

KIDNAPING CASE

Prisoner Identified by the Boy, But Protests Innocence.

CLOSE FRIEND OF PAT CROWE

James Callahan, the suspect, is a former convict and was employed by the Packer at Omaha, Neb.—The kidnaped lad asserts that he is the man who kept guard over him.

Omaha, Neb.—James Callahan, a former convict and a personal friend of Pat Crowe, is under arrest here and has been positively identified as one of the men who kidnaped Eddie Cudahy in December, and to whom the boy's father paid \$25,000. Mr. Cudahy and the police are convinced that they have one of the guilty men. Callahan has been living here with his sister.

Young Cudahy says positively that the prisoner is the man who first accosted him on the street on the night of the kidnaping and told him he was the Sheriff of Sarpy County, pretending to arrest him for a crime committed in that county. He is also the man who kept guard over the boy in the cottage where he was held prisoner. The man is further identified by others.

Callahan is the one referred to in the circulars as "No. 3." J. N. H. Patrick, who lives in Happy Hollow, west of the city, says that Callahan is one of the men who came to his home late last summer to rent a little house that stood on a cornfield on the Patrick premises at considerable distance from the road. This house was the one fitted up by the bandits as the prison house, but was abandoned after it was visited by the police.

In 1893 Callahan was sent from Omaha to the penitentiary at Lincoln to serve a five-year term for robbery. After serving a year and a half he was paroled, but was only out a few months when he was again arrested, this time on a charge of stealing a gold watch, and was sent back to serve the remainder of his term. Last summer Callahan was employed in Cudahy's packing house in South Omaha, but left in July. Since then he has had no regular employment.

Callahan has admitted that he was a close friend of Pat Crowe for several years, but he denies all knowledge of the kidnaping. He says that he can prove an alibi, and that he has seven people who will swear to it.

The chief of police says he does not expect to catch Pat Crowe right away, but says he will know all the details of the plot in a few days.

RAIDERS KILL A WOMAN

Masked Men Enter a Saloon at Mil-wood, Kan., and Open Fire.

Victim the Wife of the Man in Charge of the Place—Four of the Mob Under Arrest.

Milwood, Kan.—In a raid on a "joint" here by twenty masked men, heavily armed, Mrs. Rose Hudson, wife of the bartender, was instantly killed. William Webb, one of the raiders, was shot through one arm, and two or three of his companions were slightly wounded. Young farmers composed the party. Two arrests were made, and much excitement prevailed over the prospect of a still more serious collision.

When the men entered the saloon half a dozen shotguns were raised and discharged into the ceiling, and two men rushed upon Hudson with guns leveled at his head. He grasped the barrels and pushed them aside just as they exploded. Just then Mrs. Hudson entered and dashed toward her husband, who, she supposed, had been shot. Another gun was discharged, and the whole top of her skull was blown off. Hudson bore her to the rear room, where she died.

Ten men are said to have been waiting under arms to help defend the "joint" from the expected raid, but when the band entered the place and began shooting the defenders fled.

When the raiders saw Mrs. Hudson fall dying they, too, became frightened and hastily quit the place without attempting to destroy the liquors or fixtures. Sheriff Everhardy, of Leavenworth, arrested John and Henry Wilson, farmers, and two others, on a charge of participating in the raid.

TEN GIRLS VOW TO BE DUMB

Unique Lenten Penance Undertaken in Earnest—Have a Code of Signals

Chicago.—Miss Helen Johnson, the daughter of a prominent business man of this city, has hit upon a unique manner in which to observe the Lenten season. She and a coterie of friends have agreed not to speak during Lent or to go shopping or mix with the world.

The society was formed at Birmingham, N. Y., where Miss Johnson is visiting, and a similar one has been organized here. The formation of the society was brought about by eight Birmingham girls, a young woman from St. Louis and Miss Johnson. The ten young women, all of whom are prominent in Episcopal Church circles, put their heads together, and when Miss Johnson hit upon the plan of living through the season of sack cloth and ashes in silence her announcement was hailed with delight.

The young woman arranged upon a set of signals by which they may communicate with each other, and the code is nearly as extensive as any of the secret societies. For communication with those outside the charmed circle the member during the forty days of their penance will carry pads and pencils.

LOUISIANA NEGRO LYNCHED

He Had Butchered a Man, Woman and Their Two Children.

