

# No Christlike Pity For Twentieth Century Mary

From Ireland Colleen Came to Hide Her Shame but Immigration Officials Said No, Leaving No Refuge But Gracious Relief of Eternal Sleep

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New York, December 4—Many strange tales come in from the sea, tales of heroism, of courage and daring; but none in recent years can compare in pathetic appeal with the story of Mary Brennan, brought in by the liner Baltic.

Mary Brennan died at sea as the Baltic was making her way back to England on her last trip. Mary had been turned away from America, the refuge of the oppressed, the land of the free, the place where she was seeking only temporary asylum that she might hide her own shame and spare the honor of her mother and father back in County Sligo, for Mary was a colleen, with raven hair and cheeks that once had the bloom of Killarney roses in them.

But when she came here a month ago Mary Brennan's face was as pallid as that of a person long in prison. In her eyes was a dazed and haunted look. Mary, however, could not hide her secret. She was a prisoner, a prisoner of the world's conventions and the established morality. She was a fugitive, running away from the scorn of her neighbors, the possible condemnation of her own parents. She was to become a mother and about the wedding finger there was no circlet of gold or platinum.

Mary did not tell her story to the immigration men at Ellis Island. There was no need for that. They have seen the same thing before and have steered their hearts against the human tragedy of it all. Yet they had no idea of what the quick sequel was to be when they wrote the fatal letters "L. P. C." across the passport of the girl condemned to deportation because she was unfortunate where many a sister more deeply steeped in sin, but wiser than she, had been allowed within the portals. The initials put upon her passport meant "liable to become a public charge." Mary persisted that she had a well-to-do aunt in this country who would care for her. The aunt appeared and confirmed what the girl had to say on this subject.

Yet there were moralities involved. It was easier for the immigration men, touched by the pathetic figure of the girl, to say that she was barred from America because of her financial condition, rather than officially to stigmatize her as a sordid woman likely to corrupt the morals of the nation. So the doors were closed. Mary was told to go back to her Ireland, to face the music of her shame. America would not serve as a cradle for an alien child to be born out of wedlock. If Mary had had benefit of clergy she might have come in. Her child might eventually have been an American citizen had he chosen his birthright. The immigration inspectors knew that exceptions had been made in other cases of this sort in the past. But in those cases some man generally came forward and said he was willing to marry the expectant mother and thus make all things right in the eyes of man. Mary had no such man, and Mary had no special pleadings. She was just a little Irish girl, scarcely 18 years of age, and was trying to hide her motherhood from all the world. Blind justice decreed, however, that her one misstep must be punished to the full.

During the time she was held for deportation, Mary Brennan contracted a heavy cold. She was ill and weak and world weary as she was led aboard the liner Baltic to go back in full shame to her people. Her bright hopes of shielding her sorrow in America had been blasted. Two days after the Baltic sailed pneumonia developed. Mary did not care. She had no will to live. Her little eyes were never opened. Mary soon followed the babe into the gracious relief of eternal sleep. Providence had spared her the ordeal which kindly America had told her she must face.

The unweaned mother and the un-sponsored baby were buried at sea. The waters of the Atlantic swallowed them up. Many a silent prayer was uttered on the Baltic that they might be purifying waters which would usher the two tragic little figures into a better world than they had found in a sphere where apparently the modern creed is that all is well until found out.

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New Boiler Perfected By General Electric Company Makes Possible Double Vapor Power Plant

Schenectady, December 5—Power from mercury vapor, making possible a double vapor power plant in which turbines for generating electricity are driven both by mercury vapor and water vapor from the same fuel source, resulting in a gain of about fifty per cent in power per pound of fuel, is the outstanding achievement of a new boiler perfected by the General Electric Company.

The last great step in improving the efficiency of manufacturing power was the replacement of the reciprocating engine by the steam turbine. The invention of the mercury vapor boiler is regarded as a greater step in the progress of science.

The modern steam turbine is about forty per cent more efficient than the best reciprocating engines, but according to W. L. R. Emmet, consulting engineer for the General Electric Company and inventor of the new process, the mercury boiler is more than fifty per cent more efficient than the best steam turbine. The mercury boiler is still considered an experiment, but like all great steps in advance, time will be required to develop and perfect a system before this process can be expected to reflect on the operating costs of public utilities.

Mr. Emmet estimates that if the mercury boiler comes up to all expectations, it will produce with 35 pounds of gauge pressure, when compared with a steam turbine generating plant which uses 200 pounds steam pressure, about 52 per cent more output in electricity per pound of fuel. "And if," Mr. Emmet adds, "in such a plant the boiler room is re-equipped with furnaces and mercury apparatus arranged to burn 18 per cent more fuel, the station capacity with the same steam turbines, condensers, auxiliaries, water circulation, etc., would be increased about eighty per cent."

The mercury vapor process involves the vaporization of mercury in a boiler, driving of a turbine by the mercury vapor and the condensation of the exhaust in a condenser where its latent heat is delivered to

or as a physician," said Dr. W. Graeme Robertson, surgeon of the Baltic. "If I had had any notice of the girl's condition when she came aboard the Baltic I never would have permitted her to sail. I would have seen that she was sent to a proper hospital here in New York at the company's expense. No one could have remained unmoved at the sufferings of this pathetic little Irish girl. Her death cast a gloom over the entire ship, from cabin to crew."

Mary Brennan never knew of the kindly intercession that might have been hers. No one told the ship's doctor as she went aboard, and she was still striving to hide what the world would call her shame.

water and thus used to generate steam at pressure suitable for use in existing steam plants.

"Naturally," Mr. Emmet explained, "the question which will arise in connection with this mercury process is the danger from the mercurial poisoning, either to the community or to the attendants. In the first place, all joints are welded, so that it is impossible for mercury to escape except through accident and arrangements are such that leakage if it should occur will go into the stack where it can do no harm."

**THINK ANGORA WILL NOT KEEP CAPITAL**

Constantinople, Dec. 5.—The decision of the national assembly by an overwhelming vote, to retain Angora as the capital ends for the time being the effort on the part of a very large group to move the capital back to this city. Also it brings the countries having diplomatic representatives in Turkey face to face with a problem they have evaded up to the present time, whether they will retain their seats here or remove to Angora to be in contact with the Turkish government.

At present all the more important countries have liaison officers in Angora. Only a few small countries, like Afghanistan, have placed their ministers there. But now the German representative announces that, no matter what the other powers may do, the German Minister, when appointed after the ratification of the Lausanne treaty, will take up residence in the capital. This may force the hand of the other big states, but it is not considered likely that any

of them will really establish embassies in that remote and unhealthy city, when here they own impressive and costly premises.

In addition to remain in Angora the assembly seems to have been controlled by two principal motives, one that in event of war it is necessary and safe from an enemy, and the other a desire to be freed from what they have called the evil influence of a partly foreign metropolis.

Angora critics, however, say that the decision is not irrevocable and indicate that the matter may be reopened when the new Turkey is firmly established. Meantime plans for a modern hotel and other improvements are being carried forward, but very few people believe that the ambitious program to build a complete and modern city at Angora ever will materialize.

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