

KIDNAPPED BOY IS TRACED HERE BY HIS MOTHER

Mrs. Oberg Believes Husband Stole Child, Aided by a Staten Island Woman.

TAKEN FROM BOSTON.

Girl Who Tried to Protect Him Tied Hand and Foot by Kidnappers.

Mrs. Carl Oscar Oberg, aided by several detectives, is making a thorough search of the city to-day for her four-year-old son, Holzer Oberg, kidnapped under sensational circumstances last Friday in Boston.

Last night the mother was following a clue that took her to Staten Island, but was unsuccessful. The police of New Brighton were enlisted in the quest, but did not find any trace of the missing boy.

The man who kidnapped the boy was accompanied by a woman who it is believed, lives on Staten Island. That the man was her husband, from whom she obtained a divorce in this city last April, Mrs. Oberg seems certain.

There had been an active and bitter fight for possession of the son for more than a year by father and mother, and a year ago the father is alleged to have spirited him away, but the mother retained him in three days. When the divorce was granted the child was given to the mother, who is an outcast of the Swedish school, and when she went to Canada three months ago to establish an office she left the child with Mr. and Mrs. William Griffl, of No. 78 Wellington Hill street, Boston.

The kidnappers were hurrying from this home with little Holzer, who was "Nanny", a Swedish servant girl saw and attempted to stop them. Mrs. Oberg says the man attacked the servant, overpowered her, bound her hand and foot and with his female companion carried the boy away.

If she is unable to find her boy here Mrs. Oberg will go to Boston to-morrow afternoon. She has her come and identify a Staten Island suspect, if possible, and assist in the search for the missing boy.

The Mother's Story.

Mrs. Oberg is slender and girlish looking, with clear, rose-tinted complexion, blue eyes and light hair. She is of a determined, courageous type, and declared to-day that she will not return to Canada until she recovers her boy. She is at present stopping with relatives at No. 250 East Fifty-seventh street, and of her unhappy marital experience and the kidnapping of her son she said:

"We were married in Boston on June 26, 1902," she began. "My husband led me to believe that he was desperately in love with me, and that he would one day come into a large fortune. I subsequently learned that both of these representations were false. My husband had inherited a fortune from his father's estate and had squandered it through speculation.

"My husband married me because he believed he could take me to his home in Sweden and make a good impression on his wealthy relatives there. He brutally admitted this one day when I accused him of it. 'You have no reason to complain; I have elevated you to a position in society you could never have hoped to attain in any other way,' he added.

"For the first year or so of our married life we were comparatively happy. My husband obtained employment as a mechanical draughtsman with a Staten Island firm, and we had a pretty little home at New Brighton. It was there our baby was born.

"After the birth of Holzer my husband began to treat me cruelly. Many times I have had my flesh marked by his fingers, and he has even kicked me. When I could not endure his treatment any longer I left him and went to my family in Sweden.

"I remained in Sweden for a year and a half with my child. My husband did not contribute one penny toward our support. I returned with my baby to the United States in September, 1905.

"I nearly fainted when I saw my husband at the pier. His clothes were torn and muddy and his face was covered with scratches. Both of his eyes were black and blue. I had never felt so humiliated in my life. My husband told me he was out of work and out of funds, so I took him to the home of my aunt, where we were supported with food.

"We remained with my aunt until my husband got a position. Then we went to live in a little dark room in West Fifty-third street. I nearly had nervous prostration and my child was taken ill with pneumonia fever as a result of the manner in which we were compelled to live.

"After that we boarded for a while and later went to housekeeping. We looked for a place to live, and I was always forced to do the moving. We finally returned to Staten Island. It was while we were living at New Brighton that my husband stole my son. He invited a friend to the house, and then I was sent away on a false errand. A telegram came from New York purporting to be called by my sister, Charles Steiner, No. 2 West Forty-seventh street, saying she was ill and wanted me to go with her to the city.

"Husband and Boy Gone.

"It was some hours later when I returned to New Brighton. I found that the blinds were down, and the house looked vacant. I entered and discovered that every piece of furniture had been moved. There was a note from my husband, which read: 'Holzer has gone with me to his uncle in Sweden. Good-bye and good luck to you.'

"I screamed and fainted when I realized what had taken place. Neighbors came and found me unconscious. They called to my aid, detective Charles Steiner, of New Brighton, who traced my child to Brooklyn. It took him three days to find the boy.

Child Who Was Kidnapped in Boston; Mother, and Father Under Suspicion



Judge heard my story he said he would send my husband to Blackwell's Island for six months. My husband begged me not to press the charge against him and released. The judge told me I was foolish, but he released my husband.

My husband asked me to take him back a day or so later, and I did. He soon deserted me and I was left penniless. Neighbors helped me support myself until I secured a position in Boston as a trained nurse.

I brought suit for divorce last September and was granted a decree in April. Then I took my boy to Boston and placed him in charge of the Griffl family. I paid his board there. When I heard of an opening in Canada I gladly went there, as I could not make enough money in Boston.

Husband's Relatives Rich.

"I have been very successful in Canada, and my income is now more than \$100 a week. I have saved considerable money with the intention of making a home for my boy. I went to Boston last Sunday, and for the first time, learned that Holzer had been kidnapped. I will spend every penny I have saved to get him back. I will give a liberal reward to any one who will give me information which will lead to the recovery of my boy.

Carl Oscar Oberg, father of the child, is a well-known millionaire manufacturer of Ekskilstuna, Sweden, who died many years ago. His uncle, Axel Nielson, is now the head of the firm, and he is many times a millionaire. He is head of the Town Council and known throughout Sweden. Oberg's sister, Mrs. Sara Lovén, is the wife of the president of the Ekskilstuna Board of Credit.

