

PAYS RANSOM FOR STOLEN CHILD

FATHER OF WILLIE WHITLA COMPLIES WITH THE DEMANDS OF KIDNAPERS.

STRANGE WOMAN IN CASE

Parent Goes to Candy Store in Response to Letter and Delivers Money to Woman, After Which His Boy Appears in Foyer of Hollenden Hotel—Lad Says He Was Well Treated.

Cleveland, March 22.—Little Willie Whitla, who has caused the police of the entire country endless worry since he was kidnaped from school in Sharon, Pa., last Thursday, was returned to his father at the Hollenden hotel here at 8:30 o'clock this evening.

Two boys, G. W. Ramsey and Edward Mahoney, recognized the lad on the car, and taking him in charge conducted him to his father, who was in waiting according to a prearranged plan which he had followed at the dictation of the kidnapers.

An attempt had been made to disguise the lad. He wore a pair of smoked glasses and a large tan cap, which was pulled down over his eyes, and the father said it would have been difficult to have recognized the boy in such a garb had he passed him in his arms and smothered his face with kisses.

Willie is in perfect health. He says he has been well treated, and ever since his capture has been constantly in good luck. He believes he was taken from Sharon to Warren and thence to Newcastle, Pa. It is his opinion, expressed in a happy schoolboy way, that he was in Ashabula on Saturday night, at the time his father was to leave his \$10,000 in Flatiron park.

Whitla refused to state whether he had paid the ransom. He said that he received a letter today from the kidnapers at his home in Sharon, saying that if he called at a confectionery store in the east end of Cleveland he would be told how to secure his boy unharmed and "well fed."

Shortly after noon he left Sharon for Cleveland. He was unaccompanied. His immediate family and private detectives he apprised of the proposed secret meeting, but he insisted that he make the trip alone. Every one of them was warned that he must be allowed to go unheeded, and no attempt at the capture of the kidnapers be made.

Whitla was certain that if he spoiled the plans of his captor tonight he would never see his boy again. His experience at Ashabula served as a warning.

Pays the Money. About 2 o'clock this afternoon he went to a candy store in the east end. With him he carried the \$10,000, expecting that it would be demanded of him there. He was met by a woman who detailed to him the terms of the kidnapers. With all the earnestness of a distracted parent, Whitla agreed to them immediately. Detectives in his employ say that he paid the money, but on this point the father declines to commit himself. Half an hour later he returned to the Hollenden and awaited developments. His entrance to the hotel was shrouded in secrecy. By a previous arrangement he did not register. Detective C. V. Perkins, who has superintended the search for the boy in behalf of the father, was in the lobby of the hotel smoking and pretending to be unconcerned. But the hearts of both the parent and the detective were beating anxiously. The agent of the kidnapers promised that the boy would be started toward the hotel shortly after midnight. As the hour for the appearance of the child approached Whitla became nervous. He disregarded the advice of the detective, who had told him to keep out of sight of the newspaper men and the crowds of curious people who had learned he was in the city. Emerging from his room he walked up and down the hall on the second floor, with hands clasped across his breast. Then unable to stand the suspense longer, he went into the lobby and seated himself. A few newspaper men walked over to him, but he refused to converse.

"In heaven's name, men, do not say anything to me; I am on the verge of nervous prostration," he said.

Might Ruin All. "I expect the boy will be back tonight, but I cannot state positively whether he will be returned safe and sound. Do not ask me to reveal the settlement. That might ruin all of the plans."

For more than an hour Whitla waited in the lobby smoking cigars and muttering to himself. He was very nervous. In the meantime Willie Whitla, the kidnaped boy, feeling comparatively safe in the hands of his kidnapers, was being prepared for his

LEAVES TODAY FOR SUNNY AFRICA

FORMER PRESIDENT IS ALL READY TO EMBARK ON HIS FAMOUS HUNTING TRIP.

SPENDS EVENING AT HOME

Citizens of Oyster Bay Adopt Resolutions of Praise for Their Fellow-Townsmen and Present Them at His Residence—Big Demonstration is Planned for His Departure.

Oyster Bay, March 22.—Closing a strenuous day that was taken up chiefly with the final arrangements for his African expedition, ex-President Roosevelt spent the hours of the evening of his departure across the Atlantic in the heart of his family. All is in readiness for the long journey on which he is to set out tomorrow. The baggage was today put aboard the vessel and after inspecting the quarters set aside for him on the steamer, Mr. Roosevelt returned to Oyster Bay with his wife and children.

With his family Mr. Roosevelt will take an early train tomorrow for New York. While Mr. Roosevelt is grateful for the demonstration that has been planned for his departure by hundreds of people who are desirous of cheering him, as the Hamburg sails, he again today expressed the hope that his leave-taking might be regarded as that of a strictly private citizen.

