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LASH FOR GIRLS.

Is This a Brockway in a Home for Indigent Children?

ONE GIRL RUNS AWAY.

Taken Back After Showing the Marks of the Whip.

GRAND JURY MAY TAKE A HAND.

Miss Helen Gould and Mrs. R. M. Hoe Among the Institution's Backers.

A RIGID INVESTIGATION ORDERED.

Theresa Sea, sixteen years old, ran away from the Westchester Temporary Home for Indigent Children last Tuesday. She went to the home of Mrs. Lewis Platt, mother of Westchester County's District Attorney. There she said she had been brutally whipped by Supt. James J. Pearce, of the home, and showed Mrs. Platt the marks of the beating on her body. Mrs. Platt harbored the girl, but Theresa had been traced by employees of the home and Supt. Pearce came after her in the afternoon and took her back to the home despite her tears and protests. She is now in Supt. Pearce's custody.

District-Attorney Platt told the story to ex-Register Stephen S. Marshall, who is friendly to the home, and who sold the property which it now occupies. Mr. Marshall reported the case to R. M. Hoe, the printing-press manufacturer, of 504 Grand Street, who is President or Secretary of the home. Mr. Hoe was told that if the charges of the girl were not investigated the office of the District-Attorney's office would very likely take it up.

David Cromwell, President of the Bank of White Plains, is a member of the Board of Managers. He said yesterday that the charges had been referred to the Executive Committee, but no report had been filed yet. The Executive Committee consists of Mrs. Helen Gould, Mrs. Hoe, Mrs. Acton Hoe, who is Treasurer of the home; Mrs. Seaweil Skeels, of Tarrytown, Mrs. Lewis Platt, Mrs. Lewis Lean, wife of the New York Police Commissioner. Mrs. Hoe went to White Plains yesterday and visited the home.

SAY SHE'S INCORRIGIBLE.

Supt. Pearce attended a meeting of the society of Friends at Chappaqua yesterday. Mrs. Platt's story of the girl's treatment was seen at the home. She said that Theresa Sea was an incorrigible girl. Her parents had written to the home to ask she would not remain in charge of them. Theresa's parents live in Port Chester. Mrs. McDonald, the matron, visited their daughter at the home. Miss McDonald would say nothing about the alleged whipping. Mrs. Platt's son, Benjamin, the Deputy County Clerk, and his wife, who are Quakers, yesterday heard the story told them by their mother as to the marks of whipping upon the girl's body. They said that if the charges were to be had their other sisters of cruelty on the part of Supt. Pearce towards girl inmates of the home. Mrs. Platt said she had no personal knowledge of such affairs. Pearce has been Superintendent of the institution three years. He is reputed to be a thorough disciplinarian. It is located in the large two-story frame house formerly the residence of Stephen S. Marshall, surrounded by about 20 acres of ground. Shady hill out and shaded with evergreens.

Mr. Cromwell said the Board of Managers would await the report of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Hoe refused to make any statement yesterday, but engaged ex-Senator Platt to represent the interests of the Board of Managers. Citizens of White Plains have declared their intention of taking the matter up if necessary, with the purpose of a thorough investigation of the methods of the home.

GIRLS FLOGGED IN BED.

A White Plains physician said to a World reporter: "It appears that the girl was cruelly beaten and maltreated by Supt. Pearce. I am very, very, exactly glad, to Mrs. Platt's home. She was in a most pitiable state when she came to my house. Her back was in her wounds and bruises, and was protected until Supt. Pearce, backed by one of his employees, came and took her back to the home. And she begged on her knees for protection from Pearce.

From other sources it was learned that Supt. Pearce had been accused of cruelty to the inmates of the home in a brutal manner several months ago. It was alleged that he would order girls who had committed some slight offense offended him to undress and go to bed, and that then he would flog them with a whip made of a piece of rubber hose. Despite this he is alleged to have compelled boy inmates to go barefoot in the snow on grounds in the village, and had maltreated them in many ways, besides starving them. Some months ago the Judge near had complained that inmates of the institution were ill-treated. The Judge said that Theresa Sea told him last night that she had seen the marks on Theresa Sea's person, which, she got whipped, were caused by Supt. Pearce's whipping.

The Platt homestead is less than a quarter of a mile from the home. Miss Platt said: "The girl admitted that she had run away from the home to escape the punishment she knew would come. Mr. Pearce always appeared to her like a good man."

A REFUGE FOR CHILDREN.

The Westchester Temporary Home was organized Feb. 12, 1890, and is incorporated. Its avowed object is the care of destitute children, and the institution is said to partly intended to provide a place of commitment for Protestant children. Its expenses are defrayed by gifts of the Protestants, by a nominal (one) from widows, who would otherwise be unable to properly care for their children, and by payments from the county. The Trustees are Mrs. Charles Butler, of Union Theological Seminary; Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Roswell P. Flower, Mrs. Helen Gould, Mrs. Hoe and M. Isaac, Miss H. C. Brinckerhoff, of Sing Sing; Miss Emily O. Butler, of Irvington; Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, of Irvington; Mrs. James B. Colgate, of Yonkers, wife of the millionaire; Mrs. Jay Gould, Mrs. William A. Ward, of Port Chester; Mrs. William C. Ward, of Pleasantville; Mr. Elphalet Wood, of Irvington; Mrs. James O. Hayland, of Irvington; Mrs. Arthur L. Barnes, of Mrs. Richard B. Sanger, of New Rochelle; Mrs. Harvey P. Parmelee, of Irvington; Mrs. Lewis Lean, Mrs. Lewis Lean, Mrs. C. W. Whitney, of White Plains; Miss Kate Prime, of White Plains; Mrs. Seaweil Skeels, of Peekskill; Miss Bertha Beach, of Rochester; Mrs. John Reid, of Yonkers, wife of Rev. Dr. John Reid; Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, Mrs. William F. Cochran, of Yon-

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