

# M'KAY RESIGNS AS HEAD OF POLICE

## Father Says Auto Kidnappers Stole Girl

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### FATHER FEARS KIDNAPPERS IN AUTO STOLE SCHOOLGIRL WHO VANISHED FROM HOME

Bessie Wood Starts for Campfire Meeting at Ridgely Park and Disappears.

SCHOOL IS DISMISSED.

Pupils Turned Out to Aid Police in Search for the Missing Girl.

Although no trace had been found late this afternoon of pretty Bessie Wood, the sixteen-year-old high school pupil who disappeared from her home in Ridgely Park, N. J., last evening, enough facts had come to light concerning the girl to make Chief of Police Mella doubtful of the theory that three men, strangers and rough looking characters, had kidnaped her and taken her away in an automobile, though her father, Percy L. Wood, head bookkeeper in the Hudson River branch of the Corn Exchange Bank, sticks to this explanation of his young daughter's absence.

In the first place, it was learned today that on last Monday Bessie had \$17. Her mother discovered it, asked about it and was told it belonged to a girl friend who was saving to buy a suit. The girl, Ione Lenz, a sixteen-year-old schoolmate of Bessie, denied to-day that she had ever had \$17. How Bessie came by the money is a mystery.

Again, it was not Miss Lenz, but the missing girl herself who bought the material for and made a suit and hat, working in Miss Lenz's home, unbeknown to her parents.

HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS JOIN IN THE HUNT.

Reports that the girl had been seen here, there and everywhere fairly flowed in on Chief of Police Mella after Walter G. Davis, principal of the Ridgely Park High School, dismissed school immediately it convened this morning, despite the fact that spring examinations were to have begun, and set the pupils to work hunting for their schoolmate.

One of these clues, in light of what is now known of the girl, seems to bear a strong possibility of truth.

This is the statement of Henry E. Walsh, of Maywood, a special policeman employed by the Erie Railroad, and on duty at the Little Ferry station of the New York and Susquehanna Railroad, an Erie subsidiary, a mile below the Ridgely Park station.

Walsh told Mella that he saw a girl whom he recognized as Bessie Wood board the 8:08 train for Jersey City at the Little Ferry station last night. He said he said "Hello" to her and that she bowed in reply.

Walsh said the girl wore a black suit and a black hat with two black pompons, and this is exactly the outfit which, her parents discovered today, Bessie had made in secret in the last week.

Miss Lenz visited the Wood home this morning when she learned of Bessie's disappearance and asked if her room had been searched. It had not, and the girl accompanied Mrs. Wood on a tour of inspection. She noted that there was no black suit or hat in the closet and remarked it. It was the first the Woods had heard of such an outfit.

BLACK SUIT AND HAT ARE MISSING.

Yet Mr. Wood is positive that his daughter did not leave his home until 8:10 o'clock and so could not have been at the Little Ferry station at 8:08 o'clock. He is positive too that she wore a plaid skirt and blue sweater and was without a hat when she left. Furthermore she ran back

### DARLING ARRESTED FOR STEALING WIFE OF BANKER SHAW

He Is Taken to White Plains and Admitted to \$3,000 Bail.

Sheriff William J. Doyle of Westchester to-day arrested at the Seventy-second street entrance of the subway Richard Darling, President of the Darling Realty Company of No. 208 Broadway, as the result of an indictment brought against him in White Plains charging him with taking the wife of Robert M. Shaw, a banker of No. 29 Broad street, into that county for immoral purposes.

With his lawyer, Frank Case Hayden of No. 42 Broadway, Darling went with the Sheriff to White Plains, where he was admitted to bail in the sum of \$3,000.

The indictment at White Plains is the result of effort on the part of Mr. Shaw to get satisfaction for the desertion of himself by his young wife—a girl of eighteen, to whom he had been married only a year and who, he charges, eloped with Darling last January.

Mrs. Shaw is now suing for an annulment of her marriage on the ground that she was under age when she became his wife and Shaw is suing Darling for \$50,000 for alienating her affections.

Darling's lawyer also represents Mrs. Shaw. He declared to-day that Darling was not afraid to face the indictment and that Mrs. Shaw had gone to White Plains to avoid attacks by her husband, and because she feared for her life at his hands. He placed in the annulment proceedings record in the Supreme Court, Manhattan, to-day, an affidavit from her declaring that her husband had followed her from place to place and had attacked, choked her and called her vile names.

Mrs. Shaw swore that he did this at the Hotel Martha Washington, where she was stopping with her mother, and at other places.