A delegation of the local town board presented to Mr. Roosevelt this evening an engrossed resolution, commending him as a citizen and fellow townsman. After the evening meal Mr. Roosevelt spent the evening quietly with his family, retiring to rest early in order to be ready for the start tomorrow morning. Though most of Mr. Roosevelt's time has been taken in the preparation of his trip, he devotes all his spare moments to reading Darwin's book, "The Voyage of H. M. S. Beagle," which he carries constantly in his pocket.

A pretty incident showing Mr. Roosevelt's love for children and his readiness, even when otherwise engaged, to amuse them, was shown today on the return trip on the railroad. The former chief magistrate had taken his seat in the ordinary passenger coach and was busily engaged with his book when Mrs. Warren Bowman, widow of the Methodist minister at Oyster Bay, with her 7-year-old daughter Ruth, walked through the train in search of a seat.

Pretty Incident. "This is Mr. Roosevelt," said Mrs. Bowman, stopping in front of the former president, and then she introduced herself. In the meantime little Ruth had clambered upon the vacant seat beside Mr. Roosevelt and was staring at him with open eyes. Mr. Roosevelt was delighted and patted the little girl on her cheeks and asked her to spell his name, which she did, to his great amusement.

"Ruth has a little brother named 'Willis,'" said Mrs. Bowman, "and he is always talking about wanting to go to Africa with you and shoot lions."

"I wish I could take him along," said he, and then turning to the little girl he drew from his pocket two shining half dollars and said: "Here is something for you and here is something for Willis."

Mr. Roosevelt then vacated his seat, that Mrs. Bowman might sit with her child. Receives a Call. One of the last distinguished personages who called on Mr. Roosevelt at Oyster Bay was M. F. Cronin of North Crook, the Adirondack guide and driver, who brought Mr. Roosevelt on the neck-breaking ride from Adelaer to North Crook, N. Y., the night following the death of President McKinley. "It's just bully of you to come," said Mr. Roosevelt, shaking Cronin by the hand.

Mr. Roosevelt and his wife were walking under the trees near the house when the local delegation arrived to make the presentation of the resolutions adopted by his townsmen. Mr. Roosevelt replied to the delegation: "I am deeply touched by these resolutions which have been presented to me by my fellow townsmen. My grandfather and my father made Oyster Bay their summer home and I came here when I was 14 years old. I was not such a good boy as I might have been, as you will remember.

"Judge Franklin (addressing one of the party), nothing would please me more than to give you an account of my stewardship at Washington, but I have not the time. When I come back from Africa nothing will give me more pleasure than to tell my fellow townsmen about my trip. That is the first thing I shall do."

TOURNAMENT OPENS. Alken, S. C., March 22.—The thirteenth annual tournament of the Palmetto Golf club opened here today. The feature of today's qualifying game was the playing of R. C. Watson of the Garden City Golf club, Long Island. He scored 78 and won the cup for the best score in the qualifying round.

OFF TO THE JUNGLES



BITTER WRANGLING MARKS CAUCUS SESSION

DEMOCRATS REPUDIATE BROTHERS WHO SUPPORTED FITZGERALD AMENDMENTS.

Washington, March 23.—After hours of bitter wrangling the democratic members of the house in a caucus that was in session until after midnight, by an overwhelming vote repudiated the democratic supporters of the Fitzgerald amendments to the rules which were adopted at the open meeting of the extra session of the congress over the opposition of Minority Leader Clark.

Mr. Fitzgerald spoke in defense of his action and was answered by Mr. Hardwick of Georgia, who spared the feelings of no one. Representative Peters and Representative Kellier of Massachusetts then denounced the "gig rule" manner in which Minority Leader Clark had conducted the fight for a change in the rules.

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"Second—Under the guise of giving to the democracy of the house representation on the rules committee and on the ways and means committee, Speaker Cannon appointed on the rules committee as a democratic member the proponent of the Fitzgerald resolution who is opposed to the democracy of the house in its fight to reform the rules and is in accordance with the speaker; he appointed on the ways and means committee as a democratic member a gentleman known to be wholly opposed to the democratic tariff view and showed by his vote to be opposed to any change in the Cannon rules.

False Pretense. "We condemn the false pretense of the speaker that in these appointments he has granted to the democracy representation on the same committees, and we hereby declare that in neither of these appointments is the democracy of the house or of the country represented, and we decline to recognize such appointments as representatives of our party on said committees.

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NATIONAL HOSPITAL IN COLORADO PLANNED

WASHINGTON, MARCH 22.—An appropriation of a quarter of a million dollars for the establishment of a national tuberculosis sanitarium in the state of Colorado is provided for in a bill introduced by Representative Sabath today.

