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WILLIE IDENTIFIES HIS ABDUCTORS

Man Who Took the Boy From School Says His Name is James H. Boyle.

WOMAN IS DEFIANT AND HAUGHTY.

Kidnappers Taken Before Grand Jury—The Charge, Under the Laws of Ohio, if any is Found, Will Be Blackmail—Suicide of Mary Diener, Who, the Police Believe, Was One of the Plotters.

Cleveland, O., March 24.—Willie Whitla today identified the man and woman held on suspicion by the Cleveland police as the persons who kidnapped him from the school at Sharon, Pa., last Thursday, and held him for the $10,000 ransom, which was paid by his father, Attorney J. P. Whitla, on Monday.

Willie said the man, who gave the name of James H. Boyle, was the one who took him from school and carried him through a tortuous route to Cleveland, then to Ashtabula, back to this city, and placed him in the house in the East End, where he was held until the money was paid. Willie also declared that the woman was the one who cared for him at the house where he was detained and she acted the part of a nurse.

Mr. Whitla Would Say Nothing Regarding the Woman.

Boyle says that the woman is his wife. The police have no other identification of the couple than the names given. So far as the man is concerned, the police believe the name is correct. Boyle is said to reside in Sharon and is a plumber by trade. He is said to have a widowed mother, four brothers and a sister.

The woman, who is accredited with being the wife of Boyle, declared soon after her arrest that her identification would cause a sensation in Sharon.

When the identification was completed, Mr. Whitla would say nothing regarding the woman. He said he knew Boyle slightly.

Prisoners Before Grand Jury.

Immediately after Willie had seen the man and woman at the central police station, they were taken to the county court house and there appeared before the grand jury. They were examined for the purpose of aiding the jury in its attempt to find an indictment against them. The charge, under the laws of Ohio, against the man and woman, if any indictment was found, will be blackmail. This is based upon the payment of the $10,000 ransom made by Whitla.

As Boyle and his wife are held by the police on suspicion only, an indictment will afford a means of formally placing them under arrest, and then they can be held indefinitely.

After leaving the grand jury room, Mr. and Mrs. Whitla, Willie and the janitor of the Sharon school which Willie attended immediately left for Sharon.

As the prisoners have not waived extradition, they will be held for two or three days until the necessary papers for their removal to Sharon can be arranged between the governors of Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Suicide Growing Out of the Case.

A woman known as Mary Diener, who the police say may have been an associate of the kidnappers or was implicated in the plot, committed suicide today by drinking morphine. The woman drank the poison while standing in front of a drug store in the East End, not far from the house in which Willie Whitla was detained here. She died in an ambulance while being taken to a hospital.

Prisoners Before Whitla Party.

Attorney Whitla, accompanied by Mrs. Whitla, their son and daughter, Willie and Salina, a boy schoolmate of Willie, Harry Forker, a brother of Mrs. Whitla, Janitor Sloss, Chief of Police Crane, Detective Kempler, District Attorney Lininger, former District Attorney Cochrane, and Detective Ward, all of Sharon, arrived here at 1 o'clock today, and an hour later they went to the police station.

The man was the first one taken before them. Boyle was a little pale and nervous. There was a faint smile upon his lips. He was seated before the party, which formed a semi-circle in front of him.

Chief Kohler asked Willie if he had ever seen the man before.

"Sure," said Willie brightly, "why, that is the man I left Sharon with. He took me to Cleveland, then to Ashtabula and back to Cleveland."

The boy was asked the same question again to make certain of his memory and again the lad declared he was positive.

"He had a mustache when I first saw him at the school house," Willie supplemented, "but he must have cut it off later. This is the way he looked when I last saw him in Cleveland."

Woman Defiant and Haughty.

Boyle smiled sarcastically throughout the recital, but said not a word. He eyed his accusers defiantly. When Willie concluded Boyle was taken back to his cell and the woman was brought in.

She was defiant and haughty in her demeanor. Blankly she started at Whitla and the other members of the party. Her only lapse from the indignant manner was when she first saw Willie. Then she smiled.

Immediately Willie walked up to her and extending his hand, said:

"How do you do?"

"Hello, Willie," the woman replied, as she placed her hand upon his head and caressed him for an instant.

The boy ten stepped back to his father and was asked several questions by the chief of police.

"Yes, I know her," he said, "she was the nurse who took care of me in Cleveland. She told me I was sick, and in a hospital. I saw her a whole lot, as she was with me much of the time."

Notwithstanding the woman's former assertion that there would be a sensation when she was identified, or when Whitla saw her, she and Whitla looked at each other without any outward evidence of recognition. They did not speak with each other. Neither did she speak to any of the other members of the party.

Taken Back to Jail.

After the brief examination by the chief the woman was taken back to the jail. After leaving the police station Whitla would make no comments regarding the woman under suspicion.

