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VENTRILOQUIST MAID HAUNTED HOUSE GHOST

ZARAGOZA, Spain, December 6.—A 17-year-old housemaid possessing unconscious powers of ventriloquism was held by authorities tonight to be the solution of the "haunted house" mystery.

Experts had been baffled for two weeks or more over the "mysterious voice" which had been heard in the upper flat of a building on Gascon Y Gotor street. Scientists and acoustics experts had offered many theories to explain the voice, which seemingly pronounced irrelevant remarks from the region of a chimney but all were disproved.

when questioned told authorities she was unaware of any powers of ventriloquism, but that after she was submitted to a test she was found to be "natural ventriloquist." It was said that "her thoughts unconsciously found expression in a second voice."

GLENGARRY SCHOOL

Honor Roll for the month of November:

- Grade IX—1 Rita Butler, 2 Doris Butler, 1 Lillian Reilly, 1 Joyce Thomson. Grade IV—(Sr.)—1 Joyce Thomson. Grade IV—(Jr.)—1 Edmund Reilly, 1 Herman Reilly, 1 Leo MacDonald, 1 Audrey Howard, 1 Austin Reilly. Grade I—(Jr.)—1 Lorne Thomson. Teacher Verna Griffin.

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Wages Of Meat Clerks Aired Before Mass Buying Com.

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—The standard out of the Butchers and Packers Gazette of Chicago allowed approximately 23 percent for a wage in cutting carcasses for which Dominion Stores allowed only 5 percent, Clarence Scurrah, Dominion Stores meat manager, admitted to the Royal Commission on Meat Buying this afternoon. He said there was a difference in cut as between United States and Canadian operations.

Scurrah emphasized to the commission that all meat managers in Dominion Stores employ were instructed to cut up meat in accordance with the chart issued by the Dominion Department of Agriculture. The ability of the managers to get their percentage was dependent on the capacity of the managers themselves.

Was it fair to expect them to secure their percentage, asked Norman Sommerville, Commission Counsel, when they were given assistants who were paid from \$4 to \$8 a week.

Scurrah replied there was a reason for this and that much depended on the volume of the store. The reason was the encouragement which managers, who were quite capable of looking after the work gave to juniors to get ahead. These juniors were not actually required to do that work, but they were helped on by their managers who showed them the work.

Scurrah said \$4 to \$8 a week a clerk was not enough in his opinion. Sommerville told him the average for all clerks in the Montreal district was \$10.53 while 265 delivery boys averaged \$3.99.

The commission counsel read off a list of butcher clerks in Montreal, two of whom received as low as \$2 a week. Out of that the clerk must pay to have his apron and coat laundered and his cartage to and from the store.

The commission counsel asked how wages of that level could be justified. Scurrah replied that due to lax supervision the company's statement book had presented an inaccurate picture to the auditors and the actual situation now was different and better than when the examination was made.

"We had evidence of married men getting \$8," Counsel said. "Could you tell me of married men earning \$8 or less?" "I couldn't give you that offhand," said witness.

"You know how many stores you have, and how many employees there are," said Sam Factor (Lib. Toronto West Centre).

"As a general rule you will find our clerks in the meat stores are getting from \$25 down to \$12 and there may possibly be some at \$10, but I doubt it," said Scurrah.

He repeated to the commission the eagerness of his company to secure the services of promising young men and pushing them along.

It was a question, Scurrah said, of paying boys a low wage while they were in training as managers. "I spent seven years of my schooling a week learning my trade."

Boys started as delivery boys, were promoted to junior clerks at \$8 a week. Then they became clerks and finally managers. This promotion might take some years, but the salary would be increased steadily.

There was a heated exchange at this point between Arthur Ellis and the Commission Counsel over the correct average for grocery clerks in Montreal. Finally they came to the conclusion that they were referring to different figures, Ellis quoting A. and P. figures and Sommerville for Dominion Stores.

Turning again to short weight, Scurrah said he often sent out instructions to give 16 ounces to the pound.

"How can you account," Sommerville asked, "for stores in Ottawa where managers were convicted of giving short weight in the face of that letter from you demanding 16 ounces to the pound? What would be the object of the managers?"

Scurrah could offer no explanation. On the matter of percentages witness produced the card of a 65-year-old manager named Trudeau whose average on sales was 25.1 percent for the past five months. This manager had been with Dominion Stores for six years and is still with the company.

Another man, Kirkpatrick, in a St. Catherine St. shop, had an average of approximately 28 percent. He had also been working with Dominion Stores for six years and was still in the company's employ.

