

BOYLE TELLS WIERD STORY

Kidnaper Tells Strange Tale Which Involves Sharon, Pa., Man and J. P. Whittle, and Explains Abduction.

BEGINS WITH A MURDER

Both Men Brand Boyle's Statement as a Malicious Lie—Declare It an Attempt at Revenge.

MERCER, Pa., May 11.—James H. Boyle, sentenced to the penitentiary for life for kidnaping Willie Whittle, gave out a statement marked "By James Boyle," in which he tells of the alleged murder of Youngstown, Ohio, several years ago, of Daniel Reebie, Jr. He tells of the finding of Reebie's body on the sidewalk, and says, "Over the prostrate form was Harry Forker, of Sharon, Pa., holding in his right hand a package of letters that were gathered from the sidewalk near the dead body of Reebie."

He says that Dan Shea, now dead, was present. In Forker's haste he left four letters, says Boyle, who declared Forker paid him money regularly for years to "keep them quiet." During Boyle's recent visit to Sharon, he says he demanded \$5,000, which Forker promised to secure in a short time. On returning to Cleveland he wrote Forker and received in reply an unsigned letter proposing the abduction of Willie Whittle. He says the abduction was carried out and that he (Boyle) showed the letter to Mr. Whittle in Cleveland, and says Whittle promised that if he would substantiate the Youngstown letter he (Whittle) would see that there was no prosecution.

Forker's Denial. SHARON, Pa., May 11.—Harry Forker says he knows absolutely nothing of the matters contained in Boyle's statement; that the only motive he can imagine for the tale is revenge on the Whittle family for prosecuting him. Forker also declared that Boyle never showed him any letters, and renounced the whole story as "a willful, malicious and slanderous one."

On the witness stand, during the trial of Boyle, he denied having seen Boyle on the street corner in Cleveland and having discussed with him the kidnaping and ransom.

Today, after Boyle's statement had become public, Whittle denied to the Associated Press that he had seen Boyle or talked with him in Cleveland prior to his son's return and the rest of Boyle.

"The whole statement," he said, "is a willful and malicious lie."

Last Word of Boyle. PITTSBURG, May 11.—"Tell the people I leave behind me appreciation of all the sympathy and good wishes they have extended me, though I am for the time unable to help my cause. I think there will be found not a few who will work for me, and not let me long be a martyr to the cause of revenge." This is the only message coming today from 6623-A, otherwise known as Mrs. Helen Boyle, who last night began a 25-year sentence in the western penitentiary for kidnaping Billy Whittle. Jimmy Boyle who was sentenced for life, said today:

"Tell the public to go to hell." Mrs. Boyle will probably be placed in the kitchen of the penitentiary.

WRIGHT BROS. IN NEW YORK

Aeronauts Arrived in This Country Today, After a Triumphant Visit Through Europe, Marked by Royal Favor.

MACHINES TO BE TRIED

A Month From Today They Are to Receive Medals at White House From Aero Club of America.

NEW YORK, May 11.—Wilbur and Orville Wright, accompanied by their sister, Catherine, arrived here today from Europe. The brothers are concerned over the accident of the Italian lieutenant in flying one of their machines recently. When told that the accident was not due to any fault of the machine, but caused by the operator having an attack of vertigo, both heaved sighs of relief and turned to the greeting party, which tried unsuccessfully to lionize them. Both brothers declared they had no intention of filling a lot of social engagements while here, and made plain the return to this country was because they had work to do. They will leave later for home, in Dayton, Ohio, where their workshops are located. They will look over the machines there and prepare them for shipment to Fort Myer for trial. They characterized as ridiculous the reports that they are to ask officials that they make the tests secret and said the machines will be in a condition to make all test experts ask of them. It is almost impossible to get either of the brothers to discuss the trip abroad, where they met on terms of common fellowship with most of the rulers of Europe, and showed experts there how to conquer the air. Even to the reception committee the Wrights maintained the secrecy which marked them in the past. Among those receiving the Wrights were acting-President Holland Forbes, of the Aero Club of America, and others connected with aeronautics. A month from today they are to receive medals at the White House, to be presented by the Aero Club of America. They were unable to accept an offer in St. Louis during the carnival in October. Miss Wright is greatly enjoying the popularity of her brothers, and the trip.