OTHER SHARON PEOPLE BELIEVED TO BE IMPLICATED

Most Interesting Part of This Case Is Yet to Be Told—Effort Making to Prevent Publicity of Names—Eager Expectancy—Sensation Promised.

Sharon, Pa., March 24.—Believing that the most interesting part of the story of the kidnapping of Willie Whitla is yet to come, the people of Sharon are waiting in eager expectancy for the positive identification of all the persons arrested at Cleveland last night and the story of the other persons connected with the case.

Others Implicated.

That others besides those who are now charged with the crime are implicated in it is doubted by few here and the discovery of the others in the case promises a sensation when the facts become known.

That there would be an effort to prevent the making public of names which may be involved in the case was surmised today by reason of activity in certain lines, but the probability is that the parties in custody will not be permitted to withhold the names of other persons implicated when the case comes to trial.

Boyle a Resident of Sharon Most of His Life.

James Boyle, believed to be the man under arrest at Cleveland, together with a woman he says is his wife, both charged with the kidnapping of Willie Whitla, had been a resident of Sharon all his life until about six or seven years ago. Since that time he has been in the habit of making infrequent visits here, his last trip to his home being shortly after Christmas, when he came here with a woman he introduced as his wife.

He said he had married her in Denver about a year ago and let it be known that she came of a wealth famknown that she came of a wealthy famsion of considerable money in her own right.

After waiting to attend the funeral of his uncle, John Boyle, proprietor of the Shenango house here, three weeks ago, Boyle left Sharon on March 12. Boyle's uncle was a warm friend of Thomas Forker, brother of Mrs. Whitla, who sold Boyle the Shenango hotel for the Forker estate.

SWEATED BY THE POLICE, WOMAN REFUSES TO TALK.

Relatives of Young Whitla Unable to Identify Prisoner.

Cleveland, O., March 24.—A woman, whose actual identity is as much enshrouded in mystery tonight as it was twelve hours ago when she was arrested on suspicion of being involved in the kidnapping of Willie Whitla, was the moving spirit in the famous case, the police charge.

Beyond the assertion of James H. Boyle, her companion and alleged coconspirator, that she is his wife, not a word can be obtained to clear the situation.

Sweated thoroughly by the police, the woman, beyond breaking down and giving way to tears, keeps her counsel.

That another person was involved in the job was the theory of the police when, late today, a woman said to be Mary Deiner, committed suicide by taking poison, dropping dead on the street. It developed that this woman had been in company of the Boyles in a saloon last night. Investigation showed, however, that she was simply an innocent participator in the hospitality of the Boyles. It is believed that fear for possible results of having been in the company of the alleged kidnappers caused the woman to do away with herself.

Sharon, Pa., March 24.—Attempts of the relatives of little Whitla to identify the woman suspect held in Cleveland were useless, according to a statement made by Harry Forker, an uncle of the boy, here tonight. Forker stated positively that he had never seen the woman before.

"I do not know the woman," he said. "Mr. Whitla, his wife, daughter Salina, and I closely scrutinized the features of the woman today in Chief Kohler's office, and none of us knew her."

QUIETLY MARRIED AT A CHICAGO HOTEL

Dustin Farnum and His Leading Woman Eluded Their Friends.

Chicago, March 24.—Dustin Farnum was married today to Miss Mary Bessie Conwell, leading woman in his company, which is playing at a Chicago theater. The ceremony was performed by M. M. Mangasarian, lecturer of the Ethical Culture society. Mr. Mangasarian is the father of Flora Zabelle, wife of Raymond Hitchcock. The pair eluded their friends and were married quietly in a hotel.

WALKING AROUND THE WORLD.

Pedestrian Drops in on Mayor of New York City.

New York, March 24—Stephen Stanbustan, a Servian, who started from Los Angeles on a walking trip around the world six months ago, reached New York today and dropped in on Mayor McClellan to obtain the mayor's endorsement in a little green memorandum book which he carried.

Stephen was brown and hard from his open-air life. He wore a greyish slouch hat inscribed: "Walking around the world. Started from Los Angeles, California."

Before another six months have passed he expects to reach Servia and pay a visit to King Peter, who is an old friend, he says. He plans to take three years for his entire trip.

Wireless Message from Mr. Roosevelt

Trenton, N. J., March 24.—Governor Fort received from ex-President Roosevelt today a wireless message expressing thanks for a message which the governor yesterday sent to Mr. Roosevelt. The governor said in his message:

"All the people of New Jersey are with me, I am sure, in wishing you good health, success and a safe return."

Mrs. Taft Hostess at White House Tea

Washington, March 24.—Mrs. Taft was hostess today at a tea at the White house with the wives and daughters of senators and representatives as her guests. It was the largest afternoon social function of the present administration. President Taft gave up his customary horseback ride and was present to help receive the ladies.

Cabled Paragraphs.

London, March 24.—Great Britain has accepted the offer made by New Zealand to give the empire free of cost a fully equipped Dreadnought.