New Orleans, La.—A negro named Peter, a station about twenty miles above the city, Jackson's crime was particularly heinous. About 9 o'clock a. m. he visited the home of Alexander Bourgeois, the engineer of the drainage machine on the Belle Point plantation, some distance from the plantation quarters, going there on a tricycle.

He told Bourgeois the manager wanted him, and the engineer mounted the tricycle with him. A little way further on Jackson stabbed the engineer in the back and then threw the body in a ditch. He then returned to the house and butchered Bourgeois and her two babies and ransacked the house.

Two boys were visiting the family, and when they caught the first glimpse of the attack on Mrs. Bourgeois they hid in the woods. After the negro's departure they went to St. Peter and gave the alarm and returned with a mob of several hundred. The negro was traced to his home, fully identified by the boys, and was hanged and his body riddled with bullets before the Sheriff arrived.

TRAMP BAKED TO DEATH

Had Gone to Sleep in the Drying House of a Terra Cotta Works.

Perth Amboy, N. J.—Alfred James, a Welshman, was baked to death in a drying house at the Perth Amboy Terra Cotta Works. His body was so black that an employe looking in the window thought it was a negro and reported to the night watchman. The man was cut of work and homeless, and had evidently gone into the factory to sleep.

COBBLER'S SCHEME TO PREVENT EJECTION

Joseph Custer, a shoemaker, objected to being evicted from his home at St. Louis, Mo., because of failure to meet his rent and nailed his furniture and other belongings to the walls so that the constable could not remove them. The constable, however, was an industrious fellow, and with his corps of assistants succeeded in unfastening everything and placing it on the sidewalk after a hard day's work and the outlay of \$5 extra for hire of assistants.

MOROCCO SETTLES CLAIM

S. R. Gunner, United States Consul at Tangier, has received from the Sultan of Morocco \$5000 as compensation granted to the family of the late Marcus Ezagui, an American citizen who was murdered at Fez last year.

A LEGAL HANGING IN CAROLINA

George Thomas, a convicted murderer, was hanged in the jail at York, S. C., on the fact that the negro who has ever hanged in that State for a crime.

INDIANA'S LARGEST DEATH

Mrs. John Jordan died at 11:30 a. m. at Dr. Fisher, Ind. She was 75 years old and was the mother of several children. She was a woman in the State.

NEWSPAPER GLEANINGS

Iowa has forty-six clean recruits for service in the militia in London.

A new ordinance in Seattle prohibits side entrances to buildings for adoption in Seattle.

The demand in New York for adoption is growing.

James Phillips, of San Cal., claims to have sung boy at Victoria's coronation.

In the past fiscal year banks were organized in Illinois, making a total of nine in the State.

SERIOUS CRISIS IN CHINA

United States Government Opposed to German Aggression.

ORDERS TO GENERAL CHAFFEE

It is Not to Take Part in Count von Walderssee's Offensive Campaign—This Government Believes It Will Cause Another Crisis and Perhaps Bring on a General War—Feeling in Washington

Washington, D. C.—President McKinley has decided to take a determined stand against the expedition which Field Marshal Count von Walderssee, Commander-in-Chief of the allied forces in China, is organizing to clear out the Chinese Imperial troops in Chihli Province, in which Pekin is situated.

In the opinion of this Government the plans of Count von Walderssee, if carried out, will cause another crisis in the relations of China and the Powers, and perhaps bring on a general war which will result in the dissolution of the Empire and its division among the nations that favor that course.

So far this Government has taken no steps other than to make representations to the several Powers to secure their support in opposition to Walderssee's scheme. It is understood that the character of the opposition which the United States will make to the expedition will depend somewhat on the attitude of some of the Powers. Should Great Britain, Japan and Russia, for example, coincide with those of the United States it is likely that a formal protest against a hostile movement in China at this time will be addressed to Germany.

The position of this Government is that while peace negotiations are in progress it is inconsistent and unfair to engage in hostile operations against the Chinese. Major-General Chaffee, commanding the American forces in Pekin, was instructed by telegraph not to participate in the expedition and additional instructions will be sent to him when the policy of the Government has been fully determined. He has been directed also to use his influence against the expedition.

