

KIDNAPPED DOWN SON

Father Arrested After Chase Over Three States.

HE WANTED RICH RANSOM

Court Granted Wife a Divorce and Gave
Her Custody of the Two Children,
but Husband Disregarded
the Decree.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PENSACOLA, Fla., July 21.—Charged with kidnapping his own son for the purpose of extorting a rich ransom from the boy's mother, John S. Stafford, a divorced man of Biloxi, Miss., was arrested here to-day after having been chased all over the southern part of Mississippi, across Alabama, and into this State. The arrest was made by a local constable, assisted by Sheriff Thompson, of Baldwin county, Ala., who followed Stafford here.

Stafford in Mississippi is charged with kidnapping Edward Stafford, nine years of age. The boy was found with him, and ever since the outrage was stolen several weeks ago, he has never been out of the prisoner's sight. Some time ago Mrs. Stafford, who resides in Mississippi now, obtained a divorce from Stafford, and the two children, under the court's decree, were to be in the custody of the mother. This did not suit Stafford at all, and in spite of the court's order, it is said, Edward, the oldest boy, was and is held all over Mississippi.

Captured While Asleep.

The officers of that State got so close behind him that Stafford crossed the State line into Alabama, finally getting into Florida. The officers finally learned that he was in hiding in this county, and following a clue, captured him while he slept.

It is said that this case was the result of a plan to hold the boy for a ransom. The story goes that Stafford knew his wife had some money, and that he also knew that she loved the boy dearly. It was his intention, it is said, to hold the boy until a snug sum was offered, and that such a proposition was made to the rightful owner of the child. When this proposition reached the mother it had the effect of giving away a valued clue as to the boy's whereabouts, which was communicated to the Alabama Sheriff, and Stafford's arrest soon followed.

ONE SOLDIER LOST PLACE BY ABSENCE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, Va., July 21.—Only one member of the Lynchburg Home Guard lost his position while serving during the trial of the Richmond case. Captain R. W. Dodd, who was employed as a book-keeper. At a meeting held to-night the Home Guard unanimously decided that they would pay all of Mr. Dodd's expenses until he was able to secure another situation.

MEET AFTER 27 YEARS

Brother and Sister Had Supposed
Each Other Dead.

At least two persons in Baltimore had good cause to be surprised when a brother and sister of 1903 came to this city. They are Mr. Craig Brown, an Elk from Beaver Creek, Wis., and Mrs. Ella Nicholson, Granby Street, brother and sister, who had not seen each other for 27 years, and both of whom thought the other was dead. They were brought together by Mr. Brown's coming to Baltimore to attend the reunion.

Mr. Brown, one of five brothers, went West 27 years ago. He continued to correspond with his sister until about ten years ago, during the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, of which he was an employee. Then he lost his sister's address and never heard from her again. In the meantime he removed from Chicago to Seattle, Wash., and his sister's letters to him were also burned unopened. After vainly attempting to locate each other, they gradually fell into the mutual belief that the other was dead, and for ten years no communication passed between them.

The four remaining brothers and the sister held a reunion at the home of one of the brothers at Cedar Rapids, Neb., two years ago. Besides the brother, who acted as host, there was one from Newark, N. J., another from Malvern, Iowa, and still another from Denison, Okla. Mrs. Nicholson, of this city. The meeting was a gloomy one, owing to the one vacant chair. The impression had grown up among the brothers and sister that the absent brother had gone to the Klondike and perished amid the rigor of that climate in the search for gold. Mr. Brown having hinted at his intention of going to the gold fields. All gave him up for lost and he was never heard from again. Mrs. Nicholson, her daughter, Mrs. Mary McGinnity and her son-in-law, Mr. McGinnity, were seated at the reunion when the doorbell rang. Mrs. McGinnity answered the summons and a big six-footer stepped into the hallway, wearing a hat and a heavy overcoat. When he uncled went away, twenty-seven years ago, Mrs. McGinnity recognized the visitor from a picture preserved by his sister.

MADE DOCTOR CAPTIVE

Justice John's Originality Charms Dr. Hoyt, Who Saved His Life.