Berlin, March 24.—The death is announced of Prof. Alfred Messel, the well-known German architect. He was born in 1853.

Pau, France, March 24.—Count De Lambert and M. Tissandier, who were pupils of Wilbur Wright, won their spurs today by gaining the Aero club's prize awarded to every aviator making a flight of more than 250 metres. Both men made line flights of 25 kilometres (15 1-2 miles), remaining in the air about 27 minutes.

Bridgetown, Barbados, March 24.—The yellow fever is gradually disappearing from Barbados, there having been only twenty new cases in the last month. The local health authorities have been assisted in stamping out the disease by Sir Robert Boyce of the Liverpool school of tropical medicines, who took part in the suppression of an outbreak of yellow fever in the southern part of the United States some years ago.

Paris, March 24.—Count Boni De Castellane's petition for an inventory of the papers and furniture in the De Sagan mansion on the Avenue Malakoff and at the Chateau Marais has been declined by the court, which sustained the contention of the De Sagans that they were married under the regime of "Separation of property" and that the papers and furniture in question belong to the Princess De Sagan until competent proof to the contrary is forthcoming.

THREATS TO KILL TAFT, CANNON AND TOLEDO'S MAYOR.

House Speaker Receives Letter from Toledo Signed "Polish Voter."

Toledo, O., March 24.—Threats to kill President William H. Taft, Mayor Brand Whitlock, Joseph Cannon, speaker of the house of representatives, and Patrick McCarren, state senator from Brooklyn, were contained in a letter sent to Mr. Cannon in Washington, from Toledo, March 19, and signed "Polish Voter."

The letter was returned to Toledo this morning to the mayor by L. White Busbey, secretary to Mr. Cannon, a personal friend of Mr. Whitlock.

"The writer may be a harmless crank," says Mr. Busbey, "or he may be something worse. The speaker does not care to turn the letter over to the secret service or to the postoffice authorities. You will know better how to handle it than anyone here."

Mayor Whitlock turned the letter over to the newspaper men, smiling.

"Some poor, harmless fellow, I suppose," was his comment.

CARBOLIC ACID FORCED DOWN HER THROAT.

Mrs. Culbertson Found Dying—Crime Attributed to Jealousy.

Vincennes, Ind., March 24.—Mrs. Jessie Overton Culbertson is dying tonight, it is said, as the result of having carbolic acid forced down her throat and having her jaws afterwards securely bound. She was found today in a shed back of her home. Revived for a few seconds, she said:

"A man and a woman dragged me into the woodshed and poured something down my throat."

The police attribute the crime to jealousy. They have held a letter purporting to be from a jealous woman, since Monday. The letter was found under Mrs. Culbertson's doorstep. It warned her to give up her husband under penalty of death.

DIAMOND PIN IN PAWNSHOP, YALE STUDENTS ARRESTED

Charged with Taking the Property from a Boarding House.

New Haven, Conn., March 24.—Alleging that they had stolen a diamond pin from a woman in a boarding house where one of them roomed, Cassious Lopez De Victoria, a senior in the Yale Sheffield Scientific school, whose home is in New York, and Andrew V. Riccardi, a former student in the Yale Law school, were arrested tonight and placed under bonds for their appearance in court tomorrow morning. The pin, which belonged to a Mrs. Sanford of New Milford, was found in a pawnbroker's shop, where it had been pawned by Riccardi for $15, and an investigation led to the arrest of the two men.

THREE THOUSAND PUPILS QUIETLY FILED OUT.

Teachers Prevented Panic in School When Fire Started.

New York, March 2—A serious panic was narrowly averted today among the three thousand pupils in one of the large public schools in the Bronx when a fire started on the lower floor just as the children were being dismissed for the day. Reassured by the teachers, who kept telling them that the fire amounted to nothing, the children on the upper floors walked down the stairs and through the smoke filled corridors in good order. Some of the teachers and employes in the building put out the fire, which was confined to a small room in which it started, before the firemen arrived.

EIGHT INCHES SNOW AT DENVER

City's Fire Alarm System Almost Destroyed—Loss $300,000.

Denver, March 24.—Eight inches of wet, clinging snow, after several hours of steady rain, did damage in Denver last night estimated at from $200,000 to $300,000, and cut off wire communication with the outside world for many hours. Every wire of the Western Union and the Postal telegraph companies and every toll line of the telephone company was carried down by the heavy snow along with hundreds of poles. The city's fire alarm system was almost destroyed. 6,000 telephone wires in Denver were rendered useless and hundreds of trees in the parks and along the boulevards were damaged.

For several hours today street car service was at a standstill and thousands of people plodded to work through the slush. Suburban electric lines were useless and trains on all railroads were many hours late, for the train despatchers were helpless.

Many small fires were caused by broken and crossed wires.

Death of John B. Chisholm—Old Time Stage Carpenter at Ford's Theater.