It was from Major-General Chaffee that the Government learned of the German Field Marshal's intentions. A dispatch from him was the subject of conference between the President, Secretary of War Root and Acting Secretary of State Hill. Major-General Chaffee said, it is understood, that Count von Walderssee was organizing an expedition to drive the Chinese troops out of Chihli Province and had asked him to join. It did not take the President and his advisers long to reach the conclusion that the declared policy of the United States was direct opposition to the objects of the expedition and the instructions referred to were sent without delay.

MRS. EDDY AND VACCINATION.

Urges Christian Scientists to Obey the Law and Then Appeal to Gospel.

Concord, N. H.—Prompted by erroneous statements which have appeared concerning the attitude of Christian Scientists with respect to reporting contagion, Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy has issued a statement, in which she says:

"I have always believed that Christian Scientists should be law abiding. Rather than quarrel over vaccination I recommend that if the law demand an individual to submit to this process he obey the law and then appeal to the gospel to save him from any bad effects."

This statement should be so interpreted so as to apply, on the basis of Christian Science, to the reporting of contagion to the proper authorities when the law so requires.

3000 DESERTED FAMILIES.

Recent Chicago Husbands Tax the Bureau of Charities.

Chicago.—According to the Chicago Bureau of Charities over 3000 families were relieved in Chicago last year. Three different opinions of this are expressed. One holds that the proportion of desertions to population is not increasing, but that a more thorough study is bringing the facts into new prominence.

Another holds that laxity in marriage and divorce laws is begetting a widespread disregard to family ties and obligations, and that the remedy lies in stricter laws and their rigid enforcement.

The third opinion maintains that the influx of large numbers of ignorant foreigners is responsible for an abnormal increase in the evil.

BRIBE-TAKING CAPTAIN DISMISSED

Quartermaster King's Case is Left to Civil Authorities.

Washington, D. C.—Court-martial proceedings for alleged acceptance of a bribe from the contractor for work at Fort Morgan, Ala., will not be taken against Captain Cyril W. King, Assistant Quartermaster of Volunteers, as he has been discharged from the service by direction of the President, to take effect February 15, 1901, "his services being no longer required."

Further proceedings under the charge upon which he was arrested will be left to the civil authorities.

WENT TO BURY A LIVE GIRL

D. J. Murphy, an undertaker of Toledo, Ohio, while about to prepare the coffin for a young woman, discovered that she was merely in a trance, and was revived.

SHILOH'S DEATH

Shiloh, a small "rump" drum, died at Lancaster, Pa., at the age of 22 years. It was known by the name of Shiloh and was a member of the Shiloh band.

MINOR MENTION

St. Pet. rsburg, Russia, has 1,439,000 population.

A strike in Paris has threatened the supply of tailor-made gowns.

California is enjoying an unusually heavy tourist travel this winter.

There have been over 100 deaths from freezing in Canton, China.

Medical inspection of school children has been adopted in Minneapolis, Minn.

The new mint at Philadelphia is being sumptuously decorated with glass mosaic.

FOUND DEAD IN WOODS

A Student Kills a Widow and Himself at Atlanta, Ga.

Set Fire to the Underbrush Before Death to Prevent Identification—Bodies There For a Week.

Atlanta, Ga.—The dead bodies of Mrs. H. M. Wilson, a beautiful young widow, and William Hamilton, a student in pharmacy, who disappeared from Atlanta a week ago, were found one mile from the end of the Chattahoochee river car line. The surroundings indicated that Hamilton had killed Mrs. Wilson, set fire to the woods near her body and then ended his own life.

Both bodies were burned fearfully and rested upon breastworks thrown up by the Confederates to stem the advance of the Federal Army on Atlanta in the Civil War. The bodies were found by two negroes.

Mrs. Wilson was lying by the side of a fallen sapling. There was a bullet hole through her right hand and another in the right temple. The left foot was burned off, the flames had destroyed her hair and her left hand was incinerated save for one finger, which bore a wedding ring.

By the side of Hamilton was found a revolver and an empty tobacco box. There was a hole in Hamilton's left temple and a few inches from his left hand lay a small mirror, evidently used to direct the bullet.

When Mrs. Wilson left her mother's home one week ago, she wore only a morning gown of light material and a light weight dressing sack. She was without a hat and her feet were incased in slippers.

Hamilton came to Atlanta from Mobile. His tuition and expenses in college here have been paid by Mrs. H. M. Goodall, of that city, according to a recent letter to Mrs. Wilson.

