

BIG RANSOM

Of \$25,000 Paid by Millionaire Cudaby for His Boy.

MONEY DEPOSITED BY FATHER

Where the Bandits Secured It, and the Kidnapped Youth Returned. Absolutely No Clue to Identify the Gang.

OMAHA, Dec. 20.—Twenty-five thousand dollars in gold was the price paid by Edward A. Cudaby, the millionaire packer, for the return of his son, Edward Cudaby, Jr., who was abducted by a gang of kidnapers last Tuesday night.

Yesterday, about noon, and several hours after a letter had been left on the lawn of the Cudaby residence, and the missive was delivered to Mr. Cudaby at his residence. It came through the mails and contained a proposition to return the boy, safe and unharmed, providing the sum of \$25,000 were paid that night.

In the letter were full directions as to where the money was to be left and the assurance was given that the missing boy would be allowed to return home within a few hours of the time when the cash was received.

Plans for Bandits' Capture.

A consultation was held and the matter gone over in detail. Plans were discussed for capturing the bandits when they should make their appearance at the rendezvous that had been designated; but, one after another, these plans were dropped as being impracticable.

Finally, impelled by the strain under which the entire household was laboring, Mr. Cudaby decided to comply with the terms offered and ransomed his son.

A trusted messenger, sworn to secrecy, was sent for the money, which was brought to the Cudaby residence. After dinner Mr. Cudaby had one of his horses harnessed to a light buggy and, taking the money in it with him, left alone for the designated place at which the money was to be left. In the buggy he carried a red lantern.

Deposited Money.

He drove five miles west of town in the Sherman avenue road, until he came to a white lantern hanging on a short stick beside the road.

Alighting from his buggy Mr. Cudaby deposited the sack containing the money near the stick bearing the white light. Then, without seeing any one, he returned to his home.

Meantime, the abductors had seen the red light coming up the road and as soon as the buggy disappeared they took away the money and prepared to keep faith with the father.

The boy was bundled into a cab and set down close by his father's house about 1 o'clock this morning. Where he had been he was unable to say, but as nearly as he could estimate he had been taken five miles south of South Omaha.

Cunning of the Gang.

The cunning of the gang and their thorough knowledge of the geography of the city are evidenced in the plans they laid. Close by the place where Mr. Cudaby was directed to leave the ransom for his son, the river approaches the road, and it is supposed the men were on the watch for the millionaire and saw his red light from a boat. As soon as he had driven away and they had satisfied themselves that no person was lurking near, they probably clambered up the bank, obtained the sack of gold, returned to the boat again and escaped without leaving any tell tale foot prints.

There is absolutely no clue to the identity of the men. Whether young Cudaby will be able to give information that will lead to their capture is not yet known.

Grabbed by Two Men.

The boy says he was seized on the street by two men who told him that he was a fugitive from the reform school and that they were deputy sheriffs from another county. They placed him in a closed carriage, threw a shirt over his head and gagged him. They took him, he believes, to a lonely cottage west of South Omaha, where he was chained to the floor and kept a prisoner until put in a hack and returned to his home. While at the cottage he was guarded by two men and provided with sufficient food.

Letter of Kidnappers.

Following is a copy of the second letter sent by the kidnapers to Mr. Cudaby:

OMAHA, Dec. 19.

Mr. Cudaby: We have kidnaped your child and demand \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) for his safe return. If you give us the money the child will be returned as safe as when you saw him last, but if you refuse, we will put acid in his eyes and blind him, then we will immediately kidnap another millionaire's child, that we have spotted and demand \$100,000 and we will get it, for he will see the condition of your child and realize the fact that we mean business and will not be monkeyed with or captured.

Get the money all in gold, five ten and twenty dollar pieces; put it in a white wheat sack; get in your buggy alone on the night of December 19, at 7 o'clock p. m., and drive south from your house to Center street; turn west on Center and drive to Ruser's Park and follow the paved road towards Fremont.

Where to Place the Money.

When you come to a lantern that is lighted by the side of the road, place the money by the lantern and immediately turn your horse around and return home. You will know our lantern for it will have two ribbons, black and white, tied on the handle. You must place a red lantern on your buggy where it can be plainly seen, so we will know you a mile away.

This letter and every part of it must be returned with the money and any attempt at capture will be the saddest thing you ever done.

If you remember, some twenty years ago Charley Ross was kidnaped in New York City and \$20,000 ransom asked. Old man Ross was willing to give up the money but Burns, the great detective, with others, persuaded the old



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Up Against It.