LaSalle, Ill., March 24.—John B. Chisholm, stage carpenter in Ford's theater in Washington when Abraham Lincoln was shot, died today, aged 74 years.

The Brownsville Shooting Up.

Washington, March 24.—Secretary of War Dickinson announced today the retired army officers who have been appointed members of the court of inquiry to investigate the discharge of the battalion of the Twenty-fifth infantry, colored, for alleged complicity in the affray at Brownsville in 1906 as provided by the Foraker resolution. The time and place of meeting of the court have not yet been determined, but it is expected the court will be in this city in the course of a few days.

Connecticut Legislature.

EDWIN B. GAGER RE-ELECTED JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT.

NORWICH COMPRESSED AIR CO.

Resolution Called from Table and Rejected—Unfavorable Report on Reimbursing Charles E. Hazlehurst.

Hartford, March 24.—The senate was called to order at 11.15 by President pro tem. Brooks. Prayer by Chaplain Sexton.

Trout Bill Tabled.

On the motion of Senator Fenn the unfavorable report of the committee on fish and game on the bill to prohibit the sale of trout taken from waters stocked by the state was tabled.

Unclaimed Deposits.

Senator Goodwin explained the unfavorable report of the committee on banks on the bill providing that unclaimed deposits in savings banks shall escheat to the state. He moved the rejection of the bill.

Senator Blakeslee said that there are $90,000 on deposit in the savings banks. He introduced the bill in the interest of the state. The opposition

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VALUE OF THE CONNECTICUT OYSTER BUSINESS

Hearing on Question of Taxation of Oyster Grounds.

Hartford, March 24.—Figures showing that the oyster business had increased in Connecticut from about $500,000 annually thirty-five years ago to about $5,000,000 annually today were presented at the continued hearing this afternoon on the question of the creation of a special commission to consider and report to the next general assembly the matter of taxation of the oyster grounds within the jurisdiction of the state, before the legislative committee on shell fisheries, at the capitol. The figures were brought in a discussion which followed questions by members of the committee as to the extent to which the value of product from the oyster grounds entered into the taxable quality of the grounds. The committee several days ago gave a hearing on the proposed commission and then continued the hearing until this afternoon. Today oyster planters from various points along the Connecticut shore gave testimony before the committee and with this the hearings were closed. It is expected that the report of the committee will be made soon, unless it is decided to re-open the matter for further hearing. The planters stated that they were willing to furnish either to this committee or to a special commission if the committee favor such body, any facts bearing upon the question, but they contended that as yet no good reasons had been presented to the committee for such a commission. Much of the ground covered at the previous hearing was gone over relative to certain areas of oyster grounds held by the planters being unproductive and practically useless, that thousands of dollars had been expended by the planters in experiments on these acres which had brought no return, and also the fact that the chief value of the oyster grounds within the jurisdiction of this state were available only for seed purposes and that the product had to be transferred to waters in other states for developing for market. It was also contended that the enforcement of any higher rate of taxation than that now paid would work hardship to the smaller planters who were not in such position that they could move their business to some other state as could the larger dealers. Referring to the cost of the grounds in Rhode Island waters, one of the speakers declared that he believed the rates there exorbitant and said that that state had simply taken advantage of the situation and that if the planters wanted acreage there they had to pay the price. It was also brought out that sometimes the planters keep possession of unproductive tracts of grounds becaus they are so situated that they act as buffers for good grounds.

CITY CHARTER OF NEW LONDON

Hearing on Behalf of Two Amendment Measures.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

Hartford, March 24.—Representative Whiton and ex-Senator William J. Brennan appeared before the committee on cities and boroughs this afternoon in behalf of the two measures amending the city charter of New London, which their committee is already favorably disposed toward. One provides that no money shall be expended by the common council of the city other than that appropriated at the annual city meeting, unless such expenditures shall have been approved by a two-thirds vote of the common council and by a city meeting and a special tax shall be laid to meet such expenditures.

The other bill amends the city charter so that the city government shall have the power to lay sidewalks, half the cost of the same being met by the property owner, and that the city shall maintain the sidewalks afterward.

Death of Kentucky Financier.

Louisville, Ky., March 24.—E. C. Bohne, vice president of the Southern National bank and a financier interested in many important enterprises, died today at his home here of angina pectoris. He was 69 years old and was born in Hesse Cassel, Germany, of a prominent Huguenot emigrant family. His father was an officer under Napoleon and later counsellor of Cassel. Mr. Bohne was one of the most active members of the American Bankers' association. He was the father of Louisville's park system.

The Senate Tariff Bill.

Washington, March 24.—The tariff bill to be recommended by the senate committee on finance will be ready to be reported on the day the Payne bill passes the house, according to the present intentions of the republican members of the committee, who are holding daily sessions. Consideration of the schedules on earthenware and potteries was begun and concluded today.

Famous Thoroughbred Breaks Hip.