Justice John seems to have captivated the distinguished specialist who operated on him in New York. Dr. Hoyt took a great fancy to him and was so charmed with the crisp sentences of Justice John and his good stories that he appeared to be unable to do too much for him. He wanted to take him abroad with him, paying all his expenses and his salary, too. But Justice John could not be tempted from Richmond, so when Dr. Hoyt went to Europe his Honor came home to worry over the wayward ways of this old town. He has one consolation of making some of the wayward worthy also.

At the Hotels.

These arrivals were recorded at the Jefferson last night.

MAIL WAS BURNED UP

Bad Wreck of Express Train Near Wilmington.

FIVE PERSONS INJURED

Flames Broke Out and Spread So Rapidly that Mail Clerks Barely Had Time to Get Out of the Cars.

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, July 21.—The news that the Chicago police have discovered a plot against the Emperor was a complete surprise to the Berlin police officials, who preserve an air of the greatest mystery and do not indicate the steps they intend taking, but expressing their intention of keeping a vigilant and prompt communication.

NOT IMPRESSED BY THE COMET

Dr. Taylor, Coroner and Astronomer, Regards It a 15th Class Affair.

Dr. Taylor, Richmond's astronomer, as well as coroner, does not take any stock in the present comet, now scarcely visible to the unaided eye in the northern heavens. "I don't think anything of that comet," said he last night, while gazing heavenward. "It is a fifteen-class affair. They say it has two tails, but both are curled up and invisible, so they do not amount to anything."

TO DEVELOP ROUMANIA'S OIL INDUSTRY

(By Associated Press.)
BUCHAREST, ROUMANIA, July 21.—The Roumanian petroleum interests have secured the concession of the Disconto-Gesellschaft to develop the oil industry of Roumania. Strong efforts are being made to interest other foreign companies in the Roumanian fields. The Minister of Finance has promised the completion of the reservoirs, now building at Kustendji, by January next.

SECRET SERVICE MAN DROPPED IN TRACKS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BOSTON, Mass., July 21.—Geo. O. Barker, head of the secret service, was killed in the Federal Building this afternoon. Mr. Barker began his connection with secret work twenty years ago and was in charge of districts in West Virginia and Virginia for a number of years. He had just completed a mission in Kentucky and the Carolinas. He came to Boston three years ago.

CALIFORNIA FRUIT SHIPPED TO LONDON

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, July 21.—The first shipment of California fruit for the London market will go out to-morrow by the steamer "Columbia." The shipment included 661 boxes of pears, 2,254 boxes of plums, 10 boxes of peaches and 615 boxes of prunes. This fruit should arrive in London next Thursday, just two weeks after leaving California.

J. G. HANKINS AT AMHERST COLLEGE

Is Taking Course in Techni- cal Library School There.

In view of the stringent rules laid down by the new State Library Board regarding the qualifications of librarians, Mr. Hankins has gone to Amherst, Mass., and is taking a course in the Technical School of Library Economy in the Amherst College Library.

Mr. Hankins is studying under Mr. William A. Fisher, A. M., the principal of the famous school, who is also librarian of Amherst College. The session is from July 14 to August 14th, and this is the thirteenth year of the school.

Mr. Hankins writes to a friend here that he is getting on nicely, and is assured that he will come home with his diploma. The school ranks as one of the finest technical institutions in the country, and a great many persons have acquired knowledge there which ultimately placed them in high official positions.

Following is an extract from a letter sent out by Mr. Hankins in the interest of the library in the interest.

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WILMINGTON, DEL., July 21.—The south bound New York and Norfolk Express on the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railway ran into a freight train on the outskirts of this city this morning. Five persons on the express train were injured, as follows:

John Beckley, engineer, Philadelphia; head crushed and lacerated; injuries serious, but he will recover.
A. V. Jamison, fireman, Wilmington, Del.; leg injured.
William Wright, express messenger, Wilmington; leg injured.
John Martin, Wilmington; mail clerk; both legs contused and injured about the back.

L. B. Kimmey, of Philadelphia; mail clerk; arm injured and back sprained. At the place where the collision occurred the tracks of the Delaware division almost at right angles. The Norfolk express was proceeding at a rapid rate when suddenly Engineer Beckley saw the lights of a freight train across his path. The next instant his locomotive and the freight train collided, hurling the express locomotive and tender over to the right and the mail coach and baggage car to the left.

