York Man Weds In Berlin. calves and 1,000 sheep and lambs offered for sale at the East End abat lin to-day of interest to Americans toir to day. The butchers were pres- was that of Miss Margaret Seefeld ent in large numbers, and there was a and Ernest Kempton Adams, son of good demand for everything pretty Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Adams, of the 100 lbs., but none of the others | trict of the Grand Duchy of Baden. brought over 44c., and from that down to 31c. per lb., for pretty good cattle, while the common stock sold ! tears as Sophie Lyons could when man who actually did make this big performance she enthused a whole lot every Tuesday and Friday, at I p.m. washed wool, 6c. to 7c. a lb.; washed hogs sold at about 7c. per lb., weight plants, large packages 10c. Samples

COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

What is Going on in the Business World-The Market News. The Hungarian corn crop is this year very

For the first week of September earnings of forty-six American roads increased 5.87 per A London cablegram save existing stocks

of wheat are the smallest since October, While frosted corn would not be fit to de

liver on contracts, it would still be used forfeeding purposes. The American Agriculturist reports that buvers are paying \$1.50 to \$2.50 for winter apples in New York state.

The peach crop in Essex this year is the largest since the disastrous freeze-out in 1898, and heavy shipments are being made The newest trust is one of broom manufar

turers. It will have a capital of \$5,000,000 or more and will probably be organized by Philadelphia capitalists. Twenty years ago the total bituminous coal output of the United States was about 50,-

000,000 tons a year, whereas now it is not -far from 250,000,000. It is reported that the New York Central 2, \$6 to \$6.75; timothy, \$1.75 to \$2. & Hudson River Railway will at once double

Berlin, Sept. 18 .- A wedding in Ber-

For any case of nervousness, sleepfree. McLeod's drug store.