Lexington, Ky., March 24.—Sir Dixon, one of the most famous thoroughbred sires in America, broke his hip while running in the paddocks at Col. E. F. Clay's Runnymede stud in Bourbon county and was killed today. He was foaled in 1886 and was the sire of many winners. Mr. Clay was once asked to put any price on him up to $100,000, but he declined.

Steamship Arrivals.

At Cherbourg, March 23: America from New York.

$600,000 Bribe Offered Bingham

EASY TO BECOME MILLIONAIRE IN FEW MONTHS.

ASTOUNDING STATEMENT

By New York Police Commissioner—Offer Made During First Year in Office—To Be Investigated.

New York, March 24.—A dishonest man holding the position of police commissioner in New York city might easily become a millionaire in a few months, so great are the opportunities for illicit gains, according to a statement today by Commissioner Bingham.

For Protection of Criminal Interests.

During Mr. Bingham's first year in the office, he said, a single bribe of $600,000 a year was offered him, if he would protect certain criminal interests. "Compliance with the conditions of the offer," he added, "would have been entirely of a negative matter—all they wanted was to be left alone."

Commissioner Bingham was worked up over the refusal of the city aldermen to vote him an appropriation of $100,000 for a secret service to investigate Black Hand crimes and other matters. He referred to the sum as a paltry one, compared with the amounts which the criminal interests are willing to pay to obstruct and prevent the operation of the law.

It's a Regular Gold Mine to Dishonest Man.

"This job of police commissioner," he said, "for example, would be a regular gold mine to a dishonest official. If it were put up at auction to the highest bidder, a man could well afford to pay $1,000,000 for a year's opportunity to accept what the criminal classes would be only too glad to offer him."

Then he referred to the $600,000 offer which he had received when he first took up the office. "The offer was of course carefully guarded," he said. "It came from a suave gentleman who knew how to handle words to perfection, and was able to make his hearers understand what was meant without laying himself open to any unpleasant after effects.

"I listened until I understood what the fellow was about. Then I gave him such a talking to that he will never forget his visit here as long as he lives. I've not heard from him since."

Jerome to Investigate.

Commissioner Bingham declined to give the name of the man who had made the offer, nor would he say what interests had sought protection. It was rumored later in the day that District Attorney Jerome would investigate the charges made by Mr. Bingham.

CONNECTICUT EDUCATORS

Discuss School Matters With Committee of Education.

Hartford, Conn., March 24.—Proposed legislation providing for the granting of certificates of qualification of teachers in the public schools and by the state board of education, providing that no district or town shall be entitled to receive any money from the state in support of schools unless the schoolhouse and other buildings connected with it shall have the approval of the state board of education, and also having that when the average attendance in a school falls below 12 such school shall be united with an adjoining school and that the town may transport scholars to such adjoining town, occupied the attention of the committee on education at the capitol this afternoon. These proposed measures have grown out of the recommendations made in the report of the special commission on education made to the general assembly earlier in the session and aim to benefit the smaller towns and to bring greater efficiency in the educational system in those towns. The measures were freely discussed by educators from about the state.

TRAPPED BY POLICE, A SUICIDE.

F. H. Richardson, Alleged Embezzler of $300,000, Kills Himself in Hotel.

Harisburg, Pa., March 24.—Trapped in his room in the Hotel Lynch, from which there was no escape, F. H. Richardson of Elmira, N. Y., wanted for the alleged embezzlement of $300,000, slammed the door in the face of the chief of police about 1 o'clock today, and a minute later killed himself with a bullet through his head. The suicide marked the closing of the career of one of the most influential men in Elmira.

SUFFRAGETTES WELCOMED.

Out of Jail, They Are Regarded as Martyrs.

London, March 24.—The woman suffragists who were sent to prison on account of the demonstrations in parliament square Feb. 25 received an enthusiastic reception upon their release from Holloway jail today. A procession was formed, headed by a band, and made its way to Holborn, where a "welcome breakfast" was given in honor of the "martyrs." Lady Constance Lytton is among the women released.

Mrs. Taft Inspecting Massachusetts Summer Sites.

Boston, March 24.—It was stated here today that Mrs. William H. Taft, wife of the president, and Miss Mabel Boardman of Washington inspected several estates in Beverly and West Manchester on Saturday last in company with several real estate agents. The party looked particularly at the large residence of the late Henry W. Peabody in Beverly and the Mortimer B. Mason estate in West Manchester.

No Airship Service Between Boston and New York This Summer.

Boston, March 24.—Owing to a desire to obtain a larger dirigible balloon than was at first proposed, the Aerial Navigation company will not put a dirigible in service between Boston and New York next summer. It has been decided to construct a large airship, but it will be impossible to have it ready for service before 1910.

Lost His Fortune, Committed Suicide.

Boston, March 24.—Having lost his fortune and suffered domestic troubles, John Rieger, formerly a well to do manufacturer of billiard tables, committed suicide in Franklin park today. He climbed a tree, fastened a rope to a limb, placed a noose about his neck and then jumped from the branch.

