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PUT GIRLS IN CHAINS.

Pierce, of Westchester, Much Like the Inhuman Brockway.

MANY MORE ACCUSATIONS OF GREAT CRUELTY MADE.

HE KEEPS SILENT AND SAYS "WAIT."

Theresa See, the young girl who ran away from the Westchester Temporary Home for Indigent Children a week ago Tuesday and was quickly taken back, is still shut up in the dormitory of the building. Children in the home say her feet are shackled with a chain, her clothing taken away, and that she is compelled to remain in bed. Theresa's elder sister, Emma, who is also an inmate, said yesterday that Theresa had been chained and kept in bed ever since she was brought back from the home of Mrs. Louis Platt, her refuge in flight.

Theresa ran away because Supt. Pierce promised her to Supt. J. W. Pierce. He punished her very severely two weeks before, and had given notice of another whipping. Deputy Sheriff Wilson, of Westchester County, in whose family Theresa lived for ten months, said yesterday, contrary to Supt. Pierce's statement that Theresa was vicious, that she has good instincts, and in his home she soon became a good girl. "We liked her almost as much of late," said Mr. Wilson, "as of our own children. She was very sorry when Supt. Pierce took her back to the home."

James A. Jackson, whose home is in Yonkers, was in the asylum in 1891 for truancy. After leaving, he was in the United States Navy six years and was on the Vandalia when she was wrecked in the cyclone at Samoa. He is now in the employ of the New York Central Railroad at Buffalo. Jackson bears scars inflicted, he says, by Pierce. Yesterday, in Yonkers, he said:

"While in the navy I had experience with the severest discipline. Strict discipline and severity on the part of officers, but I never knew a martinet like Supt. Pierce. He punished the children in the hallways with a leather hitching-strap, on one end the buckle was a bayonet, and very often the backs of the boys were torn by the bayonet. Boys and girls were put in the attic and the strap was used on the girls in the attic. One day I ran away, but was caught and brought back. I was beaten until I became unconscious, and confined so for several hours. He got a man named Bogardus, who formerly was for the Swift, who remonstrated with him for such severity. Several years after I was in the navy I was shot in the side over the wound that remained unbended from that terrible punishment.

"Pierce was a hypocritical rascal. Pierce was in the parlor singing religious hymns one Sunday. He called for Mary Martin, who was sick in the hall, and in hall, but she did not hear him. He went into the hall and struck her in the face, knocking her down and kicking her on the floor. 'That was more than I could stand, and I struck him. He went down just as I knew he would when I was never whipped after that. I have seen Pierce deliberately cut white girls with the strap, and I know it was common. With the boys such treatment was common.

"Thomas Owens was put to work in the stable while I was there, and Pierce often whipped him for slight causes. I saw Pierce deliberately cut the boy's back with a horsewhip until blood ran from his body. Sometimes when the children were assembled in the chapel, at night, night of misdemeanor little children, and, stopping his prayer, would go to the boy and cut him with the horsewhip with his hands. Prayers would then be resumed.

"Joseph Jackson, a young brother, was also in the home for several years, leaving in 1888. He said yesterday that he was put in chains and received terrible whippings. The superintendent at that time had abandoned the well-known Brockway system of a pendulum made of twenty-eight leathern thongs strings fastened to a handle. This he had to have a man and lays with slipping office. 'I was whipped every day for over a year,' said Jackson. 'Pierce was fitted for sadistic speech, and sometimes I knew he was that I knew. Then Pierce put chains on me, and I was chained, was padlocked around my ankles so that I could only take steps about 8 in length. Sometimes two boys would be chained together so that one boy would be dragged by the other. I was chained to another boy this way for several months, and I remember that we had to gather so that the chain would not have to be removed. It was a common thing for boys to be in chains while I was in the institution.'

Joseph Evans, of White Plains, was in the home from 1888 to 1891. He said yesterday that he often saw boys and girls whipped severely by Pierce for slight offenses. 'I was put in chains and kept during his stay. 'One of the worst whipped boys I saw,' said Evans, 'was chained to the floor some six days out of the week for nearly two years. He was water-boiled. Sometimes I could not have worked that hard, but I was put in chains.' 'The boy was often whipped.' Evans said of Mallory being chained to the pump and of Mallory's death. Evans, who added more to the list of crimes that prevailed on the boy, 'Supt. Pierce would come to the room and say, 'Get up, boy,' said Jackson, 'and ordered me to stand outside to watch. If any stranger came I was to report to Pierce in the Boys' Hall. Pierce then stripped Mallory, and whipped him until his cries could be heard in the hall. Mallory's Pierce begged for husband to stop, but he ignored her mistake. Then Pierce put Mallory in a wet sheet, tied him in a salt bath. I witnessed this myself, and carried water to wipe up the floor.'

Jackson said yesterday that it was stated that while Supt. Pierce had not been so severe recently yet a number had been so severely whipped in November. In November, 1891, Mr. Mallory, Mr. Mathews were put in chains. Both the Mathews and Mallory were put in chains. Both the Lawrence sisters were in the Ward. Dan Curtis Miller was kept in chains for two months a year ago.

Supt. Pierce's conduct was in no quiet mood yesterday. The charges against him have caused him much anxiety. He ordered the gates of the institution to be kept shut lest former inmates without permit should get in. Some of the former inmates discharged boys and girls to visit the home and see the females, but Supt. Pierce ordered them, so that no information can get out.

'All my old boys and girls are going to be discharged,' said Supt. Pierce yesterday. 'The Lord will provide. Just at what they were when they came here I don't know. I don't know why you should see that racket made between.' Further investigation.

Mr. Martin, who has See case, Mr. Pierce would answer no questions. Asked about the use of chains he said:

'I don't know what people have seen such things, but I don't know. But it was necessary for runaway boys.'

Mrs. Martin Francis of White Plains, who was in the home yesterday, one day last summer while I was there, saw Some I saw a girl fifteen years old with chains about her ankles. As I was passing, she was in the hall, and I saw her on the bare back, but I often saw other girls stripped and punished. Some of the boys were put in a salt bath. Those who was whipped and put in a salt bath I know that to be a fact, for Supt. Pierce sent me for the salt."

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