

DETENTION HOME DRUG FIENDS CURED IN JAIL

Welfare Board Secretary Gets Proof Public Institution Not Being Run in Keeping With Purpose.

Indisputable proof of the fact that the Women's Detention home is not being run in keeping with the high and announced purpose of the institution yesterday was presented to Dr. Jennis Callfas, one of the founders of the home and secretary of the Public Welfare board.

A letter written in the handwriting of one of the letter heads of and over the signature of the Detention home, to a girl declared by the official, who is a physician, to have been afflicted with syphilis, reminding her that she was delinquent in her monthly payments to him in consideration of not being held a prisoner at the institution, was shown Dr. Callfas.

Given Address of Girl. Dr. Callfas made a copy of the letter and was given the address of the girl who made the charge that she was paying the physician \$20 a month for the arrangement which exempted her from imprisonment at the home.

Dr. Callfas yesterday declared that she and other officials of the home would demand an investigation. "If there is any official or other person connected with the Detention home, who is guilty of any wrong doing whatever, we want to know it," she declared.

Threatened With Imprisonment. Several days after the receipt of the letter the girl, who was threatened again with imprisonment in the home unless she met her back payments, called up the physician and official of the institution and defied him. She told him that she was not going to pay him any more money. She was warned again that she would be arrested if she did not.

She has never paid any more money and she has not been arrested. The girl is enjoying her liberty today. She goes and comes at her will unmolested.

Further substantiation of the fact that the Detention home is not being conducted in accordance with the purposes as represented by the heads of the institution yesterday was found in the county jail.

Sheriff Mike Clark and Matron Ella Johns declared that from time to time, many girls, living pictures of cruelty and mistreatment, were received at the jail from the Detention home.

"Indeed, their condition when they are sent to us from the home is heartrending," declared "Mother" Johns. "These girls are perfect wrecks as a result of the dope which is given them in the Detention home. I wonder sometimes that we are able to save their lives. Absolutely they are so weakened from the use of dope that they are unable to hold up their heads."

"I simply was overcome sometime ago when Miss Berger sent me several girls who had been kept on the dope at the Detention home for weeks. I could not restrain myself

Dr. Callfas and Officials of Women's Detention Home Will Demand Probe



"Mother" Jones, upper left, with Pearl Price, upper right, Sadie Rupp, lower left, and Mabel Epps, lower right, whom she is treating in the county jail for the dope habit. The girls declare they were given four shots of morphine a day at the Detention home, which is in violation of the state law governing the treatment of drug addicts.

when I looked at those poor girls, victims of the habit, who apparently had been allowed to indulge their inclinations to their hearts content. They were living shells. Their minds were blanks and they could hardly stand alone. "I could not resist the inclination to speak to Miss Berger about it. I called her on the telephone and protested. I was told that was their way of doing at the Detention home and the incident was closed. The girls continue to come to the county jail in the same condition."

First Time in Five Years. Mrs. Pearl Price, drug addict and now an inmate of the county jail, told a reporter for The Bee that for the first time in five years she had given up the habit of injecting morphine.

"I was released from the Detention home a short while ago," she said. "I was kept a prisoner by Dr. Palmer Findley and Miss Alta Berger for four weeks. They gave me four shots of morphine each day. I was there. My habit was just as pronounced when I left as it was when I was admitted."

"Four times each day Miss Berger would call out 'hypo girls,' and we would all line up to receive our shots. Indeed, we were encouraged to take the dope. I heard Dr. Findley say one day, 'I want you to give the girls plenty of shots. They

need it and I do not want them deprived of it."

Cured of Dope Habit. "I have been in the county jail for 13 days and during that time I have not seen anything that looks like morphine or cocaine. I feel better than I ever did before in my life. Under the care of Sheriff Clark and 'Mother Johns,' I feel that I have been cured of the dope habit. I would rather do anything in the world, I would rather suffer any punishment that could be inflicted, than go back to that dope breeding joint, the Detention home. I feel that I owe Sheriff Clark and 'Mother Johns' more than I will ever be able to pay them. They have cured me of the habit which was my curse for five years, and which was encouraged at the Detention home. I have been cured in the Douglas county jail and I do not hesitate to announce it to the world."

"As soon as I am released from jail I am going back to my home in Kansas City and start all over again. For the reason that I am leaving Omaha I do not hesitate to say that

I could walk a few blocks on Sixteenth street and pick out 10 dope peddlers any day in the year. They are selling here and do not fear the law. It's only the poor unfortunate victims the officers of the law arrest. They do not pick up the persons who are getting rich in the traffic."