Death of the Widow of "Old Hutch."

Lynn, Mass., March 24.—Mrs. Sarah M. Hutchinson of Chicago, widow of the late Benjamin P. Hutchinson, popularly known as "Old Hutch," died suddenly today while visiting friends in this city. She was 76 years old and is survived by four children.

Condensed Telegrams

C. W. Morse in a Signed Interview in prison declared that he was a victim of the "big stick."

Opera Hammerstein Announced a reduced scale of prices for performances of opera comique at the Manhattan.

Pope Pius X. Tuesday received in private audience the Rt. Rev. John Farrelly, the new bishop of Cleveland, Ohio.

A Gift of $375,000 has been promised toward the $2,500,000 fund which is to be raised for a Shakespearean memorial.

Attorney General Wickersham announced the reappointment of Wade H. Ellis of Ohio as assitant to the attorney general.

The Ways and Means Committee computed that the Payne bill would increase the customs receipts by more than $11,000,000.

Charles W. Calkin, chief clerk of the court of special sessions at New York, was arrested and held in $1,500 bail on a charge of grand larceny.

The Budget Committee of the reichstag decided to report the government's naval programme calling for three Dreadnoughts and one large cruiser.

August Belmont and Theodore P. Shonts at a conference decided to oppose the granting of a franchise for a subway to the Bradley-Gaffney-Steers company.

The Resignation of Henry L. Stimson as United States attorney for the southern district of New York was accepted by the president, who announced that he would nominate Henry A. Wise to succeed him.

OPPOSITION TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

The Other Side Heard at Hearing in Hartford.

Hartford, Conn., March 24.—The opposition to the passage of the measure before the legislature for the creation of a public utilities commission was granted a hearing on the matter in the hall of the house today. The opposition to the measure was directed by Lewis Sperry and the first speaker was Attorney A. C. Graves of New Haven. Mr. Graves stated that he was not opposed to a regulation of the public utilities corporations, but that he did not think the measure at present before the legislature was at all satisfactory either to the corporations or to the people. He opposed that sort of a bill and stated that he did not think that public opinion is so very strong in favor of the creation of a commission as has been stated. In his opinion the principal feeling for such a bill had been started by the fact that New York and Massachusetts have such laws. He stated that in his opinion corporate affairs in the state are in a satisfactory condition and the corporations are run along conservative lines. He called attention to the lack of press comment on the measure and explained the alleged overcapitalization of the Connecticut Railway and Lighting company. He compared the street railway lines of Connecticut with those of Massachusetts and made the statement that every dollar of stock of the New York, New Haven and Hartford road is represented by actual property value. Mr. Graves was of the opinion that there is no proper basis for estimating a just capitalization and that a commission could not do so. The fact that a commission would be able to fix the price at which corporation stocks could be issued would work a great injustice and though that matter ought to be regulated by publicity.

The speaker was of the opinion that overcapitalization does not hurt the people but the stockholders, and the stockholders are not asking for a commission. Another disadvantage of a commission would be that its acts could not be reviewed by the courts.

The next speaker was L. W. Storrs of Springfield, who is the manager of trolley roads operating over about 500 miles of road. For practical use he did not believe that a commission would prove very satisfactory to the people of Connecticut. Other speakers were former Senator Slocer of New Britain, Bryan Mahan of New London and Arthur Brewster.

13 MEN MAULED BY LIONS.

Record of the Mombasa Shooting Season Just Ended.

Mombasa, British East Africa, March 24.—The heavy rains have begun in the protectorate, and yesterday four inches of rain fell in the short space of three hours. The grass fires which lately have been destroying the prairies and driving the game in close to the railroad line have been put out by the downpour.

The popular shooting season is at an end. The record for the four months shows the killing of 110 lions, including two man-eaters, and 2,000 head of other game. During the season nine natives and four white men were mauled by lions.

River and Harbor Improvement in Connecticut.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

Hartford, March 24.—The committee on roads, bridges and rivers busied itself today with the matter of the appointment of a special commission to go into the matter of river and harbor improvement in Connecticut which would concern eastern Connecticut vere materially. It is proposed to have a temporary commission which will examine into the whole subject and report to the next general assembly. Most of those present at the hearing were from the body of men interested in the development of the Connecticut river, but the interesting in this proposition is by no means so confined as this would indicate.

Changing Name of the Pomfret School.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

Hartford, March 24.—The measure changing the name of the Pomfret school to Pomfret school would doubtless have been favorably acted upon by the committee on incorporations, which held a hearing on the matter today, but for the fact that the resolution was so drawn that it might possibly include an exemption of taxes either now or at some future date, wherefore the resolution was withdrawn to be re-drafted so as to specifically state that there shall be no exemption from taxation.

Fire Damaged Church $25,000.

