

UNLUCKIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD CAUGHT IN NOBOKEN

Elsie Wilson Arrested Dressed as a Man — Made Four Attempts to Reach the United States as a Stowaway—Worked on Steamer as Coal Passer—Was Born on Friday, the Thirteenth — Eight Other Girls Succeeded in Getting Through—Always Unlucky.

New York, Sept. 23—"O, but I'm the unluckiest girl in the world! When ever I try anything grand I always get caught at it."

When 22-year-old Elsie Wilson of Southampton, Eng. had finally succeeded in reaching "the States" as a stowaway after four unsuccessful attempts and had spent three weeks in Brooklyn, she felt that this time she had put something "grand" over.

But alas she was arrested early yesterday morning one block from the Hoboken water front at 2d and River sts by two detectives who overheard her telling the story of her trip to a sailor boy friend.

"Now if they send me back I'll get five years," she told a reporter yesterday afternoon in the Hudson County Jail in Jersey City, where she is being held. "Each time I was caught before in trying to sneak aboard a ship to come to this country I was brought before a magistrate and he told me if I was brought up again on the same charge he would put me away for five years. I hope I can stay over here—I do n't ever want to go back to England again."

The story of Elsie's trip over as she told it to a reporter yesterday was both amusing and amazing, but the most surprising fact of all was that she was not alone in her escapade—but had eight other girls with her, who soon made tracks for other parts of the country.

Bad Luck Began at Birth
"I've wanted to come over here ever since I first met your dandy sailor boys," she said, "and I would have come as a war bride, but my sweetheart was killed just three weeks before our wedding day. I was engaged to Sailor William Burger of San Francisco who was on the United States

destroyer Burrows, 'Slim' Burger and I went to a wedding one night and the next morning he was killed.

"He fell from a scaffolding where he was painting with three other fellows. It was a curious coincidence but I lost my engagement ring just the hour that he died. But it has always been that way with me—unlucky—that's me all over. I was born in November, and that's an unlucky month, and Friday, the 13th as the day and date, didn't help me out none.

"Just before we girls shipped on the Plattsburg, we all had our hair cut short like a man's. Some of the boys helped us out with sailor uniforms, and at 7 o'clock on the morning that the Plattsburg sailed we climbed over a big gate, scrambled over two coal barges, up a ladder on the ship and then down into the fire room.

"For two days we worked as coal passers, and then the rest of the time we hid in the icebox. Believe me it was some cold! And dark! It was worse than down in the mines, but the boys—we had a lot of friends in the crew—brought down candles to us. We had to light them as early as 2 o'clock in the afternoon for we couldn't see our hands before us.

Had Better Food Than Captain
"Then the boys would bring us eats—and O boy! but they treated us right. We had better food than the captain did. Fried chicken, hamburger steak, fresh vegetables, fruit and pastry. O the American sailors are right there! "All the English girls were crazy about them" the sturdy stowaway went on. With her close-cropped hair her clear skin, bright blue eyes and husky build, Elsie might very readily pass as a boy.

"I wore my dungarees for two days after I landed in South Brooklyn," she

went on, "and no one noticed me at all. I met a sailor I had known in Liverpool and he got me some civilian clothes—a dress, cape and a wig. Then I dressed as a girl and lived for two nights at the Hotel St. George over there. It was pretty nice, but \$3 a night was just a little too much for me. I had just a little money and wanted that to hold out until I got a job in some factory. I found a furnished room at 322 W 14th st in Manhattan, and lived there until I was arrested.

"It's Fierce in England"

"I wanted to come to America to get a job. It's fierce in England. There are so many girls who have gone wrong because they can't get work to do. They all want to come over here and work. I worked in a flour mill, but there was a strike and we all had to walk out whether we wanted to or not. Then when it was over they wouldn't take any of us back.