Too Weak to Stand. Violet Williams, former inmate at the Detention home, now a prisoner in the county jail and drug addict, was too weak to stand. Her screams could be heard all over the building as she begged to be given morphine.

"That's the way they come from the Detention home," said Mother Johns, "she will be all right in several days."

In contrast to Pearl Price's expressions of gratitude and exultation Mabel Epps, 2706 Jackson street, former inmate at the Detention home and now a prisoner in the county jail, was loud in her praise of Miss Berger. The Epps girl is a drug addict and was begging to be allowed to return to the Detention home. The woman thought The Bee reporter had come to take her back to be placed under the care of Dr. Findley and Miss Berger.

"Miss Berger is a fine woman," she said. "She would give us shots four times a day. I was there 13 weeks and was allowed to have it four times each day. "Dying" for Morphine. When the girl learned that she would not be permitted to return to the Detention home the tears coursed down her cheeks. She sobbed like her heart would break. "They won't let me have my morphine here and I am dying for it," she wailed.

Mabel Epps is a half sister of Wilma Rice, the girl who some time ago was refused an opportunity to tell what she knew about the Detention home to the members of the Woman's club. She later was taken by Miss Berger to address the congregation of an Omaha church.

"Wilma was under the influence of the drug when she went to church that Sunday morning," said the girl. "My sister was given so much of the dope while she was there she did not leave the place until she was compelled to go. She wanted to stay there and live on the morphine they allowed her. I know absolutely what I am talking about when I say Wilma was not on the square. She liked the Detention home for the same reason I like it. It is because we got dope there."

Give Anything in World. "I would be willing to do anything in the world they would ask me to do if they only would give me a shot to satisfy my longing. Wilma did and said what they wanted her to do and say because she was bribed with dope. Perhaps you do not understand this, but any dope fiend who has been suddenly shut off, will appreciate what I mean."

"I would give my life right now to be allowed to return to the Detention home. I know they would give me what I want there."

Sadie Rupp, 1918 Cass street, was given a sentence in police court of 90 days. She spent 80 days in the Detention home, and now is serving the rest of her term in the county jail, having been released by Dr. Findley and pronounced cured of the syphilis.

"They gave me four shots of morphine each day," she said. "For 80 consecutive days they did this. I have not been given anything in the way of drugs since I have been here. I believe when I leave this jail I will have been cured of the dope habit. In fact I believe I have been cured already. I feel kindly toward Miss Berger."

Got All She Wanted. "She gave me all the dope I wanted. I do not want any more. I feel better than I have felt for years. I was all in after the 80 days I spent in the Detention home and taking morphine furnished by Miss Berger. I hope I never see the Detention home again, because I do not want to return to the drug habit, and I know they would give it to me there."

That Beatrice Wilhelm, otherwise known as Ruth Clark, confessed

drug addict and prostitute, who repudiated her statement published in The Bee in an affidavit for Dr. Callfas after consulting with the police, not only is an addict but a peddler of morphine and cocaine, was the statement of Pearl Price in the county jail. The Price woman declared she had "used the needle many times with Beatrice" and had seen her sell the stuff. The same statement was made by Mabel Epps. Mother Johns, the matron, also declared she knew the Wilhelm girl to be a drug addict.

Discharged Soldiers to File On Government Land. Forty discharged soldiers, nearly all Omaha boys, traveling in a special car over the Union Pacific, leave for Arco, Idaho, Wednesday night, where they will file on government land.

Sidney Cullingham Back After 2 Years in Aviation. Sidney J. Cullingham, son of Mrs. R. B. Howell, has returned from overseas, where he was in the aviation service. He was away two years. Two days later his dead body was

Says Son Was Accident Victim and Not Suicide; Sues 2 Insurance Firms

Mrs. Mary Lorence declares in a suit filed yesterday in district court that her 20-year-old son, Emil, did not commit suicide, but came to his death accidentally while out hunting, November 27, 1918.

The suit was filed against the Metropolitan Life Insurance company and the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York to collect an insurance policy of \$1,000 which Emil Lorence held with his mother named as beneficiary. The insurance companies have refused to pay the insurance on the ground that the young man committed suicide.

Mrs. Lorence, who is a widow residing in Sappy county, relates that Emil put on his old clothes, filled his belt with shells, took his shotgun and told his mother he was going to hunt rabbits. This was about 4 o'clock in the afternoon of November 27. She never saw him alive again. Two days later his dead body was

found in a ditch about a quarter mile from his home. A bullet hole was in the head. A revolver was found under the body. His shotgun was found leaning against the side of the ditch.