This letter must not be seen by any one but you. If the police or some stranger know its contents they might attempt to capture you, although against your wish, or some one might use a lantern and represent us, thus the wrong party securing the money and this would be as fatal to you as if you refused to give up the money. So you see the danger if you let this letter be seen.

Mr. Cudaby, you are up against it, and there is only one way out. GIVE UP THE COIN. Money we want and money we will get. If you don't give up, the next man will, for he will see that we mean business and you can lead your boy around blind the rest of your days and all you will have is the copper sympathy. Do the right thing by us and we will do the same by you. If you refuse you will soon see the saddest sight you ever seen. Wednesday, December 19. This night or never.

The Boy's Statement.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 20.—When young Edward Cudaby arose this morning, he was questioned concerning the circumstances of his disappearance and told the following:

"He said that he was in front of Gen. Cowlin's house, just across the street from his home, on his way back from the Rustin residence, Tuesday evening, when two men approached him. One of them stepped up to him and said: 'We are sheriffs from Sarpy county, and arrest you as Eddie McGee, who escaped from the reform school.'"

The lad protested that he was not the mythical Eddie McGee, but his captors said that he would have to be identified. They placed him in a buggy and drove to Thirty-sixth street and thence south to Leavenworth street. As they approached Leavenworth street, a motor car passed them. The lad recognized the conductor and said to his captors:

"There is a man who knows me; he can identify me."

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle and Hogs Higher—Sheep and Lambs Stronger.

CHICAGO—Cattle, receipts 7,000 head; market active and strong. To a shade higher; butchers' stock and Texans strong; natives, best on sale to-day, two leads at \$5.90; good to prime steers \$5.25 to \$6.00; selected feeders steady to strong at \$3.75 to \$4.00; mixed stockers steady at \$2.50 to \$2.75; cows, \$2.50 to \$2.75; heifers, \$2.50 to \$2.75; bulls firm at \$2.50 to \$2.75; calves, \$4.00 to \$5.00. Hogs, receipts to-day, 29,000 head; to-morrow, 28,000 head; left over, 2,500 head, estimated; market a shade higher, closing weaker; top, \$4.55; mixed and butchers \$4.70 to \$4.95; bulk of sales \$4.80 to \$4.95. Sheep, receipts 11,000 head; sheep and lambs steady to stronger, good to choice wethers \$3.75 to \$4.25; fair to choice \$3.25 to \$3.50; western sheep \$3.50 to \$4.00; native lambs \$4.00 to \$5.00.

UNION STOCK YARDS.

Wheeling, Dec. 18. Cattle—Steady; extra, 1,000 to 1,200, \$4.25 to \$4.50; good, 900 to 1,000, \$3.75 to \$4.25; 300 to 500, \$3.25 to \$3.75; 700 to 800, \$2.50 to \$3.25; bulls, \$2.50 to \$3.00; cows, \$1.50 to \$2.50. Hogs—Steady; extra, \$4.50 to \$5.00; good, \$4.00 to \$4.50; common, \$3.50 to \$4.00. Sheep—Slow; extra, \$3.00 to \$3.50; good, \$2.50 to \$3.00.

EAST LIBERTY—Cattle steady; extra, \$4.25 to \$4.50; good, \$3.75 to \$4.25; 300 to 500, \$3.25 to \$3.75; 700 to 800, \$2.50 to \$3.25; bulls, \$2.50 to \$3.00; cows, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

CINCINNATI—Hogs active and stronger and 6c higher at \$3.70 to \$4.25.

Metals.

NEW YORK—The features in the metal trade on the whole were void of developments. The market lacks the confidence of traders and as a result demand was only of a nature to supply immediate requirements. Tin, however, at London was firm and closed \$1 higher to \$1.15 having at one time during the day reached \$1.17, 10c. This factor failed to influence the local situation aside from a natural advance in sympathy with the rise abroad. The close was quiet, with prices nominally quoted at \$28.00, and trading on markets were dull and decidedly unimproved.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK—Spot business continues limited in cotton goods, with market of average activity. Heavy brown cottons still quite irregular for spot goods, steady for contracts. Light weight coarse and fine yarn makes a slow at previous prices. Finishing cottons are inactive but steady. Printing cloths without feature in both regular and odd goods. Prints in average request. Gingham sales at previous prices. Men's wear wools for quick delivery in fair demand.

Petroleum.

OIL CITY—Credit balances \$1.07; oil closed offered at \$1.05; shipments \$1.04; barrels, average 05.53; barrels; runs, 11,781 barrels; average, 59.93 barrels.