Joseph A. Shay, counsel for Mr. Shaw, admitted to-day that it was through his efforts that the indictment against Darling was secured in Westchester. He added that every effort would be made to prosecute the real estate man for the breaking up of his client's home.

Darling and Mrs. Shaw met at a tango tea before she ran away from her husband.

JAMESTOWN RESULTS.

FIRST RACE—Four furlongs: Blue, 109 (Hutwell), 5 to 1, 8 to 5 and 4 to 5, first; St. Helena, 109 (Waldron), 30 to 1, 10 to 1 and 4 to 1, second; Gen. Villa, 112 (Teahan), 15 to 1, 8 to 1 and 3 to 1, third. Time, 5:13.5.

SECOND RACE—Five and a half furlongs: three-year-olds; selling—Colors, 95 (Murphy), 4 to 1, 8 to 5 and 4 to 5, first; Castara, 95 (Hinsley), 10 to 1, 3 to 1 and 8 to 5, second; Col. McDougall, 103 (Booker), 20 to 1, 10 to 1 and 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:11.

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STEAMSHIPS DUE TO-DAY.

Baratogo, Havana ..... 11 A. M.

Kais. Wm. II, Bremen..... 12 M.

SAILING TO-DAY.

Zooapa, Jamaica ..... 12 M.

Salvadora, Trieste ..... 12 P. M.

### SENATORS DEFIANT AS WILSON PUSHES PANAMA BILL FIGHT

First Filibuster Follows Announcement of President's Plan to Hasten Repeal.

JONES TAKES THE LEAD.

Despite Opposition Administration Expects to Win With Majority of 16 Votes.

By Samuel M. Williams. (Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The Panama Repeal bill was sent by the House to the Senate at 1 o'clock to-day. Just before its arrival Senator Jones of Washington, Republican, unexpectedly launched into a set speech on the canal subject criticizing President Wilson with much sarcasm for attempts to have the executive branch of the Government dominate the legislative.

Senator Jones had not been speaking five minutes when messengers from the House arrived with several bills. There was a momentary interruption with the Senator standing in his place. Vice-President Marshall had the clerk announce all the bills received excepting the Panama act. Senator Burton of Ohio inquired what had become of it.

"It is on the presiding officer's desk and has not yet been handed down," replied the Vice-President.

Senator Jones demanded his right to proceed and did so. This was the beginning of a Senatorial filibuster, which is liable to be carried on in various ways for some time.

News had reached the Senate of an announced White House plan to force quick action, and there was immediate stiffening of back and resentment among the sticklers for Senatorial prerogatives, especially among those opposing the President on the tolls act. As Jones continued his long talk in monotonous voice, which nobody was paying particular attention to, there was much conferring among Senators on what line of procedure to follow.

Senator Jones suddenly cut short his speech at 1:30 o'clock and the canal tolls bill was laid before the Senate. It was referred without debate to Senator O'Gorman's committee on inter-oceanic canals. No further action is expected until next week. Senator O'Gorman called a meeting of the committee for next Tuesday.

TWO RESOLUTIONS IN SENATE ON TOLLS QUESTION.

In the Senate two resolutions were introduced and referred without debate bearing on the tolls question. One was by a Progressive Republican, Norris of Nebraska, calling for arbitration, and the other by a Progressive Bull Moose, Poindeexter of Washington, calling for information on foreign relations. The Norris resolution referring to the repeal act said:

"This shall not be construed as a surrender of the right claimed by the United States to regulate traffic passing through the canal. The protest filed by Great Britain is recognized as presenting an international question suitable for settlement by arbitration. The President is authorized to begin negotiations with Great Britain for settlement of the question by arbitration."

Senator Poindeexter's resolution after criticizing the President for not telling why he was so anxious to have the toll act repealed, stated: "The President is respectfully requested to inform the Senate, in confidence, if he desires, what are the unnamed matters of nearer consequence and greater delicacy referred to in his message, and that consideration of the Canal Toll act be deferred until the information can be obtained."

### NEW ARMY OF 4,500 FEDERALS MARCH TO ATTACK VILLA

Rebel General Still Fighting at Torreon Sends 3,500 Men to Meet Enemy.

HOIST WHITE FLAG?

Report That Huerta General Offers to Surrender and Is Granted an Armistice.

JUAREZ, Mexico, April 1.—That the occupation of Torreon by the Mexican Constitutional troops under Gen. Francisco Villa is being seriously menaced was the word brought here to-day in despatches from Torreon to Gen. Venustiano Carranza and other chiefs of the revolution.