It is known that Hamilton had been devoted to Mrs. Wilson, but her parents assert that she gave no encouragement to him. Jealousy is the supposed cause for the crime.

JEALOUSY CAUSES TWO DEATHS

St. Louis, Mo.—In a fit of jealous rage Charles E. Bent killed his wife and then committed suicide. Bent had been the right to transfer his interest in this contract to any other party, and I agree to continue work for said assignee the same as for the original party of the first part."

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RUSSIA HAS RETALIATED

Duties on Many American Products Increased Thirty Per Cent.

Washington, D. C.—Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador, received a cablegram from the Russian Foreign Office confirming the report of the issue of the decree imposing increased duties on certain American imports into Russia, and took steps to inform the State Department accordingly. These duties cover only two separate reductions, thirty per cent. being taken off from the general, and twenty per cent. from the conventional duties. The articles referred to in the Russian decree are machinery and tools, and manufactures and products of cast iron and steel.

Roughly stated, the United States is said to have exported goods of this description to Russia last year to the amount of about \$30,000,000. The addition of fifty per cent. to the duty will, it is thought, prove practically prohibitory.

ACCIDENT ON THE KEARSARGE

Shell Burst in Thirteen-Inch Gun, Doing Little Damage.

Washington, D. C.—A mail report giving an account of the bursting of a shell in the bore of one of the thirteen-inch guns of the United States warship Kearsarge has been received at the Bureau of Ordnance of the Navy Department.

The accident occurred several weeks ago while the ship was at target practice off Pensacola, Fla. The damage resulting is said to be not serious and consisted mainly in the deforming or "gouging" of the tube. This will not prevent the gun being used again.

It is probably the first time, however, that an explosion has occurred in one of the thirteen-inch guns. The pecuniary loss will not be large.

TROOPS AND TREASURE FOR MANILA

The transport Sheridan sailed from San Francisco, Cal., for Manila via Honolulu with 1400 soldiers, a large number of cabin passengers, more than \$1,000,000 in treasure and 3000 tons of freight.

AUNT PEGGY JONES, AGED 124, IS DEAD

Aunt Peggy Jones, aged 124, the oldest person in Kentucky, died at Ghent a few days ago. Her oldest living child is Charlotte Jones, just a century old. Charlotte is as active as a person of half her years, and cared for her mother during her last illness. Aunt Peggy lived to see five generations of her descendants.

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The Supreme Court of Michigan has decided that public franchises are taxable.

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A SYSTEM OF SLAVERY

Negroes Held in Stockades Under Form of Contract to Work.

SOUTH CAROLINA COURT AROUSED

Judge Benet, in Anderson County, Charges the Grand Jury to Investigate the System—On a Labor Contract, He Says, "Even Women and Little Babies" Are Imprisoned—Even Worse Than Siberia

Columbia, S. C.—Judge W. C. Benet has ordered a special term of the Court of Sessions to meet at Anderson on March 7, to receive the report of the Grand Jury he has charged to investigate the "shameful practices" and "stockade scandal" of Anderson County. In charging the Grand Jury to make a thorough and fearless investigation, the Judge said he had heard rumors of the conditions of slavery in that county, but the evidence brought out during the week in the trial of James Newell, a farmer, for the murder of William Hull, a negro, "established the Court."

The Judge stated that Hull had been killed while attempting to escape from Newell's stockade, and that he was not a convict, but was held a prisoner under a labor contract that gave the landlord every right ever claimed by a master over slaves. Hull had run away and gone home, where he was arrested, at the instance of Newell, by a constable, and by that constable taken to Newell's stockade instead of the jail, and turned over to Newell's guards. Later, when he again attempted to escape, he was killed.

The Judge said he was informed that not only men, but women and children, were held in this bondage. He read the labor contract in force in Anderson, saying it could hold in no free country; no court would permit a man to barter himself as a chattel, and this they did here. The contract, besides allowing the use of force and subjecting the laborer to "plantation regulations," which permit whipping, contains this clause: "The said landlord shall have the right to transfer his interest in this contract to any other party, and I agree to continue work for said assignee the same as for the original party of the first part."

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THE NEWS EPITOMIZED

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

Philip C. Knox, legal adviser of the Carnegie Steel Company, is President McKinley's choice to succeed Attorney-General Griggs.

Foreign interests are expected to oppose removal of countervailing duty on Russian sugar.