Opening of New Lunch Room at Store Is Great Success. Approximately \$200 was realized Tuesday at the opening of the lunch room at Orchard-Wilhelm store. Although 40 tables were set the women in charge were unable to handle the large crowd as they wished. C. M. Wilhelm will provide more elevator service and more waitresses will be recruited among the society women for the remainder of the month.

The proceeds of the lunch room will be given to the Associated Charities. Many beautiful baskets of flowers were sent to decorate on opening day.

W. H. Russell entertained six members of the G. A. R. at luncheon. They included, N. K. VanHousen, D. N. Haverly, W. G. Templeton, Emory W. Johnson, George F. Bancroft. Luncheon will be served every week day from 12 to 2 and tables reserved will not be held later than 12:15.

Eberstein Gave Her Woman's Affidavits, Declares Dr. Callfas

In connection with the statement of the Clark girl Monday in The Bee in which she declared she had been forced to make the affidavits Dr. Callfas had, through fear of the police, Dr. Callfas yesterday declared that it was a mistake that she had asked the girl to make the statements.

"That part of the story was not true," she said. "The truth of the matter is that the affidavits were given me by Chief of Police Eberstein and in reality were obtained two days before I became interested in the case."

Dr. Callfas also said she did not say it had been "her custom to ignore the state law against administering of drugs to addicts or any one else. I do not defend the practice of giving narcotics unless it is prescribed in the proper way, and will go to any length in assisting to wipe out the unlawful giving of dope in any form," she declared.



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When the Baby Needs a Laxative... No one knows better than the ever-watchful mother—the natural doctor of the family in all the small ills—that when the baby is out of sorts it is usually due to indigestion or constipation. A better plan is to employ a mild, gentle laxative of which only a little is required. There is a combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin sold by druggists under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin that thousands of mothers have used successfully for baby's constipation and its accompanying ills, such as belching, wind colic, restlessness, sleeplessness, etc. The nursing mother will also find it ideal for herself, and it is especially important that she be free from constipation. Syrup Pepsin is guaranteed to do as promised or the druggist will refund the money. Thousands of cautious families have it in the house, secure against the little ills. Dr. Caldwell's SYRUP PEP SIN The Perfect Laxative. PRICE AS ALWAYS. FREE SAMPLES.

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THE DA BARA in The Sirens Song. She sang a song that brought her fame and fortune. She sang another song that brought her ruin—and love. Today to Saturday SUN Comedy & News Weekly. AMUSEMENTS. Daily Mat. 2:15. Every Night 8:15. EMPRESS. Two shows in ONE HAMA AND HONOKA BELLS HAWAIIANS HAL AND FRANCIS THOMAS AND McDONALD Photoplay Attraction. Visé Dana in "FALSE EVIDENCE". Mack Sennett Comedy—Pathe Weekly. FOR BEST RESULTS TRY BEE WANT ADS

TODAY LAST TIMES 11 to 11. BRANDETS THEATRE. FAREWELL DAY. WE DIDN'T THINK IT WAS POSSIBLE—BUT "MICKEY". Is Playing to More People on the Return Engagement Than When First Here. HAVE YOU SEEN HER? LAST CHANCE TODAY. Continuous—11 A. M. to 11 P. M. Thousands Turned Away—Please Come Early. Afternoon—25c Till 6 P. M. Tonight—25c-35c. Boxes, 50c. Plus War Tax. Tomorrow—ETHEL BARRYMORE in "THE OFF CHANCE".

WILLIAM FARNUM in VICTOR HUGO'S LES MISERABLES MUSE. Auditorium Y. W. C. A. Ilya Schkolnik - Violinist and Constance Alexander - Soprano Imogene Peay - Pianist. First Cycle, Wednesday, May 7 Second Cycle, Thursday, May 8 8:15 P. M. Benefit of Frances Willard W. C. T. U.

Strand. DOROTHY DALTON in "EXTRAVAGANCE" and PRIZMA—Natural Color Pictures of "SKYLAND". LOTHROP 24th and Lothrop. Today and Thursday FANNIE WARD in "COMMON CLAY". AMUSEMENTS. "OMAHA'S FUN CENTER." Gayety. Daily Mat. 11-25-50c. Every paper in Omaha says we have the BEST SHOW IN TOWN. For the closing week of our season—Frank Hunter and a regular street, built just for their own purpose. Vaudeville includes Milla Davenport's Art Groups and Lyle Carter. Six-act farces. Six seat and beauty shows. LADIES' DIME BATTLES WEEK DAILY Sat. Mat. and All Summer—The Duck