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THREE CHILDREN SHOT BY FATHER IN WELSH TOWN

Only Son Discovers His Policeman "Accidentally" Sisters Dead in the Kitchen

EX-SERVICEMAN

Man Served Continuously, Except for Leaves, 1914-18

Sergeant John Breeze (37), formerly of the Monmouthshire Regiment, caretaker of the drill hall at Cwernarn, about 8 1/2 miles north-west of Newport, Mon., is in custody, charged with the murder of three of his children— Iris Breeze, aged 10; Olive Mary Breeze, aged 4; and Betty Charlotte Breeze, aged 15 months.

The tragedy was discovered by the only survivor, Ivor, aged 10. RETURNED ALONE.

One evening, Breeze and his wife went shopping at Rhos, about two and a half miles away, leaving their four children in the caretaker's quarters. Later they separated, Mrs. Breeze calling at her parents' home, her husband promising to call for her later. But he went straight to the drill hall, and sent his son Ivor to fetch his mother.

Shortly afterwards Breeze himself went out again, called for his wife, and chatted freely with his father-in-law, showing no signs of agitation. He then left for home with his wife and son.

On the way he embraced his wife, and asked her not to go to the drill hall, and ran away in the direction of Abercarn, while his wife and son, who were greatly distressed, went along the railway canal bank to their home. GAVE HIMSELF UP.

The son entered the kitchen first, and there found his three little sisters dead in bed. There was a service rifle, said to be from the drill hall, on the table.

Information was given to the police, and for a couple of hours a search was made for the missing husband. Eventually he gave himself up to the police at Abercarn.

He served during the war with the 2nd Battalion of the Monmouthshire Regiment, and was in France, except for short leaves, from November, 1914 until the Armistice. He took part in the Battle of Ypres and in the fighting for Hill 60.

He was a collier by trade, but for the last 18 months had worked very irregularly, and his wife, who has many years' experience, is believed to have preyed upon his mind.

While working out a cross-word puzzle in a small temperance hotel at HITCHIN, Eugene de Vere was detained by a police-persuant. He is the one-legged man for whom Scotland Yard have been looking in connection with the murder of Polly Walker, this afternoon's girl found strangled in her bedroom at Camden Town.

De Vere was identified by Mrs. Tadder, the wife of the proprietor of the hotel, through a photograph she saw in a newspaper. Saying, "I can the man," the cripple admitted to the local police that he was de Vere.

Remarkable feature in his statement, that although he has a false leg, he walked all the way to Hitchin from Camden Town. (Hitchin is 32 miles from King's Cross).

Mrs. Walker, a very attractive, blue-eyed girl, with golden bobbed hair, was found with a stocking tied tightly round her throat and terrible injuries to her head, in the house where she lived with her widowed mother and brother at Arlington road, N.W.

Her mother went to work at 8 o'clock in the morning, and it is believed that the girl was murdered about an hour afterwards. A woman living in the house heard footprints on the stairs at 9 o'clock. It is believed that a man was hurrying from the third floor, where the girl and her mother lived.

DUCHESS INTERRED AMONG SOVEREIGNS

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A farmhouse in the garden of his home in Glebe road, adjoining the playing fields of Bedford School, where he was porter, was the scene of the tragedy in which Percy Townsend, aged 46, shot himself and his 15-year-old daughter, Phyllis.

The girl had gone to feed the fowls. Her mother, following not long afterwards, found the dead body of her husband and her daughter lying there. The man was shot dead through the head, but was alive. She was taken to the house and died the following morning.

A service revolver was found near Townsend, and on the body was a note addressed to the Chief Constable of Bedford. It is believed that he had written about the future of his crippled daughter.

Townsend had served in the Royal Navy, the Royal Fleet Reserve, and the London Salvage Corps. A native of Paddington, he went to Bedford in 1910, and rejoined the Navy for the period of the war.

The revolver had been taken from the school armory, of which he had charge. A bird-eating spider from Brazil and a giant scorpion from Gambia, at the International Zoological Congress, are standing out for black, and the English and Americans are for color.

Many deaths are recorded at the hands of, rather than of, bird-eating spiders, and the sting of the giant scorpion is said to be as dangerous as the bite of a venomous snake. Keeper Brown, however, has no accusations, his charges to being handed, not only by himself, but by young children, that he attributes their savage behavior to the magic influence of the human hand.

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Milk harms brains. Expert warns of common diet mistakes. The glass of milk is the enemy of the brain-worker, Charles E. Hecht, M.A., hon. secretary of the Food Education Society, told a conference of educational associations at University College.

Are they profane? Girl hockeyists resent the charge. More than 100 hockey girls who took part in the tournament at Windsor, recently, resent the suggestion made by the official organ of the Women's Hockey Association that bad language is used by women players.

Grandpa affected by act of 1901. An Act of Queen Elizabeth's reign, dated 1901, dealing with the responsibility of grandfathers, was quoted at Sutton, Surrey, when George March, of Andover, was summoned in respect of the maintenance of his four grand-children, chargeable to the Epsom Guardians.