Wrights to be Entertained. NEW YORK, May 11.—When told all arrangements had been made for a luncheon in their honor by the Aero Club of America tomorrow, the Wright brothers agreed to remain to keep the engagement. An enormous crowd was at the dock at Hoboken to greet the Wrights. Both the brothers emphatically denied the report cabled from Rome that J. P. Morgan had arranged to finance them to manufacture aeroplanes. Orville declared he has been approached by a number of financiers who are willing to invest money in their enterprise, but have not concluded such arrangements. They intended to wait now to see what intentions the United States government are in connection with their project. The Wrights will make their first flight in the United States at Fort Myer, on June 18, and will continue until the aeroplane has met with all the details of the government test.

Kings Were Interested. Wilbur Wright said their experiments in Europe stimulated many other inventors to an attempt at evolution of the aeroplane. He said: "We know the aeroplanes can be built to carry more than two persons. The ultimate limit of such a machine will only be proven by time. Our machine weighs fifty pounds to each lifting horsepower. A military expert who takes great interest in our machine abroad told me one thousand feet elevation would place the airship beyond rifle range. We demonstrated this could be accomplished. Both the kings of Spain and Italy showed the keenest interest in what we were trying to do."

Wilbur declared that women would make good aerial navigators. He said they showed less timidity than the majority of the men who made flights with him.

The Wrights, after experiments at Fort Myer, under contract, will return to England and instruct a large army of men in aerial navigation. Wilbur says after the Dayton celebration, planned in their honor, he expected to take a rest at the home in Dayton, to be ready for the long experiments at Fort Myer.

Taft Will Play Golf. WASHINGTON, May 11.—Taft will play golf tomorrow with Walter J. Travis, General Clarence Edwards, and F. O. Hortsman, of Washington.

Another Blaze at Des Moines. DES MOINES, May 11.—Fire of unknown origin today destroyed the New York Paper and Stationary Company. The loss is \$100,000.

PHILADELPHIA JACK O'BRIEN TRAINING FOR HIS BOUT WITH CHAMPION JOHNSON.



[The first appearance of Jack Johnson in the ring since his fight with Tommy Burns in Australia, in which he won the title of champion of the world, will be in the National Athletic club, Philadelphia, on May 19, when he meets "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien in a six round bout. O'Brien is training hard for the event and insists that he will uncork a surprise for the followers of fistiana. The fight will give the public a chance to get a line on the Johnson-Ketchel fight scheduled before the Colma (Cal.) club next October, for O'Brien only recently met Ketchel in a ten round bout in New York. The Quaker received a terrible drubbing at the hands of the Montana wonder, but he put up as game and clever a fight as one would care to see. If he makes a better showing against the Texas giant, even though it be at the shorter distance, it will encourage Ketchel's admirers to believe that he really has something more than a look-in for the championship. For these reasons the eyes of the whole fight world are on the little tea party arranged by the Philadelphia club. O'Brien is never out of condition. For cleverness he ranks with the topnotchers of the game. He is as fast as a flash of lightning and is so shifty that he evades the force of many a hard punch by being on the "get away" when it lands. These pictures taken only a few days ago, show some of his methods of training. The man in the white trunks is O'Brien.]

PORTO RICANS ASK SUBSTITUTE

Members of House of Delegates of Porto Rico Send Telegram Asking President and Congress to Take Action.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The following telegram was received today by Tullio Larrinaza, a resident commissioner from Porto Rico, signed by all members of the house of delegates of that island: "To the Congress and the President: 'Members of the lower house unanimously resolved to express their strict adherence to all acts and statements made by their fellow members composing a committee of the house of delegates, in the pending conflict. The delegates ask the president and congress of the United States, for a substitution for the Foraker act and of a liberal regime, worthy of the uprightiness and democracy of the United States, and the dignity and capacity of Porto Rico.'"

CHILD'S BODY IS FOUND.

Dead Babe in Cheroot Box Unearthed at Mason City.

MASON CITY, Ia., May 11.—Laborers while clearing a vacant lot unearthed the body of a baby buried in a cheroot box. The tiny coffin was barely covered by earth and leaves. The body had been buried but a few days. The only identifying marks are the letters K and A on the box. Mystery surrounds the entire affair.

TO PROBE HASKELL CASE.

TULSA, Okla., May 11.—The government is today preparing for a second probe of the alleged town lot frauds in which Governor Haskell and a number of prominent men were indicted. A new grand jury was sworn in today.

MASON CITY, Ia., May 11.—J. H. Gilligan, a restaurant man at Britt, shot his wife and servant girl, Laura Stilson, at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Both are still living. Mrs. Gilligan was hit in the head and the girl in the leg.