FAINTED AND WAS ALMOST DROWNED

Miss Rhoda Tosh Rescued at Forest Hill by Herbert J. Prentis.

While in bathing at the Forest Hill Natatorium Monday with a party of others, Miss Rhoda Tosh went beyond her depth, fainted, and had gone down for the limit, when Mr. Herbert J. Prentis, of Petersburg, who is an expert swimmer and perfectly fearless, came bravely to the rescue and saved her life. Her sister, who was an eye-witness, wishes to thank Mr. Prentis for his kindness and courage.

RUSSIA IS SLOW

(By Associated Press.)
PEKIN, July 21.—According to the representations of Prince Ching, the president of the Foreign Office, Russia, has not informed China of the withdrawal of her opposition to the opening of Manchurian ports, and according to the same representative, negotiations between China and Russia have been suspended for the past month. United States Minister Conger to-day conferred with M. Lessar, the Russian Minister, supposedly regarding Manchurian matters. The representatives of all the governments have received copies of Russia's note and the clause prohibiting foreign settlements in towns to be opened excites opposition.

MAN-WOMAN ON TRIAL ON FORGERY CHARGE

(By Associated Press.)
PARKERSBURG, W. Va., July 21.—Ellis Glenn, the woman who for years, it is alleged, passed as a man, doing a man's work in this and other States, today appeared in the United States Court, where she was under bond to appear on trial for forgery. Her former trial she had been unheard of until a short time ago, when she was found, according to a grocery store in a suburb of this city.

MOBILIZING TROOPS IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, July 21.—The Standard's correspondent sends a report that 12,000 troops are being mobilized from central and northern garrisons in Russia for immediate dispatch to the far East, in case of necessity. He also reports that on the return of General Kuopatkin, the Russian War Minister, an extraordinary meeting of the Imperial Council in the State, which will be attended by the Czar, will discuss Manchurian and cognate questions.

NO INVITATION YET TO PRINCE OF WALES

(By Associated Press.)
OSTER BAY, L. I., July 21.—The reported invitation to the Prince and Princess of Wales to visit this country, and to be the guests of President Roosevelt, it can be said, is without present foundation. In fact, it is said to be unlikely that any such visit is in contemplation by the Prince and Princess of Wales.

TERRIBLE CARNAGE

Escape of Revolutionists Now Seems Impossible.

(By Associated Press.)
SOLEDA, VENEZUELA, July 21, Monday, July 20, 7 P. M.:
The flight from 1 o'clock this afternoon has been horrible and this hour the only places which still resist the onsets of the government troops are the jail and the Capitol.

WOMAN KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE WRECK

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, July 21.—Mrs. Adelaide Hawley, of New Milford, Pa., was instantly killed and was seriously injured in an automobile wreck. The car was going at a tremendous rate of speed on Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn. Mrs. Elizabeth, of New Milford, Pa., and both Elizabeth's son were badly cut and bruised. Two other escaped uninjured.

JACKSON JURY FINDS TRUE BILLS

Indicts Two Men for Arson and One for Attempting to Bribe Ewen.

(By Associated Press.)
ROANOKE, VA., July 21.—Notices were to-day posted in the Norfolk and Western Railway shops, stating that the night force and reducing the day work from ten hours to eight hours, with eight hours' pay. The order applies to all departments, except the moulders, and about 1,500 men are affected. It is said the reduction in the day hours will be only temporary.

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JACKSON, KY., July 21.—The grand jury to-night returned indictments against Edward Ewen and Joseph Crawford, teamsters for the Hargis brothers, for arson. They were already held on the charge of setting fire to Ewen's Hotel last month. An indictment also was returned against Gardner Plummer, for attempting to bribe a witness. It is charged that he offered B. J. Ewen \$5,000 to leave town so that he could not testify in the trial of Curtis Jett and Thomas White.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES FILED IN ST. LOUIS

(By Associated Press.)
ST. LOUIS, MO., July 21.—What is said to be the first suit ever filed in St. Louis for damages resulting from a labor strike, by employers against employees, has been instituted in the Federal Court. The suit was brought by three firms manufacturing bank, bar and office fixtures against the Great Union of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. It charges that the union of injunction restraining the defendants from in any way interfering with the operation of the plants of the complainants, and for a judgment of \$50,000 for damages alleged to have been done by the defendants as a result of the action of the defendants.