Stoneham, Mass., March 24.—The Methodist Episcopal church here was badly damaged by fire this evening. The loss is estimated at $25,000. Several churches and schools situated near the burning building caught fire several times, but were saved. Defective electric wiring is thought to have started the blaze. No person was in the church at the time.

Stock Exchange Vacation.

New York, March 24.—The board of governors of the New York stock exchange today decided to close the exchange on Good Friday, April 9, and Saturday, April 10.

MINERS TO REMAIN AT WORK

Pending Efforts of the Executive Boards to Seek a Satisfactory Settlement.

INSTRUCTED BY SCRANTON CONVENTION

To Continue at Work Until Otherwise Notified by Official Representatives of the Three Anthracite Districts—Proposition Formulated by Policy Committee and Submitted to Representatives in Special Convention.

Scranton, Pa., March 24.—Tonight after reaffirming the demands already presented to the operators, the anthracite miners in convention voted to remain at work after April 1 and to allow the union's district executive boards in the hard coal fields of Pennsylvania to continue their efforts to seek an agreement satisfactory to the men. The miners were instructed by the convention to stay at work until otherwise notified by the official representatives of the three anthracite districts and the executive boards were instructed to negotiate an agreement upon such basis as the boards in their judgment believe the conditions warrant.

Report of the Policy Committee.

Following is the text of the report of the policy committee:

Scranton, Pa., March 24, 1909.

The Representatives of the Special Convention of Districts 1, 7 and 9, United Mine Workers of America:

We, your committee, appointed to formulate a proposition to govern the anthracite mining districts between now and April 1, and after that date, have carefully considered every possible phase of the situation and submit to you and for your careful consideration the following:

We hereby reaffirm the demands formulated and agreed to at the special convention of districts 1, 7, and 9, United Mine Workers of America, held in the city of Scranton, October 12, 1908. We hereby confer upon the members of the executive boards of districts 1, 7 and 9 of the United Mine Workers of America full authority to meet the operators of the anthracite coal region and to negotiate with the anthracite operators an agreement upon such basis and for such a period of time as they, the members of the executive boards, in their judgment, believe industrial and other conditions surrounding the anthracite mine workers may warrant.

We hereby authorize and instruct the United Mine Workers, and so far as our authority goes, the mine workers of the anthracite coal region to remain now and continue at work on and after the first of April, 1909, under the terms of the agreement of 1906 and until such time as they are otherwise notified by the official representatives of districts 1, 7 and 9 of the United Mine Workers of America.

The report is signed by the thirteen members of the committee.

President Taft May Be Asked to Appoint Arbitration Commission.

The convention was called upon to act on a resolution looking to arbitration as a final solution, if the men and their employes cannot agree. The resolution was introduced by a district officer, and the substance asked President Taft to create a commission similar to the one appointed by President Roosevelt in 1902. A heated debate followed, with the result that the resolution was referred to the three executive boards. Nearly all the leaders were against it, and it may never be put into effect by the boards.

PORTO RICO BEST GOVERNED UNDER SPANISH RULE.

Says Chairman of Porto Rican Commission Now in Washington.

Washington, March 24.—That Porto Rico was governed better under Spanish rule than under American; that the Spanish-American war and the consequent occupation of the island by the United States has ruined the coffee industry, the most important in the island, and that the executive council, composed largely of Americans, is responsible entirely for the present crisis, were declarations tonight by Louis Munoz Rivera, chairman of the commission, now here. The commission was appointed by the house of delegates to lay before President Taft, congress and the American people the reasons for the existing conditions in the island and to ask for concessions from this country, both regarding the form of government of the island and the tariff.

VERDICTS AGAINST THE REV. G. F. PENTECOST.

Prominent Clergyman and Evangelist —Alleged Misrepresentations in Farm Lease.

Greenfield, Mass., March 24.—Verdicts against Rev. G. F. Pentecost, a prominent clergyman and evangelist, who is now located in Hartford, Conn., were returned in the superior court today in behalf of Arthur F. Stone and Marian P. Thompson, who have occupied a dairy farm in East Northfield owned by Dr. Pentecost. The plaintiffs, who are brother and sister, leased the farm in 1906 and alleged that they lost money through its operation because of misrepresentations as to its productive qualities. Mrs. Thompson brought suit for $5,000 and was awarded $1,358, while her brother, who sued for $2,000, was given a verdict of $268.

THREE NEGROES FOUND GUILTY.

Verdict of Jury in Skipwith Murder and Arson Case.

Richmond, Va., March 24.—At Powhatan Courthouse today the jury in the Skipwith murder and arson case, after forty minutes' deliberation, returned a verdict finding Joe and Isham Taylor guilty of murder in the first degree, and John Brown guilty of murder in the second degree, and fixing the punishment of the last named at fifteen years in the penitentiary. The first degree verdict carries with it death in the electric chair.