EXPLOSION IN POWDER MILL

Press in Mixing Room of Lafin Rand Powder Co., of Pittsburg, Explodes, Killing Four Men.

PITTSBURG, Kans., May 11.—Four persons were killed in a terrific explosion that occurred in the powder mill near here early today. The mill is the property of the Lafin Rand Powder company. The explosion occurred in the mixing room, a large press in the mill exploding. The dead are: ROBERT McFARLAND, JOSEPH STOVALL, JAMES ROOD, WILLIAM MORROW.

The explosion is a mystery and occurred at 3:15 and the four men who were killed were the only occupants of the mill. The blast demolished windows several miles away and was felt thirty miles away. The property loss is estimated at \$30,000. Five other buildings at the plant in which large quantities of powder were stored were threatened by fire, following the explosion. A hundred men worked two hours to extinguish the flames.

SHOTS WIFE AND SERVANT.

J. G. Gilligan of Britt Puts Bullet Into Both.

QUINCY, Ill., May 11.—Quincy officers were hurried to Seehorn, where robbers blew the postoffice safe at 1 o'clock this morning, after attempting to shoot the watchman, who escaped and gave the alarm. Armed citizens of Seehorn have the building surrounded. The same men are supposed to have blown the safe at Kinderhook a few hours before.

MACHINIST IS A GRAND DUKE

Mystery of One of the Greatest Romances of a Century is Cleared up by "Lost John Orth."

PAYNESVILLE, Ohio, May 11.—Johann Salvator, who works as a machinist in the shops of the Coe Company here, astonished his friends today by announcing himself as the "Lost John Orth," arch-duke of Austria, Prince of the House of Hapsburg, the oldest dynasty in Europe and cousin of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, son of Leopold II and Grand Duke of Tuscany. Those who have investigated the story say it is true. A picture of Salvator, taken here Sunday, was shown to Otto Graff, the Austrian consul of Chicago. Graff at once notified the ambassador at Washington. The mystery of the grand duke has been one of the greatest romances in a century. In 1890 he renounced the title and claim to the succession of the Austrian throne in order to marry Ludmilla Stubel, an opera singer. The grand duke was last seen at Monte Villa in 1890.

REINQUISHED HIS TITLE AND CLAIMS TO AUSTRIAN THRONE THAT HE MIGHT MARRY AN OPERA SINGER.

Man What He Claims. A Chicago newspaper which has been investigating, is confident that he is Orth. It said the discovery created a sensation in diplomatic circles.

ROBBERS BLOW A SAFE.

Quincy Officers Hasten to Seehorn to Assist in Bandit's Capture.

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HE TRIED TO LICK EDITOR

Theodore Bell, Former Congressman, and Temporary Chairman of Last Democratic Convention Starts a Fight.

PENNYCOCK IS WILLING

Sparring Exhibition Took Place on Streets of Vallejo, Cal., But Friends Separate the Combatants.

VALLEJO, Cal., May 11.—Theodore A. Bell, former congressman, temporary chairman of the last democratic national convention, and W. D. Pennycock, editor of the Evening Chronicle, were the principals in a lively encounter on the streets here today. Bell, formerly national head of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, has been active recently in a local fight, and has been assailed in the editorial columns of the Chronicle. A particularly biting editorial was called to his attention and he came from his home at Napa and met Pennycock on the street. An argument followed and Bell landed on the editor's jaw. Pennycock fought back but friends soon interfered. The encounter stirred up much bitter feeling, which may result in further trouble.

SEC. BALLINGER ANSWERS CRITICS

No Original Government Documents are Allowed to Leave the Land Office.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Secretary Ballinger was surprised to learn today that he had been criticized by Representative Chipfield, of the Illinois legislature, with regard to his action in refusing to allow original government documents to be taken from government buildings. He stated that no members of the Illinois legislative committee had visited him here but he had been requested by letter to send the original land office documents to Chicago. He replied that the government never allows its original documents out of the land office, unless ordered by a subpoena to produce them in court. He offered, however, to furnish certified copies of all documents wanted by the Illinois people, and to aid any member of the legislature sent to Washington, in getting material at his command. The land office surveys for the whole state of Illinois are on file in the office of the secretary of the state of Illinois.

TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST RABIES

Lord Minto and Wife Under Treatment of Specialists at the Pasteur Institute.