PISTOL FIGHT OVER POKER GAME

(By Associated Press.)
JACKSON, KY., July 21.—In a pistol fight to-day, in Cave Run schoolhouse, three miles east of Jackson, between James and William Barrett and Mack Howard and his fourteen-year-old son, James, the latter was shot in the head, Mack Howard's elbow was shattered by a bullet and James Vires, aged twelve years, who was sitting at his desk in the schoolhouse, was shot in the abdomen. The boy may recover, but the two men are thought to be fatally hurt.

INTEGRAL PART OF SEABOARD SYSTEM

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, July 21.—President Williams, of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, announced to-day that the consolidation of the Florida, Central and Pennsylvania road in Georgia and Florida, lying south of Savannah, with the Seaboard Air Line Railway, has become a fact. Heretofore the Florida system has been controlled by the Seaboard through stock ownership and operated separately. Mr. Williams said that the Florida lines become an integral part of the Seaboard. The outstanding 4 per cent mortgage bonds of the Seaboard will become a direct lien upon the additional mileage.

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THE TRUST WAS SHAM

So States Counsel in Suit Against Shipbuilding Co.

FRAUD FREELY CHARGED

Stockholders, Bondholders and Managers of Plants Who Have Been Induced to Enter the Combine Were All Deceived.

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, ME., July 21.—The suit in equity of Roland B. Conklin et al. vs. the United States Shipbuilding Company, in which the ancillary appointment for the Maine district of James Smith, Jr., of New Jersey, as receiver of the company was asked, and the preliminary hearing on the petition of the Mercantile Trust Company of New York, the United States Shipbuilding Company, asking for the foreclosure of the \$10,000,000 mortgage held by the petitioner, were heard before Judge Putnam in the United States Circuit Court to-day.

Samuel Undermyer, one of the counsel, stated that the trust or combination which had been formed was a sham, and had deceived the stockholders, bondholders and managers of the plants which had been induced to enter the combine. That the management of the combination had been disastrous and resulted in forcing it into bankruptcy.

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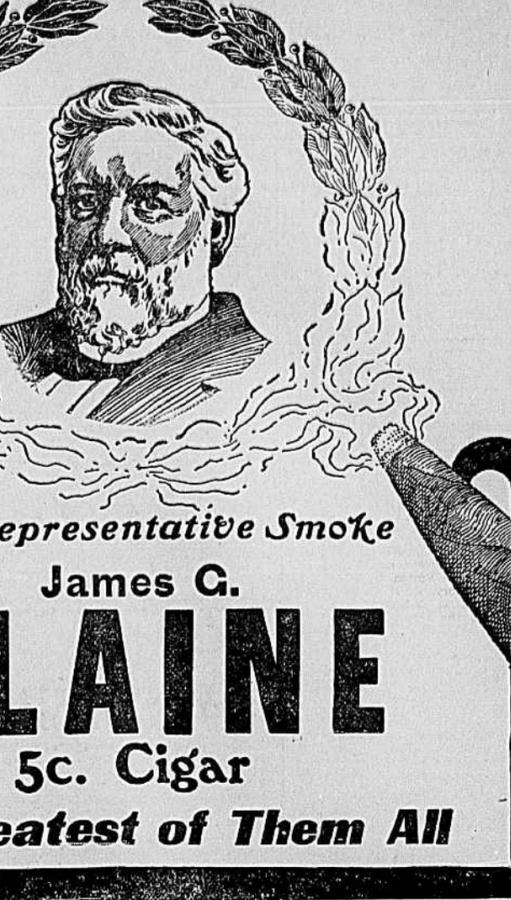
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JAPAN TO INSIST ON OPEN PORT

Not Satisfied With Assurances Given United States and Appeals to Great Britain.

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DETECTIVES FIND MANY OBSTACLES

They Are Looking for Assailants of Mr. Shelton and Miss Mullan.

The detectives are devoting a good share of their time to the following of a trail that may lead to the arrest of the three negroes who made the heinous assault upon Hon. James L. Shelton and Miss Pattie Mullan, of this city, last Friday night.

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