J. Jowle, another manager, got 30 percent only once. Paul Sash, whose average approximated 28 percent, was also still in the employ of the company.

Before Scurrah finished his evidence, Chairman Kennedy read into the evidence the list of full-time meat clerks of Dominion Stores in the Montreal division receiving \$10 a week or less. The list showed two at \$2; two at \$3; three at \$4; five at \$7; eight at \$8 and four at \$10 or a total of 24 receiving \$10 or less.

Former Witness Contradicted Jack Smith, a Dominion Store supervisor in Toronto was the next witness. His evidence related to

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John J. Smith, a former employee who testified some days ago. The supervisor said the witness Smith was not correct in his figures of store wages while he was manager. Former witness Smith also was incorrect, the supervisor said when he told of large drop-shipments of frankfurters being left at his store beyond his order.

It was untrue, Supervisor Smith said, when the former witness told of receiving "a pat on the back" by his supervisor when the latter saw him manipulate a string attached to a scale, giving short weight.

"Is that right," Ellis asked. "Absolutely not."

"You did not pat him on the back?" "No."

"Did you ever see him give short weight?" "No sir."

"What would you have done if you had seen him?" "I would have thrown him out on his neck."

Supervisor Smith denied telling former witness Smith he must show 28 percent. Nor was it true that managers had to account for their stock on a Saturday night on the basis of a 26 percent mark-up.

The supervisor said it was expected store managers would show between 25 and 28 percent. The managers knew that that mark-up should be attained.

Witness denied that in transferring unsold goods from store he gave a credit of only 50 percent of cost. He gave full credit for that and also a full credit for unsaleable goods.

Former witness Smith was demoted because of inefficiency, declared Supervisor Smith. Experience had shown he was "no manager." He did not leave of his own accord but was fired. The manager at 525 St. Clair Avenue had told the supervisor with regard to former witness Smith: "Get that gogle out of here as quick as you can."

The supervisor said that ability to make profits was not the whole test of a manager. He might have been a good manager, but the store had to get 28 percent, and "there were ways and means of getting it."

"What were the ways and means?" asked Commission Counsel. "There are lots of them," said Supervisor Smith.

"Apparently," commented Counsel. "We've heard some of them here." Specifically referring to former witness Smith, the supervisor declared that two or three times a week Smith would cut up too much meat.

Asked if he had discussed Smith's percentage when he visited the store, the supervisor said he "might have."

"But did you?" "Yes, sir."

"Then you can't contradict Smith when he says you did."

"No."

The supervisor was then discharged.

John Irvin, an Ottawa independent butcher with a shop at 215 Bank Street gave his opinion a mark-up of 28 percent should be obtained regularly by a competent butcher.

Replying to the Commission Counsel, Irvin said he paid his clerks \$17 a week and on a turnover of \$450 weekly, was able to maintain his 28 percent.

The next witness was James Woods who was meat manager for the Dominion Stores at 622 Bloor Street West, Toronto. When former witness Smith was a clerk.

The former witness Smith had said Woods used his thumb to short-weight customers, placing it on the deck of the scales.

"Is that true," Ellis asked. "No, sir."

"Did you ever use your thumb to short-weight customers?" "No sir."

"Did you ever short-weight customers?" asked Chairman Kennedy. "Never in the 16 years I have been a butcher."

Woods said Smith also was incorrect when he said the delivery boy at 622 Bloor Street used his thumb in weighing. Woods said there was no meat delivery boy at the store although the grocery department had one.

Woods also denied Smith's statement he (Woods) used a string attached to his scale to give short-weight or placed a wienner on the deck of the scale for the same purpose.

Woods told the Commission Counsel he and Smith had been the best of friends.

"Can you give me," Sommerville asked, "the slightest reason why Smith would tell us here you used your thumb, a wienner or a string? Any reason under the sun?" "None whatever."

Denies Short Weighting Nelson Bragg was the next witness. He had been manager of the Dominion Store at 525 St. Clair W., Toronto. Smith had been second man at that store for about three months. He denied raising prices above the list, and also short-weighting customers on the matter of poultry. Rebutting Smith's evidence that at Christmas-time this short-weighting was a habit, Bragg said Smith had never been employed in his store at Christmas time.