The Torreon battle is still on and advancing on the city from the east is a column of Federals. The new column reported marching to the relief of Gen. Velasco was said to be under the command of Gen. Joaquin Mas, and to number 4,500 men. To meet him, it was reported, Gen. Menclovio Herrera with 3,500 men was detailed by Gen. Villa. An engagement between these two forces was expected hourly.

Gen. Carranza to-day informed American, British and German consuls that reports of the fall of Torreon were premature.

EAGLE PASS, Tex., April 1.—Despatches from the American Consul at Durango forwarded to Washington via this city are reported to-day to announce that the Federal commander at Torreon has offered to surrender to Gen. Villa, that a truce has been granted and that the Federal and Constitutionalist commanders have met and are to-day arranging the terms of capitulation.

Gen. Velasco, it is said, first called for a three-hour armistice and offered to surrender the town if the garrison could march out with honors of war and if Villa would parole the officers and guarantee not to kill the volunteers as he has threatened. The despatch announcing the truce and offer of surrender has been forwarded to Washington.

William P. Blocker, American Consul at Piedras Negras, refused to receive the contents of the despatch from Durango but admitted that the message had been received and forwarded to Secretary Bryan.

According to information from authentic sources, Gen. Villa had taken the railroad station in Torreon, and for the past two days has been working his way from house to house toward the center of the city. He is said to have taken nearly half the town by assaults, which resulted in an appalling loss of life on both sides.

Last night Gen. Velasco hoisted a white flag, it is said, and asked for three hours' truce to present a proposition for surrender. The truce was granted, it is understood, and the Federal commanders offered to turn over the city with all military stores if the lives of all officers and men were guaranteed.

It is also understood that Villa at first demurred, saying that many of the garrison, including Gen. Orozco, who is said to be in Torreon, were traitors and must be executed.

It is said another armistice was arranged for to-day, however, when Villa would probably accept the offer of the Federal commander.

It is known that a Federal column of reinforcements left Saltillo for Torreon March 30, but as all railroad lines are cut it will require several days for the relieving force to arrive at Torreon.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Secretary Bryan late to-day had received no despatches from Consul Hamn at Durango, reporting an armistice between Villa and Gen. Torreon, and State Department officials were inclined to believe the report at Eagle Pass was based upon the Consul's three despatches which were received here last night. They at first reported Velasco as about to evacuate the city and then informed the State Department that the report was based upon information not considered reliable.

### CHILDREN SAVED IN BLAZE WHICH HURTS RESCUERS

Six Injured in Fierce Fire in Crowded Tenement in Hester Street.

HEROIC VOLUNTEERS.

They Drop Youngsters From Fire Escapes and Save Many Lives.

Quick work by policemen, members of the Street Cleaning Department, firemen and citizens probably saved the lives of several children in a fire that swept through the upper floors of a five-story tenement at No. 19 Hester street to-day. To gain time in climbing to flats in which there were children, women and old men in danger, the rescuers dropped several of the little ones from the lower landings of the escapes into the arms of persons below.

The blaze was in the heart of the most populous section of the east side, and so close to a great public school that the principal had to shut off from the pupils the sight of the smoke and flames by pulling down the window shades. Half a dozen of the persons in the tenement house were injured and two are under treatment at Gouverneur Hospital. Vague neighborhood talk of incendiarism was heard during the fire by firemen and policemen.

The fire started on the third floor, where painters had been at work, and shot up the stairway. It happened that there were on the fourth and fifth floors several children, locked in flats in the absence of their mothers. Alex Yellin, four years old, and Benjamin, his brother, two and a half years old, were in the flat of their mother, Lena, on the fourth floor.

MOTHER BADLY BURNED TRYING TO RESCUE BABIES.

The mother was in a store on the ground floor when she heard the alarm of fire. She dashed upstairs, intent on rescuing her babies, but was unable to break through the wall of flame on the third floor. Charles Hutchinson, a foreman in the Street Cleaning Department, and Sergeant Hickey of the Police Department followed her upstairs and pulled her back to the street with her face and hands badly burned. Then Hickey and Hutchinson went up the rear fire

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### LACE IN NEWSPAPERS SMUGGLED TO IMPORTER

H. K. Lustig Arrested as Mail Is Handed to Him With the Goods in It.

H. K. Lustig, a lace importer, of No. 156 Fifth avenue, was arrested to-day by Customs Inspector Costo Banilla as he accepted mail containing valuable smuggled laces. He was taken before United States Commissioner Houghton and held in \$2,500 bail for examination on the charge of smuggling.