The men are three of a number of negroes charged with murdering Mrs. Mary R. Skipwith and Walter G. Johnson, the manager of her estate, and afterwards setting fire to the historic home, "Southeast."

Antarctic Explorer's Achievements Considered of Highest Importance.

Christiania, March 24.—Captain C. E. Borkgrevink, who wintered in the Antarctic in 1900, considers the achievements of Lieut. E. H. Shackleton, who reached within a few miles of the South Pole, of the highest importance. The discovery of coal in the unexplored regions traversed by Lieut. Shackleton, he deems of great interest, since coal has also been found on the Kerguelen Islands, while the Norwegian explorer Larsen discovered petrified wood on the American side of the Aantrctic continent.

Death of Former Member of New York Herald Staff.

New York, March 24.—Charles Brazelton Graves, a newspaper man, until recently a member of the staff of the New York Herald, died of paralysis today at Atlantic City. He was 40 years old. At the last Paris exposition Mr. Graves was connected with the American commission. At different times he was associated with the old Star, the World and the Herald.

Fezenizac-Fiske Engagement Announced.

New York, March 24.—The announcement was made here tonight of the engagement of Count Robert De Montesquieu-Fezenizac, the eccentric French nobleman and poet, to Mrs. Robert T. P. Fiske, an American widow of means, who has long been a resident of Paris.

$30,000 Loss From Grass Fire.

Haverhill, Mass., March 24.—A fire which started from burning grass burned two barns, an ice house and a two-story cottage owned by A. J. Tilton at the corner of Freeman and Washington streets today. The loss is estimated at about $30,000, with partial insurance.

TWELVE PERSONS KILLED BY TORNADO IN TEXAS

Number of Houses Moved from Their Foundations.

Dallas, Texas, March 24.—Twelve persons were killed and a score injured by a tornado that swept over the northeastern part of Wise county last night. Several small towns were visited by the storm, but none was destroyed, although each suffered serious damage.

Starting at Crafton, in the northeastern part of the county, the storm passed to the north of Decatur, the county seat, and struck several small settlements, of which Slidell is the center. The tornado then turned southeast without doing further serious damage.

The greatest loss of life occurred on farms. The destruction of Ira Rice's farmhouse caused the death of eight persons near Slidell. A light in the house ignited the pine and the flames snuffed out the lives of the eight burled victims.

At Sanger and Greenwood a number of houses were moved from their foundations. A schoolhouse near Sanger was wrecked. In this region Ben Wilson and Glasgow Clark, farmers, and two children of a negro tenant, were killed.

JAPANESE IN AMERICA ACTING AS SPIES.

Categorical Denial of the Charge by Japanese Government Officers.

Tokio, March 24.—A special to the London Times which has been recabled to Tokio, says that it has been proved that Japanese residents of America are acting as spies. But it adds, "every country, even the United States, employs men like these."

Japanese government officers have requested the Associated Press to make a categorical denial of the charges. An officer of the foreign office said:

"The statement is absolutely without foundation. As far as Japan is concerned, it is regarded as a silly canard, while its mischievous source alone entitles it to be dignified by the term 'dementia.'"

TWENTY BATTLESHIPS NEEDED ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

Declares Rear Admiral Bob Evans in an Interview.

Tacoma, Wash., March 24.—Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans said in an interview here today:

"We need twenty battleships on the Pacific coast. With such a force this coast is safe from any attack. I do not believe in dividing the Atlantic fleet in order to send ships to the Pacific.

"We should concentrate our forces. The danger of non-concentration was fully demonstrated by Russia's failure on the sea in her combat with Japan."

PROBABLY FATALLY BURNED.

Mrs. Henry Dow Attempted to Stamp Out a Grass Fire.

Middletown, Conn., March 24.—Mrs. Henry Dow, 80 years, living at the home of Benjamin Gilbert in the West Long Hill district, was so badly burned while attempting to put out a grass fire late today that she is not expected to live. A brush fire spread to the grass in the Gilbert yard, and, fearing that it might spread to the house, Mrs. Dow attempted to stamp it out. Her dress caught fire and before assistance could reach her her clothes were consumed and her body from the shoulders down so badly burned that she cannot recover. Mrs. Dow had been housekeeper for many years at the Gilbert home.

Harriman Will Take Paso Robles Baths.

Santa Barbara, Cal., March 24.—E. H. Harriman today left on a special train for Paso Robles, where he will take the baths for a few days on account of a slight attack of rheumatism. He had intended leaving for San Francisco tomorrow night. Dr. Dixon issued a statement saying that Mr. Harriman was not ill, but simply desired to take the baths.

Head of McMillan Fur and Wool Co. Dead.

Minneapolis, March 24.—James McMillan, head of the McMillan Fur and Wool company, with branches in St. Louis and Winnipeg, died today, aged 53 years. He was the son of James O. McMillan of Freyeburg, Me.

France's birth rate has fallen from 32 to 19 1-2 per cent in 100 years.