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CURRY LICKS EDITOR THEN RESIGNS POSITION

GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO FORESTALLS CHARGES BY STEPPING OUT.

Santa Fe, N. M., March 22.—Governor George Curry this morning telegraphed to President Taft his resignation as governor of New Mexico. The governor said today that he had contemplated this action for some time.

Denver, Colo., March 22.—A special to the Post from Santa Fe, N. M., says: Last Saturday Governor Curry assaulted A. J. Loomis, editor of the Eagle, a democratic weekly paper, in his private office at the capitol building. Mr. Loomis last week printed an article on statehood and the statehood lobby, which Governor Curry considered a reflection upon him. The governor immediately telephoned Mr. Loomis to call upon him, and when the latter put in an appearance Governor Curry, according to report, punched him and threw him from the office. Loomis and his friends at once started a movement to have Governor Curry removed from office, and charges were being prepared against the governor to be filed with President Taft and Secretary of the Interior Ballinger.

Resignation Received. Washington, March 22.—A telegraphic resignation of Governor Curry of New Mexico was received at the white house late today and it was stated would be called to the attention of President Taft tomorrow.

Special to The Daily Missoulian. Wallace, Idaho, March 22.—The case of the "Sailor Kid," who was recently freed on a murder charge on the ground of insanity, and is now seeking to establish his sanity, was practically completed today. Only the charge of Judge Woods to the jury remains to be delivered. Expert witnesses testified that it would be possible for the accused to have been insane at the time of the killing and to be sane at the present time. The young man related the history of his life on the witness stand today.

ASKS CHANGE OF VENUE. Rufus Lloyd, who was arrested on Sunday morning on a charge of having assaulted Pat Senter in the Club saloon on Saturday night, pleaded guilty before Justice of the Peace Dyson yesterday morning and took a change of venue. The case will come up before Justice Small for hearing today.

NOT FOSTER'S BODY. Springfield, Mass., March 22.—A telegram was received here today by Mrs. Cyrus Foster, saying that Cyrus Foster of this city arrived today at the home of his niece, Mrs. George J. Ferguson, in Oakland, Cal., well and happy. Mr. Foster's body was reported to have been found in a box car near Melrose station, California, a few days ago.

HARRIMAN BANQUETED. Los Angeles, March 22.—A reception was tendered E. H. Harriman by the chamber of commerce tonight, at which several hundred business men met the railroad magnate.

BURKE WINS FIGHT. New York, March 22.—Sailor Burke, the Brooklyn middleweight fighter, won from Jack (Twin) Sullivan of Boston in a rough 10-round contest tonight.

FIND NO TRACE OF MISSING BALLOON

SIX AERONAUTS IN THE AMERICA ARE STILL LOST IN THE CLOUDS.

SEARCHERS START FORTH

Anxiety is Felt for Six Men who Have Been Missing for More Than Fifty Hours, and Every Effort is Being Put Forth to Get Some Trace of the Big Gas Bag They Were In.

Los Angeles, March 22.—For more than 50 hours now friends of the six men who ascended from Tournament park, in Pasadena, at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, in the big Ferris balloon America, have been without word of them or the slightest knowledge of the fate that has overtaken the intrepid aviators. As far as information here goes, no human being has caught sight of the huge gas bag since it rose above the park inclosure, in sight of 5,000 enthusiastic sightseers, and carried by a stiff breeze, sailed majestically into the low-hanging clouds that lay far down on the mountain sides and disappeared from the view of the gathered throng.

The belief that some tragic fate has befallen the men who formed the party has led to the formation of relief expeditions into various parts of the Sierra Madre mountains, directly over which the strong current drew the balloon, where it had reached an altitude of but a few thousand feet. There are three distinct mountain ranges before the Mojave desert is reached, 50 miles north of Pasadena.

If the balloon is able to sail over this 50-mile stretch of serrated mountain chain and come to earth on the Mojave desert there is hope that the occupants of the basket, after tramping many weary miles, may be able to reach shelter, food and safety. If the balloon is not able to cross the Sierras and is brought down among the mountains nothing but little short of a miracle can save the men from death from exposure and starvation.

Searchers Start. At 3 o'clock this afternoon two parties made up of hardy men, used to the mountains and knowing all of the trails, left Pasadena and will search all night for some trace of the missing men. One party will go to Mount Lowe and from there attempt to pass down the snow-blocked trail leading north and east and finally into the west fork of the San Gabriel river near its head. This party is in charge of Phil Besse, a well-known hunter and mountaineer. The other party of six, in charge of Kirk Reynolds, will go direct to Switzer's camp, on the side of Mount Wilson, and from there will proceed at once into the west fork, and follow it, if possible, to a meeting with the other party. Earlier today a party in which was Roy Knabenshue, the well-known aviator, went to Alpine tavern, near the summit of Mount Lowe, and search is now being made from there into all of the adjacent canyons. A report from this party late this afternoon stated that no trace of the missing balloon had yet been found.