SIMLA, May 11.—The Viceroy, Lord Minto, and wife, are under treatment of the pasteur specialists, as a result of an experience with a mad dog. Their condition is in no way serious, but the treatment is only precautionary, as they handled their own dog after it had been attacked by another with a well defined case of rabies. The viceroy and wife were driving when their dog was attacked by a mad dog. The coachman and footman went to the rescue, and Lord Minto and wife followed and treated the dog, which was terribly bitten. The dog developed rabies and was shot.

AN AMERICAN KING DEAD.

Edgar Thompson Was Ruler of One of the Fiji Islands.

CARMI, Ill., May 11.—News has been received here of the death of Edgar Thompson, king of one of the Fiji Islands. He left his home at Albion, near this city, twenty-five years ago, in search of adventure. Some years after his departure Thompson's sister received a letter from him telling that he had been married to a young princess of one of the Fiji Islands and had been crowned king. Inquiry through the United States consular department verified his story. Members of his family since have learned that in the event of his death he expected his son to succeed him as king.

The Ballot at Springfield. SPRINGFIELD, May 11.—The senatorial ballot today: Hopkins, 73; Foss, 16; Shurtleff, 19; Springer, 33; Mason, 2; McKinley, 2; Sherman, 2; Calhoun, 12; J. T. O'Brien, 26; Yates, 1; C. E. Crafts, 1; Evans, 1.

SENATE VOTES WITH ALDRICH

Test Vote on Lead Schedule in the Tariff Bill Shows Aldrich to Have the Whip Hand.

CUMMINS FORCES FAIL

Only Eleven Republicans Voted With the Democratic Opposition—Vote Foreshadows Passage of Schedules.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The ability of the republican majority of the senate to uphold the recommendations of the committee on finance on the lead schedule, which retains the Dingley rates in the tariff bill, in place of lower duties fixed by the house, was fully demonstrated yesterday when, by a vote of 35 to 44, the senate declined to reduce by 11-4 cent a pound the duty on pig lead, as recommended by the committee on finance. In this vote eleven republicans voted with the democrats and two democrats with the republicans. By a viva voce vote the senate adopted the rate of 2-18 cents a pound on pig lead as recommended by the committee.

At the conclusion of the senate, Aldrich stated he regarded the vote as an endorsement of the action of the committee and expressed confidence that all of the schedules would be upheld. Those republicans voting for reduction were: Beveridge, Burton, Brown, Burkett, Clapp, Crawford, Cummins, Dooliver, G. Noble, LaFollette, Nelson, Hughes, of Colorado, and McNeely, democrats, voted against the amendment.

DOWN TO REAL BUSINESS.

The senate settled down to real business today. The question was the approval or the disapproval of the amendments made by the finance committee to the Payne bill, as it came from the house. Paragraphs considered were those held up at the first reading of the Aldrich bill in the senate. The senate amendments relating to potash unchanged in the Payne bill, were agreed to. The amendment increasing the Payne rate fifty cents on santonin to one dollar per pound was agreed to. A duty of 25 per cent was put on corrosive sublimate. The duty on perfumed toilet soap was increased from 20 to 50 per cent ad valorem. Refined sulphur was reduced from six to four dollars per ton. Crude sulphur was put on the free list. Several paragraphs were passed over for further consideration.

PRESIDENT TAFT TO OPEN TUNNEL

Will Press Button Which Will Let the Waters Into Gunnison Tunnel.

DENVER, May 11.—Gunnison tunnel, the greatest reclamation project the government has ever undertaken, will be formally opened by President Taft during trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress, to be held here Aug. 15 to 21. The President will deliver the address to the congress and press the button which will let the waters into the tunnel.

THE WEATHER.

Indications for Iowa, Illinois and Missouri, Wired From Chicago.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 11.—For Illinois and Iowa: Showers tonight and Wednesday. Warmer tonight. For Missouri: Fair and warmer tonight. Wednesday showers.

Stage, Height, Change, State. St. Paul ... 14 7.5 -0.1 ... La Crosse ... 12 7.7 x0.2 ... Davenport ... 15 9.5 -0.4 ... Galland ... 8 6.6 -0.3 Clear Keokuk ... 15 12.1 -0.5 Clear River Forecast. The river will fall steadily. Local Observations. Bar, Ther. Wind, Wh'r. 10 7 p.m. ... 30.12 58 NE Clear 11 7 a.m. ... 30.22 51 SE Clear River above low water of 1864, 12 feet, 1 tenths. Change in 24 hours, fall, 5 tenths. Mean temperature, 50. Maximum temperature, 62. Minimum temperature, 39. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.