"I applied to the Labor Bureau, but that is a bunk place. They give first chances to the girls who had worked in munition factories, so that no other girl has a chance to earn a living. I told the woman who turned me down that I bet I had done more to win the war than she had. I served two years in France with the Tommy Waacs, the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, and that meant real work. Then the year that I spent in the flour mills was downright hard work—and that was just as important to my way of thinking as munition making was."

Coal passer Elsie Wilson is the eldest child in a family of six children. Her father runs an engine and gets \$25 a week for it. "That's a fat salary to support a family on, ain't it?" she asked the reporter. "I wrote to my mother about a fortnight ago, to tell her where I was and that as soon as I got settled I wanted to get a job over here for my father—but now look at the fix I'm in. Do you think they will send me back?"

Hoboken Caught Her in 15 Minutes

The "unluckiest girl in the world" had been in Hoboken only 15 minutes when she was caught.

"I went over to meet a friend who said that he thought he knew of a job I might get down in Philadelphia," she said. "He was going to stake me to the price of a ticket until I got on my feet, when I could send the money back to him. I was going to leave this afternoon—but here I am in jail. O, Lord, what luck!"

All her lamentations were made in the cheeriest sort of a voice. In fact, she is a chery sort of person, deter-

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Crown Land Office, Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 4, 1919.

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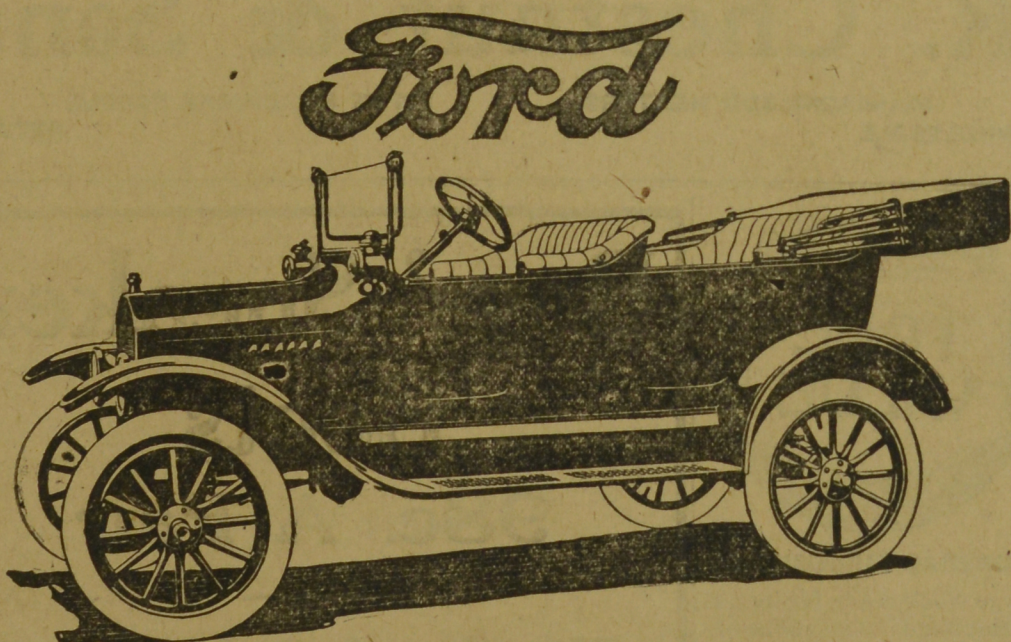
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LIGHT STUFF.

Bobbie was having his hair combed, and when the hair rose to meet the comb his mother explained to him that it was due to electricity.

"How funny," said Bobby, "that I have electricity in my hair and grandma has gas in her stomach."

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mined eventually to make her home and fortune in the land of the free.

"They might send me back again this time," she said, "but I am going to beg awfully hard to stay. If I do have to go I'll get here again some way. I don't want to live in England. I want to live in the United States where a working girl has a chance to earn a decent living."

The troopship Plattsburg arrived here on last Aug 29 and is at present anchored off Bay Ridge. The Army Information Service knew nothing of the nine stowaway girls.



The Prince at a Ball Game in Edmonton.

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