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- ASH STAND ELECTRICAL OCCASIONAL CHAIR
BOOKCASE DISHWASHER OCCASIONAL TABLE
BOOK ENDS GRATE OTTOMAN
BRIDGE TABLE GRILL ORIENTAL RUG
BRIDGE SET HOT PLATE PORTABLE LAMP
BEDROOM SUITE HEATER "PERSONAL" RADIO
BED LAMP HUMIDIFIER PICTURES
BRIDGE LAMP RANGE RUG
BRIDGE CARDS RANGETTE REFECTORY LAMP
BLANKETS IRONER RADIO SET
BED SPREAD FRIGIDAIRE RADIO TUBES
BOY'S WAGGON TOASTER REED FURNITURE
CHESTERFIELD SUITE VACUUM REFRIGERATOR
CONSOLE TABLE OLEANER SMOKER STAND
CEDAR CHEST WASHING MACHINE SECTIONAL BOOKCASE
CURATE FURNERIES SEWING STAND
COFFEE TABLE FENDER BENCH SILVERWARE
COMFORTER FIBRE FURNITURE SHADE, LAMP
CUSHIONS FOOTSTOOL SECRETARY
CHINAWARE FIRE IRONS STAND, JARDINIERE
GLASSWARE HAND VACUUM CLEANER TEA WAGON
CANDLE STICKS HALL RACK TELEPHONE STAND
CLOCK KITCHEN CABINET TOYS
COFFEE PERCOLATOR KINDERGARTEN SET TABLE LAMP
COMFORTABLE CHAIR KITCHEN OIL BURNER TRAY
COMFORTABLE MATTRESS MIRROR MAGAZINE RACK WHAT-NOT
CARPET SWEEPER MAGAZINE RACK WINDSOR CHAIR
CELLARETTE NEST OF TABLES XMAS SEALS
DRUM TABLE NIGHT TABLE XMAS CARDS
DESK NOVELTIES
END TABLE
ENTERPRISE RANGE

Practical Gifts Are Enjoyed Longer and For This Xmas Are Very Appropriate

GUIDANCE NEEDED BY YOUNG PEOPLE

NEW YORK, December 6.—A study of the high schools in many towns and cities would disclose some "appalling situations amongst our young people," in the opinion of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. Delivering her fourth speech in a series concerning child study, she dealt particularly with the problems of adolescence. After her speech she declined to elaborate on her statement when questioned by reporters.

She urged the necessity for healthful recreation, the value of religion in the home and the need for good food, plenty of rest and the proper kind of emotional direction.

"This is the age above all others," Mrs. Roosevelt said, "when I think parents and teachers should concentrate on providing healthful recreation. Group singing and dramatics are perhaps the best outlets at this age, and if Friday and Saturday night can, in some way, through the co-operation of organizations interested in young people be made nights when this type of entertainment can be held, perhaps with some light refreshments, perhaps with impromptu dancing, I believe many a community could save its young people from too early attendance at dance halls and beer parlors and prevent the formation of many boys gangs which get into trouble through lack of leadership."

"A careful study of our high schools today in many towns and cities would disclose some appalling situations amongst our young people."

"There is one thing which I think both teachers and parents must face—namely, it is better to recognize the fact that young people are doing certain things today as a matter of course in many communities which twenty years ago would have been considered not only bad taste but entirely out of the question for any 'nice' girl or boy to do."

Parents and teachers, Mrs. Roosevelt feels, must keep their own standards high, but should not make crimes of things that may be distasteful to them but in which the young people to-day see no real harm.

It was all right on the stage, but in films she found it photographed badly and caught the light. After seeing herself in a film three nights running, she made her decision.

In the strictest secrecy she consulted a surgeon and entered a nursing home. Nobody knew where she was, except her maid, housekeeper and chauffeur. After four painful days she emerged with a new nose.

GREEN RAY SCHOOL

Honor Roll for November: Grade X—1 Lena Costello, 3 Helen Carragher, 3 Lina McQuaid. Grade VIII—1 Hannah McArthur, 1 Basil Costello, 2 Francis Carragher.

Grade VI—1 Ethel McArthur, 2 John P. McQuaid, 3 Jean Currie. Grade V—1 Lizzie McQuaid, 2 Bertie Costello, 3 Leonard Costello. Grade IV—1 Evelyn and Alice Costello (equal), 2 Evelyn McQuaid. Grade III—1 Dorothy Graves, 2 Charlie Costello and Eugene Carragher (equal), 3 Robbie Costello. Grade II—1 Nereen Costello, 3 Mabel Graves.

Grade I—1 Leo Carragher, 2 Leo Costello. Perfect attendance—Lizzie McQuaid and Evelyn McQuaid. Percentage of attendance 54.8. Misses M. Quasack, Teacher. (Parents Please Copy)

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