Through R. L. Carlton, chief of the government forestry rangers on the San Gabriel reserve, word has been sent to all of the rangers to take the trails at once and cover all of the mountainous district possible during the night. The Elks' lodge of Pasadena, two members of which are among the missing party, will send out an expedition tonight.

In Automobiles. A searching party is scheduled to leave this city tonight in automobiles and proceed as far into the foothills as may be found possible, following the wagon trail to Earley Flats. Deep snow covers the trails in places, and it is not thought probable that the party can go far, but will be able to carry warm clothing and provisions, which can be conveyed further into the mountain fastnesses by men on foot.

It was the intention of Captain Mueller when the ascent was begun to make but a short flight and to seek a landing somewhere along the foothills above Pasadena. He must have found this impossible, owing to the strong wind which sprang up unexpectedly soon after the ascent, and in the predicament in which he found himself he may have made the attempt to rise above the storm and cross the mountains to the desert beyond, a flight of nearly 80 miles. But with no more ballast to sacrifice in an effort to gain the desired altitude, the chances are that he was blown by the wind across the first range and, being unable to rise again above the higher peaks of the second range, was compelled to make a landing during the furious night somewhere in the mountains.

What the fate of the members of the party will be should this conjecture prove to be the correct one may only be surmised, but it is not probable that they can make their way to safety unassisted. Captain Mueller is the only experienced aeronaut in the party.

WAGES ARE CUT. Hazleton, Pa., March 22.—The wages of 200 laborers at the mill of the Hazleton Sheet Steel company were cut today, and the management said if all went out on strike the plant would be shut down.

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The report is a severe arraignment of the revision which the Payne bill proposes. The countervailing duty provisions for coffee and petroleum, the maximum and minimum features, the woolen, glass, agricultural and sugar schedules are bitterly attacked.

Declaring that a tariff is a tax paid by the consumer and that the only legitimate function of a tariff is to raise revenue to supply the needs of the government, the minority members insist that instead of an increase of taxes of a new issue of bonds, the correct remedy for the growing deficiency in the revenue is a reduction of the expenses of the government.

Continuing the report declares: "The whole maximum and minimum tariff scheme as set forth in the Payne tariff enables foreign countries to force us to raise the rates of the Payne schedules 20 per cent, which would, after making ample allowance for all reductions in the Payne bill, increase our tariff rates on the average much above the rates of the Dingley law, a prospect which will bring sorrow and dismay to the great body of the people. We are most heartily in favor of such a maximum and minimum tariff which will enable our government to negotiate tariff arrangements by making concessions to other governments, by reducing the rates of our statute with such other countries will make equal valuable concessions to us; but as it stands, the maximum and minimum tariff plan of the Payne bill is an open challenge to a trade war with every other nation on earth. It is seeking trade with a club or meat axe.

Highly Incredible. "Does any sane man suppose for one moment that the great commercial nations, our competitors for the world's trade, will concede that Cuba one of our dependencies? It is a thing incredible.

"The bill is in many respects crude, indefinite, sectional and prohibitive. It seems to us from our examination, which was necessarily hasty, that on the whole it increases the cost of living.

The report maintains that the tariff arrangements with the Philippines should be contained in a separate measure and not in the general tariff bill. The claim that the bill is a sectional one is based largely on the cotton schedule.

"The treatment of the farmer by this bill is along the same lines as have characterized republican methods in the past," says the report. "It gets practically no relief and the laborer and producer have greater burdens imposed upon them.

"The Standard Oil company is as handsomely cared for in the Payne bill as in the Dingley bill," the report continues, "and by reason of the provision in paragraph 67, popularly known as the 'joker,' continues to be protected by a tariff duty of 99 per cent, which enables it to dominate and exploit the American market and to levy tribute upon the public."

Similar Joker. The report further contends that a similar joker in the paragraph providing for the free entry of coffee places a duty on coffee equal to the export duty imposed by the country from which it is imported, and that the consumer must pay both the export duty of the country and the export duty of the United States. The tax on tea is also attacked, the claim being made that the \$7,000,000 which it is proposed to raise by imposing a duty on tea represents the amount by which the cost of living will be increased by this tax.

Criticism is made of the metal schedule, and it is contended that hides having been placed on the free list, the duty on leather shoes, harness and other leather manufactures should also be removed. Increases in the chemical schedule are termed unjustifiable.