President McKinley issued an order reducing the export duties on Cuban tobacco fifty per cent. after April 1.

The President and Mrs. McKinley gave a dinner at the White House in honor of the Diplomatic Corps.

The Senate confirmed all the President's nominations of Brigadier-Generals.

The Administration fears the imposition of countervailing duties on Russian sugar may lead to commercial war between the United States and Europe.

The President nominated former Congressman Charles A. Boutelle, of Maine, to be a captain on the retired list of the navy, in accordance with the recent act of Congress.

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A BOER MARKSMAN

The Boer officer, who was observed by others that day picking out our officers, was for some time within a few yards of him. Fraser saw no less than five officers fall to his unerring aim, and so long as they showed the slightest signs of life, he continued to fire at them. In the intervals the Boer marksman walked perfectly leisurely about, pipe in mouth, then stopping again, knocked out the ashes of his pipe, picked out another victim, and aimed long and deliberately at him. With the rank and file he did not concern himself at all, he only shot at our officers. He seemed to feel no fear at all. A Lydite shell fell just a little way behind him and burst. He turned his head and calmly watched it, then moved on with a contemptuous shrug of his shoulders. Fraser thought he must be a German; he was smartly dressed in long boots and breeches, his coat was off, and he wore a silk shirt with diamonds gleaming in his sleeve links.—From "Shadows of the War," by Dosia Baghot.

"SO ON"

Lady Dorothy Nevill, one of the wit-tiest women in London society, is well known to most Americans who visit London during the season. Some time ago there was a rich and ambitious man in society who went in for entertaining largely, and especially for making his parties interesting and representative. A marked falling off began to take place after a while in the quality of his guests. Lady Dorothy, commenting on this deterioration, said, "Once we used to meet Browning and Whistler and Henry James, and so on, there; but now we only meet—so on."—Chambers's Journal.

THE BIG STANFORD STORK FARM AT PALO ALTO, CAL.

is now stranded on a halo where it can be run almost forever, the entire revenue going to the university. At the time of Senator Stanford's death there were 1463 horses in the farm. That number has been systematically reduced till now there are but 300 horses.

WHO ARE INJURED BY THE USE OF COFFEE

Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. It is a most delicate stomach restorative, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over 1/4 as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15c. and 25c. per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

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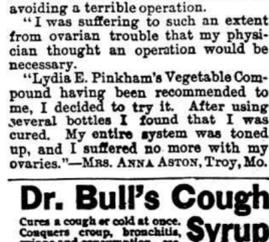
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VALUE OF A WOMAN'S LIFE

An Ohio Judge Rules That it is Worth Less Than That of a Man's.

Akron, Ohio.—A verdict for \$500 damages for the death of Mrs. Mary Hallon, who was killed in a wreck on the Akron, Bedford & Cleveland Electric Railroad three years ago, has just been obtained by her daughter. For his death in the same wreck, heirs of Justus Walborn, the conductor of the wrecked car, received \$10,000 several weeks ago.

In sustaining the verdict for \$500 for Mrs. Hallon's death, Judge Hayden says the life of a woman under ordinary circumstances cannot be as valuable as the life of a man; that Walborn was able-bodied and earning good wages for a young wife; that Mrs. Hallon was growing old and could not be of great use; Judge Hayden's decision has caused much comment.

THIEVES GOT TO THE MINE FIRST

When Rich Owners Arrived to See the Big Strike the Gold Was Gone.

San Francisco, Cal.—The Examiner says a rich deposit or pocket of gold was discovered recently in a Grass Valley mine. After the Superintendent had taken about \$30,000 worth of rich quartz from the mine he boarded a team of gold valued at \$15,000, and sent for the directors of the company. When they arrived it was found the mine had been blasted out and the gold carried away. Detectives are searching for the robbers.

HAWAII'S DELEGATE IN CONGRESS

The first representative from our new island territory in the Pacific and his private secretary.

SEVENTY-THREE NEW ARMY OFFICERS

The first class of the Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., was graduated seventy-three strong.

AREA OF WINTER WHEAT

The newly seeded area of winter wheat in the United States is estimated at 30,282,564 acres.

FOUR DEAD IN ONE FAMILY

Another child in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Genone, of Vineyard, N. J., is dead from scarlet fever. This makes four, of the six, Genone children who have succumbed to the disease. Nearly all the victims died within a