NEW SUBWAY PERIL EXCUSE FOR STRAP

First Victim Would Rather Stand Than Sit in His Journeys Now.

Strap-hangers need not worry about the latest peril of the subway. It won't affect them.

Joseph W. O'Brien, a compositor, was in a subway train yesterday, going to his home, No. 811 Tremont avenue, the Bronx. Mr. O'Brien, twenty-seven years old, was seated over an electric car heater, and was very comfortable indeed.

The train reached Sixty-sixth street at 5.25 P. M. when—

Six, bang, flash, a wild white-blue flame shot up from under Mr. O'Brien. The flame burned through the wicker covered car seat as easily as a hot knife cuts butter. The flame also burned through the cloth seat which rested on the car seat.

Mr. O'Brien uttered a yell and, as he arose suddenly, involuntarily reached down to learn why the temperature had risen so suddenly. His hand was painfully burned, too.

"Serve him right," cruelly said a stout woman, who had been trying to hold on to a strap and her bundles and had been envying Mr. O'Brien his seat.

An electric light wire had made a short circuit with the wire supplying the heater and, as the inevitable result, Mr. O'Brien will go to the hospital.

The bonds offered for sale by J. P. Morgan & Co. are described as regular revenue bonds of the City of New York, but they are stated to become due on the first of November for the next three years, despite the fact that the Charter states that all revenue bonds must be redeemed out of the tax revenues of the year in which they are issued.

Compptroller Metz said, when asked if he had heard that a committee of bankers had been appointed by the Morgan interests to investigate the question of the legality of the \$30,000,000 worth of revenue bonds sold to them by the city in October last.

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ODDITIES IN THE NEWS ALL OVER THE WORLD

Short Stories of Unusual Happenings and Singular Experiences Picked Out of the Chronicles of To-Day.

Promising that she will not have to "cut or take wood," Samuel Jackson Minge, of Union Springs, Ala., is advertising for a wife. He is eighty years old.

"As long as I am able to go," he says, "my wife will not have to milk the cows or do chores."

He doesn't care how old or young, how beautiful or plain, how rich or how poor, so long as she gets along with him. Minge is one of the well-known men of Alabama.

TOWN'S FIRST BABY IN TEN YEARS BORN.

Haverfield, Conn., a village near Windsor, is rejoicing over the birth of a baby there, the first to arrive in ten years.

This child, a boy, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Snyder. Residents of the town are flocking to Snyder's home to see the baby.

TWIN CALVES HAVE THREE FINE TAILS.

Rollin Shearer, of Pine Meadow, Mass., has a calf, one of twins, that has two tails.

One of the appendages is on the calf's "shoulder," and is perfectly formed. The regular tail is in the right place.

CHRISTMAS GOOSE WAS FATAL TO FOX.

Michael Flaherty, who lives in the mountains near Port Jervis, N. Y., penned his Christmas goose in a barrel in his yard.

A fox jumped on the barrel which contained the goose.

The fox was killed by the goose.

IRISH TREASURES ON THREE SHIPS.

Lusitania, Campania and Cedric All Laden with Goods from the Old Sod.

Thousands of Irish-Americans in New York are looking forward with national pride and pleasure to the arrival of the Christmas ships from the old country.

The Campania, Lusitania and Cedric due within a few days of each other, are bringing gifts which will startle every mother's son and daughter of the old sod who has not kept track of Ireland's natural products and growing industries.

Hundreds of samples of Ireland's progress are coming on the Campania in charge of Miss Lilly Yates, an Irish beauty of renown and daughter of the poet Yates, whose fame extends from County Wick to the Atlantic coast.

Hand loom workers, who are striving, and with success too, to revive the old industry, are coming on the Cedric for the fair. Their mission is to show the process of linen making.

There are but few of the exhibits which are on their way for the Irish exhibition.

They tried to get me to sublet one of my districts to him, but I wouldn't, and yesterday he served notice on all his old foremen and superintendents that if they took a job with any man who had a snow contract this winter he would never employ them again.

"I have made arrangements for 1,940 teams, and am prepared to handle all the snow that falls. I have made arrangements to finance this job, and there's no politics in it."

The senior member of Thompson Brothers said:

"Yes, I am a member of Percy Nagle's Club, but what of that? I didn't see any check from Percy Nagle when he got into my business, my own check and I have arranged for all the teams I want."

G. DeMarco, who has an office at No. 88 Mulberry street, said:

"I have had a contract for moving snow in the Bronx, and can handle the job. I have had the snow trimming privilege in the Bronx for eight months and I got it in Manhattan two weeks ago."

J. W. Dunican, a boss truckman of One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, near Lincoln avenue, who was awarded part of the Bronx contract, said:

"I keep fifty trucks working all the year round and can get 250 more as soon as the snow falls. I had the end of the snow contract last year and found 300 trucks were enough for Crimmins & Co. and other firms, from \$700,000 to \$1,000,000 to finance the street-cleaning contractors. They have to have ready money to pay off their laborers and teams every night. The new contractors are not going to be men having large means and old-time contractors predict that the first big snowfall will mean a lamentable failure on part of the new contractors to clean up the streets."

IMPORTER IHM VICTIM OF BIG GEM ROBBERY

Police Reveal Identity of Thieves' Vic in the Hotel Savoy.

The identity of the victim of the mysterious jewel robbery at the Hotel Savoy, the amount of which was placed anywhere from ten to twenty thousand dollars' worth, was made known by the police to-day.

The actual value of jewelry stolen is \$1,000, and the loser is Adolph Ihm, an importer, of No. 35 Grand street. The theft occurred when Mr. Ihm and his family were out of their apartment between 2 and 2.30 clock on the evening of Dec. 11.

The body consists of sapphires, rings and other