Blind boy plays fine chess game. Uses spotted board and special set of men on pegs. A blind boy, Rupert Cross, of Chelsea, was one of the competitors in the boys' championship of London at the annual congress of the London Chess League.

Woman leads. Miss Dodsworth heads exams for accountants. For the first time in history, the First Certificate of Merit in the Final Examination for Incorporated Accountants has been awarded to a woman.

Hermit remains. Petition against eviction widely supported. It seems likely that the "Hermit of Gilling," the old man of 70 who, after 25 years in the village, has been forced to leave his little wooden hut after all.

Scientific revenge. An amusing story of a boy's revenge, that led to a valuable discovery, was told by Sir William Bragg at the Royal Institution.

Spilt milk cause of child's suicide. Spilling a quantity of milk was the suggested cause of the suicide of a 14-year-old servant employed at Barnborough road, Wandsworth, S.W.

JOAN, AGED FOUR, ASSISTS A SOLOMON'S JUDGMENT BY CHOOSING HER OWN MOTHER

A little rosy-cheeked girl of four, Joan Jennings, took the leading role in a touching one-act play of real life that was enacted in the Marylebone Police Court.

Joan occupied a seat on the Bench beside the magistrate, H. C. A. Bingley, who had to decide between competing parties for the girl's guardianship.

Her father, Walter Jennings, a salesman, of Victoria-mansions, Edgware road, summoned the wife, Muriel Jennings, of Savoy street, for the return of the child in accordance with an agreement made in 1922.

Jennings wanted to hand over the child to a foster-mother, Mrs. Annie Robinson, with whom she had previously lived. He said the mother was living in one room, and alleged that she had previously neglected the girl.

Just hand the child to Mrs. Robinson, said the magistrate, when the foster-mother entered the witness-box. The child was placed in the foster-mother's arms, and she kissed her with words of endearment.

That is enough for me, said Mr. Bingley, and Joan ran to her mother, and jumped into her arms. Nestling her face against her mother's, she ceased to sob. In a minute she was smiling.

Mr. Bingley ordered that Joan should remain with her mother, who had to consider not the interests of the parents, but the welfare of the child. "A TERRIBLE ONUS."

He had nothing to say against the foster-mother, but it was obvious that the child could not bear her. On the other hand, between mother and child there was a great natural affection.

The Act was extremely vague, and did not even say that fathers had any rights to their children. It was amazing that magistrates should be called upon to construe this Act in these circumstances. He assumed that as a mother was stated to have equal rights with the father, but the onus put upon magistrates by the Act was terrible.

GEN. BOOTH GETS NO ARMY SALARY

General Booth receives no salary from Salvation Army funds, friends providing him with an income. This fact is revealed in the 21st Year Book of the Salvation Army.

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VEILED GIRL IS BURGLARY SUSPECT

Tells Strange Tales of Doped Men and Many Crimes. Appearing, heavily veiled, in the dock at Finsbury Quarter Sessions, Hilda Cubbin, aged 20, of Sandway, Cheshire, asked that six charges of burglary should be taken into consideration in passing sentence upon her.

Five of the offences related to Finsbury and one to Cheshire. She had been accused of burglary at a village inn near Mold and was sentenced to three months' hard labor.

On her arrest, Cubbin made a sensational confession, but the police were unable to verify many of her statements. Her counsel suggested that "this highly sensational statement was the product of a mind suffering from morbid hallucination."

FOOTBALL BAN FOLLOWS DISORDER

Complaints regarding the conduct of spectators on the ground at the Kirton Lindsey (Lincs) Amateur Football Club resulted in the council of the Lincolnshire Football Association, ordering the ground to be closed for three weeks. The club is forbidden to play any games within three miles of the ground during the period of suspension.

AUDIENCE ENCORED BARNARD'S LECTURE

So packed was the audience in the largest lecture theatre of the Imperial College of Science, Kensington, to hear J. S. Barnard, F.R.S.—Dr. Gye's colleague in cancer research—describe his search for ultra-microscopic organisms that it had to be repeated.

PASTOR'S SALARIES BENEFIT BY FUND

Salaries of North Wales Calvinistic Church pastors will benefit as the result of a £100,000 fund through the "challenge" by the Lindfield family of Davies, of which Major David Davies, M.P., is a member.

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BEAUMARIS CASTLE IN CARE OF STATE Historic Fort of Edward I. is Entrusted to Britain

ENGLISH PREFER BRIGHT COLORS French Believe Black is Elegant

SUGGESTED ORDER OF WORTHY WIVES Dams of the Order of Worthy Wives is an honor to which women may be elected

TWIN ANGELS HAVE SERVED 50 YEARS David Talboys and John Minns known to generations of undergraduates as "David" and "John," have just completed 50 years service each at Keeble College, Oxford

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HANDS MAGIC Scorpion and Spider are Pacified

QUIT RENT ASKED Lord of Manor Says Action Misunderstood

"MET" THE KAISER Stationmaster Retires After Fifty Years

QUEEN'S MEMORIAL Tribute to Alexandra Aids Nurses' Institute

MILK HARMS BRAINS Expert Warns of Common Diet Mistakes

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