The lace was wrapped inside of newspapers which were put in the mail at Naples, Italy. The newspapers were addressed to Lustig and to M. P. Gandais, who shares offices with him. From one of the newspapers a bit of lace and the postal clerk handling the mail reported this to his superior. He in turn called in the customs people.

The postman delivering the mail was followed by Banilla, and as the papers were handed to Lustig he was arrested. Gandais is said to be in Europe.

### M'KAY'S RESIGNATION KEPT QUIET BY MAYOR FOR SEVERAL DAYS

MAN WHO MAY TAKE M'KAY'S PLACE AS HEAD OF THE POLICE



ARTHUR H. WOODS



Police Commissioner DOUGLAS I. M'KAY HE HAS RESIGNED.

### THREE AVIATORS KILLED ONE VEDRINES' BROTHER.

Two of the Victims Hurlled to Ground in Flaming Machine Set Afire by Explosion.

RHEIMS, France, April 1.—Emile Vedrines, a brother of Jules Vedrines, the famous French aviator, was killed in a fall while making a slight in his monoplane over the aviation field here to-day. Emile Vedrines, although not as well known as his brother in aviation circles, was an experienced flyer.

Later in the day two other aviators were killed by their aeroplane catching fire in mid-air and causing the machine to collapse and fall to the ground. They were Pierre Leon Testulat, who was piloting an aeroplane in which he was accompanied by Clement Avigny as a passenger. Testulat received his pilot's certificate in April, 1912.

RUBE WADDELL DYING.

Great Southwark, in San Antonio, May Not Live Through Night.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 1.—Rube Waddell, in his time one of the greatest southwark in the history of baseball, is dying at the San Antonio Sanitarium. His physicians state that he may not live through the night. He has been in a stupor for some hours.

Police Commissioner Says He Demanded Acceptance at Once but Agreed to Remain Not Later Than April 15.

WOODS, FORMER DEPUTY, MAY GET THE POSITION

Mayor Refuses to Make Public McKay's Letter, but Says He Intended Writing in Praise of His Work.

Police Commissioner Douglas I. McKay announced this afternoon that he handed his resignation to Mayor Mitchell last Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock and had asked that he be relieved from duty forthwith. But, he added, he had told the Mayor that he would remain, if necessary, until April 15.

The announcement of the Commissioner was made after he had read an article in the Evening Post which stated that he would be succeeded in three days because the Mayor felt that a more experienced and older man should head the Police Department. The article was evidently inspired by some one formerly connected with the Evening Post, or now connected with that paper, who is close to the administration.

Commissioner McKay was annoyed when the Evening Post article was called to his attention. He was prompt in stating that he would not be "deposed" or "supplanted."

"My resignation," he said, "has been in the hands of Mayor Mitchell ever since last Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock. I handed the letter to him personally. The letter explicitly stated that it was my desire that the resignation take effect forthwith, but that if the Mayor had not picked anybody to take my place I would wait until he had chosen some one. However, I stated that I would not remain after April 15 in any event."

SAYS REASONS FOR QUITTING WERE SET FORTH IN LETTER.

"Inasmuch as the letter of resignation sets forth in full the reasons why I want to get out of the Police Department I shall not discuss them. I have never talked about any private conversations I have had with the Mayor and shall not do so at this time."

"The Mayor has my letter. He has my permission to give it out for publication. If he does so I may have something to say. If he does not I cannot say anything while I am connected with the department."

"Did the Mayor intimate to you that he had selected your successor?" Commissioner McKay was asked. "At this time I cannot discuss what the Mayor said."

"What inspired you to hand in your resignation last Friday?" the Commissioner was asked. "Had you received an intimation that your resignation would be acceptable at the City Hall?"

"My letter of resignation explains the reason why it was offered," was the reply. "If you want the letter you will have to get it from Mayor Mitchell."

Prior to the announcement of Commissioner McKay the Evening Post article, which stated that Arthur Woods, the Mayor's Secretary, would probably be appointed Police Commissioner, was shown to Mayor Mitchell, MOONSHINE AND BUNK, THE MAYOR DECLARES.

The Mayor looked over the article and picked out the assertion that he would appoint a successor to Commissioner McKay in three days.

"That is moonshine and bunk," he declared. A few minutes later he was asked if he had not in his possession a letter of resignation from Commissioner McKay. He replied in the affirmative.

"The fact is," he said, "that Commissioner McKay wanted to quit some time ago but remained because the

Weather—Rain and warmer to-night; Thursday mild.