NEW YORK—Standard oil \$31.50 to \$32.00. TOLEDO—Oil unchanged.

Wool.

NEW YORK—Wool quiet.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL. DROP IN NORTHERN PACIFIC.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Money on call steady at 4 1/2 per cent; last loan, 4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4 1/2; for demand and at \$4 1/2 to \$4 3/4 for sixty days; posted rates, \$4 1/2 to \$4 3/4 and \$4 1/2 to \$4 3/4; commercial bills, \$4 1/2 to \$4 3/4. Silver certificates, 64 to 65c. Bar silver, 63 1/2c. Mexican dollars, 60c. Government bonds irregular. State bonds strong. Railroad bonds strong.

The stock market to-day did not vary materially in character from that which has prevailed for many days, except that some of the stocks which are rushed upwards, as well as some of those which yielded under the selling pressure to realize profits, were different from those on previous days, the market was the same. Profit-taking was palpably on an enormous scale, and was not without effect on prices, but the offerings were easily absorbed, while this partial weakness in the market did not in the least impair the eager rush to buy stocks which showed any disposition to advance. To-day ended with the market more generally reactionary than for some time past, under a flood of selling to take profits in Northern Pacific and other stocks which had shown the most aggressive strength during the day. The rush to sell Northern Pacific was caused by the publication in a news bureau bulletin of the statement that a plan had been perfected for the voluntary retirement of preferred stock in January by exchanging for general lien 3 per cent bonds, 120 per cent of the bonds being given for the preferred stock. This statement was not vouched for as by official authority, but it caused a sudden drop in Northern Pacific to 8 1/2, the price having touched 8 1/2, or 6 1/2 points over last night. This movement in Northern Pacific was the main feature of the market, but there were various other important movements which seemed to have relation to it, including the Wisconsin Central stocks, Fer Macquette stocks, the Erie stocks and St. Paul. The street was full of rumors of plans for combinations looking to a new trans-continental line and to the consolidation of interests in Northern Pacific.

New York Stock Exchange Quotations.

Table of U. S. Bonds, Express Companies, and Miscellaneous stocks including Adams, American, Wells Fargo, and various industrial stocks.

NEW YORK MINING STOCKS.

Table of mining stocks including Adams, Alice, Breese, Brunswick, Comstock Tunnel, etc.

Wheat Unchanged; Corn and Oats Lower; Provisions Quiet.

CHICAGO—Moderate receipts, bullish Argentine news and firmness at Liverpool sustained wheat to-day. May closing unchanged. Corn closed 5c, 1/2 and 1/2 lower, respectively for May, January and December. Oats closed a shade down and provisions practically unchanged.

During the first half hour Liverpool was not regarded as having properly responded to the fractional advance here yesterday and under local selling pressure May opened 1/4c lower at 75 1/2 to 75 3/4. Prices soon steadied, however, under the influence of later cables, and smaller northern receipts. May rallied to 77 1/2. The market was sustained by a continental report that the Argentine crop this year will be but half the proportions of last year. The close was steady. May unchanged at 75 1/2 to 75 3/4. Corn, January and December, 45 1/2 to 46 1/2. Oats, January and December, 22 1/2 to 23 1/2. Provisions were quiet. The market opened higher and advanced moderately on fewer hogs than had been expected. The market for hogs was a good cash demand, and closed a shade lower at 40 1/2 to 41 1/2. January ranged between 37 1/2 and 38 1/2, closing 1/2 down at 38 1/2. May sold between 36 1/2 and 37 1/2, and closed 1/2 depressed at 36 1/2.

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Estimated receipts to-morrow: Wheat, 140 cars; corn, 500 cars; oats, 185 cars; hogs, 30,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Table of futures prices for Wheat No. 2, Corn No. 2, and Oats No. 2, showing Open, High, Low, and Close prices.

Table of Oats No. 2, Dec, Jan, May prices and other grain market data.

Cash quotations were as follows:

Table of Flour, Wheat, and other cash market quotations.

Grain and Produce Market Quotations.

NEW YORK—Flour, receipts 16,661 barrels; exports 2,657 barrels; market continued in a steady position without pressure to sell. Wheat, receipts 35,550 bushels; spot market steady; No. 2 red 77 1/2c. f. o. b., options opened easy; closed steady at 1/2c advance; close, January, 79c; March, 79 1/2c; May, 79 1/2c; December, 77 1/2c.

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